

Highways, Byways The Dogwood, Dooryards The Purple Of The Lilac

by Hix

If you think you must take off for the Pacific Coast, or fly the Atlantic in search of scenery, relax. You can find it within a stone's throw of home.

Scenery that is not too demanding, not too breath-taking, the kind of scenery that leaves you filled with the wonder of a winter safety past and new life springing in every rushing brook and every budding branch.

Many residents of Dallas take the round trip to State University as a matter of course, unmindful of the mountains.

They can make the 120 miles to State, they say, in two and a half hours, which is indeed possible if there is no traffic or if the State Police are not on patrol, if the speed zones are ignored, or if they are rocketing to a given destination without regard to what lies all about them, ignored because of familiarity.

Have they stopped for a moment at Ricketts Glen instead of hurrying across the bridge and away again on Route 118?

Have they ever really seen these falls?

They are easy to miss, concealed in the ravine below. Once you have parked and scrambled down the rocky path, they are yours forever. The path is steep. You do well to wear moccasins or sneakers, if you expect to walk out on the big rock at the first level and look back at the water tumbling over the brink under the bridge, or down at the swirling torrent below.

The place where Route 118 and the road to Benton diverge, you have the choice of routes. You can go straight as an arrow over the "new" road that leads to Williamsport, or you can drop down by Benton, where fishermen are standing up to their waists in the cold mountain water, and other fishermen line the banks.

Go slowly here, for cars are parked, and children dart across the road.

The lilacs are in bloom, just as they are in Dallas, some of the bushes dating from the times of the pioneers. This is an old and fertile valley, where time stands still.

Up a long and winding hill, with the young green of the forested mountain sides and the white clouds of the dogwood, ignoring the main road to Bloomsburg and Danville. Milton and a turn to the left along the banks of the Susquehanna.

Bucknell, another old world town, across the bridge, route 45 plunging into a placid countryside where buggies and farm wagons move sedately on the highway, the bearded Amish pursuing their own reflections and their own way of life as the world flashes by in high powered cars.

And here is Bald Eagle State Forest, easier to travel than it was before the road was widened and paved. No roadside signs, no roadside stands. Up and up and up through the silence of the mountains.

A picnic area, rustic and inviting. The thin scent of woodsmoke mingling with the pine.

And on the other side of the mountain, emerging again into everyday life, Woodward Inn, caught up in a flurry of road building and expanding frontiers of its once sleepy village, but holding its own as a reminder that it was once a place where stage-coaches discharged their weary passengers.

It was built in 1814, shortly after the War of 1812. There is still an old-world hospitality within its heavy walls, good food, unhurried service. A good place to stop for a mid-morning cup of coffee or for lunch.

On again, and the valley widens out, the receding mountains now no more than hills.

State University and the beautiful campus. Nittany Lion Inn, its atmosphere retained in spite of necessary additions.

Take the other way back, through Lock Haven, with a short side trip to Woolrich, to see where the famous plaid wool shirts for hunters and outdoor men are made.

On through Williamsport, following the winding of the West Branch of the Susquehanna.

After Montoursville the route swings to the left just beyond a big stock barn, and traffic thins to Hughesville.

And here, a sign of home, route 118, newly born.

The road from Hughesville through Lairdsville was once something which challenged the horsepower of any engine, but now the two grades have been conquered, and the grade is easy, up and down and up and down, with fat farms falling away beneath.

Farm tractors like bumbling yellow beetles turn the rich earth far below, and incredibly green pasture land, steeply sloping, is scissored out of the darker green of the forest.

From above, it is like looking down at the checkerboard from an airplane.

Lairdsville, which used to be approached by a narrow winding road, is here before you know it, after that final swoop down the ridge, its spired church the familiar landmark.

And after Lairdsville, the Endless Mountains, tamed now by the miracle of engineering, crest after crest, scars along the roadsides healed by the fresh green of spring.

Dogwood everywhere. Black bears watching silently, invisible. There are hundreds of them

I.O.O.F. Welfare Bureau Offers Extensive Aids

The Ben L. Jenkins Chapter, Odd Fellows Welfare Bureau of Pennsylvania, met Saturday at the Odd Fellows Temple, Wilkes-Barre.

Presiding was President Max Pollock assisted by Treasurer Margaret Robbins and Secretary Byron W. Sleppy.

Attending were Representatives from Lewisburg Lodge 96, Hazleton Lodge 65, Shickshinny Lodge 180, Selinsgrove 197, Lackawanna Lodge 291, Scranton, Rush Lodge 471, Thistle Lodge 512, Pittston, Lady Tobey Lodge Lehman, Kingston Lodge 709, Effort Lodge 1102, and Israel Lodge 1151, Scranton.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase additional wheel chairs to meet the demand for these.

The blood bank report shows ten pints of blood donated since the last meeting. Reports not yet received from some of the area will substantially increase this amount.

July meeting has been cancelled with next meeting set for September 17. This meeting will probably be held at 1 p. m. with a lunch to precede the regular session.

Legal Notice

ESTATE OF WILLARD F. SUTTON, JR., (Died April 30, 1966) late of Lake Township. Letters of Administration having been granted, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims to present the same to WILLARD F. SUTTON SR., ADMINISTRATOR, c/o JONATHAN C. VALENTINE, ATTY., 35 N. FRANKLIN STREET, WILKES-BARRE, PA.

Legal Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on May 25, 1966, the Petition of Thomas Anthony Greloch and Edith L. Greloch, his wife, was filed in the above named court, praying for a decree to change their names to Thomas Anthony Grella and Edith L. Grella, respectively, and that of their minor children.

The Court has fixed the 8th day of July, 1966, at 10 a. m. E.D.S.T., at the Court House, Wilkes-Barre, as the time and place for hearing on said Petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said Petition should not be granted.

MITCHELL JENKINS

In these mountains. An antlered deer standing by the roadside, melting into the dappled shade before your eyes.

Ricketts Glen, and another roller-coaster ride over the ridges.

Strouds Acres, and the long descent.

The lilacs and the pink and white dogwood in the familiar dooryard.

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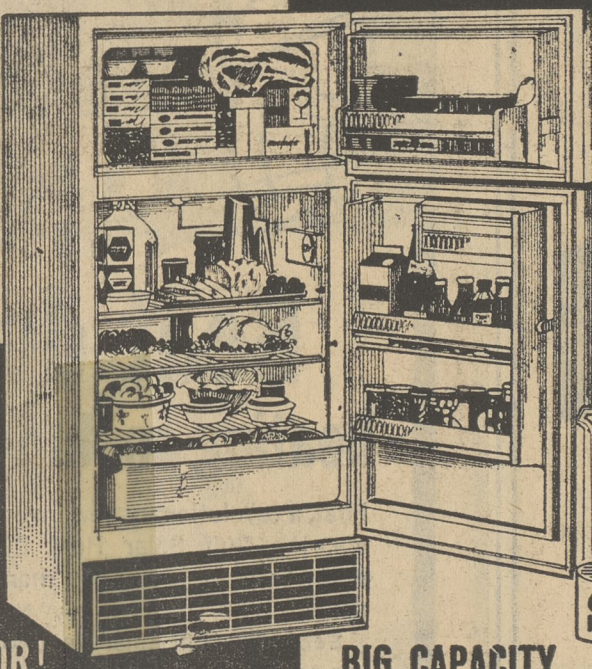
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