

SHAVERTOWN

GOOD WORK, HAROLD

Senator Harold Flack is responsible for the recent investigation by highway officials along the new highway. Supervisor Dan Shaver, completed arrangements and the results look promising. Thanks Harold for your concern. There were a number of corrections to be made and this was the best possible way to get a job done.

With poles and lights up at Center Street, controls are now being installed and there is a strong possibility that the lights will be working this week. Supervisors may turn them on and State Engineer William Klein is expected to set and time them promptly. How happy we will all be to have better protection again at this very dangerous intersection.

Kingston Township auditors will be working on township records every Thursday evening during January and February until the job is done. Allan Nichols is president of the group, Fred Eck, vice president and Ted Poad, secretary.

It is too bad that the Federal Government doesn't come through with funds to pay off contractors for the new township building. Until such time as promised revenue is forthcoming, the men who did the job will not turn over the building although the Truckville Fire Company is allowed to use the new structure to house their equipment.

Shavertown Methodist Church is planning a big celebration this year with its 75th anniversary coming up. Committees are now getting down to the task of making it a memorable occasion.

Mrs. Kathleen Cairns will take over the lunch room next to Matt's Garage once operated by Dale Mve. Mrs. Cairns expects to open early for the convenience of truckers. Now that her son's store on Carverton Road has been sold to Truckville Pharmacy (Harv Holak), Mrs. Cairns will turn her hand to a new type of business.

HERE AND THERE

With the snowfall Sunday, the youngsters had a thrilling time and used the hill on Evergreen Street to have a fine ride. We could hear their happy shouts lasting into the evening hours. I understand a goodly number also took advantage of the toboggan run at Irem Temple Country Club, my daughter and her friends being among those who enjoyed the fresh snowfall.

And while the chill breezes whistle around our ears, Brenda Clause Baganski and her husband are writing home for their bathing suits to be sent to the Coast. We rather envy those enjoying the nicer weather in California and Florida but the snowladen trees and lawns here are equally beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blessing and daughter Kirsten, Athens, Ohio, were holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kacinski and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blessing. They flew back home on New Year's Day. While here the young couple entertained a number of friends, among them, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jones, Moorestown, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alles, of Wilkes Barre. The grandparents certainly enjoyed their little granddaughter who at one and a half provided a delightful Christmas for them.

Mrs. Lewis Cottle, Forty Fort, formerly of Shavertown, is a patient at General Hospital. Lt. and Mrs. Dale Hoover and children left Sunday for Massachusetts after Jeanne came here for the funeral of her grandfather, the late Henry Metzger. She stayed nearly two weeks with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cobleigh, with her husband coming down here for the youngsters over the weekend.

Harry Metzger, another visitor at the Metzger home on Pioneer Avenue, flew home to California on Saturday after coming here for his dad's funeral. Also home were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Metzger, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Metzger, Shenectady, and Francis Metzger, West New York, N. J.

Mrs. Emma Stahl is enjoying a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Holmes, Silver Springs, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stahl, Washington, D. C. John and Harriet drove her down last Friday and spent the weekend there.

Mrs. Edward Jackson and children returned home to Levittown last week after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Anna Stenger.

It was a sad occasion when Mrs. Alwen Mortenson and her brother Harold had to leave for Valley Crest due to their poor state of health. It is hard to give up one's home and I know a card or an occasional visit will cheer them up immensely.

Drop by if you are up that way.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Blaine and Brad Jr., Schuylkill Haven, were New Year's guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algert Antainitis. The latter enjoyed the Christmas holiday with their daughter and visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Antainitis in Bethel, Conn., before returning home.

Mrs. Gosart's Cancer Dressing group turned out another batch of badly needed dressings on Tuesday. What a fine effort they make to help others.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Charles Michel, who gave so much of her time to this project is not in the best of health. She is certainly missed since moving to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wilbur Lawry and daughters, Susan and Debbie, Flushing, Long Island, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Williams during the holidays. Upon their return home, Susan returned to Radford College, Va., where she is a senior this year.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pohick were amazed last week to find the red reflector buttons they had set in their trees to illuminate the driveway entrance had been dug out by someone, who probably had nothing better to do.

Incidentally Gladys celebrates her birthday on Monday and we wish her a very happy anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newman and children, Reading, were holiday guests of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Ell.

Miss Esther Saxe is expected to return to Shavertown this week from her home in Berwick where she is recuperating from a fall suffered before the holidays.

Men's Class of Shavertown Methodist Church has set the date for their delicious Roast Beef Supper. Just jot down February 24 on your engagement calendar for a night away from the kitchen routine.

Fernbrook

Timmy Adelson, Forty Fort, spent the weekend visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Covert, E. Overbrook Avenue.

Mrs. Maude Gregg, Demunds Road, has returned home from General Hospital.

The annual business meeting of all members of the Glenview P.M. Church will be held on Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. Friday, starting at 10 A.M. is a work day for the Missionary Society of the church at Miss Verna Lamoreaux's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams and family of Hatfield spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Leona Belles, Harris Street.

The Missionary Society of Glenview P. M. Church met on Thursday evening for its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Andrew Derrick, Demunds Road.

Miss Sallye Higgins, a missionary to Africa on leave spoke on the interesting customs of the natives

Beaumont

David Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patton, was pleasantly surprised on his eighth birthday Saturday when his classmates Harry Clark, Jr., Gordon Cook, Jerry Dymond, Dale Hackling, Ricky Patton, Merton Rifenbery, Jr., and Russell Transee, Jr. dropped in to help him eat his birthday cake.

Mrs. C. J. Dress was ill with the flu last week.

Mrs. Ruth Mowry of Vernon is visiting Mrs. Julia Denmon this week.

Mrs. Robert Condon was the guest of honor at a Layette Shower at the home of Mrs. Joseph Shalata Friday evening.

Richard Walters has returned to his home port after spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walters, Richard claims his shakedown cruise to the Caribbean with Uncle Sam's Navy was memorable.

The Jack Pattons were dinner guests of the Donald Marceys at Tunkhannock Saturday.

Jackson Twp.

MYP of Huntsville Methodist Church recently elected the following new officers: Robert Slimak, president; Douglas Kittle, vice president; Eugene Bertram, treasurer; Diane Shoultice, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bertram are the advisors of the group.

The following troop members won the candy sales contest sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 225: Ricky Newhart, first prize of a transistor radio, and Joseph Nixon, second prize, a wallet.

Robert Williams, cubmaster, Donald Klaber, scoutmaster and Harold Kittle, chairman, attended training meeting of the Boy Scouts of Wyoming Valley in Wilkes-Barre last week.

Idetown

Mrs. Elmer Hoover returned home after spending some time with Rev. and Mrs. David Haines, of Emerson, N. J. While there, Rev. and Mrs. Haines announced the birth of a son, Stephen Ross, on Sunday 13. They have four other children. Mrs. Haines is the former Roxie Hoover.

Mrs. Bruce Williams presided at the business meeting of the Methodist Church Confidence Class, which met in the home of Bess Cook on Tuesday night. Mrs. Hope Ide led devotions, and Mrs. Kenneth Calkins was assisting hostess. Mrs. Ralph Welsh and Mrs. Ide were appointed to help on the centennial committee. It was also decided that each member will take something to make and sell at an auction.

Mrs. Al Rinken and Mrs. Elmer Harris are hostesses for February. Also present were: Mrs. Alfred Hadel, Mrs. Mary Rogers, Mrs. Niles White, Mrs. Ralph Welsh, and Mrs. George May.

where she is stationed. She will leave in March to return to her station where she is a missionary-nurse.

MY LITTLE FRIEND

by Esther Armitage

For over ten years now I have had in my cellar a spotted salamander. I will call it "he", as I have no way of telling the sex. He is about 8 1/2" long, is jet black, with yellow spots, so I call him "Spotty". I see him the longest on Monday while doing my laundry, as he likes to have company and be talked to. He comes out of his hole in the stones and climbs upon another stone and when I talk to him he moves his head back and forth. Otherwise he is still for a long time. I can see him everyday when I go to the basement - if I just talk to him.

Some time ago I thought I would be brave and try picking him up. I put on a glove and carefully tried, but he bit at me, and kept sticking his tongue out at me - so I gave up. I have never fed him any food, and I know he lives on spiders and little bugs. It is a little damp where he lives, but since the dry weather I pour a pitcher of water by him every week or oftener. He likes the water as I can pour it right on him and he never moves.

I have showed him to different people, and the children are always interested. I just wonder how old he will live to be!

EAST DALLAS

Sallye Higgins, returned missionary from Tanganyika is spending a few days with a friend in Reading, but is now calling Tanzania because of the combining of Tanganyika and Zanzibar. Miss Higgins was the missionary speaker at the Grace Presbyterian Church in West Pittston, last week.

Gary Morris, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wilson, was injured in a fall at the Westmoreland School. He slipped on the ice and hit a stump cutting his face, which required six stitches just below the eye.

The Ella Moore Memorial Bible Class of E. Dallas Methodist Church is to be commended for their thoughtfulness of the elderly and ill at Christmas time. Jule Wilson and Betty Kintzer distributed fifteen poinsettia plants and four other gifts where plants were not suitable. This has been their practice for many years. My grandfather, Matthew Higgins, 95 years old, was the recipient of a poinsettia, which has brought him much pleasure.

Accident On Ice

I was riding in the school bus Friday morning, which Mrs. Malcolm Baird passed, resulting in an accident as she pulled back in line in front of the bus. The car slid around in a circle, went through an iron fence on the Mertz property, throwing a shower of sparks into the air, the left front fender coming to rest against a tree. Mrs. Baird's son, Arthur, was also on the bus and was out of the bus and beside the car before it slowed down. Arthur ran to the Arthur Belles home to call his father. Mrs. Baird's brother, Ernest Gay, was travelling in front of Mrs. Baird. He was driving his wife and Mrs. Sickler to work because of road conditions. Mrs. Sickler comforted Mrs. Baird at the scene of the accident. Mrs. Baird complained of a headache and was taken to Nesbitt Hospital where she was held for observation, and x-rays until Monday.

Little Brian Cyphers will celebrate his 6th birthday shortly. As most of you know Brian hasn't been well but if you ask him how he is he will perk right up and say, "Good!" He has adapted well to not being able to play as strenuously as other children his age by keeping himself busy around the house. Tuesday nights he can be found helping the U.S. Army with his toy gun as he watches Combat.

Lehman News Items
Miss Carol Ann Lamoreaux, Lehman, will be handling the Lehman News items, while her grandmother, Mrs. Morton Connelly, is away in Florida. Call her at 674-2449.

EAST DALLAS

In conversation with Irene Moore, former correspondent, I learned that many folks were disappointed that the East Dallas News had been discontinued, so upon her suggestion I have assumed this responsibility and will be depending upon you to report your news items - Call Kenn Higgins, 674-2301.

Irene Moore wishes to express appreciation for the many cards, visits and well wishes she received during her recent illness. Mrs. Moore was hospitalized from November 30th until December 26th. It was erroneously reported that she had gone to Florida, but it is not her intention to go south this year. Her sister, Mary Lind, has been staying with Mrs. Moore since her return from the hospital. Mrs. Moore left Saturday for the home of her sister, Mary Lind, in Bloomfield, New Jersey, for a period of convalescence, being driven there by her son Bob, and his wife Hilda.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hoover, Demunds Road, were visited during the Christmas holidays by their daughter (Jeannine) and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood, of Rochester, New York, and daughter Gwyn Allyn. Mr. Ed Maloney of Hallstead, brother-in-law of Mrs. Hoover passed away December 8. Mrs. Maloney was a guest of her sister, Mary Hoover, for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moss, of Demunds, drove their son Ron to Williamsport, from which he rode with another party to Columbia Bible College in South Carolina, where he is studying for the ministry. Ron complained of the cold weather up "north."

Mark Dymond has returned to school, following the two-car accident on New Year's eve in which he was badly injured. Mark's head and jaw are bandaged due to a fractured jaw, deep lacerations of the head and brush burns. Friday, Mark had his stitches removed and Saturday went to the doctor for more x-rays. He is under medical supervision and will not be able to remove his bandages for six more weeks.

Mrs. Mary Valentine of Auburn-dale, Florida, is staying with her son, Robert Pickett, Demunds Road, for several weeks before returning to Florida. Paul Valentine, her husband, was buried last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller, Ransom Road, left Thursday for an extended visit in Florida. His son, Elmer, is holding the fort at home.

Elwood Misson, Ransom Road, and Patricia Janick of Wilkes-Barre, will be married 10 A.M. January 23rd, at East Dallas Methodist Church. Anyone desiring to attend the wedding is cordially invited. They will reside on Ransom Road in their newly constructed home.

Albert Matusik and Bob Cyphers have turned out to be the reincarnation of Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone as they have accumulated a total of twenty-six muskrat pelts, along with various other furs, during this year's trapping season. They have discontinued their efforts now because the ponds are frozen.

The days of the sled and toboggan will soon be a thing of the past,

as evidenced by the snow-mobile enjoyed by Caddie LaBar's children. The whole "crew" bundled warmly against the cold, can be seen roaring across the snow. The snow-mobile can attain speeds of 30 miles an hour. I understand these contraptions are used as the general mode of transportation in northern regions, such as Canada and Alaska.

Ransom Road seems to be a favorite drop-off spot for unwanted dogs. Just last week we called the SPCA and had them pick up a white collarless female, shivering in the cold. Mrs. Kasmark has been giving shelter to a Coon-hound type dog which does have a collar, and could possibly be lost. Though some are heartless and drop off these poor animals, we can befriend them by calling the SPCA whom I found to be more than glad to pick up stray dogs.

Account Continues: Noxen Student Tells Of Finnish Dance Stampede

After an editorial lapse of some weeks, we are continuing an account of Larry Pedersen's impressions, with an apology to Noxen exchange student and his friends for having had to interrupt the letter part-way through. This is the section of letter which tells of schoolwork and the dance stampede.

Students go to school six days a week here, which means going on Saturdays, too. This is not really so bad though, because the school day is shorter than it would be otherwise. The class which I am in has 33 hours in school a week, in which they are taught the following subjects: physics, algebra, history, religion, biology, geography, gym, German, English, Swedish, Finnish, and Trigonometry. The one thing that the Finnish schools lack is that great American invention, the study hall. And to make sure that the student does not fall asleep, all students are forced outside for ten minutes between every class. This pretty well eliminates the possibility of a pupil to sleep through one class, "sleepwalk" to his next class and continue his nap, as can sometimes happen in the American high school.

As for the time that school starts, it depends on what class you belong to and what day of the week it happens to be. The same also holds true for the time at which a person gets out of school. For example, one day I go to school at 8:00 a.m. and get out at noon, while another day I go at 9:00 a.m. and get out at 4:00 p.m.

Besides teaching the youth the ordinary subjects which are taught in schools, the school also serves as a place of worship for the student, since every morning a fifteen minute service is held at which religion is taught. This can be done because Lutheranism is the state religion and 96% of the Finns are Lutherans. All in all, when a person goes to school in Finland he will more than likely learn something, which can not always be guaranteed in American schools.

A Good News Club is held each Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moss, Demunds. Mrs. Moss teaches the Bible Lesson assisted by Mrs. Andrew Derrick. Children between the ages of six and twelve are cordially invited to attend.

A Good News Club is held each Wednesday afternoon, 4:30 in the home of Nesbitt Moore on Ransom Road, with Richard Clemow teaching the Bible lesson. Children between the ages of six and twelve in this area are urged to attend.

The Dallas Post is also to be commended for their free distribution of the Post to those over eighty. There are many senior citizens in this area who enjoy the Post because of this consideration.

The dances here are also much different from those in the U. S. All the girls gather along the left side of the dance hall and all the boys along the right side. The kids are a little bit shy at first and no one dances for the first half an hour to an hour. Then finally the boys work up enough courage and all of a sudden they all rush to the group of girls to ask them to dance. When I said they rushed that was an understatement. What they actually do could better be called stampeding. Anything that is unfortunate enough to get in their way is either drug along with them or is knocked down and trampled on. It is quite interesting to watch the boys trying to choose girls. They walk back and forth and look them over from head to foot. Then when they spot the one that they would like to dance with, they step up to her, extend their hand and nod their head, all without saying a word, and hope that she also wants to dance with him. This system of having the boys and girls in separate groups is very practical because the boys know where to find the girls and the girls know where to stand in order to be noticed.

Once the girl has consented, the couple then dances twice. Never can a boy dance only one dance with a girl; he must always dance two. This means that at the end of every two dances the stampede starts again. At the present, tangos are very popular and is about the only type of dance played. The kids don't necessarily dance the tango however. Actually what most of them do is to walk around the floor. Thus, that is how the dances are.

Well, I've tried to tell you some of the things about Finland that you can't find in most books. I won't bore you by including more specific things about Finland at the present time. So as they say in Finnish:

"Parhain terveisin"
Larry Pedersen
Editor's Note: Great stuff, Larry. Keep writing.

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