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THEY ARE OUR BOYS IN VIETNAM

A sixteen year old boy in the Dallas Senior High School called us on Thursday to take exception to the heading which we run weekly for the boys in Vietnam. He said that if the boys in Vietnam were old enough to die for their country, they were old enough to be called men. Why didn't we call them men in Vietnam, instead of boys in Vietnam? We had never run into this before. Each week we pay postage on the Dallas Post, sending the paper without charge to the boys whose names are on the list. They are boys. They are OUR boys. Most of them are very young, eighteen or nineteen, well under legal age of maturity, which is twenty-one. It is never possible to know just what the sore spots are in anybody's mind, especially in the mind of young folks, but there is usually some one thing that burns up anybody, and who knows what it will be? We were somewhat flabbergasted at the phone call. What we should have done was to invite him to write a letter to the editor. Maybe this boy will never have to suffer the indignity of being called a boy in print, under the heading of Boys From the Back Mountain in Vietnam. Maybe the war will be over before he is graduated from High School and reaches draft age. We hope that it will be over speedily, and that the boys will come home, safe, and without asterisks in the column to denote their death. But if he does go to Vietnam, he will probably be just as glad to get the home-town paper as the other boys who snatch at it when it is delivered. Growing up is a difficult business at the best, without the complications of looking forward to being drafted... or the realization that it is an adult world, run by adults, and even, by and large, by senior citizens.

Want A Fresh Air Fund Child?

by Mrs. Edward E. Kale
One youngster, used to a daily fare of potato chips and coke, greeted his first serving of home-grown "vegetables" with "We don't want none of that junk." One little boy named Francis must have eaten at least twice his weight in his new favorite food—jelly bread. Another boy called in from playing at dinner time said, "Gee, how many times do you eat a day?" The wants of these children are simple and their needs are basic. They require only an extra bed and one more place at the dinner table. They love to dress dolls, play ball, go swimming and hiking in the woods. They are thrilled by things country children take for granted, like picking daisies, collecting pine cones and riding in a family car. Going to an outdoor movie, a horse show, or driving over to Gramma's house to see a cow are real adventures to a city child. Since any child in New York City, between the ages of 6 and 12 and whose family cannot afford to send them out of the city for a vacation are eligible, they come from conditions varying from dire poverty to modest-income families who struggle to give their children the best background possible. The fifty-some New York Welfare and charitable organizations who recommend these children to the Fund attempt to take care of the material needs of their families during the year. What families in this community can provide by inviting one or more boys and girls into their homes for two weeks, are those things that money cannot buy—those intangible, more personal things that make the difference between existing and really living. All area families interested in inviting a Fresh Air Child to visit them this summer may contact Mrs. Carl Shoemaker of Mehoopany, or Mrs. Edward E. Kale, Jr., in Dallas, 674-7371. The children will come for two week periods beginning June 27 and July 25. Invitations for the June group should be in the first week of June. Area Residents Drawn For Criminal Jury
Drawn for service on the Criminal Jury, June 3 to June 17, are 11 residents of the Back Mountain. June 3, Betty J. Casterline, Harveys Lake; Anthony Diezulis, Carverton Road; Bety Metzger and Jean Spears, Kingston Township; Mrs. Gloria Smith, Franklin Township. June 10, Florence Frantz, Gert-rude Friar, and Julia Henning, from Kingston Township. June 17, Lois Hopkins and Irene Timka, from Kingston Township; and Cora Finn, from Dallas. CARD OF THANKS
The family of the late Hulda Pedersen wishes to thank the many friends and neighbors who sent flowers and cards of sympathy, and performed many other kindly acts. Larry Pedersen, Alfred Rencuchsel, Mrs. Donald Wall.

Only Yesterday It Happened 30 Years Ago

Record vote for Arthur James, candidate for Governor. The Plymouth Judge raked in the largest vote ever cast in the Back Mountain. Larry Lee, Dallas, was named Captain of Battery B, 109th Artillery, Lunenburg. Methodists prepared for John Wesley's 200th anniversary. Eight churches of the area were joining forces for the big event. Dallas school board was informed that plans for an addition to the High School had been approved by Harrisburg, Cost., approximately \$20,000. Plans called for a hall, two 30 foot rooms, and a girls shower room, on the first floor, two large classrooms on the second. Delays in approval made it unlikely that the annex would be completed by fall. Dan Waters owned the corn. He was "The Bad Boy" on the cover of a Saturday Evening Post, published goodness knows when. Artist Robert Robinson spent the summer painting six of Dan. One picture of boys in a swimming hole, had as model for all ten, the future member of the Dallas School Board, and still farther in the future, the burr under the saddle. When the artist wanted to change his looks, he gave him red hair. Chain letters were on the move again. Enclose a dime and become a millionaire. What ever happened to that stunt? A few people got rich. The Postal system finally sat on it, but there are always other suckers to be taken, and the mails these days are just as stuffed with sucker-bait. The oldest person in the district who cast a ballot in the primaries (and for Governor James) was Mrs. Rachel Wykoff, 90. Margaret Casterline was wed to Walter Dendler. Fred Eck, Willard Garey, Howard Isaacs, and David Evans drove to Baltimore to see Dauber, the Du-Pont entry, win at Preakness on a muddy track. Ray Shiber was advertising prize gladiolus bulbs. Shaver Theatre was advertising the Walt Disney special, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

20 Years Ago

Pix of the Dallas Woman's Club Chordle, directed by Mrs. Norman Patton. Twenty-one women. The group was organized in January of 1948. It was expecting to sing over radio. Lehman Horse Show was scheduled for July 5. House to house solicitation for goods for the Library Auction engaged 100 women. Mrs. Arch Hutchison was assisted by Mrs. Fred Howell and Mrs. A. C. Dick. The Auction was scheduled for June 10. Lehman seniors had their annual trip to Washington. Lehman's most musical graduating class number 42, Lake Township had 13 seniors ready to graduate. Beaumont had fifteen graduates, its fiftieth anniversary. Dr. Eugene Farley was engaged to give the commencement address. Sweet Valley was ready for its Memorial Day parade, expecting 5,000 visitors. Louis Wilcox, Dennis Bonning, Elmer Laskoski, and Bob Cooper left for Lansing, Mich., to bring home the new Jackson Township fire truck. All the churches were advertising strawberry socials... as soon as the strawberries were ripe. Oscar Whitesell was running his usual ad for piano tuning.

10 Years Ago

Mrs. Addie Mathers, 98, Trucks-ville, died in her sleep. Work was started on the quarter midget race track adjacent to the Dallas Outdoor Theatre. Construction work at the Jackson Institution was halted by a strike of electrical workers. Local high schools had 190 seniors ready for graduation. Lehman-Jackson-Ross, 60; Lake-Noxon, 32; Dallas-Franklin-Monroe, 53; Westmore-land, no tally; Gate of Heaven, 38. Back Mountain Police raised \$500 at their dance at Jackson Fire Hall. Proceeds went toward obtaining a charter and other expenses of the new organization. Joseph Ide was the first president. David Jones, 39, of Loyallville, narrowly escaped death when pinned by an overturned tractor. Burgess Nortti Berti swore in Robert Parry as member of the Borough Council. Died: James C. Reed, 72, Trucks-ville. Pamela DeRemer, 7 months old. Irvin E. Newberry, Beaumont native, aged 87. Ray Warden, 71, Shavertown. Harvey Sutton, 71, Lehman. Mother and Daughter teas in great numbers.

Many Entries From Area In Art Show



by Catherine Gilbert
Almost one-third of the paintings in the Third Annual Art Show at Wyoming National Bank's Wilkes-Barre office either were painted by Back Mountain artists or depict Back Mountain scenes. The wide variety of subjects used by 98 artists to interpret the theme "Spring Comes to Wyoming Valley" makes it an interesting exhibit. Paintings will be on display during banking hours for the rest of the month. Visitors are invited to vote for their favorite. A vanished Back Mountain scene painted by Charles Zimmerman of West Pittston was third prize winner. "Abraham's Creek" shows part of the area now covered by Frances Slocum Park Dam. "Roofs of Orange Dairy," an unusual view of a familiar building by Claudia Tvede, Wilkes-Barre, won third Honorable Mention. Mrs. Helen Mosier, a summer resident of Lake Silkworth, was given fourth Honorable Mention for "Spring Sprouts," a realistic group of onions lacking only the odor. From Shavertown, M. Hughes captures the excitement of the annual migration of geese "Northward Bound." Joan Koval Taylor combines the "Winged Beauty" of butterflies with a silvery plant in her collage. Betty Chapple looks out the window at birch trees. "Prestine Grey." On Sunday afternoon a small boy dragged a friend up to see "Darling Buds of May" by James Borton and enthusiastically informed bystanders that he had voted for this one. Truckville artists exemplify the variety of the show. Lillian Rosenberg's "Burst of Spring" is an abstract in which primary colors predominate. H. Judson Holdredge uses muted shades for his snow-bound cabin in "Spring on the Mountains." A swan swims peacefully in "Another Spring" by Dolly Wilkinson, Bunker Hill. Joan Elgaway, Harveys Lake, shows the child's eye viewing the delights of spring flowers in "Peeking at Spring." Only pencil sketch in the show is by Carol S. May, Noxon, a child napping on a "Rainy Day in Spring." In a deceptively simple watercolor by Dorothy M. Baker, Lehman, "Brown-eyed Susans" nod in a swirling wave. Several Dallas artists chose flowers for their subject. Barbara O'Donnell's "Spring Flowers" is a study in blue and lavender. Purple and yellow dominate "It's Iris Time" by Susan Nagle. Deep red and white "Peonies" get a close-up view from Pamela A. Parsons. Bright but delicate "Flowers Spring Up" straight-stemmed in Sally Myers' watercolor. Jane Cornell calls her bouquet "Spark of Spring." "Spring Enchantment" by Helen Eva Kite expresses the beauty of the season. Mrs. S. B. Kay's "Awakening" is an abstract treatment of the spirit of spring. Other Dallas artists noted spring's arrival in different scenes. A large black and yellow spider and its fragile web are surprisingly beautiful in Catherine Ganger's "Pool with Spider." Somewhere along "Overbrook Road" Idabelle Manner captured a restful spring day with a well-worn hat and an empty jug. "Ready for Spring" by Debbie Anthony shows a child's delight in a bright ribbon and a new pet. Day-lilies brighten an otherwise bleak "Deserted House" by Adele Tobias. The solid-looking house in Estell Thomas' painting is guarded by "Ye Olde Picket Fence." "Look up, it's Spring!" by Catherine Gilbert, Mt. Zion, focuses attention on red maple blossoms. Esther Smith, Hunlock Creek, follows a shaded, rushing stream in "Depth of Spring." Back Mountain scenes were painted by several Valley artists. Motor boats are "Making Waves at Harveys Lake" in the picture by Mary Vitanovae, Swoyersville. Abraham's Creek runs through snowy woods in "Spring Thaw" by Ann Kay, Forty Fort. James Sanders, Plymouth, found a "Barn Near Lehman" surrounded by spring's new green. Marionlee Biscontini, Kingston, lightly blankets the area with "Onion Snow, Dallas, Pa." "Trout Fishing — Bowman's Creek" by Olympia Karambelas shows a familiar bend of this scenic stream.

KEEPING POSTED

- May 8: PRESIDENT TALKS to peace team before it takes off for Paris.
May 9: FIFTH DAY of heavy attack in Saigon, timed to coincide with preparations for peace talks. THIRTEENTH HEART TRANSPLANT. Paris.
May 10: FLASH FLOODS in Texas, 11 inch rain. Freeze warning in Dakotas. HARRIMAN AND VANCE in Paris, North Vietnam on Left Bank. Sessions start. Sounding out ideas. FIGHTING EASES in Saigon. NEW ESCAPE ROUTE being dug at Hominy Falls, following new flooding. POLISH TROOPS apparently moving toward border of Czechoslovakia in wake of liberal election.
May 11: BRIDGE BLOWN in Saigon. OFFICIAL TALKS to start Monday. REAGAN CANDIDATE? Could be. Says all means should be employed to end war if peace talks fail. Attacks LBJ for failure. WEEK OF RIOTING by students in Paris over, Sorbonne makes concessions. 20,000 RESERVES called up, go on duty. POOR FOLKS MARCH on its way, vanguard arrives in Washington, 450. MINERS RESCUED at Hominy Falls.
Weekend: TENT CITY RISING near Lincoln Memorial. Idea was to have marchers out by mid-June. Marchers say who knows, they might settle down permanently. VIET CONG THREAT turned back in Saigon. NORTH VIETNAM DENIES any troops in South Vietnam. Those captured must have been little green men. MULE WAGONS bogging down, mule's feet sore from pavements.
May 13: TURMOIL IN PANAMA, riots, fires, accompany elections. TOUGH BARGAINING at peace table. North Vietnam not about to give in, says it is winning the war. GENERAL STRIKE in France, cause, student rebellion. MEDICAL SOCIETY asks probe of chiropractors. JAPAN BARS nuclear subs, radioactivity found.
May 14: ONLY FOURTEEN MULE wagons on the way, mule skinnners scarce. Also, mules resent being shod. KHAN DUC, Green Beret camp, overrun by Viet Cong. Many coptors and plane destroyed during evacuation. EISENHOWER FLOWN to Washington to Walter Reed Hospital from California hospital. NEBRASKA PRIMARIES, Democratic Kennedy wins big, invites McCarthy to join forces, McCarthy declines. Humphrey, not on the ballot, says he'll win anyhow. No surprise to find Nixon the leading Republican. DAY OFF for peace negotiators. HANOI SAYS it's a vile slander, absolutely no forces operating near Saigon, aggression must cease. DeGAULLE OFF for Bucharest for a 5-day visit with Romanians. Frantic welcome at Airport. BELL TELEPHONE STRIKE ends with 20 per cent wage increase.
May 15: PEACE TALKS resumed in Paris. ANOTHER SPECIAL FORCES camp near border is over-run by Viet Cong. GEORGE MEANY delivers ultimatum to Walter Ruether to pay up back dues.

From— Pillar To Post...

by HIX
It's always the most beautiful spring in the world, because it is here and now, and we are here and now, and the winter is over, and the skies are blue with fleecy white clouds, and the apple blossoms are a rosy mist, and the lilacs are purple and the grass is soft and green, and the dogwood blossoms are opening, and the bees are buzzing, and it is all too wonderful to endure. Can you remember the first time you ever actually felt spring? If you were brought up in the country, it might have been the first time since the winter snows when you were allowed to run barefoot. There was no mistaking spring. The little brooks ran bank full, and the maple trees shed their red blossoms, and there were trilliums in the woods and purple violets in the meadows, and the afternoons grew longer and longer until finally there was that magic moment when the sun streamed through the northwest window at supper time, and suddenly there was no need to light the lamps. If you were a city child, spring was a little harder to diagnose. The small city squares with the goldfish pond in the center, and the stern warning signs, "Keep off the Grass," hinted at spring. Regimented rows of tulips bloomed in the plot around the monument. Then suddenly, it was here, that softness in the air, that hint of something wonderful just around the corner, that luxurious feeling of laziness, the knowledge that summer was actually on the way, and that school would close, and that there would be excursions on the paddle-wheel steamers down the Bay, with a whole three months to enjoy to the full. There would be strawberry shortcake, and steamed crabs, and watermelon and sweet corn, and sudden showers wetting down the scorching bricks, and storm drains swirling with the flooding water, and the heavenly coolness spreading through the upstairs rooms as shutters were flung wide and the house drew a long breath. Spring... a threshold to such a wonderful year. Spring in the Back Mountain. Spring, with small boys pelting down the street on their bicycles. Spring, with little girls jumping rope in the school yard. Spring, with white sheets billowing on the line, threatening to take off into the sweet wind. Spring, with kites in the sky, and birds on the wing. A tiny wren disputing her premises with a kitten, and coming off victorious. An empty blue eggshell on the lawn, and a mother robin making round trips to her nest, where three gaping mouths are open to the skies, awaiting the nourishment which they know will come. Spring, the renewal of faith, with the snows of winter forgotten. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

Horse-Shoe 4-H Club Returns From Dalton Show, Wreathed In Glory

Horse-Shoe 4-H Club members brought home the bacon in a big way from the Horse Show May 11 at the Golden Eagle School of Riding at Dalton. Out of 18 classes, they took 9, and out of the four championships awarded they won two, with one reserve. Connie Bogdon took the Hunt Seat Equitation over fences. She also won the blue in Junior Working Hunter English Pleasure, and Junior Working Hunter under Saddle. Connie and her bay hunter muffin ended the day by winning the Hunter Seat Championship and the Junior Working Hunter Championship. Rob Spencer won the Stock Seat Equitation, and placed third in the Western Pleasure. Julie Everts took the Pony Hunter under Saddle, and English Pleasure, for 12 and under, taking also several other ribbons. Jack Vivian won the Mardia Hunter Seat Equitation over fences, and was also the reserve champion. Amy Pearsall won two fifths in Ponies under Saddle, and English Pleasure under 12. Barb, who rides out of the Bogdon stables, won the Mardin Equitation on the flat, and ended the day by winning the Mardin Hunter Seat Equitation, and the Pony Working Hunter Reserve Championship, with several other ribbons.

Elected To Miners



RAYMON R. HEDDEN

Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre board of directors has elected Raymon R. Hedden, founder and senior partner in the construction company bearing his name, as a member of the board. Announcement of Mr. Hedden's election was made by William J. Pack, president of the Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. A registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania, Mr. Hedden's building contracting firm, has added much to the area's economic progress, the most recent building the new Dr. Eugene S. Farley Library nearing completion on the Wilkes campus. He founded the Raymon R. Hedden Construction Company and Nanticoke Lumber Company in 1945 after serving as a Lieutenant Commander in the Civil Engineering Corps of the U. S. Navy in World War II. Mr. Hedden is a member of numerous civic and fraternal organizations including the Dallas Lodge, F&AM, Irem Temple, United Fund and Westmoreland Club, and the Cornell Club of New York. He is a trustee of Wilson College and of Retreat State Hospital, and director of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, and of Wyoming Valley Building Contractors Association. connecting road through new Goss Manor to Senior High School will be among the subjects discussed.

Cocaluschu Craftsmen Plan Pa. Dutch Tour

Cocaluschu Craftsmen plan a tour of the Pennsylvania Dutch country June 13, travelling by bus, with luncheon and dinner stops. Interesting stops will be at the Farm Museum in Landis Valley, where authentic 18th and 19th century folk arts are in progress, and if time permits, at the Lancaster Farmers Market. For information call Mrs. Osborne Unton at 822-8388, or Mrs. Robert Hills, 287-3952.

Brownie Troop 637 Visits Dallas Post

Twenty-four small Brownies from Troop 637, dripping with rain, and shedding plastic canes as they swarmed into the Dallas Post Monday afternoon, were given a personally conducted tour of the plant from soup to nuts. Don Weidner and Doris Mallin acting as guides. The troop was separated into two sections for easier piloting, starting with the linotype machines which were clacking busily under the expert fingers of Helen Lutsey and Leon. The tour included the composing room, the offset department where Sandy Sheehan officiates, the dark room downstairs where negatives are developed, the offset printing press, the big press where the weekly newspaper is run off on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and the various pieces of mechanical equipment in the basement. Brownies were Carrie Arnold, Wendy Aicher, Diane Anthony, Sara Barakat, Michele Crisoi, Nora Cutter, Hollie Garris, Colleen Gries, Maurita Gries, Jennifer Maslow, Nancy Law, Cindy Lefko, Cathy Misson, Jean Otto, Joan Otto, Nan Parry, Debra Prater, Eileen Pugh, Abby Rodda, Eileen Sherman, Ellen Jane Stair, Wendy Weir, Janet Wheeler, Janice Ziegler. The 25th Brownie, not present, is Cynthia Field. Leaders are Mrs. Herman Otto, Mrs. Ivan Ziegler, and Mrs. Donald Anthony.

Book Club News

Back Mountain Library Book Club will stage an informal discussion on books Monday afternoon at 1:30 in the Library Annex, Mrs. Peter Clark leading Mrs. Ornan Lamb will preside. Chairman and co-chairman of the hospitality committee are Mrs. William Gross and Mrs. Harold Saffian. Assisting will be Mesdames John O'Malia, Raymond Flick, A. D. Whitehead, and Michael Clark. Willard A. Davidson Dies At Red Hill
Willard C. Davidson, 79, died Friday at his home in Red Hill, Benton Township. For some time he had been in failing health. He was a native of Ross Township, son of the late Levi and Martha Davidson. He spent most of his life in Fairmount Township, where he engaged in lumbering. He belonged to Healdy Grove Church. He leaves his widow, the former Grace Meeker; children: Mrs. Blanche DeWald, Mountaintop; Mrs. Clifford Gray, Hunlock Creek; Mrs. Shirley Carry, Red Hill; Susan, Alfreda, and Clarence Davidson, at home; Mrs. Harriet Carry, Lima, N.Y.; twenty-one grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Emma Long, Shick-shinny; brothers, Simon Long, Sweet Valley, and Fred Long Rohrsburg. Rev. Harold Lord officiated at services held Monday afternoon from the Bronson Funeral Home. Burial was in Lateer Cemetery. New Goss Manor Meeting
Members of New Goss Manor Home-Owners will meet Sunday at 2 at the home of President Ronald Maturi, Skyview Drive. Proposed