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## Better Leighton Never

by Leighton Scott

D'ja wonder where I've been? I was on my way to school, much to your relief, but eventualities put me back to work.

With lots of time to do nothing in early December, I had opportunity to get everything to the cleaner, write letters, and also to work up enough nerve to make my regular check-up visit to the dentist. That's always a tough one.

Well, let's get with it. I had time to fill up my Leighton's Library of essential information too.

### LITTLE KNOWN FACT

From the newspaperman's daily mail: This is the second time in American history that the first-class letter has a base rate postage of five cents. Postal Service lowered the rate from a nickel in 1851.

### DALLAS CURFEW

Borough Council recently considered what to do about reconciling the curfew ordinance with the American Legion dances Saturday night. Everybody agreed that the dances are well-behaved, and so forth, but they clearly let out after 10.

And minors under eighteen aren't supposed to be in public places after that hour, according to law.

At first the Council tried to equate the chaperones at the affair with the "parent" or "guardian" who is supposed to accompany the after-hours minor. That wasn't the answer, they determined.

So what evolved was the most sensible solution under the circumstances: That each case of a public place in which young minors were found after hours would have to be considered on its own merits, if and when occasion arose.

### NEW HIGHWAY PLANS

If you get a chance to look at the blueprints of the new Dallas-Luzerne Highway, notice what's happened to intersections.

Hillsdale - Huntsville Road, old Route 115, receives a long-needed squaring off with the highway. This will deaden the temptation, now present in three places on the road, to make a flying, north-bound left turn, no matter whether anybody's coming toward you or not.

A worse "flying left" intersection is the lower end of Pioneer Avenue, which will really take on some weird configurations.

At that point, there will be three - count 'em - three big intersections. And don't ask me what this engineering is about. But I hope it'll work this way:

Present approach will be one-way, for south-bound traffic, coming off Pioneer toward Luzerne. Then, a squared-off junction opposite Harris Hill Road for left turns on to Pioneer Avenue by north-bound traffic, and for access from Pioneer to Harris Hill. The last joint is one which bends back from Pioneer toward Shavertown, at least for south-bound cars to turn onto the upper road.

Other possibilities, such as turning from Pioneer up toward Dallas, will depend on the traffic-light system used.

The communities will each decide what lights they want, and where. Shavertown and Dallas intersections will undergo minor changes only, and basic present direction will be maintained in those cases.

### Kingston Township

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James Gordon, Grove Street adjoining Trucksville Grade School, disclosed that water was pouring down from Harris Hill Road and settling in the school yard, where children were forced to play in large puddles.

Mr. Hauk directed Lawton Culver, road superintendent, to investigate.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wormeck, who operates the 24-hour self service laundry, Shavertown Shopping Center, asked for a curfew in the township.

She stated that her place of business had become a late hour meeting place for teen-agers, that the frequenters dirtied her floors and damaged her equipment. She said, "What's wrong with parents that they don't set a time for their children to be home and fail to check on their whereabouts as the early morning hours approach?"

Mr. Hauk stated he had contacted both Senator Harold Flack and Representative Fred Shupnik, concerning undelivered license applications. Senator Flack said he would send down envelopes, but Representative Shupnik asked that a list be compiled, giving individuals' name, address and plate number, stating he would pick up same on January 14, take it to Harrisburg and have changes expedited." Hauk reported, he too had failed to change his address.

### "Mr. Republican" Misses Ceremonies

Ted Poas, Shavertown, known as "Mr. Republican" throughout the Back Mountain, was forced to sit on the sidelines on Inauguration Day.

Ted, who received an engraved invitation to attend ceremonies held in Harrisburg had planned for months to be on hand when Governor Scranton took over the reins of government.

A painful knee increased in discomfort as the day drew near, and Ted was forced to watch proceedings on television.

## What Is News?

What is news? The spectacular? The dramatic? The out-of-the-ordinary? Stark tragedy? The heartbreak of a family when a son goes astray? The loss of a good man, mourned by the community?

Sometimes news is much smaller. A woman goes about her business in the home. She is not a saint, but she has a feeling for her neighborhood.

On foot, she makes a daily trip to the grocery, and walks back up the hill, laden down with bundles.

Not all of them are for her. A house-bound neighbor a loaf of bread. Would it be too much to ask . . . Of course not. And could she stop at the Light Company and pay a bill? Again, of course.

"And what are you doing coming down those icy steps with those bundles?" A helping hand outstretched.

A telephone appeal: "Won't you call the doctor for me? I'm feeling sick." The call is made and the doctor comes.

It is a marvelous advertisement for the human race that it is the burglaries and the accidents and the unpleasantness that constitute news, and that it is the kindly everyday deeds that go unrecorded.

The plain fact of the matter is that we EXPECT people to be good, and to be decent and to be helpful. It is only when they defy our laws of conduct that people are noticeable.

Few people make the front page because they are going about their business, lending a hand when needed, and making, in their small way, the Back Mountain a better place to live in.

## Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

In the U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics on the milk business, the numbers are so long that it has been necessary to use round numbers. Therefore the following should not be taken as exact, but will show trends and are approximately correct.

In the country as a whole, in 1924, 21 million cows produced 89 billion lbs. of milk with a farm value just under 2 billion dollars. This was an average of 4,167 lbs. per cow, containing 163 lbs. of milk-fat, or 3.92%.

All of these figures increased year after year up to 1944, when there were 25 1/2 million cows, producing 117 billion lbs. with a farm value of 3 1/2 billion dollars. Average production per cow was 4,572 lbs. containing 182 lbs. of milk-fat, or 3.98%. Since 1944, number of cows and milk-fat percentage has decreased right along, but total production and value has increased.

In 1960, 17 1/2 million cows produced 123 billion lbs. of milk, farm value over 5 billion dollars. Average per cow was 7,004 lbs., milk-fat 263 lbs., or 3.7%. There is wide variation in production per cow and size of herds. In 1959, farms averaged 9.2 cows each, nearly doubled in ten years due to smaller number of farms. In Pennsylvania in 1959 the average was 14, up from 6.8 in 1940.

Leading states, with approximate production in billions of lbs., 1960, were: Wisconsin 18, New York 10, Minnesota 10, California 8, Pennsylvania 7, Iowa 6, Ohio 5, Michigan 5. Here arises the first big problem. The production in certain areas greatly exceeds the demand in that area, and other areas can use outside milk.

Wholesale dollar value in the big states: Wisconsin 590 million, New York 430 million, California 320 million, Pennsylvania 304 million, all for 1960.

In 1960, California led the nation in production per cow, 9,770 lbs. Other high ranking states showed: New Jersey, 9,010 lbs.; Washington 8,510; Wisconsin 8,300; New York, 8,140; Idaho, 8,140; Pennsylvania, in tenth place, 7,700.

All the New England, Atlantic Seaboard, and southeastern states have shown consistently high ratings in milk fat, but most of these do not show high quantity production per cow. State averages of 4 to 4.5% are fairly common in these areas, also in Washington and Oregon. California has never reported as much as 4%, the 1960 figure being 3.7%. Wisconsin and Minnesota, big quantity states, also show relative low fat averages, 1960

## Poet's Corner

### WHO WOULD STEAL A CHRISTMAS TREE,

Whose footsteps violate the snow,  
Whose hands have stolen tree and bough,  
What thieves have triumphed here  
Where scented pine and blue spruce grow?  
What does the marred snow's face relate?  
That some human creature and his lady mate  
Through some compelling need  
Have picked  
Our blue spruce grove to desecrate?  
The tall white birches' branches bleed  
Where vandalism's rush and greed  
Have torn their bark and spilled  
Their seed  
Such senseless slaughter without  
reason, without creed.  
Is it wrong that I should grow  
The lovely spruces in a row?  
Have I wrongfully tempted you  
By my trees of white and blue?  
"Come back," I cry, "by light of day,  
'Till gladly give all you need away."  
"Only dig them deep and cut them clean,  
"And leave unspoiled the woodland scene."  
My mind seems like a searching sea,  
A pondering, troubled memory —  
Who would steal?

### Who would steal a Christmas tree?

Ed Note: Mr. Downs is a member of the adult class in Creative writing at Dallas High School. When he found deep footprints, male and female, outlining the place where once a perfect blue spruce had stood, he took pen in hand instead of a shotgun. We can hear the marauder now: "Well, it was just growing there, wasn't it?"

### New Book By Local Resident Acclaimed

"The American College Girl", a new book by Dr. K. C. Cirtautas, professor at College Misericordia, is praised by Francis H. Horn, president of University of Rhode Island and a frequent reviewer of educational books in the New York Times. Mr. Horn writes to the author:

"I am delighted that out of your experience you are dealing with the pleasant side of the life of American college girls. I, too, have been pretty much fed up with the psycho-analytical studies which would lead one to believe that all American college girls are maladjusted and bound straight for hell. You are to be congratulated upon having presented the other side of the picture."

## Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

### It Happened 30 Years Ago:

Valuable clay deposits were found at Noxen. Located in a ravine near the Noxen Tannery dam on Schooley Mountain, drills showed a depth of forty feet, suitable for use in manufacturing rubber. The site was near Bowman's Creek Branch line, easily accessible by freight train.

H. E. Nelson was elected to fill the vacancy in Dallas Borough school caused by resignation of coach Donald Wormley.

Excavation of a cellar under Dallas Methodist Church was being done largely by help of men working under the Talbot Relief Act.

The editor was asking readers for tips on news stories. "It is impossible to learn of many important happenings in the area without cooperation from residents," said Howard Risley. "Please phone in any tips."

John Yagle, Warden Kunkle and Clifford Ide released thirteen Reeves Pheasants near the Country Club, for breeding stock.

Two newborn twin girls born to Mrs. Adrian Taylor, died. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Loyalsville, had nine living children.

Charles M. Phoenix, Monroe Township native, died in Tacoma, Washington.

Freight shipments were on the upswing.

Misericordia Debating team defeated Knights of Columbus of Pittston.

More reminiscences by former editor, Harry Anderson.

"King of the Jungle" was still going strong, filling up a lot of space in the four-page page.

You could get stewing lamb for ten cents a pound, ham for 12 1/2, any size piece, Sugar was 10 pounds for 39 cents. Peanut butter 2 pounds 21 cents.

### It Happened 20 Years Ago

Robert Loomis, 25, was seriously injured when the truck which he was driving was struck by a fast passenger train in Kingston.

David Smith, Pottsville, was elected to head the Dallas band. The story added: "until he gets called into the service."

Farmers were urged to meet with canners, to assay what property could be used for growing tomatoes. Teen-age boys were warned they would be in the next draft, but students would be permitted to finish their high school education.

Commonwealth Telephone Company turned over to the scrap drive 3,000 discarded dry-cell batteries for salvage of zinc.

Servicemen heard from: Joseph J. Hudak, Fort Benning; Arden C. Steele, Florida; Marion J. B. Disque, Des Moines; Albert W. Klump, San Francisco APO; Peter Skopic, Fort Meade; Jack Ruggles, US Navy; Wm. Cairl, California; Phil Cheney, New Cumberland; Willard Shaver, Guadalcanal; Leonard Harvey, Coast Guard; Donald Deans, Maxwell Field; William Hayes, Santa Monica; Foley Evans, Texas; Mart Waltick, Colorado; Ted Parrish, Fort Bragg; Veltou Bean, Groton; Herbert Culp, San Antonio; Jack Link, Fort Bliss; C. H. Davis, Amarillo.

Married: Peg Hicks to Grover Anderson. Rina Mascioli to Fred Galletti, Lillian Spencer to Dr. John J. Foot.

Died: Mrs. Mamie Santee, Shavertown. Mrs. Alice Stock, 81, Shavertown. Arthur James, Noxen.

### It Happened 10 Years Ago

Local folks were preparing for inauguration of General Dwight Eisenhower, many residents planning to drive to Washington.

Sally Kear was home again after a grim battle with death. She had been injured December 29 in a crash which left three dead, three seriously hurt.

Ray Henney won a Keystone Farmer degree at the Farm Show, in recognition of his Rush School students having won more than fifty awards.

Burgess Herbert A. Smith was recovering from a cataract operation.

Died: Mrs. William Griffiths, 81, Trucksville, Clarence Gay, 57, Binghamton.

Married: Jean Robertson, Robert Abbott. Joan Nichols, R. B. Hartman.

William Amos spent his 87th birthday in the hospital.

Mrs. Elsie Winter, 90, had her first hospital experience, submitting to surgery under local anesthetic.

Jonathan Valentine became assistant district attorney.

### Rainbow Girls

On Saturday the Charles James Memorial Assembly will meet at 7:30 p.m., at the Trucksville Methodist Church Educational Building for an installation service.

Worthy Advisor Jo-Carol Birnstock will be installed, and Mrs. Betty Meeker, Worthy Matron of Dallas Order of Eastern Star, will be installed as mother advisor.

## From — Pillar To Post . . .

By Hix

The January thaw was nice while it lasted, but it didn't last long enough. Solid chunks of ice that were joyfully kicked off the underside of car fenders as the temperature rose, solidified again into rocks that menaced traffic as the thermometer plummeted Sunday night, and folks who depended upon the sunshine to take care of the snow blanketing the windshield, got a nasty surprise Monday morning when they found that it had frozen on.

Tip to the car-owner: (that is, if she happens to be of what is laughingly called the gentler sex) It's a lot easier to aim a well placed kick at the frozen car latch if you're wearing nylon tights that give you latitude than if you're hampered by the classic garments of your sex.

It may astonish the passerby to see a length of fireman red long-John tipped by a substantial sneaker, raised in a determined assault on the car-latch, but it works. And on a zero morning, what works is the only thing that cuts any ice or loosens any latches.

For awhile there, this driver bore a strong resemblance to the headless horseman, peering through the only clear spot on the windshield, roughly eight inches square, and fogging constantly.

Talk about tunnel vision, this was it. Usually, a pitcher of cold water poured over the windshield, with the windshield wipers in motion, does the trick.