

Jacobs Tells How Democracy Helps Filipinos To Help Selves

George Jacobs is home in Shavertown after spending a year as a Rotary Exchange Student in the Philippines. From time to time his correspondence printed in the Post related his travels and life in the islands.

As the months passed George met some of the dynamic leaders of reform movements, saw the problems of dirt and ignorance out of which the country was trying to lift itself before the world left it behind. The fight of underdeveloped rural areas to better their own lot became a preoccupation with him, one of his chief interests throughout the time he spent in the Philippines.

George's last letter to the Post was at Christmas time, revealed the following conclusions: "Securing peace and freedom is not the job of a government, but of individuals who are willing to share their time and money with their less fortunate neighbors."

In the months that followed, he became more involved with the ideals of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, of which the Reader's Digest said: "No other formula has been so conclusively tried and proven. Because it enlists people's own aspirations and mobilizes their own

private initiative for their own reform, it is a dynamic force that utilizes resources scarcely tapped elsewhere." This approach to farm-problems is not irrelevant to the American rural scene.

At the Post's request, George has summarized his own feelings, drawing on his reflections throughout the year:

"Spending a year in the Philippines is bound to awaken you to the tremendous inequalities and social injustices among the peoples of the world. You are shocked at the fact that 2/3 of mankind is illiterate, ill-clad, underfed, and disease-ridden. One fourth of the world's people consume seventy per cent of all material goods, while the thirty per cent is left for the hungry three-fourths. You discover warehouses filled with surplus food-stuffs all over our rich country, and then you are exposed to undernourished babies on the other side of the world. You wonder how we can possibly expect peace while the world suffers from such inequality and insecurity, and you then begin to understand why millions turn in desperation to communism.

"Does this force the conclusion that our country must become a material support of the under-

privileged? No! For to do this is to create a world of parasites. Can we expect foreign aid to solve the problem? No! For just as a farmer tries to reach the roots of plants with nourishment, so we must reach to the people of a nation, for they are the roots of democracy.

"During my stay in the Philippines, I came to know and love a revolutionary new organization which is proving to have a workable solution to this perplexing problem. Why not teach the people to help themselves? Instead of handing them relief, let us release their potential energies. Let us get down to their level, start with what they know, and build on what they have. This became the philosophy of Dr. Y. C. James Yen, founder of the International Mass Education Movement and the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM), along with his many devoted workers. He challenged the Filipino youths and their learned superiors to live among the poor villagers and to work with them to help them better their own situation. Hundreds of young college graduates responded, and many were chosen. Doctors, lawyers, agriculturists, and other professionals left comfortable positions to

work among the poor. Today government, civic, and church organizations are praising the work of PRRM and patterning their own work after it.

"My own experience convinced me of the value in such a program. Mrs. Hans Rothkirch, a dear friend of mine in the Philippines, was appalled by the conditions in nearby villages and organized a small group dedicated to helping the villagers.

"A young agriculturist and I attended their first meeting, and listened to their plans to collect foodstuffs, clothes, and medicines to give to the poor villagers. This was a very noble venture indeed, but we knew that such an approach would only create parasites and that the medicine would surely be wasted unless they used some sanitary facilities. Without sanitary toilet facilities, their proposed medical campaign against intestinal parasites would be futile.

"As diplomatically as possible we presented the self-help philosophy of PRRM. They agreed to give it a try. Since ninety-five per cent of the children in the rural areas had intestinal worms

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Commonwealth Will Switch To All Number Dialing October 2

On November 10, Dallas Exchange Will Become Part Of Distance Dialing Network

Dallas ORchard exchange of Commonwealth Telephone Company will be converted to All Number Calling on October 2 with each telephone number being composed of seven digits, J. N. Landis, district manager, announced yesterday. The change will coincide with issuance of the new directories.

Mr. Landis' announcement was made to caution all business concerns to keep the projected All Number Calling in mind before ordering new stationery, calendars, and the like.

These items usually bear the firms telephone number and they will definitely be changed on October 2. Actually, as far as the phone system is concerned, you're really dialing numbers when you dial letters and Dallas numbers remain unchanged with 67 merely replacing the OR prefix.

LONG DISTANCE DIALING

A little over a month later, on November 18, Dallas exchange will become part of the Direct Distance Dialing network falling under Area Code 717. At this time long distance calls coming into the Dallas area will employ the Area Code number 717 plus the 7 digits of the called party's number.

Until now, 2-5 numbering was employed to allow an exchange's participation in the nationwide toll dialing network. Under this plan, exchanges were given exchange name designations such as ORchard plus a five digit number. The number, when dialed, would call for dialing OR and the five digits.

With the change in October, Dallas numbers will have seven digits. The first three numbers Landis said, will be 674 or 675. For example, a typical Dallas number will be listed 675-1816. The new numbers will make the company's Dallas exchange a part of the nationwide network which is rapidly converting to ANC.

RUNNING OUT OF NUMBERS

Landis explained that the truth of the matter is that the nation's telephone system is doing away with the alphabet. Peculiar as it may seem, the reason is that the telephone people are running out of — of all things, phone numbers.

Since 1950 nearly 25 million phones have been added in this country. Each one needed a number with a word prefix that people could understand, like ORchard, NEptune or EVergreen. The problem of finding such prefixes was getting tougher all the time. After a lot of study, the experts concluded that there was only one thing to do to still give the folks the service they want: Change the system.

So, eventually phone numbers won't be partly letters and partly numbers, like ORchard 51816 but all digits: 675-1816. "All numbers can be remembered for a short time just as easily as letter-numeral combinations," Landis observed. "That's how most numbers are used: You look it up in the book and remember it just long enough to dial."

Manager Landis went on to explain about the alphabet. "There are only about 540 combinations of two letters which will form words easily understood and distinguished and which will also work out in telephone switching equipment. (Try the 9-5 combination, for instance, Xkallibur? Yling?) The experts went goofy trying to find more words and gave up."

To add more digits to present numbers would make them even harder to remember. (UTopia 8-973621). So it was decided to do away with the pesky letter prefixes and use simply number combinations. This means telephone customers will have the same total

number of digits to remember — there simply will be no name as a prefix. In a given area, the plan will give the phone company a much greater number of dial combinations.

In concluding, Landis again reminded residents and business men in Dallas' ORchard exchange to All Number Calling on October 2. For those contemplating new stationery, calling cards or calendars now is the time to plan the change, keeping in mind as well the Area Code number.

Frame Building Being Razed At Lehman School

The new Lake-Lehman school has enough water to supply the community 120 to 140 gallons a minute, pumped steadily from 8:45 a.m. until midnight, and again the next day for seven hours, starting at 8:30. The eight-inch bore extends 210 feet into solid rock.

The sewage disposal system is all ready to be hooked up, large dispersal field ready for operation, awaiting only the large pumps. It was delay in getting the sewage system in operation that postponed summer occupancy last year at Dallas senior high school.

A good flow of water has expedited mixing of cement at Lehman.

The frame elementary building at Lehman Center is being razed. Plumbers and electricians started removal the week after school closed. The roof and the floors are now demolished.

At Lake, reconstruction and remodeling are up to schedule, with all tanks going in this week. Auditorium and gymnasium will not be available at the new building until some time in November, but work is being pushed on classroom wings. If the weather holds, expectation is that classrooms can be opened for occupancy the Wednesday after Labor Day, and other construction can go forward after students move in.

Crash Victims Still At Nesbitt

Ellis Hoover, Lehman, his wife and daughter are still in Nesbitt Hospital after their sedan was knocked from the rear into the Lake-bound lane of Memorial highway by Michael J. Matusick's car, and demolished by head-on collision with another.

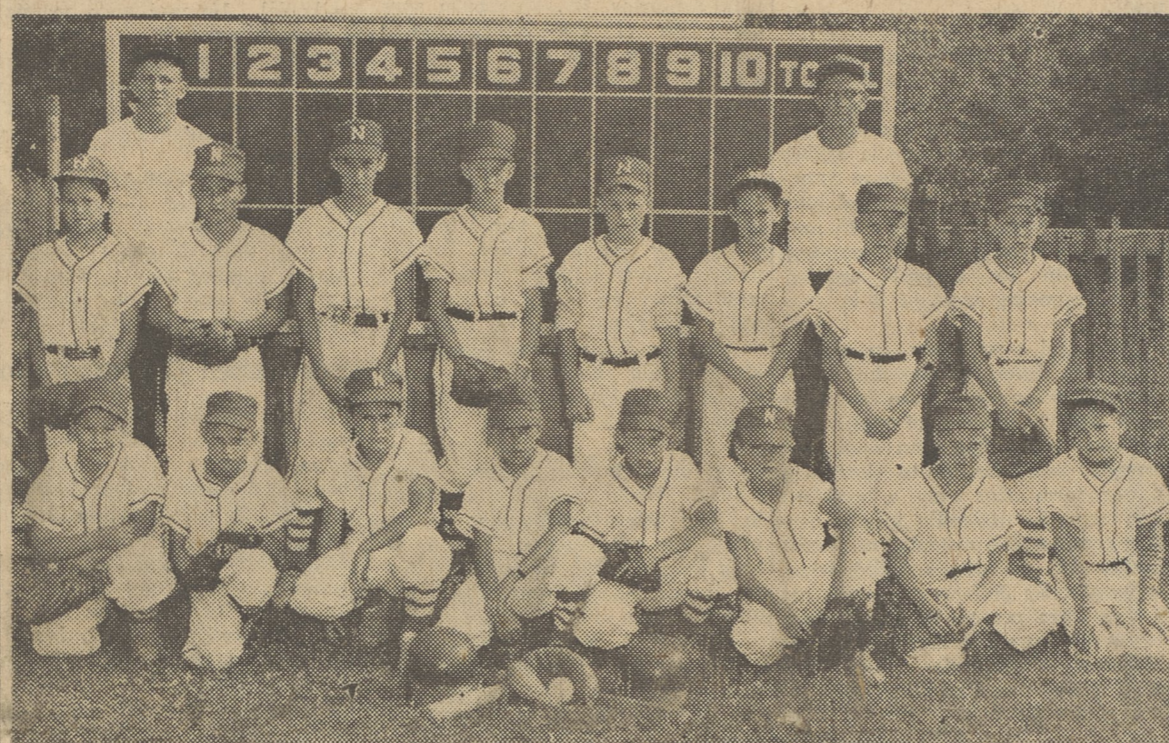
Hoover, 38, has many cuts and bruises, and a left shoulder rendered useless. His wife Edith has three broken ribs, and bad gashes on her head. Sandy, 13, cannot use one leg, visits her father by means of a wheelchair.

Samuel Darling, 75, into whose car the Hoover Plymouth was pushed, is at Nesbitt, too. He suffered shock and an injured chest.

Michael Matusick, 29, Wilkes-Barre, who rammed the Hoovers Friday night at 9:30 with a car that carried neither the right tags, nor operator's license, was fined \$30 for one offense, and \$15 for the other at a hearing before Justice George Prater. He was not insured. All three cars were total losses.

The Hoovers were on their way from shopping in Dallas, when they decided to get some ice cream at the Tasty-Freeze a little west of Overbrook Road over-pass. Sitting with the turn signals winking a left turn and the lines of traffic moving past, Hoover asked: "Wouldn't it be awful

Noxen Champions Of Bob Horlacher League



Noxen team of the Bob Horlacher Little League has won the pennant for the third successive year.

In the past three years it has won forty-two and lost eleven of its fifty-three games.

Always a good baseball town, Noxen has produced some stellar players over the years, and a number of the members of this year's championship Little League team bear the names of outstanding players of former years.

Bob Horlacher Little League, composed of teams from Harveys Lake, Beaumont, Mehoopany and Noxen,

keeps alive the name of one of Noxen's baseball greats, the late Robert Horlacher, whose pitching and hitting prowess made history throughout Wyoming Valley and the rural areas a generation ago.

The Noxen Little League team is managed by Harold Bennett, assisted by Tom Shalata. Fair-sized crowds of enthusiastic fans watch the games and collections average more than \$15 per game.

Out of only twenty-one boys who turned out for team try-outs, fifteen were selected for the squad. But those fifteen have established

a record that will be hard for succeeding teams to match.

Front row, left to right: Leroy Scott, Richard Sevanski, Donald Spencer, Ricky Case, Terry Smith, Billy Spencer, Barry Smith, Charles Smith;

Second row, left to right: Carl Shook, Ronnie Sorber, Terry Shook, Earl Boston, Marshall Schenck, Robert Timko, Loren Case, Dave Weaver;

Last row, left to right: Tom Shalata, assistant manager, Harold Bennett, manager.

Promoted To Managership

James F. Besecker, Jr. Heads Scranton Office

Open House yesterday and today, 1 to 7 p.m., heralds the promotion of James Besecker Jr. to the post of manager of the Scranton office of Monroe Calculating Machine Company at its newly enlarged quarters at 505 Cedar Avenue.

Top brass of the company and city officials headed by the Mayor, were present.

Mr. Besecker, East Dallas, has been with the company for eleven years, starting with the Wilkes-Barre office under Otto C. Weyand. For six years he has been with the Scranton office, which was first an affiliate of the Wilkes-Barre office. Promotion from assistant manager to manager became effective July 1.

For the past six years, he has been shuttling back and forth between East Dallas and Scranton, combining business with acreage and country life. His wife is the former Georgia Johnson. There are three children Jim, John and Laura.

Mr. Besecker's parents live on Lake Street, Dallas. James F. Besecker Sr. is a well known real estate man of the area, prominent in civic affairs.

Jim Jr. a Dallas boy, graduated from Dallas High School and University of Pennsylvania. On Monday, he celebrated his 35th birthday.

At the University, he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

If someone came along and rammed us in these parts who are in their right minds entrust us with any important assignment. Most people who know us wouldn't expect much from us, and consequently wouldn't put us in charge of anything they wanted done properly.

So it was with some surprise that we were asked by the Lion's Club to deliver a challenge to the Kiwanis Club.

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Decision To Rush Girl To Noxen Clinic May Have Saved Her Life

The daughter of a prominent Wyoming Valley orthopedic surgeon is in serious condition at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, with multiple skull fractures and scalp lacerations after crashing into a heavy diving board Tuesday afternoon at Harveys Lake while water skiing.

Susan Sgarlat, 16, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Sgarlat, 109 James Street, Kingston, was saved from death by the double quick-thinking of Robert Kruse, Jr., 270 Reynolds Street, Kingston, who was swimming at Senator Andrew J. Sordoni's dock where the accident happened.

Susan and a friend, Scott Burnside, 17, were headed toward Sunset behind a fast moving high-powered Carver motor boat piloted by Kenneth Herwig, Jr., Westmoreland Hills, about 3:30 p.m.

Police report that Susan attempted to kick off her skis approaching the dock, and had ducked one board, when her head struck a second. Her scalp and cheek badly lacerated, and bleeding profusely, she sank at once to the bottom.

Kruse, son of Robert Kruse, Publicity Director for Sordoni Enterprises, and a friend, Harry Clark, 18, plunging deep, saved the water appeared green from blood. Bringing Susan up they laid her desperately wounded girl on a rubber raft on the

dock, and bound her head with a towel.

In the numbered minutes the boys tried to decide the best place to take Susan before she bled to death. Nesbitt Hospital or Noxen Clinic? Kruse remembered seeing the Clinic on a hunting trip last year. He commanded Peter Lauderbaugh, Harveys Lake, and his car, and put the girl into the back seat.

The car made the eight miles to Noxen in minutes, and Drs. Lester Saidman and Irvin Jacobs abridged the danger with sutures and first aid.

The doctors commended the boys for quick thinking, noting that Susan would have surely bled to death if the dash to Nesbitt Hospital had been attempted. Senator Sordoni, who witnessed the rescue from his porch paid high compliment to Kruse and Clarke for fast action in retrieving Susan from the lake, and speeding her to the Clinic.

Noxen ambulance, manned by Kenneth Cuddy and William Grossman, rushed the girl, and her mother who joined her at the Clinic, to Nesbitt Hospital where she was X-rayed and treated by her father and others.

Susan was transferred to Geisinger Medical Center at about 7 p.m. where the seriousness of her injuries is being investigated further. She is reported doing well.

Dallas Post Office May Lose Identity If It Becomes Branch of Wilkes-Barre

Jersey Man Hits 75 MPH On Memorial Highway

Charged with reckless driving as well as speeding after he had been clocked by State Police at 75 miles per hour on Memorial Highway, Gerald Dalesanndra, Saddle River, N. J., was fined \$30 when given a hearing before Justice George Prater of Dallas Township.

Dalesanndra will also lose his New Jersey driver's license through a reciprocal agreement between New Jersey and Pennsylvania traffic authorities.

Police also charged Dalesanndra with cutting in and out of heavy traffic and passing a car that had its turn signals flashing.

Death Of Postmaster Joseph Polack And Lease Expiration Cause Concern

Pranksters Place Gas Lines Across Streets

Two Dallas Borough Police Officers had to move a couple of huge gas pipes blocking Machell and Sterling Avenues Monday night about 11:30.

The paper-wrapped pipes, evidently rolled into position by strong pranksters, could have done considerable damage to a car.

Jack Berti almost hit one himself on the way home from work. He went back to town, got Officer Ray Titus, and together they budged the obstructions out of the way.

The death of Postmaster Joseph Polack and conjecture as to who will be appointed to succeed him has raised the question whether Dallas Post Office will continue to operate as a separate entity or be incorporated into the Wilkes-Barre Post Office and lose its identity, operating as a branch similar to Shavertown.

Under normal operating procedure, Mrs. Wesley Moore, Asst. Postmaster and senior employee at the Dallas Office, would be delegated with the responsibility of operating the office until an acting postmaster is appointed.

After the appointment of an acting postmaster, the office of Postmaster would be filled, under normal procedure, from among candidates who pass a Civil Service examination with the highest marks.

Normal procedure in the case of Dallas, however, is tinged with uncertainty.

It is known that the Post Office Department is dissatisfied with its present Dallas location because of space limitations, inadequate parking facilities for patrons, and cramped platform space. On top of this, the lease on the present quarters expires July 31.

While the present building was adequate when it was leased ten years ago from Dallas Dairy and was considered a vast improvement, growth of the community has far outdistanced postal accommodations.

Volume of mail handled at the Dallas office has grown by leaps and bounds along with the growth of Commonwealth Telephone Company, College Misericordia, Natona Mills, Linear Inc. and other business and residential mailings. Receipts now exceed \$100,000.

Although carrier delivery of mail has curtailed to some extent what might have been normal box, stamp and parcel traffic to the local office, the growth of business in the area has offset any advantages gained in lessened post office traffic by the advent of carrier delivery.

Shortly before his death, Postmaster Polack advocated a new location where there might be parking space for at least fifty cars. There is now no provision for employees' cars and little or no platform space or turning room for arriving and departing Post Office Department trucks.

More than a year ago, representatives of the Post Office Department's Real Estate Section were here with completed plans for a new Dallas Post Office Building. At that time a number of sites were viewed but no publicity was given either to their visit or the sites favored. Since that time there have been no further developments although such visits, according to veteran postal administrators, are frequently followed by the construction of a new building.

Just what the decision of the Post Office Department will be under these circumstances remains to be seen. Will it appoint a Superintendent of Mails under the jurisdiction of Wilkes-Barre Postoffice; will it appoint a Dallas Postmaster; will it consider a new location or will it renew its lease on its present quarters?

Many Dallas patrons are concerned including College Misericordia, Commonwealth Telephone Company and the State Correctional Institution at Chase. None wants to lose its identity with Dallas.

This would be the case if Dallas becomes a branch of the Wilkes-Barre Post Office and all outgoing mail carries the Wilkes-Barre cancellation as it now does in Shavertown.

Valiant Struggle Fails To Restore Infant's Breathing

A valiant hour and a half battle during which a Harveys Lake physician, two nurses, ambulance attendants and police attempted to restore breathing to a five-weeks-old child ended tragically at 8:15 Thursday night.

William Thomas, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Houssock, 58 Coary Street, Fords, N. J., died while being placed in an awaiting ambulance that would have transferred him to a Wyoming Valley Hospital after being treated with a heart massage in Dr. Benjamin Groblewski's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Houssock, who had been spending a brief vacation in a rented cottage on School House Road, had gone to the Laundromat on Thursday afternoon leaving their infant in charge of a Baby Sitter.

On their return they asked how

the child had been and were informed that he was very good, not having uttered a sound. Investigation showed that the child was not breathing.

The distraught parents immediately took the child to Dr. Groblewski's office, Mr. Houssock applying mouth to mouth respiration to the infant in his arms.

While Dr. Groblewski checked for the heartbeat which he could not find, Harveys Lake Ambulance supplied oxygen and nurses Gerry Petroskas and assistant Jessie Hughes assisted Dr. Groblewski with a cardiac massage.

After the chest was opened the child began to breathe so that the chest was closed within a matter of minutes and preparations made for the trip to the hospital, but shortly after the child was placed in the ambulance it died.

Happy Ending For Suzanne Culver As Vigoro Comes Home To Roost

Jerry Gardner came into the office Tuesday morning, holding a decorated carton, and beaming as broadly as it is possible for anybody to beam.

"Just look at this," he said, as he arranged Christmas-wrapped packages on the desk. There was a mashed popcorn ball, a small jar of peanut butter, a container of bird seed, a package of suet, and several long sprays of commercial bird seed glued to a central stem.

He had a letter, too, carefully printed in capitals to make it easier on the eyes.

"Dear Mr. Gardner: Thank you so much for taking care of my kitten Vigoro."

"You must have sensed that Vigoro was someone special... she was promised to me when I was very sick, and in the hospital in May, and was on hand to greet me when

I arrived home. We have been companions ever since.

"Thank you again, and also Mrs. Hicks, for being kind to her.

"This package isn't really a CARE package, but a few goodies for the Gardner Bird Family.

"Meow and goodbye."

"Sincerely Suzanne and Vigoro."

"P. S. We are very happy."

So, after ten days away from home, but in loving hands, a black and white kitten with odd markings around its neck is back with Suzanne Culver, on Country Club Road, and the jenny-wren which was resenting so bitterly the presence of the kitten at the Gardner's, has smoothed down its feathers. As for Vigoro, she states that never again will she permit herself to be chased up a tree. The next rescuer might not be so considerate.

Roaring Lions Challenge Meek Kiwanis Club To Baseball Game

By WILL WIMBLE

It is seldom that persons acquainted in these parts who are in their right minds entrust us with any important assignment. Most people who know us wouldn't expect much from us, and consequently wouldn't put us in charge of anything they wanted done properly.

So it was with some surprise that we were asked by the Lion's Club to deliver a challenge to the Kiwanis Club.

It seems that the Lions are sponsoring a Donkey Ball Game at Dallas High School Stadium on the afternoon of August 11 and are looking for a local organization to furnish

the opposition.

How they came to prefer the Kiwanis Club is beyond us because we wouldn't dare to suggest that they resemble donkeys.

On occasion they have been known to act like donkeys, but we would rather not mention that and just assume that this challenge is a mere coincidence.

Anyhow, James C. Thomas and Richard Myers, who are in charge of this Donkey Baseball Fracas, seem to feel that the Kiwanis boys would fit the bill perfectly.

"Every one of them has long ears," stated Mr. Thomas.

"We were curious about what a

Donkey Baseball game is and inquired politely without seeming too interested.

Mr. Thomas explained that the game is played in the usual manner except that the players are all mounted on donkey-back and must perform their chores in a mounted position.

"No wonder you are challenging the Kiwanians," we ejected. "They can't bat .005 with both feet on the ground."

"Yeah," agreed Mr. Thomas, "we think they'll be a real pushover."

"Maybe they won't accept," mused we. "It's rumored that they're all well up in years in that club, and

the exercise may finish them."

"I'm not bothered about their ages," sighed Mr. Thomas. "I'm afraid they all have a foot-wide yellow streak down their backs."

"How about that," we conjured as we wended our way homeward.

But back in business: The Lions Club of Dallas hereby officially challenges the Kiwanis Club of Dallas to oppose them in a Donkey Baseball Game on Saturday afternoon, August 11 at Dallas High School Stadium.

We shall officially publish the result in this column next week... if there is one.