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## Huntsville Christian Church Makes Substantial Progress During the Year Just Closed

Fifty Members Attend Annual Meeting and Dinner Held at the Church Saturday Night

### ANNUAL REPORTS GIVEN

Officers Are Elected For Church and Sunday School For the Year 1930

The annual meeting of Huntsville Christian Church was held on Saturday evening. About fifty members of the church and Sunday school gathered around the supper table at 7 o'clock, after which reports from all organization were heard. The following church officers were elected:

Honorary elders, Frank Wilcox, Peter Culp; elder, Harvey Moss; deacons, Lewis Shaver, Charles Hoyt, Arthur Elston and Robert Culp; trustee, jory; treasurer, Arthur Elston; deaconesses, Mrs. Lewis Culp, Mrs. Ralph Frantz, Mrs. Ella Martin; pianist, Arline Frantz; assistant, Evelyn Culp.

### Financial Report of Church

Carried forward, \$28.97; receipts for current expenses, \$2,141.63; expenses, \$2,151.75; benevolence, \$260.30.

The \$10,000 building improvement debt has been reduced to \$1800.

A gain of 10 per cent. in membership for the year was reported.

The following Sunday school officers were elected: Superintendent, Harry Moss; assistant, Charles Hoyt; secretary, Elmer Major; assistant secretary, Gerald Frantz; treasurer, Lewis Shaver; superintendent of children's division, Elma Major and Arline Frantz; pianist, Evelyn Culp; assistant pianist, Mrs. Charles Hoyt; pianist of children's division, Arline Frantz; superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs. Arthur Elston.

### Financial Report of Sunday School

Carried forward, \$21.49; offering for year, \$432.19; expenses for year, \$434.70; Sunday school \$200 on the building fund. For benevolence, \$63.01.

The enrollment for the school is 113. Average attendance for year '29, a gain of two over the previous year. Average offering for year, 11 cents per member per Sunday.

Everyone felt gratified with reports read and work accomplished during the year. Plans were made for larger work for the coming year. The church and Sunday school extends a cordial invitation to any who have not a church home.

The men's and women's Bible classes met at the church last evening and entertainment was furnished by the women's class.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society will meet at the church on Thursday, January 9, for an all day meeting and quilting. Dinner will be served at noon by the third division. All members are urged to be present and report of the year's work will be given. Also election of officers for the ensuing year. Every one will be welcome.

A number from the Christian church attended services at Wyoming Avenue Christian Church on Sunday evening.

### WOMANLESS WEDDING

A Womanless Wedding was presented at the borough high school last evening to a fair-sized audience. This was the second appearance of the show here within three months. Several added features which were not with the show on its first appearance, were also given. Proceeds went to Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company.

## Avery Resigns; Gets Kingston Twp. Police Job

Supervisors of Kingston Township Make Appointment On Orders From Court En Banc

Announcement was made this week of the resignation of Edward Avery, chief of police of Dallas borough, and of his appointment as chief of police of Kingston township. Mr. Avery's resignation was not unexpected as there had been considerable pressure brought to bear by influential Kingston township citizens to have him assume the police duties in that township.

His appointment for a full term of twelve months was made by Kingston township supervisors the early part of the week. They acted on an order from the Luzerne county court en banc after consideration of a petition asking for a paid police officer for the township and signed by the school board, board of supervisors and twenty-five of the heaviest taxpayers of the township. The petition was circulated about three months ago but no action was taken until the decision of the court en banc was handed to the board of supervisors.

Mr. Avery is a competent police officer and has had many years of experience in that field, having been a member of the Kingston and Dorrancton police forces for about seven years before coming to Dallas four years ago.

Beside being chief of police he will also be constable of Kingston township. Peter Jacobs will be deputy constable.

There are about thirty-six miles of paved roads in Kingston township to be patrolled. And it is believed by many that after the 1930 census is taken Kingston township will be a first class instead of a second class township.

### BROADCAST PENN STATE

Pen State music will be broadcast from Station KYW of Chicago on January 6, one of a series of musical programs from various colleges. The half hour is scheduled to start at 9:30 p. m. C. S. T., under the direction of the Allerton Interscholastic House, and is being produced with the cooperation of the Chicago Penn State Club.

## BI-COUNTY BASKETBALL TEAMS WILL OPEN SEASON THIS WEEK

Lake Plays at Beaumont; Kingston Township at Lehman—All Teams Have Home Floors and Interest Runs High For Opening Contest On Friday Night

With the holidays past, students in all of the high schools of this region, with the exception of Dallas borough, are turning their attention to the opening of the basketball season next week when the teams of the Bi-County League get rolling into action. Officials of the league held an informal meeting Thursday night in Higgins' College Inn to formulate further plans for the first season games which will be played when Lake Township's strong outfit meets the newly organized Beaumont team at Beaumont on Friday night. The Kingston township teams play at Lehman. Dallas township draws a by and will not be seen in action this week, although it is understood that the township team will be one of the strongest in the league this season.

All of the teams of the league now have home floors on which to play. Alterations to the Monroe township high school building at Beaumont have furnished an excellent floor for that team's home games. Dallas township will play its home games in the community building at Kunkle. Kingston township teams will play in the dance hall at Hillside. Lake and Lehman township have had good bas-

## Fred H. Turpin Is Let Out By John H. Bonin

Despite Hard Work in Recent Campaign, Local Man is Given the Air by the New Prothonotary

Considerable surprise was manifested yesterday afternoon with the announcement by Prothonotary Bonin that Fred H. Turpin of Dallas, loyal Bonin campaign worker, will not be reappointed to an office in the Prothonotary's office during Mr. Bonin's term. Five members of the Prothonotary's office force will be let out January 6th, and five new appointees will take their places.

Among those who will feel the effects of the Fine-Nicholson-Bonin boomerang are the brother and daughter of G. Murray Turpin, who were employed in the Prothonotary's office during the congressman's tenure of office and who held their jobs there after John Bonin was appointed by Governor Fisher to fill the office vacated when G. Murray Turpin was elected to Congress. Others who will have to seek employment elsewhere are: John H. Farrel of Plymouth, Louis Lawrence of Ashley and Michael Wargo of Kingston.

Those who will take their places after January 6th are: John Gryczka, a brother of Rev. Gryczka of Kingston; Louis Olshefski, of Duryea; Steve Mannick, of Larksville; Lee Holcomb, of West Pittston, and John Morgans of Plymouth.

Local friends and valley politicians are wondering just why Fred Turpin is being let out by Prothonotary Bonin. When it is recalled that Turpin campaigned extensively for Bonin in this region when G. Harold Wagner was the local candidate, it is hard to see why so loyal a supporter should be discharged by the incoming prothonotary. Comments by local voters and politicians are not favorable to Bonin's action.

In appointing three men of foreign nationalities, Bonin is keeping faith with campaign promises in foreign language districts and the appointments are considered a stroke of good politics on the part of the State organization.

## Patton Fined For Violation of Liquor Laws at Bowman's Creek Grangers' Mock Trial

PUBLICATION DATE CHANGED

Starting the week of January 6, The Post will be published one day earlier in the week, publication being on Friday instead of Saturday as has been the custom in the past. This change will enable all local subscribers to get their copies before Sunday of each week and will also make the Post a more valuable advertising medium. In order to be sure that all community news will be printed that is sent to the Post, correspondents are urged to send their news letters a day and a half earlier than has been their custom. Late news may be telephoned to the Post at Dallas 300.

A. J. Davis As Attorney For the Defendant and Thomas Wright As District Attorney Add Zest to Trial With Witty Quips

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS Annual Program Furnishes Much Merriment For Audience As James Strohl Acts As Judge

Living up to the high expectations set for it, the mock trial given last week by Bowman's Creek Grange, No. 820, at the Grange hall, resulted in round after round of laughter. The funny quips and farcical situations resulted in producing one of the most pleasing programs ever presented by the Grange.

The case had to do with the violation of the liquor laws by Oscar Patton of Noxen R. F. D. 1. The charge was that of possessing, transporting and selling intoxicating beverages. The defendant appeared beaten from the start, giving all evidences of guilt so that it was an easy matter for District Attorney Thomas Wright to get a conviction. A. J. Davis, attorney for the defendant, gave a masterful plea but all in vain. He tried to show that the liquor charge was only a minor part of the case and that the true reason for the trial was jealousy on the part of one Paul Montross. He said Patton's arrest was merely a scheme on the part of Montross to keep Patton from growing pumpkins. He pointed out that Montross and the defendant had entered a pumpkin growing contest the results of which were to be settled at the Wyoming County fair. The defendant grew the better pumpkins and the scheme to have him placed in jail was for the sole purpose of keeping his pumpkins away from the fair so that Montross' inferior pumpkins could win the content.

After hearing all sides of the case, Judge James W. Strohl after some discussion with associate judges William Lutes and C. J. Phoenix charged the jury and it was easy to see that all of them had been bribed by the plaintiff. The jury retired and rendered a verdict of guilty, but asked the judge to show mercy to the defendant because of his invalid wife and small children. Judge Strohl after a long talk on the evils of drink, sentenced the defendant to a fine of \$50 and made him promise to attend Grange meeting every Saturday night for the next nine months.

Some believe that court crier LaBarr and Prohibition Officer George Orcutt were favorable to the defendant. Tipstaff Frank Blossom was the only neutral person in the court room. Members of the jury were: Mrs. C. J. Phoenix, Mrs. T. J. Wright, wife of the district attorney; Fred Jones, David Traver, Emory Wright, Mrs. Jesse LaBarr and S. J. Traver. A score or more witnesses were heard just to make things look right although it is believed by many that the case was brought before the court whole trial was fixed long before the

### PREACHER DIES

Word has been received here of the death of Rev. Albert E. Potter. Rev. Potter, formerly served the Noxen charge of the Methodist Church and also served the church at Beaumont some years ago. He died suddenly on the night of December 25 at Leonardville, N. Y., after returning home from a Christmas dinner with friends. His wife preceded him in death some years ago.

## William Elston To Be Appointed Chief of Police

Local Man With Previous Police Experience Seems To Be Favorite Among Councilmen

William Elston, for years one of Dallas' most substantial citizens will probably be appointed chief of police when council meets on Monday.

Various names have been suggested and various councilmen individually have given this vexing problem considerable thought. The general feeling, however, is that Mr. Elston will make an ideal selection.

A resident and taxpayer of Dallas for many years and having previous police experience, as chief of Dallas borough about eight years ago, Mr. Elston, when approached about the position, said he would give it consideration. While it is not known whether Mr. Elston has definitely decided to accept the job if it is offered to him, it is the opinion of the councilmen that he will.

The appointment of Mr. Elston will be received with general approval by the majority of Dallas citizens.

### ROTARY HOLDS BUSINESS MEETING

Dallas Rotary held its regular business meeting of the month on Thursday night at Higgins' College Inn with various committees reporting.

Community service was reported as progressing very rapidly with the committee organizing and re-organizing several boy scout troops.

Guido and Dante Magrini, piano accordion artists from Luzerne, presented a very fine program and any one wishing to obtain good entertainment can communicate with these boys at Luzerne.

### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

The annual congregational meeting will follow the morning service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sunday. Church councilmen will be elected. The newly organized council will hold its first meeting Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the parsonage.

Services in celebration of the second Sunday of the Christmas season will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The Brotherhood will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

### WAYWARD GIRLS ARRIVED HOME

The two Tunkhannock girls who went to Oklahoma City with Charles Wilson and Alfred Lavesque, arrived home the latter part of the week. The men, it is understood, are being held by the authorities at Oklahoma City, probably upon another charge.

Funds to pay the return traveling expenses of the girls were raised by Tunkhannock citizens by popular subscription.

### NOTICE To Taxpayers of Dallas Twp.

All taxes unpaid February 1st, 1929, became delinquent and I will proceed to collect according to law all taxes remaining unpaid after that date.

JOHN A. ANDERSON, Collector.

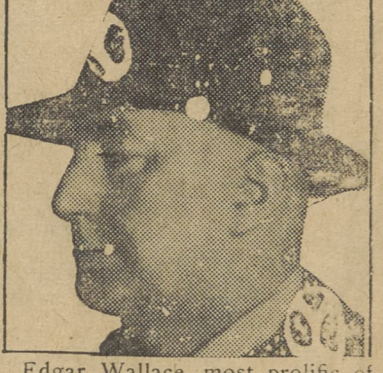
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Coconuts  
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Wonder of Women  
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LEWIS STONE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT  
The Greene Murder  
Case  
With  
WILLIAM POWELL

### Master Mystery Writer



Edgar Wallace, most prolific of all authors, who has written nearly a hundred detective stories and whose latest, 'Gunman's Bluff,' will appear serially in this paper. Mr. Wallace has lately visited America.

### English Writer Great Success

Amazing Popularity of Edgar Wallace's Stories Has No Parallel

### STORY TO APPEAR IN POST

"We have at the moment in England only two universally known men of letters," says Hugh Walpole. "One of them, of course, is George Bernard Shaw. The other is Edgar Wallace and I fancy his name, familiar in the ears of every English child, has now penetrated the American continent. If it has not done so, it will shortly."

Edgar Wallace is the author of the baffling mystery story, "Gunman's Bluff," weekly installments of which will appear in the Post, starting today.

The success of Edgar Wallace has been one of the most sensational ever achieved by a writer. Four years ago he was virtually unknown. Today he enjoys a popularity in the British Isles that is without parallel.

"His picture is as well known in England as the photographs of royalty. His name appears wherever there is sufficient space to print it. The busses have Edgar Wallace banners, the street cars Edgar Wallace signs, there are placards in the club rooms, and it is difficult to pick up a magazine without finding an article by him. If there is not, there is sure to be an article about him. If you choose to attend the theatre, it is more probable that you will select one of his plays (you may even go to one of his playhouses). At present he has six shows running to capacity business in London.

"His first play was produced in London by the late Frank Curzon. When Edgar Wallace learned that the producer had cleared \$100,000 from the play, while he, the author, had made only \$30,000, he decided to become both playwright and producer. And he has clung to this policy with the success that accompanies every Edgar Wallace enterprise.

"His novels and plays, numerous as they are, constitute only a portion of his literary efforts. He is a steady contributor to magazines. As a daily stunt he writes a column of theatrical criticism. And that is not all. The man has a hobby—the race track—and it consumes a great portion of his time. He publishes his own tipster, and any day, above the din of London's traffic, you may hear the boys yelling, 'Edgar Wallace racing!'"

"He is the most sought-after of

after-dinner speakers, he is the most prominent man in racing circles, he is an outstanding figure in theatrical life. He is out every evening and still has his novels and plays appear at frequent and regular intervals.

"In London they will tell you that he writes a novel over the week-end. The plays must be written on rainy afternoons when he does not attend the races. The stories told about him are as numerous as Ford jokes. Punch rarely goes to press without a cartoon or quip about him."

### SPORTSMEN'S CLUB TO HOLD MEETING

There will be a meeting of Dallas Camp, No. 227, United Sportsmen, on Tuesday evening, December 14, in Higgins' College Inn. Matters of interest to sportsmen will be discussed and a committee to look after the va-

rious phases of the club will be appointed.

All persons interested in the work of a sportsmen's club are asked to attend. One of the purposes of the club is to sponsor game conservation work in this vicinity. On Wednesday, Art Brown, Warden Kunkle and Earl Keithline released two crates of three-quarter grown rabbits which they received from the State Game Commission through Game Warden Meiss.

### TALKIES WELL RECEIVED

Mr. Himmler of the Himmler Theatre has been quite busy the past week accepting congratulations upon the fine Vitaphone which he installed last week.

The most favorable of comment is heard from all those who have seen and heard the talkies at the new

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