

**History Of Dallas
Continued From
Last Week**

About 1825 Col. Jonathan O. Mosley left East Haddam and settled in Lehman on the same place with my father. He built the first frame house in either Dallas or Lehman, which is still standing on the old homestead. It was the marvel of the times, high walls, lathed, plastered and papered. The furniture was of a costly kind, being of solid mahogany with two good sized pier-glasses. This furniture was hauled by wagons from New York.

Col. Mosley was a graduate of Yale College under presidency of Theodore Dwight. He represented the district in which he lived, Middlesex county, Conn., sixteen years continuously in Congress. He was a polished gentleman, as his education and surroundings gave him every opportunity to be. He was a good lawyer, but he labored under the mistaken idea that it would be degrading to return to his practice. Col. Mosley and my father built and started the first store back of the mountain at Huntsville. That was their mistake. The goods had to be carted from Philadelphia by wagon. The country was new, money very scarce, and consequently a good deal of credit was given, and when accounts were due the pay was not forthcoming. After three or four years the money had not been spent on the farm was in the hands of the dear people and reverses followed. Garrick Mallery, Esq., bid in the farm and permitted Col. Mosley to occupy it until he removed to Michigan in 1839, Mr. Mallery being a good friend to Col. Mosley.

The writer remembers deer in flocks in the woods, wolves howling at night, bears come and drink from the spring brook. Our first near neighbor was William Newman who married Peggy Lee. He sold to Governor Sites, who got the title of Governor in rather an amusing way. Joseph Worthington who was the only resident at Harvey's Lake was expecting the governor of Pennsylvania to call on him on a certain day. In the morning, as he went out on his farm to work he told his daughter Eliza, a mischievous young lady, that when the Governor came she should call him and he would come in the back door and change his farm clothes to his stone clothes. The call came, and after Mr. Worthington had attended to his toilet, he went into the room only to meet Cornelius Sites. What added to the amusement of the daughter was that Mr. Sites was a raw, tall, raw-boned, uneducated man, and exceedingly homely. The title of Governor never departed from him. Governor Sites was, however, a clever man and good neighbor.

Our nearest school house was a log house situate two miles distant on the road leading to Harvey's Lake through a dense woods. The first postoffice established back of the mountain was at Huntsville. It was old resident of the place. Truman Atherton was the first postmaster. He was appointed under John Quincy Adams' administration. He held the office until about 1849 when he resigned, and Major Abed Baldwin was appointed as his successor. Truman Atherton occupied quite a prominent place in the respect of his neighbors, holding, frequently, two or three township offices at the time, and represented his county two years in the legislature of Pennsylvania.

Oliver McKeel bought a farm adjoining ours. His wife, nee Charity Pringle, is still living (1886) on the old homestead now owned by their son Lewis McKeel.

John Linskill came from England and settled near what is called the Linskill school house, in Lehman, about 1830; purchased his farm of Russel T. Green, and married for his second wife Polly Steele. His first wife was a sister to Thomas Major, Sr. Mr. Linskill worked at his trade (tailoring) in a shop near his house. He was an honest, industrious man, very quick in his movements and decisions; of strong religious faith, rather intolerant towards those who differed from him. I remember very well when they were building the Christian Church at Huntsville he would not look at it, and I believe never went into it; but he was a good neighbor and kind-hearted, and commanded the respect of the neighborhood.

Amos Brown was one of the first settlers of Lehman. He was living there when my father came to Pennsylvania in 1812. He had two sons, Jeremiah and Amos; three daughters, Rachel, Annis and Sybil. Jerry and Rachel never married, but always lived on the old homestead. Amos, Jr., married Eleanor, youngest daughter of Jude Baldwin. Annis died young. Sybil married William Major. Jerry was a jolly, good-hearted fellow, fond of young company. He passed through three generations as a young fellow; or rather among the young folks.

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-Orange-

Mrs. Channing Sickler, Mary Sickler and John Sickler were fishing at Lake Wallenpaupack recently.

Mrs. Hahn Love of Mehoopany spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Horton Bell.

Naomi Besteder of Trucksville and Ethel Bell of Centermoreland visited Mrs. Horton Bell recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kunkle entertained Mr. and Mrs. Francis Faux and children of Lockville on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dymond and children, Elwood and Evelyn, and Mrs. Zack Dymond of Sutton Creek called Sunday at the home of John Sickler. Glenn Sickler spent Sunday with Robert Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. John Emmanuel and sons, Robert and John, Jr., of Drexel Hill, Philadelphia, visited the former's brother, David Emmanuel, Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Scarlet of Edwardsville has returned to her home after visiting Mrs. Michael Prokophak.

Communion will be held in the Orange church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Auditors' Report

**Dallas Township
Luzerne County, Pa.**

FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1929

TAXATION

Assessed valuation of taxable property, \$1,080,103.00. Number of mills levied, 25. Number assessed with per capita tax, 600. Rate of per capita, tax, \$5.00.

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL TAX

Amount levied (face of duplicate), per capita.....	\$ 3,000.00
Amount levied (face of duplicate), property.....	29,939.83
Total	\$29,939.83
Penalties	357.73
Total amount of tax	30,297.56
Exonerations	2,019.69
Entered as liens	3,367.59
Net amount of 1929 tax collected	\$24,910.28

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand July, 1928	\$ 1,232.33
Temporary loans	9,300.00
Sales of property, insurance, etc.	32.00
Taxes	24,910.28
State appropriation	8,699.92
Total	\$44,174.53

CURRENT EXPENSES—General Control (A)

Secretary	\$ 150.00
Treasurer	5.00
Tax collectors	1,324.11
Auditors	70.00
Compulsory education and census	35.00
Other expenses	10.00
Total Item (A)	\$ 1,594.11

Instruction (B)

Salary of supervisors	\$ 2,000.00
Salaries of teachers	9,360.00
Textbooks	716.08
Supplies used in instruction	18.47
Attending teachers' institute	200.00
Tuition	2,907.10
Other expenses	30.40
Total Item (B)	\$15,232.05

Auxiliary Agencies (C)

Transportation of pupils	8,298.00
Total Item (C)	\$ 8,298.00

Operation (D)

Wages of janitors	\$ 1,100.00
Water, light and power	425.14
Janitors' supplies	246.90
Other expenses	100.32
Total Item (D)	\$ 1,930.36

Maintenance (E)

Repair of buildings	\$ 130.94
Repairs and replacement of equipment	1,002.33
Total Item (E)	\$ 1,332.27

Fixed Charges (F)

State Retirement Board—Elem.	\$ 224.28
Insurance—Fire	360.00
Other insurance	16.33
Taxes	12.00
Total Item (F)	\$ 612.61

DEBT SERVICE AND CAPITAL OUTLAY

Debt Service (G)

Redemption of short term loans	\$ 5,000.00
Payments of interest on bonds	2,500.00
Payment of interest on short term notes	574.00
Total Item (G)	\$ 8,074.00

Capital Outlay (H)

New grounds	\$ 3,762.67
Equipment for new buildings—furniture	618.87
Other equipment	25.75
Added equipment for old buildings	223.42
Total Item (H)	\$ 4,630.71

SUMMARY

Total receipts	\$44,174.53
(Items A-F)	\$28,800.40
Total payments, (Items G-H)	12,704.71
Total	\$41,505.11 44,174.53

Balance on hand (school year 1928-1929)

ASSETS

School sites, buildings and equipment	\$70,000.00
Balance in treasury	2,669.42
Total	\$72,669.42

LIABILITIES

Bonded indebtedness	\$50,000.00
Short term loans	9,300.00
Accounts payable	3,362.33
Total	\$62,662.33

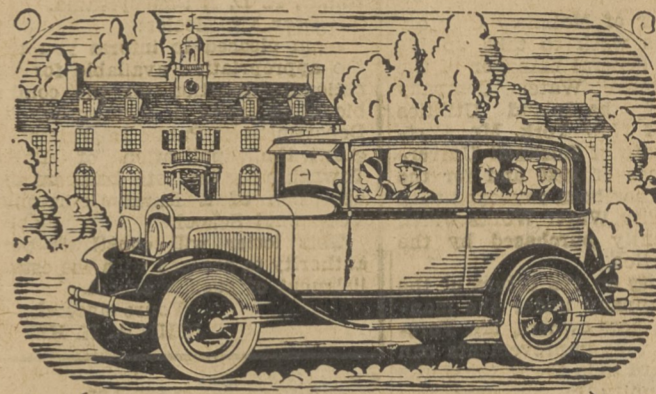
We hereby certify that we have examined the above accousts and find them correct, and that the securities of the officers of the board are in accordance with law.

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