

Debaters Score Second Victory Over Nescospeck

Dallas Affirmative Team Scores Victory On Wednesday

NEGATIVE LOSES

The affirmative team from Dallas Borough defeated the negative team from Nescospeck Borough on Wednesday afternoon at Nescospeck in the second debate of the series being conducted in Luzerne County schools.

The county-wide contest is being sponsored by principals of the competing schools. Dallas Borough is entered in the triangular debate which gives them Warrior Run and Nescospeck as opponents.

The question being debated is "Resolved: That at Least One-half of all Revenue for State and Local Purposes should be derived from Sources other than Tangible Property".

On Wednesday, March 14, when the first debates were held, Dallas Borough negative team defeated the Nescospeck team, but the Warrior Run team defeated the Dallas affirmative team, which won this week.

Prof. Ralph Rood was chairman of the program at the high school on Wednesday afternoon. Judges were Prof. Lester Squire, Lehman High School; Kenneth Terry, assistant county superintendent, and Morgan Wilcox, Dallas.

In the debate Robert Lewis, Hazel Baer and Lawrence Cragel spoke. Robert Lewis delivered the rebuttal.

A special feature was the vocal selections by Audre O'Kane.

JUNIORS DRAW CROWDS

Many local persons and others from afar are attending the weekly round and square dances being held in Dallas high school auditorium every Saturday night under the sponsorship of the local council of J. O. U. A. M. Terry's Orchestra furnishes the music.

Aged Trucksville Woman Passes Away

Mrs. James P. Anderson Was Resident Here Since 1898

Mrs. James Prutzman Anderson, 84, former resident of Luzerne Borough, died Wednesday afternoon at her home, 27 East Main street, Trucksville. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary last May.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were married in Scranton, May 27, 1873, and spent the greater part of their lives in Luzerne where Mr. Anderson conducted a general store for nearly 30 years.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of the Trucksville Methodist Episcopal Church and an honorary member of its Ladies' Aid Society. She was a woman of sterling character and will be mourned by a host of friends.

Surviving are her husband and two children, Charles Anderson and Mrs. Louis Schuler, both of Trucksville; three granddaughters, Mrs. James Redloux, Helen Anderson and Mrs. Edgar Worthington, and three great-grandsons, Donald and Robert Worthington and Harry Trebilcock 2nd. She also leaves a sister, Miss Amanda Prutzman, of Luzerne.

The funeral will be held from the home on Saturday afternoon at 2 with Rev. J. Rolland Crompton, pastor of Trucksville Methodist Church, officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. J. I. Thomas, retired minister. Burial will be in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery at Dallas.

ROTARY EXPECTS 1,000 AT ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

If rain or continued dampness continues the Annual Easter Egg Hunt of Dallas Rotary Club may be held next Saturday, March 31, at the Kingston Township High School grounds, rather than originally scheduled to be held.

This announcement was made yesterday by Rev. F. M. Sellers, general chairman, who suggested that children planning to attend the gala affair watch the newspapers carefully so there will be no misunderstanding concerning the place where the hunt will be held.

Plans for the annual affair are moving rapidly toward completion and it is estimated that about 1,000 children will be present. The hunt will range from infants to those fourteen years old.

As a protection for the younger children, and to assure them of being

All-Conference Basketball Teams For 1933-'34

BOYS' TEAM

Table with 2 columns: FIRST TEAM and SECOND TEAM. Lists players like Edward Williams, George Elias, Robert Hislop, Glen Smith, Franklin Hemingway, etc.

GIRLS' TEAM

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Coaches Cast Votes For Players On Post's Annual All-Conference Team

Laketon And Dallas Twp. Lead With Positions On First Team

LAKETON HIGH SCORER

The Dallas Post today announces the results of the poll conducted among basketball coaches of the local high schools to select one "big" player for positions on the first and second All-County Interscholastic Conference Teams for 1933-'34.

The coaches named their first choice and a second choice for each position. A first choice was counted as two votes for the player, a second choice as one vote. When the votes were compiled positions on the first teams were given to those players who had the greatest number of votes for their position.

Edward Williams of Laketon received a majority of votes for the title of "best offensive player" and "Bennie" Rusiloski was voted the "best defensive player". Coaches of the girls' teams selected Miss Helen Halowich of Laketon as the "best offensive player" and Miss Beulah Brace of Dallas Township as "best defensive player".

Edward Williams was also honored with the captaincy of the mythical all-conference boys' team and Hilda Allen, also of Laketon, was named captain of the girls' first team.

George Elias was high scorer for the year, with 105 points garnered. Walter Schuler took the honors of high scoring in any one game, with 17 points.

For the girls' division, Helen Halowich was high scorer, with 205 points, and high individual-game scorer with 31 points.

Laketon, which ended in the third position in the league, rolled up the greatest number of points, 345. Among the girls' teams, Lehman led with 335. Laketon was a close second with 334 earned points.

Records of the boys' teams follow:

Table with 3 columns: Team, Scored, Against. Lists teams like Laketon, Lehman, Kingston Twp., Dallas Boro, Dallas Twp., Beaumont.

These statistics do not include those for the post-season games on Tuesday night.

Two players, Edward Williams and Helen Halowich, both of Laketon, were chosen unanimously, otherwise the voting was pretty well distributed among the players of the Conference. Through an odd quirk in the balloting, Schuler, Kingston township, lost out by one vote in tying for the Center position.

On Grand Jury

John Anderson, Jr., Dallas, was one of the persons whose names were drawn for service on the Grand Jury at Luzerne County Courthouse, beginning April 23.

Campaign Against Diphtheria Starts

Health Authorities Will Administer Toxoid In Local Schools

Plans were made this week for a wide-spread campaign against diphtheria in all schools of this section and during the next month thousands of children will be given the toxoid treatment which guards them against the disease.

Consent slips to be signed by parents eager to have their children protected are being passed out in all schools. Parents who desire that children of pre-school age, from six months to six years, be given the toxoid treatment may receive slips from school principals. There are about 5,000 school children in this territory and it is expected that about half will receive the treatment.

Four new cases of scarlet fever were reported to Mr. Kerr this week and he urged that families with symptoms of

Never Believe It's Spring 'till You Read It In Your Newspaper

Or, Fulfilling Your Duty To Your Readers.

"Spring" remarked the editor, scratching the back of his neck with his shears, "will be here on Wednesday and I expect every man jack of you to perform his duty."

The staff snapped to attention, presented pencils, and filed out into the snowstorm.

Lemuel Murgatroyd Pulitzer was back first. His story read:

"Spring, that beautiful Princess in whose court robins are the courtiers and violets are the ladies-in-waiting, came to Dallas on Wednesday and found King Winter refusing to abdicate."

"Rhapsodizing again, huh, Pulitzer" snarled the editor, tearing the typewritten sheets to bits. "Back to your book review." And Lemuel Murgatroyd, crushed, sneaked away.

Carl E. Bird was in next. The snow had stopped but his nose shone redly and he paused by the radiator before he handed in his story. It went like this:

"Rhapsodizing again, huh, Pulitzer" bright future characterized the spirit of the great Back Mountain Region this week as Spring came and sounded the signal for the greatest business revival since 1929."

The editor sighed. "Sorry, Bird, you've failed, too. Just give me a squib on the poultry meeting."

George Bernard Einstein drifted in next. The editor grappled at the copy and read:

"The vernal equinox ended and that period which precedes the summer solstice (March 21-June 21) started on Wednesday and Dallas had Springtime. Thus, as an effect of the earth's revolution around the sun..."

Weakly, the editor tossed the paper in the waste basket. "No good, George," he said, shaking his head. "Who'll give me my Spring story? Two hours to deadline and only one man to hear from."

It was fifteen minutes before deadline when we saw Colonel Ernest Van Hefferman, our war correspondent, puffing up the street. He reached the door, then, holding a scrap of paper toward the editor, he fell across the stoop.

Tensely, we listened while the editor read:

"A robin red-breast sang on Parish Heights Wednesday, three baby snakes crawled across the Huntsville Road, and Bock Beer signs are being nailed up all around town. SPRING IS HERE!"

Free Seeds For Needy Families In This Region

Applications May Be Made With Arthur Rainey In Dallas

300 EXPECTED

Arrangements were made this week by Arthur H. Rainey, local representative for the Luzerne County Emergency Relief Board, to accept from needy families of this section applications for free seeds and plants for home gardens.

Each of the 300 families from Lake, Lehman, Franklin, Jackson, and Dallas Township and Dallas Borough now on the relief rolls will receive an allotment of seeds and applications will be accepted from other families in cases where the relief is justified.

The seeds, fertilizer, or other purchases in connection with the garden program will not be deducted from present relief. All products of the gardens will be the property of the gardeners and their direct aid will not be reduced because of the added income.

Applicants from Lake, Lehman, Franklin, Jackson, and Dallas Township, and Dallas Borough, the territory supervised by Mr. Rainey, will be received at his office at 162 Main Street, Dallas, beginning immediately. The seeds will arrive in ample time for sowing.

Because of the great number of vacant lots and fields in this section it is expected that there will be no demand for plots of ground on which to plant the gardens. In Wyoming Valley arrangements are being made to provide such plots for persons desiring to plant relief gardens. Last year only three persons applied for plots of ground. Eighty persons in Dallas Borough received free seeds or fertilizer last year.

Meetings were held in Wilkes-Barre this week to complete plans for the thrift gardens and Mr. Rainey was among those attending.

James Y. Humphrey will be chairman of the county committee with Frank M. Devendorf as secretary, and George B. Kirkendall, James D. Hutchison and Mr. Devendorf as members of the executive committee.

75 Years Old; Best Speller In County

J. R. H. Hetherington, aged 75, White Haven, former New York City attorney, will represent Luzerne County in the state spelling bee in Harrisburg on April 4. BHe defeated other spellers from the county in the finals held in Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday.

Among the words given were: Chameleon, seismograph, chifonier, suede, achievement, chameleon, cirrhosis.

Spring Finds Farmers In Optimistic Mood

Fights War



Bruce Barton, one of the highest-paid writers in America and who this week launched a tremendous advertising campaign against war, first advertisement in the unusual campaign appeared in The New Yorker and showed wide files of khaki-clad soldiers marching. "These Are Dead" proclaimed the caption.

New Legislation And Credit Seen As Prime Aids To Agriculture

PROSPECTS GOOD HERE

A genuine spirit of optimism, based on definite prospects of relief from conditions of the last several years, characterizes plans for Spring work on farms throughout Luzerne County.

Increased facilities for credit, mortgage relief, acreage reduction, improved methods of distribution, the prospects of good soil for plowing, and the general appreciation for the problems of the farmer contribute to the cheerful mood in which the farmer finds himself.

Increased Credit

One of the most valuable aids offered by the Federal government to local farmers is the regulation for making emergency loans from the \$40,000,000 fund recently made available by Congress.

Through this government unit, farmers will secure money for planting, following, and cultivating crops, and for the feed for farm livestock. Loans will be made to any individual who needs relief to help carry on the basic farming operations necessary in making a living.

Arrangements have not yet been made for the distribution of seed loans in Luzerne County but it is expected plans will be completed and announced within the next week.

The maximum amount which will be made available to any one farmer this year for crop loans will be \$250 and the minimum will be \$25. The interest rate will be 5% per cent per annum. Primarily, these measures are for farmers who cannot qualify for credit elsewhere.

Weather

Mild weather this week indicated that ploughing will not be delayed as long as was expected. Many farmers were of the opinion that the cold weather, which sent the frost deep into the ground, would result in a late Spring and a subsequent delay in starting work.

Generally, winters which are cold and have generous falls of snow leave the ground moist in the Spring and suitable for quick, easy plowing. The past winter also helped the food-value of the earth.

As far as could be learned this week, there was no appreciable damage from the cold weather in this section. In the lower end of the county, where large peach crops are grown each year, considerable damage was done to trees and there will be a considerable loss.

The severe winter caused a great deal of bark injury to fruit trees in this section, but none that will be serious. The apple crop, in particular, has escaped injury. Stone fruits may be slightly below a commercial crop.

Seed Corn Prospects

Luzerne County farmers are facing a serious seed corn situation, preliminary tests indicate, as a result of the extremely cold weather in November. Corn then contained excessive moisture and the severe freezing undoubtedly caused the injury.

J. D. Hutchison, Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association representative, said this week that because of the early freeze and the subnormal cold during the winter farmers can be sure of the condition of their seed corn only by careful testing.

Since 1930 dry and rather mild winters have allowed seed corn to come through in fine condition for satisfactory germination. Any of the ordinary systems of testing, such as the sand-box or rag-doll tests, will tell if the seeds are good. Mr. Hutchison will supply detailed information to any farmer who desires it.

Guard Against Surplus Fearing that the encouraging outlook might lead farmers to forget the danger of surpluses in certain crops, authorities urge that care be exercised in selection of the crops to be harvested and that the advice of agricultural experts be taken.

Although a survey shows that the total acreage of crops harvested decreased by 2,000,000 acres in 1932 and 1933, in that same period consumption and export of agricultural products decreased, leaving the production from 13,000,000 acres as unmarketable surplus. Even during 1925-1929 when consumption and exports were high there was an unmarketable surplus produced.

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Ties Broken For League Positions

Lehman Girls Champions By Victory; Kingston Twp. Boys Win

Ties for the first place in the girls' division of the Bi-County Interscholastic Basketball League and the second place in the boys' division were broken on Tuesday night in two exciting games which gave Lehman the girls' championship, and Kingston Township boys the second place position in their league.

Lehman girls won a decisive victory over Laketon to decide the championship 25 to 16. The sixteen points tallied for the losers were made by Helen Halowich, who this week made the Post's mythical All-Conference team and was selected by coaches as the "best offensive player". Miss Halowich also took high scoring honors for the season.

Kingston Township's defeat of Lehman, to give the township second place in the league standing for the season, was sensational because until the third quarter Lehman was leading. As the final period began, Lehman was ahead, 20 to 12. Kingston Township staged an exciting rally, held Lehman scoreless, and ended the game on the winning end of a 27 to 20 score.

Protest Successful

Dallas Township faced the possibility of being excluded from scholastic sports temporarily as a result of the protest filed by Kingston Township athletic officials, who charged that Dallas Township had used two men who had played on other teams. The protest was approved tentatively by the P. I. A. A. but another meeting will be held within a few weeks and it is possible that the restriction may be lifted. Not only Dallas Township fans but many others throughout this section objected to the penalty this week as being too extreme and increasing bitterness between the two schools.

Crime Combated In School-Healey

The classroom can be one of the biggest character-building forces in the nation, declared William E. Healey, warden of Luzerne County prison, in his address before Dallas Borough Parent-Teacher Association on Monday night in the Borough High school auditorium. Mr. Healey cited examples to show the responsibility of the school in building the character of the child.

Dr. W. F. Davison spoke on care of the eyes and Edward J. Pugh, bacteriologist from Kirby Health Center, described the method of giving toxoids. The twelfth grade had the largest number of parents present.

Entertainment, sponsored by the ninth Grade, included a play, "Who Is The Boss", given by James Knecht, Elsie Culp, Florence Kelley, Verna Sheppelman, Lela Cragle, Betty Weid, Robert Fleming Richard Major, and Gerald Sullivan. Betty Weid gave a tap dance and Lola Pittman sang.

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Tanners Triumph In Valley Match

Noxen Quintet Surprises 'Y' With Victory Over Georgetown

The Noxen basketball team in the Rural Basketball League entered the Y. M. C. A. tournament to decide the county amateur championship on Monday night and reversed the predictions of experts by defeating decisively the Georgetown All Stars, 33 to 32.

The Tanners' team displayed masterful form as it swept away its first obstacle on the way to the William A. Rogers Trophy. The victory was more noteworthy when it is considered that the Georgetown quintet numbered among its members several former outstanding scholastic players from the valley.

GRANGES WIELD GREAT POWER FOR GOOD THROUGHOUT COUNTY

The Grange is an organization of persons interested in the social, moral, business, political and educational phases of rural life. It has played an important part in all movements for the betterment of agriculture.

It stands for placing agriculture on equality with industry, thereby bringing to the American Farmer a just measure of prosperity. By its aid in passing good laws and its defeat of measures injurious to rural life has rendered valuable service to the farmer. Outstanding benefits include 1896, Rural Free Delivery Parcel Post; 1872, Started a fight for regulation of public utilities; 1876, Movement to raise the Department of Agriculture to first rank by making its head a member of the President's cabinet; 1911 the grange was largely responsible for creating legislation for the Postal Savings Banks; 1862, Land Grant Act for establishment of Agri-

cultural Colleges, making possible one of the most comprehensive systems of agricultural and industrial education ever known; 1877, experiment stations and research; 1914, Agricultural Extension County agents, etc. The Grange has worked for a better system of Farm Loan Legislation protecting the farmer against the manufacture of Oleomargarine and was largely instrumental in having the Pure Food and Drugs Act of 1906 passed. It has supported legislation preventing and controlling contagious diseases among farm animals and has demanded reasonable compensation for

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