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Finance Problem Big Handicap To Luzerne By-Pass

Committee Moves To Secure Definite Figures On Cost

LUZERNE PROTESTS

Faced with the problem of reducing costs to a point where they will come nearer to available finances, the committee which is working to secure the proposed Luzerne by-pass as a link between Kingston and the road to Dallas from Luzerne this week moved toward securing definite costs and was considering several alternate plans.

One of those plans, as yet in a tentative state, would have the highway constructed along the right-of-way of Wilkes-Barre Railroad Corp., that company to abandon its street car line in favor of busses for transportation between Dallas and Wilkes-Barre.

County officials met with members of the committee supporting the by-pass project last Friday at the home of Senator Andrew J. Sordoni at Harvey's Lake. The commissioners stressed the county's inability to finance the project now because of other indebtedness but expressed their willingness to cooperate in the plans.

Authority was designated to different members of the group who will report on detailed costs, on damages, on the possibility of securing C. W. A. funds and on other alternate plans suggested at the conference.

It is expected that the committee will eventually ask the State to relocate the highway as the first step. Once the relocation is accomplished the desired funds will be sought from the State and the County or from the Federal Government. Wilkes-Barre Railway Co. may then be approached to determine if its right-of-way can be purchased.

Opposition Appears

Business men of Luzerne, fearing that the by-pass would harm their businesses by directing traffic along the outskirts of the borough instead of through its Main Street as at present, appealed to Samuel S. Lewis, Secretary of Pennsylvania Department of Highways this week, protesting against the by-pass plan.

The Luzerne merchants protested that construction of the by-pass would cost twice as much as the improvement of the main highway through Luzerne. They argued that Bennett Street can be widened from 34 to 40 feet and that other traffic bottle-necks can be eliminated similarly. The route they suggest, however, would be considerably longer for persons from the lower end of Kingston and Wilkes-Barre than the proposed by-pass.

The by-pass was planned originally because it eliminated the congested bottle-neck passage through Luzerne Borough and because it shortened the distance between Dallas and Wilkes-Barre.

Those who attended the meeting at Senator Sordoni's last Friday were: John A. MacGuffie and Dr. Lewis Edwards, County Commissioners; Charles L. Albert, Peter Jurchak, R. L. Coughlin, Luzerne County solicitor; Robert L. Williams, county engineer; Norman Johnstone, secretary, Wyoming Valley Motor Club; R. J. Harper, State Highway Department; J. P. Potter, Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp.; William H. Conyngham; Harden Coon, Arthur L. Stull, Albert Stull, J. Albert Bolender, and Senator Sordoni.

The following letter was adopted to send to Samuel S. Lewis, chief of the highway department at Harrisburg, as well as to Senators Andrew J. Sordoni and Lanning Harvey:

"Luzerne Borough Business Men's Association at a regular meeting on Friday, February 9, 1934, directed me to file formal protest with you and with Senators Sordoni and Harvey to the proposed plan to build a by-pass road around Luzerne Borough:

"1. Because such a road is unnecessary.

"2. Because of the cost of such a road.

"3. Because the present route from Wyoming avenue, Kingston, over Bennett street, can be widened and repaved at less than half the cost of the proposed new road. This road is now highway route 115.

"4. That repaving of Bennett street and Main street in Luzerne Borough, with the removal of certain hazardous corners, offering at least as much convenience to through traffic as the by-pass road suggested.

"The Business Men's Association understands that your department has no figures on the cost of improving Bennett and Main Streets as well as for the construction of the by-pass road. We suggest that your department submit to the Business Men's Association the figures on the cost of the two projects at once."

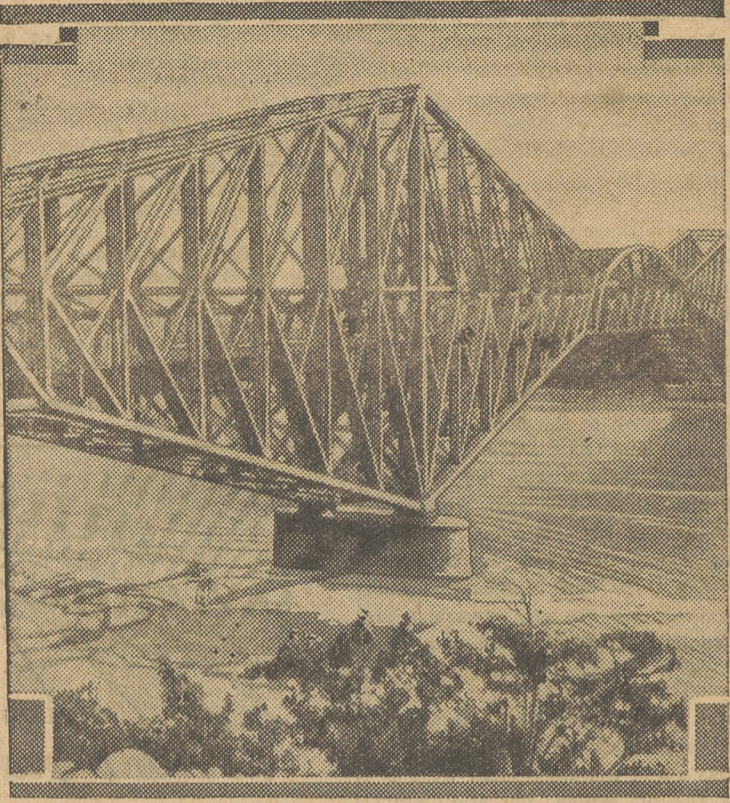
MILDER WEATHER RETURNS AS SUN SENDS WARM RAYS

Temperatures mild in contrast to the zero marks which have been registered during the past few days prevailed yesterday as the sun blazed forth to send the mercury above freezing for the first time this week.

For three days preceding the temperature had threatened to reach the record-breaking low marks of last week, dropping below zero several times.

Continued cold weather with possibility of snow is predicted by the weather bureau.

DO YOU KNOW



Photograph, Canadian National Railway

THAT one of the biggest paint jobs in the world is that of protecting the superstructure of the Quebec bridge from deterioration? Every year 7500 gallons of paint are sprayed on this bridge by specially designed air brushes operated by a force of 35 men who work for five continuous months on the job. The bridge, part of which is shown above, is 2330 feet long, and three coats of paint have to be applied, one each year for three years by which time the job has to be started all over again.

PASTOR, EX-WORLD WAR AVIATOR, GIVES STIRRING PLEA FOR PEACE

Rev. F. M. Sellers Relates Experiences In France

Denouncing the propaganda and lies spread by belligerent countries during times of war and scoffing at such slogans as "war to end war," Rev. Fred M. Sellers, pastor of Shavertown M. E. Church and former member of the English Air Corps delivered a stirring plea for peace among all nations before a small audience in Dallas M. E. Church on Monday night.

To drive his points home, Rev. Mr. Sellers illustrated his talk with incidents from his own war experience when as an English pilot he raided enemy lines and was later shot down and taken prisoner in German territory. Without ostentation or dramatics he told of the death of his observer on that last trip, of a "dog fight" in the air with German Fokkers and of his fatal crash into a ruined building with German planes swooping low above, pumping machine gun bullets into the ruined plane to make certain of the death of the pilot.

Seriously injured in the crash, Rev. Mr. Sellers told of his later experiences in a German hospital and of the kindness with which the German surgeon treated him. Then came his experiences in a German hospital where as a patient he suffered the mental torment of an aerial bombardment by English bombing planes. Although these planes were seeking to destroy an enemy depot a mile away they nevertheless tore both ends out of the hospital.

At this point Rev. Mr. Sellers took occasion to say that the destruction of the hospital was not planned or intended but that bombs have a way of landing where they are not supposed to. Likewise stories of Germans bombing hospitals are untrue as were the stories of German atrocities against women and children. Most of these stories were manufactured lies to stir hatred and increase recruiting.

He recounted incidents of other kindnesses shown him by German soldiers one of whom shared his food with the prisoner and another who might have shot him as he attempted to escape from prison but who chose to spare him rather than take it.

In concluding his address, Rev. Sellers paid tribute to the idealism of such men as Woodrow Wilson and berated the selfish tactics of such men as Lloyd George and Georges Clemenceau and American politicians in arriving at the peace terms of "the war to end war." He quoted Abraham Lincoln, saying there must be "malice toward none and charity toward all" if wars are to cease. Citizens of all nations must learn that they must think before they rush blindly into war shouting the manufactured slogans of diplomats and munition manufacturers which lead only to death and destruction with no permanent good achieved.

HOLLYWOOD WANTS LEE BACK IN PICTURES BUT STAR TAKES TIME

Lee Tracy, Shavertown's contribution to motion picture stardom, is in the enviable position of teaching Hollywood a lesson.

Motion picture magazines, Hollywood gossip columns and grapevine reports from the movie capital are unanimous in their opinion that Lee Tracy is teasing the movie magnates because of the cold shoulders they turned toward him after his Mexican episode several months ago.

When Mexico heaped abuse on the local film star after his alleged insults to the parading cadets in the now-famous balcony scene, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer cancelled Tracy's film contract and left the likable young star high and dry without a job.

As the true accounts of the affair began to minimize the seriousness of Tracy's offense, Hollywood began to regret its snap judgment and make overtures to the local star.

Offers began pouring into Tracy's mailbox, stimulated by the sensational success which had met his latest picture, "Miss Lonelyhearts," but Lee, accepting the advice of close friends who had stood staunchly by, decided to wait.

Among the most popular defenders of Lee Tracy has been Walter Winchell who has a kind word for the "bad boy of Hollywood" at frequent intervals in his radio period or his newspaper column.

Tracy is as popular as, or more popular than, ever. How soon he will take up his career where it was so rudely interrupted is a matter of conjecture.

As it stands, Hollywood wants him, Broadway wants him, and the fans, from Maine to California, want him.

And perhaps when Lee Tracy comes home to visit his mother at Shavertown the next time he will be accompanied by Isabel Jewel, motion picture star who, rumor has it, will soon be Mrs. Lee Tracy.

Council Turns Down Borough Park Proposal

Rejects McHenry's Plan As Too Expensive For Dallas

ROAD COMPLAINTS

Borough Council, at its meeting on Tuesday night turned down the proposal of L. A. McHenry to give the borough an athletic field if local authorities would have it graded and purchase \$1,400 worth of nearby lots on the Goss Manor plot.

Council felt that the expense of such a project, although affording the borough with an adequate athletic field in a good location, was too great for it to bear at this time. There was also some doubt as to whether grading of the lot could be done through Civil Works Administration as it was the opinion of some of the councilmen that such work would cost in the neighborhood of \$16,000.

With the rejection of this offer completed and settled, Mrs. Ray Shiber appeared before council to enter formal complaint against the condition of Centre Hill road. She said that the section of the road maintained by Dallas Borough was in good condition but that section maintained by Dallas Township was in bad condition. She asked that something be done to have the township live up to its agreement to keep the road in good condition since the borough was obviously living up to its agreement by keeping its section of the road in a good state of repair.

Mrs. Shiber expressed the opinion of many residents who live in the borough along the road which the township promised to maintain. This section is an easier one to keep in repair than the one taken over by the borough and it is the opinion of many residents that the township is neglecting its duty to the extent that the road will be returned to Luzerne County court when the constables make their returns in March.

Jr. O. U. A. M. Raising Funds For School Flag

Dallas Council, No. 231, Jr. O. U. A. M., will sponsor a dance tomorrow night, (Saturday), in the Dallas Borough High School Auditorium to raise funds to purchase a flag for the pole in front of the high school.

Terry's Orchestra, one of the outstanding musical aggregations of this section, will provide music for round and square dances. William Cobligh will be caller.

The Council will conduct dances every Saturday night and because of the popularity of these affairs in the past it is expected that a large crowd will be present.

INDIANA JOINS VALLEY FOLK IN TRIBUTE TO "THE LOST SISTER"

Half-way between Peru and Marion, Indiana, close by the banks of the Mississinewa, is an historic spot which has nearly as much interest for persons from Wyoming Valley as it has for natives of the region, who have guarded its treasures and preserved its significance for posterity.

There, surrounded by a score of mementoes and markers, is the grave of Francis Slocum, whose romantic and dramatic story is one of the most thrilling echoes of Wyoming Valley's past.

Stolen from her home in Wyoming Valley by Delaware Indians on November 2, 1778, Francis Slocum came to love her Indian friends so much that when she was located by her family fifty-nine years later she refused to leave her crude home, even for a visit to the home of her childhood.

The White Rose of The Miamis they called her. Two widely separated communities perpetuate her memory. Children laugh and play today at the Frances Slocum Playground at North Pennsylvania Avenue and Scott Street where once stood the home of Jonathan and Ruth Tripp Slocum, parents of The Lost Sister of Wyoming. In front of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society relatives of the girl have erected a memorial tablet which tells, briefly, her story. And her last home, in Indiana, where chiefs and warriors came to see The White Rose, is being marked by the residents of that section, who recently designated the thirty-mile highway from Peru to Marion as "Frances Slocum Trail."

When Frances Slocum's brothers and sister located her in Indiana they found her thoroughly accustomed to the life of the Indians and recognized as a queen by the Redmen.

She told them the story of her adoption by Buck Horse and his wife who named the little white girl Wewetawash. As she travelled about with her new parents, through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Niagara, Detroit and Indiana, the memories of her own family grew dimmer and dimmer. She was at Kekionga when Harnar and St. Clair were defeated. She saw General Wayne begin his victorious campaign against the Indians and was among the squaws and children who fled to safety.

Her first marriage was to a Delaware, but she lived with him only a short time. She married She-po-conah, a Miami Indian chief, later and her name was changed to Maconaquah, Little Bear Woman. When her husband became old, they moved to the spot which is marked today. They had two sons and two daughters, but the sons died young.

When her family found her, Frances Slocum was living as the head of a family, which included her daughter, (Continued on Page 3.)

Winters Is Acquitted On Manslaughter Charge

LOCAL OBSERVERS SEE ASTRONOMICAL RARITY IN SKIES

Persons watching the sunset from Dallas and vicinity on Wednesday night saw one of the rarest of astronomical phenomena in what scientists call a "parhelson", more commonly known as a "sun dog".

The "sun dog" appears in close proximity to the blazing sun and creates an illusion of two suns setting, an extraordinary sight and one which once filled people with awe and frequently superstitious terror.

The "parhelson" is a bright spot formed in the feeble clouds by ice crystals in the air with a luminous display of prismatic colors.

School Quintets End First Half

Laketon Has Safe Lead As Teams Enter Home Stretch

The six scholastic basketball teams in the local league ended the first half of their season this week with Laketon leading; Dallas Township second, and Lehman, Kingston Township and Dallas Borough tied for third place.

Laketon's lead was safe all through its game with Beaumont last Friday night, the Harvey's Lake five winning its fifth consecutive contest, 49 to 12. Dallas Borough defeated Lehman, 23 to 20, in one of the close games of the season and stepped up a notch into its tie for third place. Dallas was leading at the half but Lehman tied the score in the last quarter. A basket by LaBar and a foul shot gave the borough its three-point lead shortly before the game ended.

Dallas Township gained a one-point victory over Kingston Township, which had been favored to win. The score was 19-18.

The scores for the girls' games were: Lehman, 30, Dallas Borough, 6; Kingston Township, 11, Dallas Township, 5; Laketon, 34, Beaumont, 12.

Games scheduled this week are: Laketon at Lehman; Beaumont at Kingston Township and Dallas Township at Dallas Borough.

League standing follows:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Laketon	5	0	1.000
Dallas Township	4	1	.800
Lehman	2	3	.400
Kingston Township	2	3	.400
Dallas Borough	2	3	.400
Beaumont	0	5	.000

Former Constable Of Dallas Twp. Freed In Silick Death

QUICK VERDICT

Clare Winters, former Dallas Township constable, was acquitted on a charge of manslaughter by a verdict returned Wednesday afternoon. The jury took only fifteen minutes and one ballot to reach that verdict.

Winters had been charged with fatally assaulting Steve Silick as the climax of a quarrel at Michael Hazliski's at Fernbrook on the afternoon of November 7, 1933. Silick died in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital four days after the quarrel in which Winters and Silick had figured.

The original charge of murder was withdrawn by the Commonwealth early in the trial and the jury was instructed to determine only whether or not the defendant was guilty of manslaughter.

Winters' wife and child were in court when the verdict was read, as were many of his friends from this section. When he was acquitted, Winters shook hands with all the jurors and left, a free man.

Mr. Winters has lived in Dallas Township for five years.

A large crowd, including many residents of this section who were friends of the defendant, attended the opening of the trial. The jury selected had as members: Oliver A. Clauss, Forty Fort; H. W. Danks, Trucksville; Matthew E. Farrell, Wilkes-Barre; David Engler, Rice Township; Charles Bradbury, Avoca; John P. Phillips, Hazleton; John Walters, Wilkes-Barre; John Wolfinger, Ross Township; Harry L. Knies, Hazleton; Harry W. Montz, Kingston; William A. Llewellyn of Wilkes-Barre.

The Commonwealth, seeking a murder verdict, based its charges on the allegations that Winters, intoxicated, had fatally injured Silick by striking him with steel knuckles and a blackjack and then running over him with an automobile.

The prosecution, represented by Assistant District Attorneys Felix Bolewicz and John H. Dando and Attorney M. H. Salsburg, attempted to reconstruct the case to prove that Winters had engaged in an argument with Silick in Hazliski's and that the argument was climaxed in front of that establishment when Winters struck, first with steel knuckles and then with a blackjack.

Dr. T. J. Wenner described the injuries sustained as a fractured skull, a broken jaw and wounds on the face and head.

Second Day.

When Attorneys Roscoe B. Smith and Lorrie Holcomb, counsel for the defense, opened their case on Tuesday morning they said they proposed to prove that Winters had carried no "black-jack" or other weapon and that the victim had suffered his injuries when he fell from the running board of Winters' automobile after it had been started. The defense also indicated that it would attempt to prove that Silick had been the aggressor in the quarrel.

Walter Lewis of Fernbrook testified that he saw Silick jump on the running board of Winters' automobile as it was starting, that he saw Silick strike at Winters and then topple to the ground his face striking the running board or fender as he fell. He said Winters did not carry a club and that when he returned several minutes later his left eye was swollen and his lip was bleeding.

John Morris, William Dawkins, Philip Knell, Joseph Randall, John Chappel, Glen Ross, William Anderson, Leroy Weldow, William Reese and Ziby Huey also testified in support of the argument that Silick had been the aggressor.

Russell Spencer said he saw Silick striking at the defendant and that Silick's brother, George, had intimidated at the time that Silick was at fault.

Mrs. Frank Martz of Plymouth, who (Continued on Page 3.)

To Continue Tests

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that an open competitive examination will be held to fill the position of postmaster at Shavertown. The commission announced the date for assembling of competitors will be stated on the admission cards sent to applicants after the date for the close of receipts of applications March 2.

MAPS OF ANTARCTIC READY FOR MEMBERS OF THE POST'S CLUB

The Post received this week a limited supply of maps of the South Polar regions for distribution to members or persons who want to become members of The Little America Aviation and Exploration Club.

Any persons desiring one of these maps or a membership card may secure them at The Post without assuming any obligation.

The maps enable a reader of The Post to follow the adventures of the club's president, Captain Able, who is with Admiral Byrd at the South Pole and whose dispatches to The Post appear weekly on Page 2.

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Henry M. Laing Fire Co. will hold its monthly meeting at the hose house on Tuesday evening, February 20, at 8 o'clock. There will be election of officers and refreshments will be served.

Township P. T. A.

Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday night, February 19, at 7:45 in the high school. Pupils from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will present a minstrel. Juniors will serve refreshments. All are invited to attend.