



THE OAKDALE TIMES

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Excerpts from the August 16, 1905 edition of The Oakdale Times:

Notes About Town

- The Oakdale Land Improvement Co. met Monday evening, and it was reported that all of their eleven houses recently built are filled with steady tenants. This is a good index to the condition of business in the town.
- The three mines west of town are rushed with orders. The Fayette put on another electric motor last week. This mine runs 4 men, and runs full except for an occasional shortage in railroad cars. The Carnegie mine has over 200 men at work, and an immense amount of coal is being shipped. The Kirkbride mine is running 75 men on two shifts.
- Work on the bank block progresses steadily. The stonecutters are at work shaping up the front. The second story will have six fine office rooms.
- The new Parks block is finished, and Mr. Parks opens a meat business there.
- A little accident to the new dynamo of the Carnegie mine stops work there a couple of days.
- The Master Horseshoers' Association, Local 306, comprising thirty blacksmiths of this section, will picnic at Bavington on August 19.
- Oakdale will play McDonald A.C. this coming Friday evening. Tickets will be on sale by members of the Oakdale team. The boys are a little in debt and every ticket sold by the boys will be appreciated. Game called at 6:15pm sharp. Tickets on sale at Wooten's shop.

Hometown Boy Update

(from the Raniers stadium program)

Tacoma Raniers player Scott Patterson may spend the majority of his time pursuing a career on the baseball diamond, but he also holds a passion for another sport that takes place far away from the confines of a ballpark.

For Patterson, hunting has transitioned from a hobby into an offseason lifestyle.

Patterson, a right handed reliever with the Raniers, was 12 years old when he first began hunting. He has continued to hunt since and now tracks everything from deer to the state bird of his native Pennsylvania, the grouse.

Hunting has become so much a part of the Patterson's (Scott and his wife, Nikki) daily life that he wears a camouflage wedding ring and takes target practice on the field after home games.

"I harvested a great 10-point buck in Pittsburgh," Patterson said. "But one of my favorite memories hunting was going to McKean County (PA) with my dad and brother and hunting the grouse."

Patterson has been lucky to find another outlet to use his athletic ability while being outdoors that he can continue to enjoy long after his baseball career comes to a close.

Message From Chief Lauria

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of individuals in Oakdale soliciting our residents for any number of reasons. The reasons range from pre-arrangement for death to just trying to get money. Every year we have been able to catch them and that usually stops the incidents.

All we ask is the following. Keep all your screen doors locked. If someone knocks on your door and you don't know them, and there is no reason for them to be there, call 911. We will have a police unit there in minutes. Do not give out any type of information, including your bank information. If someone calls from the bank and asks for your personal information to "validate" your account...hang up. Your bank has all of your information and would not call you to get it. If someone calls and asks for your date of birth or social security number, NEVER give it out. If someone calls and tells you that you have won a great prize and the way to claim it is to send money...DON'T SEND MONEY.

We realize that people legitimately solicit communities but the ones who are legitimate have permits issued by the Borough. So, if you are solicited and you don't want to call the police...call the Borough office at 724-693-9740 and ask if a permit has been issued to them. .

If it "doesn't look right"... "doesn't feel right"... chances are that it's "not right." Call 911

Hydrant Flushing

The borough will be conducting their yearly fire hydrant flushing on Friday, September 9th and Saturday, September 10th. This routine maintenance will start at approx. 11PM and continue through the night until approximately. 6AM. You may have some temporary water discoloration and/or a change in your water pressure. Please notify the borough of any water emergencies.



Labor Day

The Oakdale Borough Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th. Garbage Pickup will be September 6th and recycling will be September 7th

The ROCK - Flea Market Extravaganza

Donations Welcome! To drop donations during the day or if you wish to help with early preparations, please contact Bunny Donaldson at (724) 693-9216 or (412) 526-4945 or Rick Moslen at (412) 999-0590 for other donations' questions.

Please do not leave donations on the porch so that they will not be ruined by weather. We do not accept clothing, so be sure to take it to our local Food Pantry.

FLEA MARKET SALE DATES

Saturday, September 17th, 8:00A.M. to 2:00P.M.

Sunday, September 18th, 1-3:00P.M.

Saturday, September 24th, 8:00A.M. to 2:00P.M.

Sunday, September 25th, 1-3:00P.M.

Saturdays - Free Morning Coffee and Donuts located in the Cafe'.

We will also be selling Lunch on the Lawn for all our weary shoppers! The Needle Rockers Quilting & Bake Sale will be taking place in our in cafe'.

This is The ROCK's Biggest Fundraiser of the year, and we hope to see you come & find your own terrific treasures!

Members of Troop 248 receive several awards for work in conservation and National Outdoor Activity Awards

World Conservation Award

Two members of Troop 248 completed all the requirements for the BSA World Conservation Award. The World Conservation Award is presented to those scouts who have shown their ability, commitment, and willingness to help preserve the resources of the earth's environment. The World Conservation Award is the only International Scouting Award offered by the Boy Scouts of America permitted to be worn on the BSA scout uniform.

Scouts earning the award: Ryan Eberle and Jeremy Carter

PA Game Commission Conservation Award

Six members of Troop 248 have recently earned The Pennsylvania Game Commission's Youth Conservation Award. The PA Game Commission Award is earned by those scouts who have shown extraordinary efforts in the preservation and wise use of our wildlife, land management and natural resources for the State of Pennsylvania.

Scouts earning the award are: Joshua Phillips, Maxwell Hanich, Ryan Eberle, Jeremy Carter, Broderick Haney, and William (BJ) Supan

National Outdoor Award (NOA Award)

Eight members of Troop 248 recently earned the National BSA Outdoor Award for camping. The National Outdoor Award is a National Award presented to scouts to demonstrate a high caliber of efficiency in one of the five Outdoor Activity Fields of Camping, Hiking, Aquatics, Riding, and High Adventure. They are designed to encourage scouts to excel his knowledge and experience one of the program areas and encourage advanced training and skill development in the field.

Scouts earning the NOA Award for Camping are: Cory Supan, Joshua Phillips, Michael Hasis, Broderick Haney, Maxwell Hanich, William (BJ) Supan, Jeremy Carter, and Ryan Eberle

Oral Rabies Vaccination Area Notice

Cooperating Federal, State and county agencies are conducting an oral raccoon rabies baiting project in western Pennsylvania. A vaccine packet is coated or placed inside a fishmeal block which is very tasty to raccoons. The baits are dropped from low-flying airplanes or helicopters, or by local teams on foot or in vehicles. This year's operation will run: AUGUST – SEPTEMBER, 2011.

If you find rabies baits, baits should be left alone – but intact baits can be moved if they are found where children and pets play. Damaged baits should be bagged and disposed in the trash.

- o Wear gloves or use a plastic bag when picking up the baits.
- o Toss intact baits into a fencerow, woodlot, ditch, or other raccoon habitat areas.
- o Wash your hands after any skin contact with damaged bait.
- o Your pets will not be harmed by eating a few baits, although eating a lot may cause vomiting or diarrhea.
- o Do not risk getting bitten by taking a bait away from your pet.
- o Confine your pet for a couple of days, and check the area for more baits.
- o If your pet eats a bait, avoid your pet's saliva for 24 hours, and wash skin or wounds that may have been licked.

For information about the oral rabies baiting program, contact:

USDA Wildlife Services: 1-866-3297

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture: 1-717-783-9550

Pennsylvania Department of Health Information Line: 1-877-PA Health

Allegheny County Department of Health: 1-412-687-2243

For information concerning accidental contact with baits, call 1-877-722-6725.

Former Oakdale citizen, William Dean Gamble, age 89, passed away July 21, 2011.

Dean was born and raised in Oakdale, the son of Grace Allinder Gamble and Frank Jackson Gamble. He is preceded in death by his wife Gerry Lou Louer Gamble, two brothers, J. Dale Gamble, Frank "Bud" Gamble and sister Maxine Allen. He is survived by daughter Linda Jane Kelly of Fairfax, Virginia, and son Mark Gamble of Gastonia, North Carolina; three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.; nephews Huck, John, Mike and Bill Gamble.



Dean was an all-around athlete at Oakdale High on the football, baseball and basketball teams. He managed and played on Oakdale's only Sandlot baseball team after the war. He was called to WWII and served in the European theater in France where he received numerous medals and honor. As Warrant Officer IV he served as a commanding officer at the War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, served two consecutive tours at General Staff Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, and was called back to serve his country during the Korean War. His last two assignments were at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He retired from the army in 1968 after 24 years of service.

Dean entered the Real Estate business in the D.C. area, where he managed several Real Estate offices and was a constant top producer and member of The Million Dollar Club. A long time business associate said at his passing that Dean Gamble was the most honest and ethical man he had ever met.

Dean said his wife of 50 years, Gerry Lou, was the love of his life, and he truly loved Oakdale, commenting when Oakdale was named "America's Home Town". He said that he considered it a privilege and a blessing to call Oakdale "home", and came home in later years to visit and attended Oakdale High's final reunion in 2004. He was a Christian, an athlete, a soldier, a business man and a family man.

A funeral service was held with Honors at Arlington National Cemetery August 15, 2011. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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