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## Editorially Speaking Red Cross Month Proclaimed

March has been proclaimed RED CROSS MONTH by President Lyndon B. Johnson. In signing the proclamation, President Johnson said: "Within our own county, Red Cross touches the lives of millions of families every year, with its health and emergency welfare programs. Throughout the world, some 160 million people serve under the Red Cross banner. All of us, therefore, have a mutual responsibility, to our nation and to the world, to stand behind the Red Cross in its continuing mission of mercy."

Wyoming Valley Chapter, now in its 47th year, carries on the tradition of Red Cross in providing us with First Aid and Home Nursing courses, complete Disaster Service, Home Service to servicemen and veterans and their families, a blood collection program, Water Safety services, youth programs in schools and colleges, and many other volunteer supporting services.

As a member agency of the Wyoming Valley United Fund, your local Chapter takes advantage of Red Cross Month to say thank you to all who contributed to the United Fund last October. Red Cross is Always There—With Your Help.

## Train Them To Toe In

When your small children watch T-V, how do they sit?

There is a growing problem of toeing-in among the youngsters.

A great many children sit with their feet behind them, their toes turned in, and the weight of the body on them.

A dancing instructor reports that each new registration shows more small children with foot defects, most of them toeing-in, a condition which interferes with normal coordination and correct leg movements. Dancing is exceptionally good exercise for youngsters, combining fun with building of muscles, more enjoyable than setting-up exercises or routine gym work, and with grace and balance as an end result.

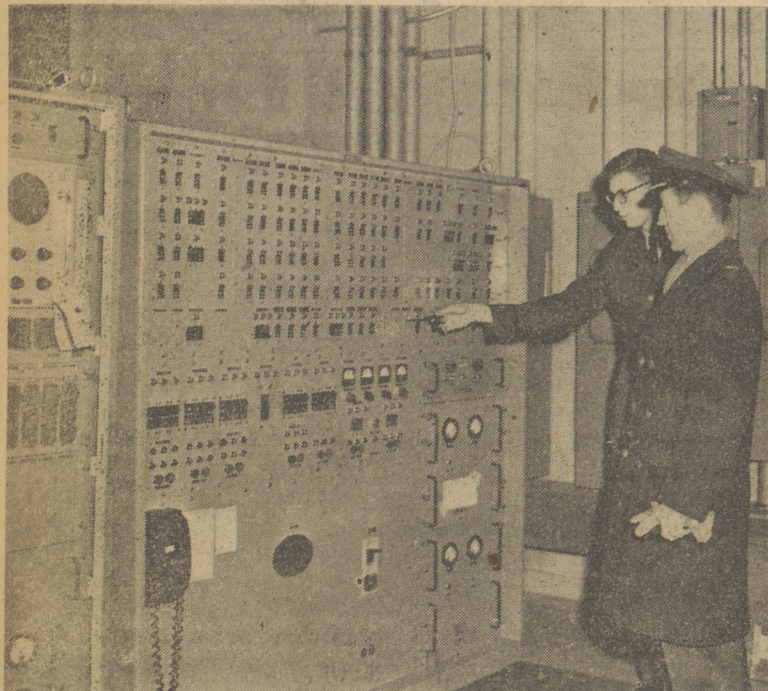
The benefits are cancelled out if a child must struggle with poor foot structure. Children are ashamed of being clumsy.

It would seem plain commonsense to see that children sit properly in front of the T.V. If they sit on a cushion with the knees drawn up that's fine. Or a low stool or a small rocker. They should not sit with their feet behind them.

Have a look at Johnnie and Susie, and see if they are laying the foundation for later trouble by training their feet to toe in.

It is as important for boys as for girls, because they'll want to go out for Little League Baseball, and tripping over their own feet is no asset on the team.

## Distinguished Visitor At Red Rock



Col. J. A. Carey, Vice Commander of the Boston Air Defense Sector visited RED ROCK Air Station and Col. J. A. Carey, Vice Commander of BOADS, came to observe radar operations and the installation of back-up equipment.

## Only Yesterday Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

### 30 Years Ago

Most perishable items in the Dallas A & P store were frozen, as well as many water lines, when the temperature dropped to -30. It was -40 at Pikes Creek.

Homer R. Mallow announced plans for a seaplane dock at Harvey's Lake. He hoped to provide regular service to Jersey City. The dock would also serve the steamers on the Lake.

College Misericordia had 213 students.

Charles Jennings found a bullfrog, alive and kicking, in his spring, with the temperature at zero.

Junior girls at Dallas Township school raised money to pay for the doll used in their child care class by making aprons and children's dresses for 25 cents, women's house dresses for 50 cents.

The State offered to send a fire inspector and equipment to help anyone wishing to burn over land to improve huckleberry patches.

Bath towels were on sale for 18 cents each; ladies' hosiery, 3 pair for \$1.85; two bottles vinegar for 15 cents.

Died: Mrs. Elisabeth Metscavage, 60, found dead in the snow near her home, RD 1, Alderson; Mrs. Jacob Harris, Alderson.

Fire destroyed a barn at Goeringer's farm, Orange.

### 20 Years Ago

Lehman Township girls basketball team ended an undefeated season to win their first championship since 1937.

Lehman boys team ended a two-year losing streak by defeating Benton. Their coach is Principal Howard Hendricks.

Mrs. J. C. Fleming requested sewing machines of any type, for use in the Red Cross workshop.

A WAC recruiting booth was planned for Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warner celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

A flock of pine grosbeaks landed in Frank Jackson's pine trees.

In the Outpost: Robert Wallace, Italy; Ted Schwartz, at Sea; Frank Billings, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco; Tommy Evans, Italy; Herman Brislin, North Africa; Robert Montross, England; Joe Lyne, Camp Pickett, Va.; Glen E. Moore, Fort Bragg, N. C.; Robert Polar, Los Angeles; Bill Carroll, Truax Field, Wisc.; Edward Fielding, Camp Blanding, Fla.; Larry Yeager, Robbins Field, Ga.; Ed Tutak, Delaware, Ohio; Kenneth Kocher, Schreveport, La.

Married: Geraldine Millard and Floyd Root.

Died: Henry C. Brucher, 25, of Carverton, from wounds received in New Guinea; John Place, 23, Mehoopany, falling from a barn in Ruggles Hollow; Arden Husted, 65, Idetown.

Grapenut were 4 for 23 cents; rolled oats, 19 cents; 60 watt light bulbs, 10 cents.

Frank Wright became the sixth son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wright, Noxen, to enter the service.

### 10 Years Ago

Mrs. Charles Eberle became the first woman to serve on the Kingston Township School Board.

The temperature was 60 degrees above zero on March 1.

Charles Hemenway of Hillside Farm encouraged farmers to raise sheep.

Ferris Roberts trapped a 68 pound beaver at Lake Catalpa, the largest he had taken in 15 years of trapping.

Married: Kathleen LaVelle and James Barlow; Delana Joyce Bedard and Raymond J. Jones, Jr.

New potatoes were 5 pounds for 25 cents; small turkeys, 59 cents a pound.

Died: Mrs. Mary Benjamin, 60, Noxen; Mrs. Millie Wildoner, 73, Hunlock's Creek; Charles Leach, 45, Dallas; L. E. Beisel, Idetown; Mrs. Elizabeth Culp, Hunlock's Creek; Mrs. Goldie Gregory, 58, Trucksville; Edward Harned, 75, Sweet Valley; Mrs. E. N. Winter, 91, Shavertown; Steven Kachurak, Pikes Creek.

## Safety Valve

### ONE SMALL LAUREL WREATH!

Dear Mrs. Hicks—  
Hooryay for your editorial in last week's Post! I have always been proud to be a "Back Mountainer," but recently, I must admit, I find it a little embarrassing. It's high time we put our best foot forward, rather than rudely shouting our problems to each other and to the general public. We've become a laughing stock to many townspeople who dive for the editorial page of the morning news to see what flavor of nastiness we're serving this day!

Surely hope this present "sickness" can be cured before long—hate to hang my head in shame for this beautiful area and for the fine people who are the great majority living in it!

Very truly,  
Becky Burns Shuster  
(Mrs. W. A. Shuster)

Ed. note: Thank, hix!

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## Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

During the last fifty or sixty years there have been so many changes in educational systems, educational facilities and educational administration in this county and area, that there seems to have been few periods when some change was not being made somewhere. In general, numerous private schools, particularly the Academies which flourished during the last century, were on the way out, excepting the parochial schools. Public High Schools have picked up accordingly.

Wilkes-Barre had a whole string of academies and private schools since 1807, the more recent being the Female Institute, started in 1854 and the Harry Hill Academy for Boys in 1877. These were merged in the Wilkes-Barre Institute and housed in a new building in Forty Port. In fairly recent years this has become the Day School and attached to Wyoming Seminary. The Wyoming Seminary was authorized in 1843 by the Methodist Conference, to be built in Wilkes-Barre or Kingston, whichever would furnish the most financial support. Building was started in Kingston in 1844. It is still going strong, with several new buildings in fairly recent years.

Improved public high schools have put a crimp in local patronage of the International Correspondence Schools at Scranton and to some extent the Wilkes-Barre Business College. The latter is the successor of one started in 1887. They had a big buildup under Victor Lee Dodson, maybe forty years ago. A big new building was put in use on Northampton Street, but proved to be too costly. Later the school moved back into a bank building on the Square. The building on Northampton Street has been occupied by several colleges, public offices, etc. and seems to be a white elephant.

The position of county superintendent has been raised in importance. His office has been furnished a larger staff of assistants and specialists. A new County Board of School Directors has been established. District superintendents, of which there were formerly very few, are scattered all over the area. In this century, many districts have built new high schools, sometimes two or three of them or more, and improved their elementary schools. One room schools, once common almost everywhere, are a thing of the past. Smaller districts are being grouped in jointures and mergers, not always an unmixed blessing.

The Catholic convents and academies, also parochial schools, are flourishing. There is a big Gate of Heaven School in Dallas and a Central Catholic High School in Kingston, both relatively new.

Maybe forty years ago, local extension schools were established by Universities. The University of Pa. School of Accounts and Finance, featuring night and part time instruction. Temple University established an extension school in Scranton. Pennsylvania State University brought in a technical center at Wilkes-Barre which has grown until it is practically a junior college.

After about ten years of preliminary work, College Misericordia for women was started in 1923 in Dallas, with a rectangular unit which would be hard to find now, if you were not here then, so great has been the increase of new buildings, some of which are still unfinished. In 1933, Bucknell University organized a junior college at Wilkes-Barre, which was soon made into a full four year college now called Wilkes. With backing from Notre Dame, Kings College was established in 1946. The two city colleges have taken over a lot of older mansions, some smaller homes, at least two abandoned coal company office buildings, and some large apartment buildings. They have also built very substantial new buildings and additions.

Vocational and agricultural courses in high schools have been soft-pedaled in the last few years, some discontinued outright. The Wyoming Valley Technical Institute is a public cooperative venture not completely satisfactory and a much larger vocational school is in the discussion stage.

Who said this was such a neglected, down at the heels area?

It is true that after increasing in population for 130 years, Luzerne County has since decreased right along from a high figure of 445,109 in 1930 to 346,972 in 1960. Since similar decreases are noted in the same period for Lackawanna, Carbon and Schuylkill counties, it is a fair assumption that the loss of anthracite coal mining and transportation is primarily responsible.

While related industries and business in general have been affected, there is no general depression apocryphal. There is heavy unemployment, much of it due to unemployment becoming a profession in this area. It is significant that the first and most vociferous objections to the unemployment revisions were heard in our area.

## Check From Rotary For Books At Lake-Lehman



Mrs. John Landis, at the left, receives a check for \$200 from Jack Stanley for use in buying books for Lake-Lehman high school library.

Last Friday, Jack Stanley, representing Dallas Rotary Club, presented a \$200 check to the Lake-Lehman High School Library to be used for the purchase of books. Mrs. John Landis, Lake-Lehman High School librarian, accepted the gift on behalf of the school.

Mrs. Landis plans to use these funds to increase library acquisitions in science and biography. She also plans to add books to the fiction section for senior and junior high school. Plans are also being formulated to hold a portion of the money in a reserve fund for new books as they are published.

The check was presented to Lake-Lehman as a result of the schools participation in the Rotary Fair, held in the fall. Checks secured from the Fall proceeds were also presented to Dallas High School.

## ... Safety Valve ...

Dear Editor:  
We have lived on Mountain View Road, East Dallas, for twenty five years. We were snowed in twice this year already, first time it was five days and the last time we were in from the 19th to the 24th of February. We have to pay for the plowing. Our neighbors won't chip in and help pay.

I was to the township meeting to try to get the road taken over by them, but Mr. Lamoreaux said he wouldn't take the good taxpayers' money to take over the road, as long as he was in office. As if we didn't pay taxes. But if we don't

pay taxes, they would sell our place.

They say it is a private road, but lots of people travel it, and it never was closed to the public.  
Mrs. Russell Siley  
Dallas RD 3

SYMPATHY  
The community extends sympathy to George Yatsko, Center Moreland, whose brother John, Mountain Top, died on Tuesday.

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## Better Leighton Never

By Hix

I was privileged last week to wait more than two hours for a hearing to start at the courthouse, only to have the hearing put off till later. The one consolation was that it wasn't my hearing. I was just there as a newspaperman.

Everybody who stood around stood around quietly, of necessity; litigants whose best recourse is often a closed mouth, deputies whose job is a closed mouth, lawyers (who know when and when not to open their mouths), and twenty assorted clerks running around rubbing their hands together and saying things like "where's Jake?" and "has anybody seen Tom?"

Asked if they didn't mind standing around for a couple of hours with no explanation, officers and others concerned stared dolefully down into the marble canyon and offered: "They're doing the best they can."

It is my unenlightened opinion that, if there aren't enough courts to handle all litigation, then somebody ought to create more of them.

I don't honestly believe, as do some I've told of my experience, that this is a great trick played by judges to keep people respectful of the complexity of legal procedure. Legal procedure is complicated, whether you believe it or not. If a case is hurried along, a lawyer can claim he was fouled when he appeals the thing, unwinding everybody's best efforts.

However, all this court stuff, believe it or not, once had its roots in the deliberation of ordinary untrained men. The Lord created the men, and the men created the law and the number of courts. And the men created too blasted few courts for the number of cases that come up today, apparently.

So rather than have everybody stand around all day down at the courthouse, only to begin with an adjournment, why not shape up the system?

Well, I'll tell you. You aren't going to shape it up, and I'm not either, and the lawyers and legislators and judges won't be able to until they get a little time. And they don't appear to be long on that, presently.

So I guess we might as well hang up our coats and help this guy to find Jake, cause we're going to be here a while.

## Babson's Report Financial Forecast

22. PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION. Otherwise, strength in building will occur mainly in the public sector—especially roadbuilding.

23. REAL ESTATE. I predict that farms on the "right side" of cities will constantly increase in value during 1964. I say "right side" because every city seems to have some one best direction in which to grow. This usually is toward the higher land and often to the west; but this is something subdivision developers must watch very closely.

24. RURAL AREAS. As I have said before, the way to buy real estate profitably is to drive out the main road away from the city in which you live, on the "right" side. Every few miles, stop and inquire the price of land; so long as it is quoted by the foot, get back in your car and drive until it is quoted by the acre. Everything else being equal, I forecast that the purchase of this land in 1964 will show you a profit, over the long term.

25. FLORIDA PROPERTY. There is still a lot of land in Florida, and there are many retired people who are hoping to move there. I forecast that your best Florida buy in 1964 will be waterfront property. God made only so much waterfront land; but there is an enormous amount of interior land which for many years will be good only for pasture. Do not buy land—anywhere—until you see it; don't depend on blueprints, catalogs, and super sales organizations.

26. FLORIDA HOME. I believe a small Florida city, and ownership of the vacant lot on each side thereof, will prove a safe and attractive investment in 1964 for anyone who has a check coming in regularly from the North.

27. ADVERTISING. While TV advertising will continue strong for patent medicines and some other products, I forecast that honest newspaper advertising will hold its own. Newspaper ads can be cut out and kept for reference, which is impossible with radio or TV ads.

28. NEWSPAPERS. I forecast that competing newspapers will continue to consolidate; and there may possibly be a return to the days when newspapers represented the opinions of some one man with courage, influence, and personality rather than the decisions of a "cold" board of directors. Note that this is something television is already trying to develop in its news reports, and newspapers must match it.

## Keystone Motor Club Defends "Little Woman"

The lady of the house, once the butt of (male) jokes concerning her driving skills (or lack of them), has become a pretty important (and impressive) woman behind the wheel, according to a compilation of interesting woman's-angle items just made by Keystone Automobile

## From— Pillar To Post...

By Hix

It isn't the same desk, nor the same chair, but it's the same office, and it's been fourteen years since Hix first started working regularly for the Dallas Post, after a rather lengthy spell of contributing a column.

And if anybody thinks it is a snap to be pitchforked into the newspaper game after having become a grandmother many times over, think again.

The idea was to work long enough to finance a car, and then drop gracefully out of the organization.

Howard called up one morning. He said, in effect, "How about filling in for a few days while Myra is under the weather? Maybe a week. And would nine o'clock be too early for you to get yourself out of bed in the morning? Herb will come and get you."

It had been a long cold winter, with spring still a long way off, and there hadn't been too much going around the house. A job looked like a good idea. "But it mustn't last too long. I have to be free to visit my family when I get the urge."

Famous last words.  
Once get hooked by the newspaper business, and you're hooked, but good.

The transportation enlisted in the army after awhile, and Hix plugged along on foot, still without a car.

Start saving for a car, and you find you're saving for stew meat and taxes.

It was years before Hix finally got the car, but the walking was fine for the figger, and after all, what's a mile, even if most of it is uphill? Once you get a car, the temptation is to use it to get to the mailbox, and you begin sprouting wheels instead of heels.

It's been a long fourteen years, and it's going to be a real treat to go on a cruise this March.

That's right, a CRUISE.

For three halcyon weeks, Hix will not be answering the phone at the Dallas Post, comforting people with lost dogs, sympathizing with small children who have dropped their change in the snowbank, writing classified ads that will bring home the bacon, reading proofs, filing one-column cuts, explaining why the Shavertown PTA news got in and the Trucksville PTA news got left on the composing stones, and soothing folks who rashly offer to cancel their subscriptions because, b'gosh, they didn't get on the front page when Mrs. Whozit did.

Feeding the birds while I'm away is going to be a problem, because that pair of grouse needs plenty of chick-grain, and the woodpeckers have an insatiable appetite for suet.

Still and all, by mid-March there should be a few natural pickings, and if there should be a heavy snowstorm, maybe somebody from the Post will drop around to put sunflower seed in the feeder and dump a handful of grain on the porch step for the grouse.

One thing is for sure, though... the big fat sassy squirrels are going to feel very much put upon. They've been depending on the bird feeder instead of digging up their own acorns, the lazy animals.

I should stay home from a cruise in order to feed the greedy things?

Caribbean cruise ship, here I come!

## Driving Home The Cows

Out of the clover and blue-eyed grass  
He turned them into the river-lane;  
One after another he let them pass,  
Then fastened the meadow-bars again.

Under the willows and over the hill,  
He patiently followed their sober pace;  
The merry whistle for once was still,  
And something shadowed the sunny face.

Only a boy! and his father had said  
He never could let his youngest go:  
Two already were lying dead  
Under the feet of the trampling foe.

But after the evening work was done,  
And the frogs were loud in the meadow-swamp  
Over his shoulder he slung his gun,  
And stealthily followed the foot-path damp

Across the clover, and through the wheat,  
With resolute heart and purpose grim,  
Though cold was the dew to his hurrying feet,  
And the blind bat's flitting startled him.

Thrice since then had the lanes been white,  
And the orchards sweet with apple-bloom;  
And now, when the cows came back at night,  
The feeble father drove them home.

For news had come to the lonely farm  
That three were lying where two had lain;  
And the old man's tremulous, palsied arm  
Could never lean on a son's again.

The summer day grew cool and late.  
He went for the cows when the work was done;  
But down the lane, as he opened the gate,  
He saw them coming one by one—

Brindle, Ebony, Speckle, and Bess,  
Shaking their horns in the evening wind;  
Cropping the buttercups out of the grass,  
But who was it followed close behind?

Loosely swung in the idle air  
The empty sleeve of army blue;  
And worn and pale from the crisping hair,  
Looked out a face that the father knew.

For Southern prisons will sometimes yawn,  
And yield their dead unto life again;  
And the day that comes with a cloudy dawn  
In golden glory at last may wane.

The great tears sprang to their meeting eyes;  
For the heart must speak when the lips are dumb;  
And under the silent evening skies  
Together they followed the cattle home.

Kate Putnam Osgood

One hundred years ago Abraham Lincoln gave his address at Gettysburg.

It seems fitting at this time to republish a poem which was one of Howard Risley's favorites. Howard was a dedicated Civil War buff, living, breathing and sleeping Civil War, acknowledged as one of the local authorities.

This poem has been standing in type for months, awaiting a suitable time and place. Howard put it on the "hook" himself.

Club.  
In fact, Keystone points out, 39% of licensed drivers are women! The figures: Men—50,150,000, or 60.5%; Women—32,700,000, or 39.5%.  
Most women use the family car for shopping trips most of the time, the Club account continues. Then, in order of usage, are social driving,

church-going, business, and pick-up and delivery of school children. Taking friend husband to and from the railroad station is very near the bottom of the list.

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