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A Hunting-Oriented Community

We would welcome a discussion of what effect the new anti-crime laws concerning the registration of guns will have on the Back Mountain.

This is a hunting-oriented community. Boys are taught to shoot when they are youngsters, go into the woods with their fathers to hunt deer every fall, take great pride in their prowess as hunters, learn how to handle a gun safely, and develop a love for the fields and hills as a fringe benefit.

Long guns are standard equipment in the majority of Back Mountain households.

Schools in this area dismiss classes on the first day of deer season, a procedure which causes great amazement to new residents, fresh from the city, or from other communities where people do not take their hunting seriously.

It is a way of life out here in the Back Mountain. But we can see no reason why there should be such vigorous opposition to licensing or registering lethal weapons.

A car is a far more lethal instrument than a gun, comparatively speaking. The death rate from shotguns and rifles is far less in this country than the toll from highway accidents.

We register our cars, which gives us a license to drive on the highways in peril of our lives and the lives of other drivers.

Not a week passes that there is not some grim accident or some story of a miraculous escape in our area.

But there is this to be said: nobody in his right mind aims a car at another person and pushes the throttle to the floorboard.

It takes a mind intent on killing to point a gun and pull the trigger.

Why shouldn't the gun be registered and licensed?

It might not do a particle of good, but it does put the owner of a gun on record as responsible. Law-abiding citizens would not be hampered by registering their firearms. Criminals will get guns anyhow, just as people during the days of prohibition got their whiskey in speakeasies.

There will always be a traffic in illicit goods, the instant the Government labels the trade as illicit, the demand rises among a certain element.

We are convinced that deer season, and bear season, and turkey season will see just as many hunters in the woods as ever this coming fall. It would be a pity if the hunters did not roam the woods, for the deer herds are expanding out of all proportion, and they must be thinned out.

Seventy-five years ago, deer were a rarity in these hills. Now they are a prime pest to farmers whose property borders on the sheltering woods. A stock-man with a herd of fifty young cattle is apt to find fifty deer feeding side by side with the yearlings.

The hills were denuded of their virgin pine back in the days when lumbering was big business in Pennsylvania. Now that the hills are green again, game has moved back into the picture, and game and hunters go hand in hand.

Accidental shootings are not too common. Two boys will go out to practice shooting at a target, and one boy will shoot the other, never by intention.

A hunter will shoot at something moving in the bushes, on the grounds that it is probably a woodchuck and needs shooting. If he is lucky, it is a woodchuck.

Clubs for sportsmen lay a groundwork for safe handling of fire-arms. If boys are to handle weapons, they must know when and where to shoot, and how to do it safely.

Hand guns, we're not so sure about. But we do know that they must be registered for the protection of the owner, along with fingerprints and all other pertinent data.

Mail-order fire-arms surely should be nipped in the bud.

Our children are indoctrinated early in life with the idea that a pistol goes boom, and there you are, all over dead, ready to scramble up the next moment and aim your own toy pistol at your playmate.

Cops and robbers, cowboys and Indians, it's been a game ever since the country became a country. The toy stores cater to it, offering all sorts of armament in the name of wholesome play.

We don't know the answer.

But we do know that very seldom does the play-acting go on into adult life. If it does, you have the kind of disturbed man who goes up into a tower, aims his rifle, and mows down everything that moves.

Or shoots a President with a mail-order rifle.

Watch Those Kids On Bikes

Now that school is out, watch those kids on bicycles. They weave all over the road. They have no business on main highways, but sometimes they appear.

At thirty-five miles an hour, permitted to cars travelling Pioneer Avenue, a bicycle sprawling across the road, and a youngster picking himself up, can spell a tragedy.

It is difficult for a bicycle rider to get off onto the shoulder, for in many places the recent highway improvement left the shoulders dangerously low while building up the pave.

We deplore the speed on Pioneer Avenue in any case. We feel that if people are heading for the Lake they do well to stay on the main highway instead of taking what they consider a short cut up and down the hills.

We think that twenty-five miles is enough on that stretch of road. A speed limit of thirty-five becomes a speed of forty in actual practice. It is considered approximate only in the mind of the driver.

Only Yesterday It Happened 30 Years Ago

And now they let the Back Mountain into the secret: It was highly unlikely that the Luzerne By-Pass would be started in July. All obstacles had been overcome, the property owners compensated, but no bids had been let for construction. Luzerne County Commissioners agreed to pay Wilkes-Barre Transit \$40,000 for its right-of-way, destined to be used as the roadway for the cut-off.

Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg recalled the fiftieth, when Daddy Bogert, John Miner and John Neuer, all of Noxen, went to the big GAR reunion in Gettysburg, and came back again without waiting out the celebration. Too hot for the veterans. They fit the battle on Daddy Bogert's front porch.

The last Gettysburg veteran of the War Between the States in this area, Peter Culp of Pikes Creek, had died two years earlier, in 1936. Read up on your ancestors in the issue of July 1, 1938.

Borough school district was in sound condition.

The Borough was looking forward with mixed emotions to the first Fourth of July without fire-works. The ordinance was adopted in 1937.

First swimming meet of the season at Harvey's Lake.

About the sewage problem, as odorous then as now, the State offered to pay 45 percent of the cost outright, if the communities would get together, and lend the balance on easy terms over a long period. No survey had been made, though THE DALLAS POST had recommended it years earlier.

Culm banks in the valley were to be planted with quick growing black locust.

Late potato blight was appearing in adjacent counties, mites were attacking spruce trees.

Leona Kocher was wed to Clarence Oberst.

Vernon was planning an all-day celebration on the Fourth.

It Happened 20 Years Ago

Trucksville Firemen's soap-box derby was about ready to go on the stage. It used to be the high light of the summer for the kids. Nowadays you gotta pilot something fancy with an engine in it. What ever happened to the old soap box derby, anyhow? Or for the matter of fact, the Pet Show for mongrels?

Lake Silkworth Firemen dedicated their building. Elwood Ruckel was MC.

George L. Rice bought prize heifers to supplement his Ayreshire herd.

Lehman Horse Show was going into high gear in preparation for the July 4 event. Hayfield's prize Clydesdales were entered. (The Dallas Post did a feature story on those Clydesdales some years ago, mentioning also the little Sardinian donkeys.) Show chairman was Edward Hartman.

Harold G. Payne succeeded R. W. Kintzer as general manager of Commonwealth Telephone Company.

Two more Back Mountain men killed in action in World War II, were on their way home by transport. The bodies were those of Ted Loveland and Francis Sidorek. Loveland was killed in action in France September 12, 1944; Sidorek in a plane crash in England, June 17, 1945.

William Disque, 31, was electrocuted while directing removal of a pole carrying a 4,600 volt power line near Coopertown, on a Sordoni Construction Company job.

Married: Claire Stevenson to Glenn Nissley. Dorothy Jean Conside to Robert Griffiths. Arline V. Crispell to Conrad Swinehart.

10 Years Ago

It was the 180th anniversary of the Wyoming Massacre. Many local residents had connections among descendants of the soldiers.

Jackson Institution was taking shape. One of the main cell blocks was nearing completion. Pix of interior. It would be another year before the prison was ready for occupancy.

David Kunkle, critically injured in a car accident, was slowly improving.

Burgess Norti Berti issued a proclamation calling upon residents to support the Twelfth Library Auction.

Franklin Patton, Noxen school director, came close to losing an arm in a hay wagon.

Gate of Heaven Fiesta attracted banner crowds.

Married: Jean Marie Weir to Richard Hardin. Elizabeth Davis to Gerald Schultz. Mary Siglin to David Hopkins, Jr.

Died: Boyd Dodson.

KEEPING POSTED

June 19: POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN gets a big boost when demonstrators gather with dignity at Lincoln Memorial. Mrs. Martin Luther King speaks. LBJ SIGNS omnibus crime bill including gun control. Reluctant, but says more good than bad in the measure.

FLASH STORM on Lake Erie, hurricanes winds hit sailing craft.

HINT OF PROGRESS in Peace talks. Envoy gets together for informal drinking of tea. Please pass the sugar.

US DEAD in Vietnam now passes 25,000.

June 20: ACTORS THREE DAY STRIKE in New York settled.

GREEK CABINET dismissed.

CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN resigns from Supreme Court.

77 ARRESTED in disturbance in front of Department of Agriculture, in wake of peaceful meeting of Poor People.

VENEZUELAN JET PLANE hijacked, forced to land in Havana, released to fly back to Caracas.

June 21: SUMMER STARTS with snow in Adirondacks, record chill in East.

TAX INCREASE goes to Senate, already passed in the House. Coupled with mandatory cut of 6 billion in Government spending.

REV. ABERNETHY says Poor People will not leave Washington by Sunday, but remain at Resurrection City. Legal time is running out.

Weekend: PRESIDENT DEGAULLE in landslide victory, vote of confidence.

RESURRECTION CITY, time running out, people refuse to leave.

BUDDHISTS DEMAND de-escalation of war in Vietnam.

ROCKEFELLER meets the press.

PANIC IN ARGENTINA, after game, 71 killed.

JORDAN-ISRAELI BORDER, Guerrilla warfare. BRUSHFIRE out of control in National Forest, California.

PRISON-RIOT ARSON in Columbus Ohio Penitentiary.

June 24: HURRICANE CANDY strikes Texas Coast, moves northeast.

POLICE ORDERED to clear Resurrection City of campers. Remaining, 80 people. March on Capitol, 300 strong, demonstrate. Abernethy says poor people won't leave by deadline.

June 25: ABERNETHY IN JAIL, with some other demonstrators.

WASHINGTON QUIET, Resurrection City being demolished, plenty of forces on hand to guarantee no riots.

CANADA'S PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU firmly in saddle, Liberal Party solidly in power.

CYRUS VANCE takes over in Paris, Harriman in Washington with LBJ. Peace talks getting nowhere.

TWO REGIMENTS OF VIET CONG said to be heading for Saigon.

U.S. MOUNTS search and destroy campaign to clear suburbs.

FIVE HELICOPTERS LOST, two collide in mid-air.

June 26: WASHINGTON BACK to normal, no curfew, Resurrection City represented by vast mud-puddle, plywood slabs, all residents removed, most back home.

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Mrs. John Girvan Injured In A Fall

Mrs. John Girvan, long-time resident of Dallas, was painfully injured Sunday night when she fell down a flight of stairs leading to her apartment on Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

Dr. H. G. Gallagher, her physician of many years standing, was called at 6 a.m. on Monday, when her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Francis Girvan,