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Better Leighton Never

by Leighton Scott
SPRING FEVER?

While Great Britain and the Great Plains suffered near record blizzard conditions this weekend, weird weather settled over the Back Mountain.

"Weird weather" for me is warm, moist and windy when it should be otherwise, and smells, despite rigid meteorological dictates, if not of another era, at least of another day. Friday and Saturday I could smell spring.

Yes, yes. Let go of my lapel. I know that a hard winter lies ahead. And the Farmers' Almanac predicts lots of snow in April. This year, by reputation, is the year that foils all hope.

But there was a steady thaw Friday and Saturday. Mud is lousy, I'll agree most of the time, but this time I was glad to have to step around some mud. And even while the ice-fishermen at Harveys Lake, Ryman's Pond, and Silkworth were stomping up and down against the metallic air over the glassy surface, I stood on the warm shore and stared fondly at the water washing out at the edge.

Sunday from Trucksville to Kunkle and Beaumont you couldn't see your hood ornament for fog. But from Lutes' Corners north, the sun was shining on dry roads, and in Tunkhannock men in shirtsleeves washed their cars along the street.

Monday nobody could stand it, it was so cold, and the midwest's weather troubles were reported moving toward us. With such black forebodings, who would sympathize when I fell in love with a couple of days on a calendar?

But with such a miserable chunk of calendar as we have to contend with this winter, who could blame me for reading between its lines? I swear I could smell spring.

MY REGARDS TO BROADWAY

I'll bet stolen Wilkes-Barre daily papers were selling from twenty-five cents up Saturday - in New York. Nine hundred disappeared from Heights-North End corners where they were left in bundles around 4 a.m. for pick-up.

In small cities all over the east, reading matter for paper-starved Manhattan is being gathered in like the autumn harvest, and whizzed to bootleg centers in a few hours.

According to several national reports, subway riders are throwing something akin to nicotine fits without their newspapers, and will read anything.

Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer - D. A. Waters

HISTORY OF THE CERTIFIED TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON PENNSYLVANIA. By William Brewster. 580 PP, 36 illustrations, 2 maps. Indexed by names and events. Published by The School District of the Borough of Kingston (1930).

This excellent local history can now be obtained from the Secretary of The School District, Chester St. High School, Kingston, at the original pre-war price of \$2.10. This is certainly a bargain, about a quarter of what similar books sell for today.

The title may be a little misleading. The Certified Township of Kingston, used by Pennsylvania in certifying land titles, covers the old Connecticut Township of Kingston along the river from Plymouth to Exeter, extending back to the present line near Shavertown Lutheran Church. However the book covers the entire area of Wyoming Valley and nearby territory up to about 1800, and some of the Back Mountain up to and including the cutting off of Dallas Township in 1817, and Franklin in 1843.

A descendant of very early settlers in New England, Mr. Brewster viewed the local scene from the New England standpoint. Being also a lawyer, he stressed the legality of the Connecticut claims and devotes much attention to the legal, political, and military actions between the Connecticut settlers and other claimants and the supporters of the Penns. The Pennamite-Yankee Wars are fully described, also the following long-drawn out civil actions which, in the end, resulted in the confirmation of the Connecticut land titles, although Pennsylvania held the powers of government.

The formation of the Susquehanna Company, the purchase of the land from the Indians, later disputed, and the journey on horseback by the First Forty are as interesting as many stories of adventure, and these are true. Short biographies of all the early settlers are included, and genealogies of many prominent local families. How the settlers lived in early days, and also after things had settled down, are described in full detail.

Relations with the Indians are mentioned numerous times and the description of the great raid of 1778 culminating in the Wyoming Mas-

sacre may be termed a classic. Sufferings of the inhabitants who fled, and how they later returned and began life over again, show what kind of stuff our ancestors were made of.

The efforts of some of the New England Men to establish a completely Yankee State takes up a separate chapter and the same author in recent years wrote a book on it called, "The Fourteenth Commonwealth".

A two-page map shows the division of land in old Kingston Township in four divisions by several allotments, each of the proprietors receiving a portion in each of the several divisions. Another fold-out map lists the First Forty proprietors and other early settlers and shows where their homes were located, also the several historic sites, location of forts and battles, etc.

Answering the several inquiries asking for local history, there is nothing better to be had at this time for home use. The libraries have various county and regional histories available for reference but none can be bought. Many of them were sold by subscription and devote much space to subscribers and none to others.

For Dallas Township and Borough, also Lehman, Lake, Franklin, etc. the best book is "THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF DALLAS TOWNSHIP, PA." by William Penn Ryman. This was read before The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society in 1885 and 1886, subsequently published by the Society in book form, but not available now. It was also included in Vol. VI (1901) of their PROCEEDINGS. Once in a while you can buy a copy of this which also contains other interesting historical information.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has published a lot of material on history of Pennsylvania. One 58 page booklet, PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY IN OUTLINE, sells for a quarter and is very good. You can buy from them also a GUIDE TO THE HISTORICAL MARKERS OF PENNSYLVANIA for half a dollar, which lists all these blue markers you do not have time to read as you drive past. Both these publications require also state tax added to the price.

Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

It Happened 30 Years Ago:

Rev. Joseph E. Sullivan, former resident of Trucksville, known as the "flying priest," was killed in a highway accident in Texas, while motoring with his brother Francis near Corpus Christi, while going to see his Bishop to ask permission to return to this area to see his brother Gerald, a patient at Mercy Hospital.

Shickshinny took Dallas Borough 35 to 22.

A number of solid citizens met with G. Wilbur Nichols to form a building and loan association for lending of funds to further construction of homes in this area. Present were: Mitchell Jenkins, H. N. Rust, A. L. Turner, George Kirkendall, Fred Frace, William McIntyre, Edward Staub, Albert Groblewski, J. O. Malley, and John J. Cooper.

Mary Weir announced a mass meeting for study of Dallas Township taxes.

James Oliver was cited in Motor Club magazine for hanging up a notable sales record.

James Sorber, 92, one of the last survivors of the G.A.R., was buried.

You could get large California prunes two pounds for 15 cents; raisins 5 cents a box; butter 21 cents a pound; eggs 21 cents a dozen; corned beef, 19 cents a can; ground beef 12½ cents; bananas 15 cents a dozen.

A report that a new post office was to be erected at Shavertown, to consolidate Dallas, Shavertown and Trucksville districts, was denied by Congressman Murray Turpin.

It Happened 20 Years Ago

A cartoon captioned "Just try to remember, dear, to flatten them AFTER they're empty," calls to mind the tin-can flattening during the war, when tin cans were an important part of the salvage. Some folks expected the kids who collected the cans, to do their flattening for them. Remember?

HOLDERS OF C and D gas ration books were told to share rides, to relieve congestion on buses.

Zel Garinger was instructor at a farm machinery repair course held at the old Goss School, with 24 men registered. Arthur Newman's tractor got a good going-over.

A heart attack was fatal to William Rice. A hay-wagon replaced the usual bus in transporting Lehman basketball teams. Horses and wagons were definitely in style as gas rationing cut down on use of cars. The ancient milk delivery wagons came out of their retirement.

Jim Hutchison was pleased that local farmers were beginning to think kindly of a plan to grow tomatoes in quantity.

The OPA was expanding its price control program. Shad N. Goss became sergeant-at-arms, appointed by representative Harold Plack for duty at the Capitol in Harrisburg.

Servicemen heard from: Robert A. Ray, Cherry Point; Tommy Evans, New York APO; William T. Meeker, Camp Edwards; Howard Miller, Camp Crowder; Harry Howell, Gulfport; Bob Fleming, New York; Glenn Ehret, Camp Perry; Alvah Jones, Sioux Falls; Thomas Swire, Camp Forrest; James Murphy, Fort Meade; Lester Fiske, Texas; Thomas W. Evans, New York APO; Leonard Hooper, Camp Shelby; Harold Casterline, Sioux Falls; Thomas Templin, Kentucky; Antonia Kozemchak, Iowa; Bruce Crispell, Fort Sheridan; Kenneth Paul Jones, Africa; William Snyder, Santa Monica; Phil Cheney, Camp Crowder; Mark Waltick, Colorado; Robert Shoemaker, US Navy; Jiggs Elston, Parris Island; Robert E. Davis, Scott Field; Forest D. Sutton, Camp Shelby.

Died: Harley Kester, 45, Pikes Creek; Hannah M. Sutton, 77, Shavertown. Jeanette Munson, 87, Carverton Road.

Married: Susan Palmer to Harold Burton Rice.

It Happened 10 Years Ago

Back Mountain schools all installed TV sets so that students could view the Inaugural of President Eisenhower.

W. R. Werchok, while painting the interior of the old Post Office building on Main Street, fell from a stepladder and broke his pelvis.

Married: Rita Nicholas to Daniel Goltus, Margaret Stuart to Frederick Addison.

Died: Mrs. Margaret Crossman, 56, Orange. Lydia Brunes, 79 formerly of Center Moreland. Mrs. Viola Hontz, 47, Sweet Valley. George Beretsky, disabled veteran, Dallas. Lionel Snyder, formerly of Dallas.

Civil Defense Postponed

A Civil Defense course for home protection and emergency, announced to start shortly at Dallas High School, has been postponed, due to extreme cold weather and other complications. Alfred M. Camp will make a further announcement.

News Pays Tribute

Noted in Pennsylvania Township News, January 1963 was the death of William Krimmel, 55, Secretary of Dallas Township Board of Supervisors.

From - Pillar To Post...

By Hix

Most families have a language of their own, which may fall oddly upon unaccustomed ears.

"Ma's on the table, and Pa's half et," may be liberally translated as "Supper's getting cold, you better shake a leg."

A series of low-pitched groans halfway down the back stairs at quarter to eight in the dim dawnning, means that in six more steps, Tom will expect to connect with a bowl of hot oatmeal, a large mug of coffee, and a saccharine pill, which is designed to cancel out the liberal sprinkling of sugar on the oatmeal.

"It's all sauced and blowed," liberally translated, means "That cup of coffee has its saccharine tablet already in it, and stirred. Lay off any more saccharine, it'll be too sweet and I'll have to pour it down the sink again."

"I heaved it out on its fool ear," means, to the educated mind, "I set the black kitten gently outside the door and slammed the screen before it could dash in between my feet."

"Woo-woo," means, "Now pay a little attention, I am about to expound."

"Wuv and Schniffles" at the end of a letter means, "You is a dear sweet Mommie, and I love you tenderly."

"Why don't you ever make up your feeble mind?" is obviously intended to spur the intellect.

"You aren't going to drink any more coffee at this hour of the night?" indicates that the swimming will be fine, come three A.M.

"You don't really WANT any more crackers and cheese?" means, "I'll make you some milk toast with plenty of black pepper and lots of butter, if you'll just lay off on that cheese. That is, unless you want something else besides macaroni tomorrow night."

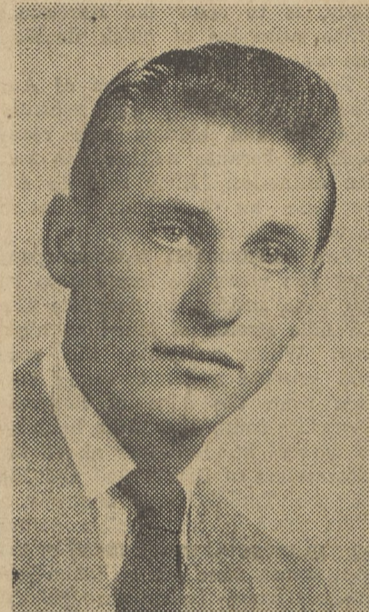
"Manella, manella," means, "Boy, does that taste good!"

"Ninners," means "no-no," and "Nuncus" means "never under any circumstances, and don't let me catch you at it again."

"How about another of these delicious oatmeal cookies?" means "I sure laid an egg when I lost that recipe. What the dickens did I do to make them turn out like solid concrete?"

"Mother's Little Helper," delivered in honeyed tones, means, "For crying out loud, do you have to operate in a shower of talcum powder? Just LOOK at that floor!"

To Direct Band



JOHN MILIAUSKAS

John Miliauskas, director of the prize-winning Lake-Lehman Band which took two top prizes at Sherbourne N. Y. Pageant of Bands during the past two years, will direct the Back Mountain Community Band.

Rehearsals have already started at Dallas Senior High School Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 in the Band Room.

Since the discontinuance of the Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Band, there has been no concerted effort in the community to form an adequate musical organization to meet the cultural needs of the community and to provide an outlet for the many musicians in the area. The new organization invites graduate musicians and senior high school students from anywhere in the Back Mountain to join up.

Especially needed are people who can play the trumpet, drums, French Horn. Already on hand and practicing are musicians who play the saxophone, bass horn, baritone, trumpet, clarinet and trombone. There is music already on hand, also twenty-five capes and caps left over from the original Community Band. AND, there is a balance in the treasury of \$286.31 at Dallas Branch, Miners National Bank.

No tuition for members.

Retiring Master



DONALD E. BRITT

Annual St. John's Day Banquet of George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, F. & A.M. will be held on Friday evening, January 25, at the Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas, 6:30 p.m.

Retiring Master Donald E. Britt will receive a Past Masters jewel for a very successful year as master of the lodge. The presentation will be made by Ted Wilson, P.M.

Speaker for the evening will be Rev. Ward A. Campbell, P.M., of Evergreen Lodge No. 163. Dr. Max R. Speizman will serve as toastmaster. Entertainment by the Potentate's Men.

Harry D. Swepston, Jr., P.M., who is serving as dinner chairman, urges all who plan to attend to make reservations as soon as possible.

Mrs. Watson Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

Mrs. Arlene Watson suffered a fatal heart attack Monday morning at her home in Shrine Acres. Services will be held this afternoon at 2 from the home with burial in the family plot at Fern Knoll. Rev. Russell Lawry will officiate.

Mrs. Watson was born in Wareham, Mass., where she graduated from the local high school.

Her first husband, the late Adam P. Kiefer, a prominent official of Woolworth and Co., died in 1939. Her second husband, Edgar Watson, died in 1959.

She was a member of Dallas Methodist Church, and of Ladies Golf Association of Irem Country Club, where she played regularly.

She is survived by a stepson, Fred Kiefer, New York City; grandchildren, Mrs. Anthony Trowbridge, Manhasset, Long Island; Mrs. Robert McClary, Brooklyn; A. Peter Kiefer, with the US Marine Corps, Parris Island, S.C.

Safety Valve

IF IT'S WORTH WRITING IT'S WORTH SIGNING

If your opinion in Safety Valve is worth printing, it is worth signing.

Many people with a complaint to make, hope to hide behind a cloak of anonymity. They express themselves more freely than they would if they knew that the spotlight of publicity would be focused on them.

The Dallas Post does not necessarily agree with letters to Safety Valve. It reserves the right to delete sentences which might be construed as libelous, and material not in good taste.

There is no guarantee that the letter will be used.

Before you write a letter, consider how it will look in print, with your name signed to it.

Editorially Speaking:

Straws In The Wind Of Public Opinion

A Safety-Valve published in the issue of January 17 evoked considerable comment. The letter was in protest against the proposed increase in rates for Dallas area telephone patrons, in consideration of dropping of toll charges between Dallas and Wilkes-Barre-Kingston. Opinions of letter-writers have their place in Dallas Post, if they are signed, straws in the wind of public opinion.

The Dallas Post published a survey some time ago, asking for candid opinions on the proposal. It received replies, favorable and unfavorable, publishing the findings impartially. Editorially, it favored the proposal.

When the survey was made, it was clearly stated that SUBSCRIBERS WHO DID NOT RETURN THEIR POST-CARDS WOULD BE COUNTED AS NOT IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED PLAN.

This means that those not in favor had a better break than those in favor as those in favor had to sign and return their cards, and all the opponents had to do was to sit tight and automatically vote against it.

It was a narrow poll, with favorable majority very small, though it is presumed that many people who approved, did not bother to sign their cards, thus voting in effect against it.

The Dallas Post carried a great deal of material on the subject. It called attention to the circumstance that subscribers on fixed incomes might be penalized. It telephoned to as complete a cross-section of the community as it was able to, getting in contact with as many people on fixed incomes as possible. It published the findings impartially.

It wrote an editorial, outlining the advantages and the disadvantages.

The price of progress is always high, and some people are bound to be adversely affected.

But the greatest good to the greatest number seems to indicate that the change in status of the Dallas area will probably take place, and that as equipment can be installed, other areas will be affected.

Noxen used to be on a toll line. Center Moreland has recently been put on a toll-free basis, accessible to the rest of the Back Mountain without toll charge.

It remains a hardship to people on fixed incomes, just as the steady rise in the cost of living does, the increased bus fares, and the increased taxes.

The shiny side of the coin is that the proposed toll-free arrangement may well attract many more people to this area - and more people, more houses, more people to bear the burden, may result in a future easier road.

RESOLUTION

For the Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Memorial Library adequately to express its sense of the great loss it, in company with the entire Back Mountain community, has suffered in the recent passing of one of the founders of the Library, Howard W. Risley, would be well high impossible. Mere words can never convey the inmost feelings of the heart. Inadequate as those words may be, we can but try.

As one of its founders, Howard Risley was one of the moving spirits in its initial stages. From the very beginning he was an inspiration to all who were associated with it in any capacity. He has been, throughout its existence, one of its directors and served for several years as its President. To the Library Auction, which under his leadership has grown into an institution known throughout the entire country, he devoted his grounds, his enthusiasm and his time, thought and loving care. Without him, the Auction could not have grown to what it was and, with his going, cannot again be quite what it was.

Howard Risley's feeling for the Library, and its place in the Back Mountain community, can be best expressed in his own words, written in 1955:

"The Library means more to me than buildings, lands and books. It is a symbol of what can be achieved in a typical American community when all of its citizens - regardless of race, creed, color or social distinction, unite behind a single objective."

These words of his express the philosophy by which he lived, a philosophy which enabled him, and The Dallas Post, to make such an impact upon the whole community.

It is with profound sorrow that we note his passing. We have all of us who were associated with him on this Board, been, as has the whole community, the richer for having known him, and to his widow, Myra Z. Risley, we extend our deep sympathy.

Rainbow Girls Stage Public Installation Ceremony



The public was invited to attend formal installation ceremonies of Charles H. James Memorial Chapter, Rainbow Girls, Saturday night at Trucksville Methodist Church educational building.

Reading from left to right, seated, are: Marion Jolley, marshal; Sharon Evans, Hope; Penny Farrar, Assistant Worthy Advisor; Jo Carol Birstock, Worthy Advisor; Barbara Hopkins, Jr. Past Worthy Advisor; Gail Kelley, Faith; Colleen Conaghan, Charity; Mary Ann Johnson, Chaplain.

Second row: Mrs. Evelyn Hopkins, Mrs. Catherine Strickler, Soloist; Carol King, Judy Taylor, Confidential Observer; Gail Rumbaugh, Drill Leader; Marilyn Jackson, Treasurer; Verna Miers, Recorder; Sandy Tait, Patriotism; Karen Tag, Service; Miriam Mohr, Choir Director; Mrs. Betty Meeker, Diane Transue, Secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Dodson.

Third row: Jane Birstock, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Wimmer, Love; Betty Oatridge, Treasurer; Charlene Oatridge, Nature; Myra Bertl, Chaplain; Dottie Philo, Musician; Donna Priebe, Donna Smith, Fidelity; Linda Farrar, Immortality.

Installation officers: Barbara Hopkins, Marian Jolley, Mary Ann Johnson, Diane Transue, Betty Oatridge, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Strickler.

photo by Kozemchak

Hung Up By Snow And Ice This Winter?



Strong contender for membership in Tommy Hefferman's five-of-nine club, called to order for its annual meeting last week, is this compact car, which fell victim to the season's first severe snow.

Owner, Mrs. R. B. Wall, Shrine Acres, was on her way to work, teaching school in Kingston, lost control in deep snow and came up with a view over Toby Creek. She was not injured.

According to president Hefferman, in his "Valley Auto Notes",

Ambulance Group To Meet Sunday

The Kingston Township Ambulance Association will meet Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m., Shavertown Fire Hall. Election of officers will take place.

The organization made 143 calls during the year.

Martin Porter, president, urges residents of the community to attend and take an active interest in its operation.

Mr. Porter also reminds that a gummed sticker label has been placed in your coin card, bearing the telephone number of the Ambulance Association. Keep it near your phone in readiness for any emergency.

Modern Methods Of Teaching Arithmetic

This morning at 8, a representative of Rinehart, Winston and Holt will meet with elementary teachers of Dallas Schools at Westmoreland for a consultation on arithmetic, new methods of teaching the subject, and the modern approach.

The consultant will visit Trucksville elementary after recess; Shavertown from noon until afternoon recess; and Dallas Borough until closing time.

William A. Austin, elementary supervisor reports that principals of every elementary building will attend, with him, a mathematics workshop February 2 at Vestal, N. Y., part of the in-service training which is a feature of the school program.

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