

Better Leighton Never

by Leighton Scott

NEED GLASSES
Then there's always this confused state of affairs:
Dr. Lisses pointed out to me what was very apparently an AAA sticker on the rear bumper of his car. Then he led me around to the driver's door, to whose handle was affixed a clip-on piece of join-the-club card board reading: "We notice there's no emblem on your car!"

I forgot to ask Doc whether he thought they needed glasses.
STRANGE ZONING

Talking about zoning with a group of Supervisors last week, we got to discussing industry in the Back Mountain as compared to industry in such places as Mountaintop.

It was pointed out that Crestwood Industrial Park up there is an attractive come-on to plant planners, as is proximity to the turnpike, the Shortway, and the big cities.
Since the board was interested in how our zoning back here would affect decision of industry to move in, I mentioned the Luzerne County Planning Commission proposed ordinance to zone five Back Mountain municipalities which do not themselves have zoning ordinances. These are Lake, Jackson, Franklin, Ross, and Dallas Townships.

I said that I had studied the County's zoning maps, and had driven around to trace them, and apparently the only places in the Back Mountain zoned for business are Linears, Natona, and an auto graveyard on a dirt road below the institution in Jackson —Ray's Auto Parts.

OUT OF THE DARK

A Fall Fair committee member, working the night before at the grounds, decided to show her kids the funny animals in Henry Vonderheid's pitch-dark Red Rock Game Farm tent, exploring by flashlight. Expecting to look in on a batch of capering gooni-birds, they did a turn and a half when their beam landed on two greasy, beady-eyed bores constrictors sitting there looking nasty.

Did You Read
The Trading Post

From— Pillar To Post...

By Hix

The First Fall Fair couldn't have asked for nicer weather. Response was terrific, from the initial parade to the blasting off of the fireworks late Saturday night.

Dust rose in clouds as babies were trundled around the ring in their strollers, escorted by bemused parents, cheered on by grandmothers, maiden aunts, and sheepish looking uncles. A prize for the infant who bawled the loudest had to be wrapped up again in tissue paper. Not a single baby yipped. Hypnotized by the bright sunshine, they blinked cheerfully. Judges who had expected to leave the grounds in haste, pursued by a tar and feather squad, drew a long breath and awarded prizes to everybody.

There were some highly improbable powder-puff poultry specimens wearing pastel feathers in green and pink and blue. Folks who were not in the know considered reporting the matter to the SPCA, but it turns out the odd looking chickens were wearing their natural plumage, not wigs, and not only that, they had green eggs to prove it.

The hobby booths, protected against the dust of the ring by plastic backdrops, attracted a lot of attention. Working with decorator brushes, Mrs. George Montgomery demonstrated correct brush work for Early American flowers and designs. Helen Gross displayed furniture and tinware decorated by her students, among them an arrow-splat plank topped chair painted by Herb Smith, one of her prize pupils.

Paul Rodda and Ellie showed some nice mosaic work in Stefan Hellersperk's booth; Mrs. Robert Crosson presided over a loom in another booth; Mrs. Charles Gates' beautiful hooked rugs were on display at Mrs. Stanley Hozempa's needle-work booth.

Mrs. Arnott Jones had an artistic monochromatic arrangement of bleached branch and seedpods, very handsome. Anthony Broody's exotic plants attracted a lot of attention.

Down at the end of the line, Andy Presloski's exhibit of roots, each expressing its own warped personality, was an eye-catcher. One of those monsters glaring at you from a mantel-piece would convince you that you were on the very fringes of the Outer Limits of sanity as well as space.

No Fall Fair would be complete without animals. So to go along with tradition, there was a cow and its calf, both courtesy of Roy Squier who had exhibited them as his Blue Ridge FFA project in a number of shows.

Not to mention a pair of hissing geese, a denatured skunk, and more weird looking bantams than you could shake a stick at.

The art booth was reminiscent of the Library Auction art stall. And also reminiscent of the Auction was the ticket booth on wheels, Stefan Hellersperk's brain-child of several years ago, dispensing tickets for hot dogs and hamburgers.

No use trying to kid us — that display of Rave's Nursery products had fortified the burnt grass with nice bright green spray.

It was a good Fair. Any time an organization plans a fall festivity out of doors, it is monkeying with disaster. It has been known to snow on October 5.

Dallas Rotary must have been living right.

Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

It Happened 30 Years Ago

A boyish "prank" came near derailing a Dallas trolley car. Quick action of motorman William Hufford prevented an accident, when he spotted the railroad tie across the tracks at Birch Grove. Coming down the hill at a good clip, Mr. Hufford hit his brakes, stopped after nudging the tie.

Pinchot-Fine organization was under fire in Wyoming County. Unemployed claimed "gross injustice".

Ace Hoffman, owner of Plantation Club at Harveys Lake, was acquitted by Judge McLean of the charge of selling beer on Sunday. Prosecutor couldn't prove the stuff contained more than one half of one percent alcohol.

Kingston Township approved new system of paying taxes by installments.

Burgess Anderson said Dallas should own its own water company. Council said it shouldn't, except as a last resort. Same old hassle about quantity and quality, thirty years ago.

Five independent tickets in the County insured a hot election.

Mrs. Sarah Woolbert, approaching 90, died.

Arthur Lee, employed at the Dallas Post, picked up an English newspaper, found an item saying 8,000 Wilkes-Barre miners had fled for their lives ahead of mine floodwaters, wondered where he'd been while it was going on. Wilkes-Barre joined in wondering.

The Post invited local businessmen who had noted any upswing in economic conditions, to write to the paper.

The Dallas Post went on record with these goals: A free library; more sidewalks; consolidation of schools; a modern highway to Tunkhannock; adequate water supply; sewage disposal action; better community relations between Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville.

It Happened 20 Years Ago

Prolonged drought was responsible for acute water shortage throughout Pennsylvania.

Briak business in bootleg gasoline rations stamps, with one customer filling a sawawk on having been gyped with a cigarbox filled with newspaper clips instead of coupons. Cost, \$1,200.

Huntsville Christian Church observed its Centennial.
Many employees of Noxen Tanner, fearing a shortage of green hides, left for defense plants.

Mrs. Eleanor Kirkendall Atkins suffered a fatal heart attack in the Comfort Theatre lobby. Her husband Herbert was owner of Craftsman Engravers.

Headed from the Outpost: L. E. Newhart, England; Lawrence Ide, North Africa; Charles Warden, Texas; Dana Campbell, Shreveport; Robert H. Uskurati, Bucknell; Harold Dennis, Fort Eustis; Ralph Antrim, paratrooper; Richard Williams, N. Africa; Marjorie Darrow, Naval Hospital; Philip Cease, Amherst.

It was the coldest October 6 in 43 years, two degrees below zero. Damage done by the first frost, September 18, was completed.

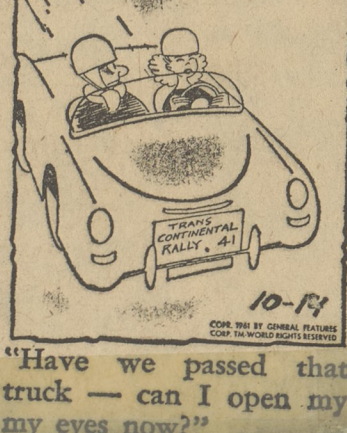
Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Owen observed their 54th anniversary.
Posters said, Join the Waves... It's a woman's war, too.

Bob Pritchard, Bob Beck, Bob Considine and Bob Covey, bumped into each other at Camp Edwards. Died: Clarence Spencer, 60, Idetown. Jean Detrick, 21, Fernbrook. Mrs. Hannah R. Jones, 82, Huntsville.

Services are scheduled for this morning at 11, Rev. Frederick Eidam officiating from the Maher Funeral Home, Kingston. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet.

Friends and associates have been asked to make a contribution to the Cancer Society in lieu of sending flowers.

LADIES DAY



"Have we passed that truck — can I open my eyes now?"

It Happened 10 Years Ago

The Eck trio, Marilyn, Dorothy and Fred Jr., made the front page as participants in the Back Mountain Community Concert.

The new Dodge, at Richardson's, had something new, power steering. Bloomsburg Mill was installing 120 draper looms.

Five townships discussed school merger at a special meeting of Dallas, Franklin, Lake-Noxen, and Monroe. Harry Schooley was sworn into the Dallas-Franklin school board, appointed by the court en banc to replace Floyd Chamberlain, resigned.

Trucksville Poultry Shop was entered by thieves for the tenth time. Married: Lois Evans to Joseph Waltch.

Carillon bells were installed at College Misericordia.

Died: Mrs. Jessie Soonover, 89, Center Moreland. John Monroe, 81, Fernbrook. J. Calvin Birch, 76, Broadway. Mrs. Grace H. C. Vanduyke, Tunkhannock.

Scuffle Leaves Jack With Fractured Wrist

Jumped by two men who were after his wallet last Wednesday night, Jack Lee, Dallas, drove from Gemetti's Hotel in Wilkes-Barre to Nesbitt Hospital, nursing a comminuted compound fracture of the right wrist. Facing further treatment October 19, Mr. Lee was discharged yesterday after a week of hospitalization, to stay with his cousin Lettie Culver, on Church Street.

Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

Next Tuesday is the two hundredth anniversary of the little known first Massacre in Wyoming Valley, which took place October 15, 1763. The second and better known WYOMING MASSACRE followed a battle on July 3, 1778.

It could be expected that actual details of any event might be rather indefinite after two hundred years under the best of circumstances. However the history of Wyoming Valley is made more complicated by the fact that there were several conflicting parties involved, each of which could see only its own side of the story. And to add to the confusion, in retelling through several generations, conditions were magnified to the extent that events were created that never happened. And some of the items printed even in history books were entirely false, as since developed by careful research.

It seems undisputed that everyone considered Wyoming Valley a very fine spot. There were no Indians living in the area continuously for long periods, tribes moving in and out as circumstances required, sometimes staying a few years, sometimes even less. After the Susquehanna were vanquished by the Iroquois about 1675, the Valley was held to be under the Iroquois jurisdiction, and Delaware, Shawnee, etc. who came and went did so with their permission and sometimes by direct orders.

The Valley was included in territory claimed both by Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Each tried to be friendly with involved Indians, each maintained a spy service to find out what the other was doing, some of which reported now make interesting reading, each tried to get Indians involved to work against the other, and both sides appealed to the King and English government to help get rid of the other side.

The Iroquois, living in what is now New York State, extending down to Tioga Point, preferred to keep the Valley clear of all white settlers, from either side, keeping only such subject Indians as would create a buffer between to their own territories. They announced to Councils, sometimes with whites present, that they would never sell Wyoming, and threatened dire consequences to anyone who tried to settle there. However at Albany, in 1754, eighteenth sachems sold the area to the Connecticut Susquehanna Co. settlers, by name of individual grantees and not to the Company as a whole or to the Province of Connecticut. This purchase was denounced by

other Indians on the grounds that the Iroquois had 48 sachems and the sale had not been properly authorized. Agents of the Penns on the same day at the same place bought other described lands of othersachems. In the meantime New England settlers had established themselves along the Delaware.

Teedyuscung, local Delaware Chief, warned off surveyors in 1775 and additional settlement everywhere was retarded by the French and Indian War. In 1762 the Susquehanna Company started to make settlements by authorizing two hundred men to proceed. The first to arrive were again warned by Indians. About a hundred erected some buildings near present Mill Creek on the Wilkes-Barre side of the River and left after ten days. A few others remained and planted grain, then left for Connecticut to spend the winter.

A large movement was planned for 1763. Teedyuscung again objected. On April 19, he was burned to death in his cabin and twenty other houses also burnt, and the Indians fled. The Penn people blamed the Connecticut people for the fires and murders, which they denied. Some blamed the Iroquois who had previously been displeased by Teedyuscung. Others claimed there had been a drunken frolic in progress and the Indians had fired their own town.

Shortly thereafter Connecticut settlers with families arrived in the Valley. Records are indefinite but Stewart Pearce in ANNALS OF LUZERNE COUNTY gives the names of 58 out of 117. Probably unknown to them, Pontiac's War had broken out in the west and Indians that summer ravaged over a large part of Pennsylvania, killing and burning right and left. One of the war parties of Delaware Indians was led by Captain Bull, a son of Teedyuscung.

On October 15 this party entered the Valley. The settlers were scattered around their farms and were all attacked by surprise at about the same time. Near twenty were killed, some were captured, and the others fled. No white men remained alive in the Valley. Some of the prisoners were tortured to death. A party of Pennsylvania militia, sent to dislodge the Connecticut men, arrived a few days later and found and buried the bodies of nine men and one woman. Some of those who survived and fled came again in the settlements of 1769.

Lehman Board

(Continued from 1-A)

Carpenter Road, they construed the "fifty-cent" estimate per property by the light company to apply to their total holdings on that road, and were not aware that it was based merely on average frontage.

They also said that, based on the alleged estimate gate, the front footage system would not pay the total light bill.

Solicitor William Valentine said that the township code explicitly provided for the said assessment method, and there was nothing the board could do about it. It was suggested that Carpenter Road consult with the light company.

Road Funds

As announced at last month's meeting, federal funds of \$36,000 were granted the township for \$62,000 work on roads, according to official telegram from Congressman Daniel Flood. At September's meeting president supervisor Michael Godek revealed that the government had looked over Lehman's project and decided to grant 6,000 more than the township had requested. Ed Nieszogda said he had a neighbor whose silo juices run onto his driveway on occasion, and suggested that, before the supervisors pave his road in Lehman, they get said neighbor to put in a drainpipe.

Police Report

Police reported twelve calls, no fires or funerals, four accidents,

Safety Valve

CARDS WERE A TONIC

Dallas Post,
Joe wishes to thank you and his many friends in the Dallas area who took time out to think of him. Each card seemed to act as a tonic, recalling many happy memories.

We are happy to know that Myra is improving, hoping she will be all well soon.

Our thoughts go out to Mrs. Hicks, too.

We look forward to reading "The Post" which helps keep us in touch with the people and the many activities which we enjoyed.

Sincerely,
The Schmerers,
Englishtown, N. J.

ED. NOTE: The Schmerers were an asset to Dallas. We're glad they still take the paper and enjoy reading about former neighbors. How about moving back home?

Send In Questionnaire

Veterans receiving additional compensation for dependent parents and dependent parents receiving death compensation are requested by Mr. Neville J. McMillan, Manager, Veterans Administration Regional Office Wilkes-Barre, to return the income questionnaire which they received with their August 1963 check. If the questionnaire is not returned by October 31, 1963, payments will be suspended.

no breaking and entering, one building permit, football games and oral vaccine, and two windows in the high school broken with rocks.

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USE LINING AS PATTERN

If you plan to reline a coat, have it drycleaned before you remove the old lining, advises Penn State extension. Using half of the old lining as a pattern, cut the new lining, following the grainline of the original piece. Assemble lining pieces and set the entire lining into the coat.

Don't Be A Sucker

Don't be a sucker, warns the Better Business Bureau. Pass up those trick "discoveries" for spot reducing by means of non-porous garments, and push away from the table instead.

Save On Your Printing
Have It Done By The Post

Head Local United Fund Drive



Pictured above are Mrs. Paul Priebe, Chairman, Back Mountain Division A; Mrs. Fred Eck, Chairman, West Metropolitan Division and Mrs. Lester Jordan, Chairman, Back Mountain Division B as they completed plans for the United Fund Drive now being conducted locally.

Mrs. Eck expects all areas to be canvassed in two weeks and stressed the importance of donating to the campaign which supports 44 welfare agencies.

Among the various units serving the Back Mountain are the Visiting Nurse Association, Back Mt. YMCA, Red Cross Crippled Children's Agency, Wyoming Valley League for the Deaf and the valley hospitals, so necessary to the care of our ill.

It costs \$14 a day for a visiting nurse to make four home visits, \$20 for the Red Cross to process three pints of blood, \$30 for a crippled child to receive corrective club foot apparatus and proper shoes, \$50 a month for a deaf child to receive treatment through the Wyoming Valley League.

Hundreds of other services must be maintained through the public's donations pledged to the United Fund.

Editorially Speaking:

Now that Miss Miriam Lathrop has been absent from her desk at Back Mountain Memorial Library for almost two years, a good many people are tardily discovering that there is more to being a librarian than meets the eye, and thinking of the many services that Miriam rendered, over and above her normal duties.

Miriam was dedicated to the Back Mountain, and to the Library. Very few people have any idea of the amount of time she gave, or how deeply the good of the Library was imbedded in her every thought.

How many people who have recently moved to Dallas, know what fifteen one-room rural schools were visited during the early years of the library, with boxes of books painstakingly selected by the Librarian for enrichment of a curtailed school program?

The one-room schools have been absorbed in larger units now, and no longer does the glad shout, "Here comes the Libary Lady" resound in those old-time structures, where a potbellied stove still supplied the heat, and a bucket of drinking water sat on a convenient bench.

It seems incredible that so short a time ago there was no indoor plumbing for a goodly percentage of the school population of the more strictly rural areas where Miss Lathrop delivered her boxes of books.

The books came back, degenerated and in need of patching, to be replaced by other boxes of books. The school children devoured them. Miriam patched them, sorted them lovingly, and sent them forth again to delight other children in other schools.

The job of librarian is no insecure. It involves endless paper work and an understanding of business management as well as a knowledge of books. It means knowing the stock, and where it can be located in a hurry, and the uncanny deduction which translates "That sort of thin book with a red cover" into a much-loved children's classic.

Several years ago a woman came into the library and relaxed in a chair by the desk.
"What a marvelous kind of a job," she quoth, "just sitting here and handing out books."

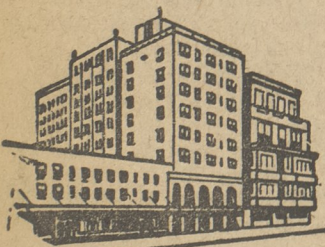
No conception of the actual physical handling of books, the heavy loads guaranteed to flatten the arches, the spade-work in keeping the shelves filled and up to date, the filing, the marking, the listing.

Not to mention the off-days spent in driving to Philadelphia to hunt children's books in the second-hand store. It was a good job, and the Back Mountain appreciates it.

Filling Miriam's place is impossible, but she certainly rated a retirement in a spot where she can do some of the things she always has enjoyed doing, such as joining a group of camera enthusiasts, and taking long scenic trips with interesting companions.

Good luck, Miriam.

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