

Remember When?

It's That Time Again

by Ginny Kiefer

Remember when? It's that time again! Memorial Day Flags and parades have marched by, caps and gowns dominate the school scene, and the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction is coming into focus on the horizon.

Yes, it is that time again, time to drag out not only our used books, the no longer used picture frame, and just maybe the genuine antique coffee grinder, but also those traditional stories of the Auction.

Each year at this time the history of the Auction is retold. It seems especially appropriate this year on the Silver Anniversary to recount the small beginning: how Frances Dorrance, Miriam Lathrop, Mrs. Fred Howell and Mrs. Lewis LeGrand conceived the idea of an auction to help defray expenses of the fledgling Back Mountain Memorial Library; how nothing more came of it until Howard Risley picked up the idea and translated it with help from other foresighted individuals into the first Auction.

Tradition plays almost as large a role in the Auction as hard work. The stories always include Dr. Sherman Schooley's famous raccoon coat, Bill Moss in an outrageous hat, and Herman Thomas's high bid on the first item to go over the block each year. These men and Mrs. LeGrand are all gone now, but the traditions continue.

Stories of the Auction would strain a fiction writer's imagination. Fred Anderson Sr. recalls the year his wife donated three baby ducks to the Auction. Now everyone

acquainted with Dorothy Anderson knows how much she loves animals—so much so that sometimes their house took on the appearance of a small menagerie, and the Auction became a good excuse to lessen the animal population at the Anderson household. Exit ducks. However, when Fred came home that evening, he noticed the concrete block enclosure blocking off part of the garage, and from inside the enclosure came a distinct baaaaa. No, it wasn't a baby lamb—it was a goat! Fred says he didn't have to mow the lawn all that summer.

On the last evening of the Auction in 1968 Janet Post and the Selig Shapiros, were in the crowd awaiting the drawing for the car, the final event of the night. Janet had put in many hours working for the Auction again that year, serving as publicity chairman. The Shapiros had arrived just in time for the drawing, observing that they and Janet each held three chances for the car, tried to persuade Janet to trade chances, Janet declined, explaining that it would be bad luck. Just at that moment, the winning ticket holder was announced—Selig Shapiro. Janet notes that whenever she tells this story the reply is always, "What would you have done if he had traded that winning ticket to you?"

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arrival in the Dallas area last August, I kept hearing the Auction mentioned in conversation—how it had rained and rained and rained, the difficulty the auctioneers had selling that bathinette, and who was high bidder on the swimming pool. Each time I would ask, "What auction?" Each time I was told, "You'll see next year. You'll be involved in it." "But How? I don't know anything about it." Answer, "You will, though, everyone is." I found this to be very true.

This concludes Chapter 1 of Auction Stories. It's up to you to write Chapter II and any remaining chapters, so please share your traditional auction stories on this Silver Anniversary by sending them to Auction Stories, Box 25, The Dallas Post.

Speeding Charge Brings \$10 Fine

A charge of speeding brought by Lehman Township Police Chief Bullford against Jonathan Gonechett of RD 1, Humlock Creek resulted in a fine of \$10 plus \$10 costs following a hearing before District Magistrate Leonard D. Harvey May 27.

According to Chief Bullford, prosecutor, Gonechett was arrested for traveling at 65 m.p.h. along Route 118, one mile west of Route 415, Monday, May 3 at 6:20 p.m.

Gonechett was represented at the hearing by Attorney Dan Dailey.

David Lacy Receives Honors at Bucknell U.

David F. Lacy was one of 33 graduating seniors honored with special prizes at Bucknell University's 121st annual commencement May 30.

A 1966 graduate of Wyoming Seminary who majored in psychology and received the B.A. degree, Mr. Lacy won The Thelma Johnson Showalter Prize which is given to "the graduating senior who has shown the greatest potential in community affairs."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Prentice Lacy, RD 3, Dallas, he has served as president of the Association of Bucknell Students and the Men's Coordinating Council and was twice president of his dormitory council. Dave has also been a member of the University Governance Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Long-range University Planning.

Supermarket Poll

A survey conducted by Allied Supermarkets, which operate 87 supermarkets in Michigan, showed 67 percent of their customers would buy in returnable bottles if they were available, and additionally, the same percentage said they favored a statewide ban on nonreturnables.

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Frances Dorrance, a founder of the Auction 25 years ago, welcomed Back Mountain residents to the seventh annual auction in 1952. Harry Ohlman, one of the first auctioneers, is pictured beside her.

LAKE-LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL

by Donna Weiss

Honor Society

On May 26, 46 students were inducted into the National Honor Society.

To be considered for the Honor Society, students must have been on the honor roll four consecutive times, and approved by a faculty committee. Scholarship was not the only factor considered; leadership, character, and service are necessary qualifications also.

Sherburne, N.Y. For the ninth consecutive year, the Lake-Lehman High School band will make its trip to Sherburne, N.Y., where it will compete in field competition, parade and concert band with numerous bands from the eastern part of the United States.

Last year, our band won first place in both parade and concert competition in "A" division. This year, the band

hopes to go all the way. Good Luck!

Graduation & Class Night

The day which seniors have been working toward for 12 years arrives June 9—Graduation. Baccalaureate services are scheduled for June 6. Class Night Activities occur Friday evening, June 4, at which time seniors will present a skit on an airplane crash. The class song is, "For All We Know," done originally by "The Carpenters".

Ramapo High School. Last week for five days, Lake-Lehman High School and Ramapo Senior High School, Spring Valley, N.Y., participated in a unique exchange program. Lake-Lehman is the only school in this area that is privileged to participate in an exchange program between two American schools.

For the five days the students remained at Lake-Lehman, they attended classes, observed our school, teaching techniques and rules. Earlier this year, 18 students from Lake-Lehman spent five days at Ramapo.

The entire program proved to be very enlightening and beneficial to all concerned.

Students Dedicate Memorial In Name of Beloved Teacher

The elementary students of the Northwestern Lehigh Schools at New Tripoli have not forgotten their beloved teacher, the late John N. Dana Jr., of Carverton Road, RD 3, Wyoming. The children will pay tribute to his memory, June 5, in a ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on the school grounds, where they will plant a tree and dedicate a memorial in his name.

John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Dana Sr., Carverton Road, died May 31, 1970, of injuries sustained in a two-car collision the night before. He had been teaching at Northwestern Lehigh for two years, serving as a departmental teacher for the third through fifth grades. He also taught physical education to fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. Upon his death, his former students set up the John N.

Dana Jr. Memorial Fund for Children.

John was a graduate of Dallas Senior High School and Mansfield State College, where he majored in elementary educa-

tion. He was attending Kutztown College to attain his M.A. degree.

The Dana family will attend the ceremonies Saturday afternoon.

Lake-Lehman Seniors to Hear Dr. Cleo Dawson

Dr. Cleo Dawson, lecturer, popular psychologist and writer, will be guest speaker at Lake-Lehman's Commencement exercises June 9.

Dr. Dawson was born on a Texas cattle ranch. She attended Baylor College at Belton, Texas, where she received a degree in speech and received her Bachelor's degree at Southern Methodist University at Dallas. After graduating from college she married George Edwin Smith and moved to Lexington, Ky., where she has lived ever since. In 1947 she received her Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky.

At the death of her mother in Texas, she wrote a novel, *She Came To The Valley*, as a memento to her pioneer family's contribution to the making of the lower valley of the Rio Grande. Her novel drew wide attention and she was put on the lecture faculty of Rotary International and was sent to every state in the Union and into Mexico and Canada to lecture to Rotary forums.

She is finishing a book to be published on *How To Manage A Woman*. She is working on a nonfiction book which will carry

on the story of *She Came To The Valley*.

Dr. Dawson appears on the Merv Griffin Show each month as a regular participant.

With all her travel and study, Dr. Dawson's interest in the theater has never waned. She continues to study Broadway and brings the essence of the theater to her audiences.

Lake-Lehman Seniors' Class Night is June 4

Class Night for the 1971 senior class of Lake-Lehman High School will be held June 4, at 8 p.m.

The Theme "We've Only Just Begun," will feature 117 members of the class.

Included in the program is a skit entitled "We Heard It Through The Grapevine" with musical numbers such as "We've Only Just Begun," "For All We Know," "L-O-V-E," and "End of The World."

In accordance with tradition, the class will also read its history, will prophecy, and will present the class gift to the school.

John Zaleskas is in charge of the program. The public is invited to attend.



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Dr. Sherman Schooley paid outrageous prices for an old raccoon coat which made its way back to the Auction block year after year. He is pictured here bidding on the coat in 1951.

Obituaries

ALBERT WEED

Albert Weed, a former resident of Dallas, died Monday afternoon at his home in New Carrollton, Md. He was 79.

Born in Tunkhannock, he was educated in Tunkhannock schools and was formerly employed as a superintendent of the Glen Alden power plant at Nanticoke. Mr. Weed was a Mason and a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Clyde Brace, New Carrollton; brother, Clarence, Tunkhannock; sister, Evelyn Boise, Tunkhannock; one grandchild.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas. The Rev. Douglas Akers, pastor of the Dallas

United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

HARRY E. HOWELL

Harry E. Howell, 84-year old resident of Lower Demunds Road, Dallas, died Saturday afternoon in Middlesex General Hospital, Milltown, N.J.

Mr. Howell was born in Dallas Township. Retired for many years, he was a member of East Dallas United Methodist Church.

He is survived by daughters, Alberta Howell, Levittown, and Lois Myers, North Brunswick, N.J.; two grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas, with the Rev. Larry Saxe, pastor of East Dallas United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

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HOWARD F. MARQUART

A heart attack suffered early last week proved fatal to Howard F. Marquart, 45, a resident of 301 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. Mr. Marquart died May 27 in General Hospital, Virginia Beach, Va., where he had been a patient since suffering the heart attack while on a business trip.

A native of Auburn, N.Y., Mr. Marquart had lived in Trucksville for the past 10 years. He operated the Howard Marquart and Associates Insurance Agency, 275 Pierce St., Kingston, and Virginia Beach, Va. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his widow, the former Shirley Lindruth; children, Michael, Eric, and Kirsten, all at home; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Marquart, Auburn; brother William, Syracuse; sisters, Mrs. Herbert Davis, Mrs. Richard Carr, both of Cortland, N.Y.; Mrs. Alfred Crowley and Mrs. Theodore Kastick, both of Auburn.

Funeral services were held Sunday evening from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, Shavertown. Interment was Monday at Pine Hill Cemetery, Troop, N.Y.

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