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Shavertown MYF To Go Caroling

Shavertown Methodist MYF Executive Board met December 6 and planned programs until the month of May.

A hearty welcome is extended to new MYF counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davenport, Jr.

The group will go caroling to church members homes on December 13 at 6 p.m., and a big turnout is urged.

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Picture History Shows Ricketts A Prosperous 2-School Boomtown

by Leighton Scott

It might never be published, the authors say, but an excellent photographic history of the town of Ricketts, now extinct, is being compiled slowly but surely by Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Smith, of Tunkhanonk. Scrapbook of amazing old photographs of the famous lumbering town was brought to the Dallas Post recently by Mrs. Smith, who was seeking additional information on pictures, having seen the lumbering photos in the recent Post 75th anniversary tabloid.

The enterprise began because Mr. Smith was interested in railroading, and no discussion of railroading is complete without mentioning the profound mutual influence of lumbering and trains. Trains from Lopez and north, Wilkes-Barre and south, serviced the mountain area of northern Luzerne, Wyoming, and Sullivan counties. Great mills included Ricketts, Stull, and Alderson, among many others.

All that is left of Ricketts now is a concrete shed, seen off to the right in a field as one drives north on Red Rock Mountain Road, above the radar base. Shed was a fire-proof pumphouse.

From that shed, few would guess, who do not remember, that here stood a town that boasted two churches, a railroad station, two schools—a one-roomer and a two-roomer, mills and a big company store. From the pictures shown us by Mrs. Smith, there were even sec-

tions of town, i.e., good or bad. Other interesting pictures in the Ricketts baseball team, two very old-time cars, including a Thomas, from the last decade or so of prosperity, just before World War 1.

There is a picture of Colonel Ricketts's valet, originally a slave in the south, buried in the family plot. Railroad stations shown include Ganoga station, where visitors could visit the Ricketts home by rail.

All photos and postcards are in first-class condition, and collection includes many before-and-after sequences where major buildings fell into disrepair, and several fine four-color postcards of the town, making it look every bit the prosperous commercial enterprise.

The Smiths have spent countless weekends at their historical project, and have talked to old residents, beginning by visiting the Ricketts reunions, where they found many a valuable item. Mr. Smith drew up maps, such as the ones you see in archaeological tracts, pinpointing buildings by their foundations.

The whole work may someday appear as a book, says Mrs. Smith, but is presently still in the making. It is, we think at the Post, an extremely competent effort on preserving a great age in American history, which knew a time when Pennsylvania was number one lumbering state in the union.

Services Friday For

John Gliva, Demunds Road, will be buried on Friday from the Betz funeral home in Luzerne. Friends may call Thursday afternoon and evening.

Mr. Gliva died Tuesday afternoon at Mercy Hospital after an illness of several months.

A native of Germany, he came to this country early in life—settling at LaPorte, Indiana, and coming to Dallas in 1942. He retired from employment with the Hudson Coal Company seven years ago.

He leaves his widow Ruth; his mother Mrs. Manda Gliva, LaPorte; brothers Walter and Benjamin, LaPorte.

Albert V. Hunter

Albert V. Hunter, 58, Hunlock Creek, died Tuesday night in Mercy Hospital where he had been admitted three days earlier.

He had been retired from employment with the Garden State Fork Truck Co. Newark, N.J. two months ago because of ill health.

A native of Hunlock Township, he was the son of Calvin and Priscilla Crane Hunter.

He leaves his widow, the former Jennie Getz of Plymouth; children Mrs. Margaret Devo and Lewis, both of Hunlock Creek; Kenneth, Judy and Francis, at home; brothers, Oscar, Sweet Valley Rd. and Larry, New Jersey; a sister, Mrs. Marjorie Thrash, Larksville.

Lee Updyke Elected Retired Men's Head

Lee Updyke, Trucksville, was elected new president of the Retired Men's Club of the Back Mountain at a meeting of the group last week at the Back Mountain YMCA.

Mr. Updyke succeeds William Clifford, outgoing president. Sam Dilcer was elected secretary treasurer.

A Christmas New Year's Party is being planned for Wednesday December 30 at noon at the Back Mt. Y.M.C.A. Ted Poad, chairman, will be assisted by Richard Rees and Henry Calkins.

The local Retired Men's Club is open to all area retired gentlemen. Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon.

Frantz Readmitted

Tommy Frantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Frantz, Kunkle, was readmitted on Saturday to Nesbitt Hospital for further treatment of an injury to his ankle incurred in a recent accident.

Sympathy To Mrs. Raub

Word has been received from England that Mrs. Ted Raub's father, William H. Wiffen 84, of Wallington, Surrey, died December 7 after a short illness. Born in Suffolk County, he had visited in Dallas in 1947.

He is survived by his widow Rita; his daughter, Mrs. Raub; three grandchildren, Rita, Teddy and Beth Raub.

Benjamin R. Neyhart A Former Resident

Benjamin R. Neyhart, 75, Forty Fort, died November 14, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital following a prolonged illness.

Born in Trucksville, Mr. Neyhart resided most of his life in Shavertown, the past ten years, living in Forty Fort. He was a former member of the Shavertown Methodist Church.

He is survived by his widow, the former Crystal Miles; daughter, Mrs. Omar Michaels, Shawnee on the Delaware; Niece, Mrs. Viola Watkins, Blossburg; a nephew, Milton Doughton, Montezuma, N. Y.

Funeral was held from Harold C. Snowden Funeral Home, Kingston, with Rev. Porter Adams, Forty Fort Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery.

Meeker Wreck

(Continued from page 1 A) owned by parents, had possible fracture of his left wrist.

Ambulance crewman Lee Wentzel, who got the call a little after 10:30, said accident occurred near Russell Steel's, where there is a turn-off on the Meeker-Outlet Road, which the car failed to negotiate, plowing into the bank.

When the wrecker pulled the car away from the bank, the "front end fell off," he said. He was assisted by Peter Hospodar, on the ambulance.

Investigating were Lehman police: Chief Joseph Ide, and Officers John Major and Lionel Bulford.

RUGGLES

W.S.C.S. of Ruggles Methodist Church met recently. Mrs. Charles Williams presided. Mrs. Lela Sickler led devotions, her theme being "Methodist Heritage," based on devotional thoughts and Hymns of John Wesley.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lela Sickler, which will also be the Annual Christmas party with the revealing of "Secret Pal" names and exchanging of gifts.

Mrs. Raymond Garinger, guest for the evening, gave a very interesting program, first with an illustrating lesson on John Wesley, the growth and development of Methodism, and a John Wesley Fellowship tea followed.

Mrs. Allen Sorchick portrayed Mrs. Susannah Wesley, the mother of both Charles and John, who poured the tea to following: Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Lela Sickler, Mrs. Allen Sorchick, Mrs. Robert Traver, Mrs. Daisy Crispell, Mrs. George Dendler, Mrs. Almon Rood, Mrs. Darrell Loomis, Mrs. Clifford Grey, Mrs. Clarence Grey, Mrs. Raymond Garinger and Elva Sickler.

Corey Grey, who had been a surgical patient at General Hospital and released, has been readmitted.

Mrs. Beulah Bronson had the following of her family over the weekend: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huffman, Susan, Kay, Lorna, and Duane, Liberty, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. John Bronson, Larry, Joan, Jeanette and James; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Traver and family, and Walter Bronson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Montross and son Harry, also Mr. Edgar Hoover and sister, Mrs. Jenny Grey, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Alice Crispell and Mr. and Mrs. James Montross at Newark Valley, N. Y.

Mrs. Rita Wilkes is a patient at General Hospital.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Clarence Oberst, Treva Sorchick, this week.

Allan J. Cease was guest speaker at Ruggles Methodist Church on Sunday in absence of Rev. Eister. Allan is attending Lycoming College.

The Young Adult Class held their class meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sorchick on Friday evening.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rood on the birth of a baby girl, Cynthia Lee, born on November 25th. The Roods have two other girls, Ellen and Joyce.

Congratulations are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bronson on the birth of a baby girl, Patsy Ann, born on the 27th. They have a son, Walter, Jr. Former residents from here, they are now living in Dallas. Grandma Beulah Bronson spent Thanksgiving Day with Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Foss and children, of Cornwell Heights, and Richard Williams, of Manheim, are spending the Holiday vacation at their parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams. Also visiting the week-end are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams and family, of Valley Forge.

Lee Oberst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oberst, celebrated his 17th birthday enroute to New Mexico. He is accompanying Airman First Class James Williams, who is moving his family to their home in New Mexico. James and Lee will return in the early part of December. Airman 1/c Williams is stationed with the Air Force at the base at Red Rock.

Miss Amy Bennetto of Forty Fort spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oberst. Their daughter, Sara, celebrated her 15th birthday on that day.

Joyce Koehler was an overnight guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keeners, of Kingston, and attended the Kingston - Coughlin game on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Josephine Boice of White Plains, N. Y., is taking care of her mother while Mrs. Bessie Hummel is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hummel in New Jersey.

Mrs. Robert Grey will soon have her work completed. She has been very busy taking the farm census in Lake, Ross, and Union Townships.



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