Community Letters

From News Correspondents

Elm Valley

May 11—The Elm Valley Community Club meets next Wednesday, May 19, at the school house for a tureen dinner at noon. Every one invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Wightman and family spent Sunday at Knapps Creek, visiting her parents.

Cpl. James Green brother of Mrs. Richard B. Wightman spent Saturday at the Wightman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williams of Black Creek spent Thursday afternoon with Charley Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert MacBride spent Sunday with her son Richard Burdick at Alfred.

Miss Doris Atwell spent Sunday at Keuka Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mead and family and Mrs. Nellie Mead attended a birthday party at Andover for Orville Mesler Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Maud West visited Mrs. Sadie Scott at Cuba Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leonard of Olean called Sunday at the Earl Atwell home.

Davis Hill

Mrs. Floyd Slocum, Reporter

May 12—Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge and family were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dodge at Whitesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Brown and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Havens and daughter of Andover were Mother's Day guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey.

Frank, Charles, and Fred Halsey [illegible] John Dodge and son Louis [illegible]yd Slocum are at Petrolia [illegible] taking down a barn that Mr. Dodge has purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schreiner [illegible] two sons and Mrs. Kathleen Alexander and daughter, Mary were Mother's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsey and family visited her mother Mrs. Earl Perry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ordiway, daughter Ruby and son Dale of Railroad Valley, Miss Lorraine Witter of Allentown and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ordiway and daughter of Andover were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bertrand of Bath were callers at Floyd Slocum's Wednesday.

Independence

Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Reporter

May 11.—Mrs. Paul Vincent passed Friday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Spicer of Whitesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crandall and children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crandall and children of Canisteo were Mother's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Keough attended the funeral of a cousin in Canisteo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Decatur Clarke were in Bradford, Pa., Saturday, called there by the serious automobile accident of her brother, Gerald Densmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cornish are caring for Mrs. Harry Dudley's baby, while she is in the hospital in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hawks entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy VanSchaick and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hawks and daughter of Wellsville, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hawks and children of Belmont on Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schetrum and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wiles of Bradford, Pa., were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Billings.

Mrs. Floyd Clarke returned Saturday from a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spicer and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crandall at Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vincent entertained Saturday Mrs. Robert Spicer and children of Whitesville and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer.

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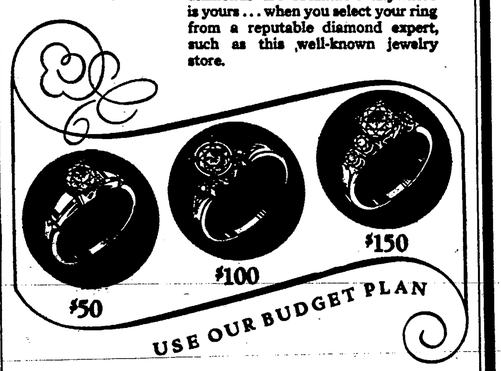

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Behind the Movie Sets

with Buddy Mason

Anything can and frequently does happen in Hollywood where unknowns become fabulous stars overnight and stars become unknowns almost as quickly.

It is a bustling, topsy-turvy land where things can be done wrong with amazing efficiency.

Hollywood has been press-agented to the four corners of the world and yet little is known of the real Hollywood.

The tom-tom beaters (a localism for publicity man) deluge the newspapers of the nation with manufactured news of the stars, but little is written about the real Hollywood and the people who make it tick.

For every glamorous star a thousand little people create the celluloid fairyland which is her setting. Legions of unsung toilers labor countless hours at tasks that would tax the ingenuity of Aladdin's genie to produce for one fleeting minute on the silver screen of your neighborhood theater the veritable wonderland that passes before your eyes.

These are the people of whom I write. The little, wizened fellow with the big airgun full of rubber cement spending his working hours making cobwebs in horror picture attics, the child star commanding a thousand-dollar weekly salary, pitifully begging a nickel for an ice cream cone from an adamant mother; the old Chinese extra, sunning himself between takes, engrossed in study of a Christian Bible; the venerable engineer groming his antiquated little locomotives with loving care in preparation for a period picture.

These are the people, the very human and interesting folks, who concoct the glamour of Movietown; who contribute the thousand and one talents that go into the making of your super-dooper spectacles.

There are the men who manufacture forests and mines and Eskimo villages on the massive stages; the prop men with their bulging boxes containing everything from square rimmed specs to gilt edged securities; the men who train the ravens, the bears and the little monkeys; these and an army of others are the real Hollywood, these the human cogs that motivate the great god cinema.

In the seething cauldron of activity on a movie lot, these are the people who create the fantastic wonderworld of the silver screen.

There is more downright drama in their struggle to materialize the dazzling illusions of filmland than there is in the movies they construct.

If you will follow me behind the scenes I'll introduce you to this motley crew. From time to time we will drop in on the bakers who make the "throwing pies" that are topped with whipped soap flakes to make them splatter on a chin more effectively. We will make the acquaintance of Josephine the monkey, and Bonnie the mischievous old elephant, and an unassuming little fellow named Charley Boquet who moves New England and Tibetan lamaseries to the Arizona desert where outdoor scenes can be shot without benefit of overhead airplane noises.

Each studio is a city within itself with its barbers, cleaners, firemen, foundry workers and nurserymen. But the barbers we will meet will be trimming Van Dykes and goatees. The firemen are likely to be on the "Chicago Street" extinguishing a fire that you read about when you were a youngster in school. The cleaners may be so busy with Tarzan's one piece suit that they will have to work overtime to clean the tapestries of King Arthur's court in time for tomorrow's shooting. The foundry workers may be casting a new implement of war called the catapult and the nurserymen will undoubtedly be constructing a garden, with trees and all, on one of the huge sound stages. This is the workaday Hollywood I would have you visit.

Want to come along? I'll be seeing you in another issue.

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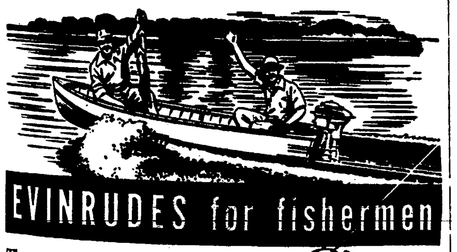

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Explain Rear View Mirror Law

Albany, May 11—The Motor Bureau ruled today that outside mirrors are "not necessarily" required by the new rear-view mirror law but that center mirrors inside will ordinarily meet requirements.

The Bureau's interpretation of the new law was made in response to a number of requests.

The amendment, which is effective July 1, 1948, requires that "every motor vehicle, when driven or operated upon a public highway, shall be equipped with a mirror or other reflecting device so adjusted that the operator of such vehicle shall have a clear and full view of the road and condition of traffic behind such vehicle."

This had been interpreted by some individuals to mean that "side door" mirrors would be required.

Motor Vehicle Commissioner Clifford J. Fletcher put the question to his counsel, Mortimer M. Kassell, whose opinion said the new law "does not necessarily require the use of an outside mirror on all motor vehicles."

Kassell amplified his opinion as follows: "The present provisions of the law require mirrors on certain motor trucks and omnibusses but do not specify the use of outside mirrors. As a practical matter, however, outside mirrors are generally required on such vehicles by reason of the obstruction of view through the vehicle by the body thereof, the load or standing passengers, as the case may be. Ordinarily, none of these situations would occur in passenger motor vehicles and a reasonably full view of the road behind can be secured by the use of a center miror. However, in any case where the view is obstructed either by a shade, venetian blind, goods being carried or perhaps by reason of a very small rear window or a radical car design, an outside mirror might be necessary."

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Measles in its first stage is like a bad cold that is growing worse. The child's eyes are red and water, and he has a frequent hard dry cough. He has a fever that continues to go up until, on about the fourth day, he breaks out with a rash.

Measles rash begins as indefinite pink spots behind the ears, but it spreads gradually over the face and body, and the spots get larger and darker in color. The child feels sick and miserable the one or two days it takes for the rash to develop fully. After the rash appears, the child's fever drops and he begins to feel much better. Normally, his improvement is rapid, and if all continues to go well, your doctor will let him be up and playing with other children a week after the rash first appears.

If the fever persists more than two days after the rash appears, or if the fever disappears and then recurs you can suspect a complication, and should call your doctor, again, immediately. The most common complications that develop with measles are bronchitis, pneumonia, and ear abcesses. Measles in itself is not serious, but complications resulting from measles are dangerous and should be treated by a physician.

Serum, if given in time, will prevent measles or make the case milder, and it is wise to consult your doctor about serum if your child is under 3 or 4 years old, and has been exposed to measles but does not yet have a rash. It is also well to give protective serum to older children who are run down and subject to colds and sore throats, also to children with any chronic disease who have been exposed to measles. However, the protection lasts only two weeks, so there is little reason to try to prevent measles in a healthy, older child.

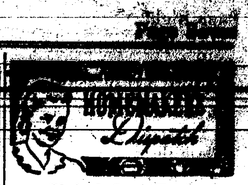
Real measles as described above is not to be confused with German measles although the rash is similar. With German measles there are no signs of a cold, but the child may have a mild sore throat. The fever will usually remain under 102, and the child doesn't really feel sick. The second day after the rash appears the spots fade and seem to run together giving a flushed rather than spotted appearance. The glands in the back of the head, behind the ears, and in the neck usually become swollen and continue enlarged for some time after the rash disappears. If the child has a fever he should be kept in bed. Your doctor should be consulted for a diagnosis, because German measles is easily confused with real measles and scarlet fever.

An Unemployment Question

Colored washwoman, to suitor: "Is yo' sho' yo' lubs me, Jake?"

Jake Moses: "Co'se ah dose."

Colored washwoman suspiciously: "Yo' ain't los' yo' job, is yo'?"



Rhubarb Saves Teeth

Rhubarb season has rolled around again—which brings to mind the discovery by Dr. C. M. McCay of Cornell that rhubarb protects teeth against erosion by acids.

If you don't like plain rhubarb juice, you may mix it with other fruit juices and it will have the same satisfactory effect on your teeth, says Dr. McCay. You may even mix one part rhubarb juice and four parts lemon juice, if you have been a lemon juice drinker. But the research specialist warns that lemon juice alone or with water has been found to etch the teeth—decay them.

Rhubarb juice is particularly good as a thirst-quencher on hot days. Many farm women report that men working in the fields on hot days prefer rhubarb juice to any other cool beverage. Mix it with other fruit juices, such as strawberry, raspberry, orange, lemon, pineapple or cherry juice—and you will have a nice punch to serve summer guests.

You don't have to wait all year long for rhubarb's short spring season, either. You can preserve it for year-round use by canning or freezing.

Eat 'em Dried

Don't forget that dried fruits are especially plentiful this time of year and that they make a nice addition to your menus and the family's diet. Dried apricots, peaches, figs, prunes and raisins are good sources of vitamin A and have a fair amount of riboflavin and niacin.

Put them in the children's lunch boxes whole, or chop them up, mix them with cottage or cream cheese and a bit of salt for sandwiches.

Turn With Care

During spring housecleaning, you may want to turn your mattress, but if it's an innerspring mattress, turn it with care!

An innerspring mattress won't need turning as often as a solid filled one; and when you do turn it, be careful not to bend or fold it. Better get someone to help anyway; and turn it from side to side, then from end to end.

A New Runaway

A man living way out in the country saw a motor car for the first time in his life. It came dashing up the road and disappeared in a cloud of dust.

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