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## By-Pass Topic For Business Men Tonight

### Will Lay Plans For New Campaign For Project

#### ATTENDANCE URGED

An aggressive campaign to speed the contemplated Luzerne by-pass will be launched at the meeting of Dallas Borough Business Men's Association tonight at Suburban Inn.

The business men will lay plans for a revival of interest in the project and will consider suggestions for securing the co-operation of all Back Mountain communities interested in having the short-cut between Dallas and Wyoming Valley constructed.

The project was first presented several years ago and on several occasions committees have been instrumental in pushing the plans close to realization. If successful, the plan would eliminate the present bottle-neck passage through Luzerne and cut directly from Union Street or Division Street, in Kingston, across the Pringle flats to connect with the Luzerne highway not far from where the concrete highway begins.

Luzerne merchants have opposed the plan because it would deflect traffic from the business section of that borough. On one occasion plans were held up because Luzerne merchants indicated they had a scheme to improve traffic conditions without constructing a by-pass. Nothing has been done, however, to relieve the congested traffic conditions in the borough.

It is understood that a number of prominent business and civic leaders in this section are ready to join in a concerted action to secure the by-pass. Dallas Township business men are also invited to attend this meeting.

## Panama's Heat No Fun, Say Youths

### Templin (Here's Your Name, Dick) Makes High Exam Mark

Heat—the humid, tropical variety—is a big factor in the letters being received from the four Dallas youths who are serving with the United States Army in the Panama Canal Zone.

One of the young men, Richard Templin, recently made a mark of 100 per cent. in competitive examination in which 159 soldiers took part and as a result has been admitted to the radio school for special training.

William Disque, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Disque of Dallas, sent the following letter to local friends this week:

"I am receiving The Dallas Post every week here and I am sure glad to get it. So is Dick. When it arrives here he looks it through about ten times, trying to find his name, but he has failed to find it and now is broken hearted. He thinks everybody has forgotten him.

"Dick belongs to the regimental radio corps and now everything is radio. You ask him where he is going and he always answers 'To the radio station.'

"As for me, I am in the Second Battalion Telephone Section, sometimes working switchboards, other times a telephone orderly. By that, I mean

## Bennett, McCarty, Trumbower Win

### Republican School Director Nominee Victorious In Three Districts

With wide pluralities in each of the Kingston Township districts, W. E. Bennett captured the Republican nomination for school director in the township on Tuesday.

He defeated his opponent, Siegel, by better than a two-to-one majority. Although he had resigned from the race, Harry Nichols received fifteen votes.

E. T. Trumbower received the nomination for road supervisor and Francis McCarty took the Republican nomination for constable.

The Democratic nominees will be Charles Dressell for supervisor, Glenwood Bulford for constable, and Joseph Bulford for school director.

Nearly 900 votes were polled in the three Kingston Township districts.

## Wyoming National Trustee For Fund

### \$500 Memorial Fund Was Left To District By Jacob Belcher

A \$500 fund left in 1909 by Jackson Belcher of Dallas Borough and held until recently by the estate of Charles Cooke will be turned over to Wyoming National Bank.

The action will be taken as result of an order handed down by Judge Heller upon petition of Attorney Roscoe Smith, solicitor of Dallas Borough School District.

Upon Mr. Belcher's death Charles Cooke was named trustee and since his death five years ago the estate has had charge of the fund. Last year the board collected the interest due it but last Monday night it decided to gain direct control of the principal. The interest will be used for prizes for high school pupils.

## Primary Postlude

This editorial, we promise, will officially close our rather breathless participation in the primary elections.

Those readers who have been patient enough to hear us out will understand why we were not entirely satisfied with the outcome. We seldom are. That is what Heaven is for!

Primarily, though, this final word is to acclaim the victory nearest to our hearts—the overwhelming success in Dallas Borough of those candidates who are pledged to keep local offices free from the entangling influences of county politics.

The returns from Dallas Borough's primary elections should be inscribed permanently somewhere as a constant warning to any ambitious office holder who might sometime again be tempted to offer his office as a medium for strengthening the county organization.

Once and for all, the citizens of Dallas Borough have demonstrated that they consider themselves competent enough to handle their own affairs without outside interference or assistance.

In proof of that they defeated every local candidate associated with the county Republican organization and elected each of the eleven men and women who ran as independent Republicans.

The Dallas Post believes it was fulfilling a needed public service in helping to elect those men. It believes it is doing another in reminding them that the tremendous support Dallas voters gave to them calls for the finest, most unselfish and most productive administrations within their power to give.

Finally, The Post is sincerely grateful for the encouraging comments which have come to it from the most unexpected sources during the campaign. If it is impossible for us to convert our opponents, we can, at least, find reward in our new friends.

## Battle Promised At Harvey's Lake

### Democratic Gains Indicate Warm Contest In November

Although most communities in this section are so preponderantly Republican that few candidates seek Democratic nominations, Harvey's Lake will have complete G. O. P. and Democratic slates in the field for the general election.

In the last year the strength of the Democratic party in Lake Township has about tripled. The candidates allied with the Mundy Democrats took three of the five Democratic nominations which were at stake in Tuesday's primaries and it is assumed that the two independent Democratic candidates who were elected will join with the organization nominees for a vigorous campaign this fall.

A strong slate of Republican candidates will be on the other side in the battle.

The Democratic candidates nominated in Tuesday's election are Frank Jackson, school director; Alex Kocher, supervisor; Corey Grey, poor master; Hugh W. Hummell, constable, and John Baur, auditor.

The Republican standard-bearers successful on Tuesday are: Russell Hoover, school director; Cornelius Smith, supervisor; Ernest Baer, auditor; George Searfoss, overseer of the poor; A. R. Kocher, constable.

## Harvest Outlook Bright Near Here

### Bumper Apple Crop Reported By Several Local Growers

Farmers in the vicinity of Dallas are preparing for one of their most bountiful harvests in a number of years. Apples, corn and hay are leaders this year, and with prices up farmers are contemplating the immediate future with pleasure.

The apple crop, in particular, is unusual. Among the growers who are preparing for bumper harvests are Ira Frantz of Orange, whose orchards and storage equipment are among the finest in Eastern Pennsylvania; George Clarke of Beaumont and the Richard's Fruit Farm, northeast of Harvey's Lake. Frank Garrahan of Dallas also has an unusual apple crop in his farm near Lake Carey.

Corn is a strong crop and the hay crop is said by some farmers to be the greatest ever harvested in this section, although early in the year its appearance was not promising. Oats and

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## BACK MOUNTAIN BIOGRAPHIES: NO. 6

### Jacob Rice

In 1812, Chriseon Rice, a New Jersey wagon maker, grew tired of watching his friends move westward without him. He packed his humble belongings and his good wife Sarah aboard one of his own sturdy wagons and headed toward Pennsylvania. At Trucksville he stopped and built a home but in 1816 he moved to Dallas and purchased a tract of land on which he built the town's first water power sawmill. In 1817, Sarah and Chriseon had a son, Jacob, who grew to achieve many things, among them the first painted house and the first spring wagon in Dallas. Jacob was a farmer but when he saw more families moving in he branched into business as a side line and built a store which he kept for twenty years. Then he saw the natural advantages of Harvey's Lake as a resort and built his "Lake Grove House". With all this, he still had a fondness for the militia so in 1839 he became a first lieutenant in the 115th Pennsylvania Militia and ten years later he was commissioned captain of the Dallas Artillery. When the War of the Rebellion came, Jacob Rice had worked his way up to quartermaster in the 53rd Pennsylvania Volunteers. After the war ended, high officers recommended him for further promotion but Jacob had had enough war. He returned to Dallas. His wife was Susan Ferguson and they had six children, four of whom grew to maturity, Zibe B., George H., William H., and Sarah J.

# Independents Win Smashing Victory For Local Offices

## Complete Independent Slate Assured Of Election In Fall

### HIGHLIGHTS of the PRIMARIES

Voting was slow and heavy in the Borough. There was not a break in the lines of waiting voters from the opening of the polls until closing time.

Both local election boards handled their work efficiently and courteously, relieving the monotony for waiting voters with occasional bits of wit and good-humored banter. The vote was the heaviest cast here since the election of Calvin Coolidge.

From the very start there was a predominance of borough slate workers at each of the polling places, leading many observers to predict early in the day that the borough slate would have a nice majority in the final vote tally.

Mrs. Clyde Vietch, Mrs. Earl Cairl, Mrs. LaVerne Race, Mrs. Grace Kintz, Mrs. Leonard O'Kane and Mrs. John Roberts were active from the start and worked hard and long to put their candidates in the winning column. Without the assistance of such workers the whole story might have been different.

There were many faces missing from the ranks of the organization workers, but the old standbys were still there. District Chairman Henry Disque was on hand early but did not stay long, leaving slate affairs in the hands of his candidates and faithful workers, Bud Williams, Ray Harris, James Stem, Mrs. G. A. Kuehn, Lee Weyhenmeyer, John Hopple, Art Thomas and others.

Tim LaBar was one of the most active workers for the borough slate. Early in the day he predicted defeat of the organization ticket but kept right on bringing in voters until the polls closed. Tim is a worker to be contended with in any man's election and he certainly was enthusiastic in his desire to bring defeat to the organization slate.

Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane was temporarily out of the battle for a part of the day. He suffered a slight heart attack and was sent home to bed, by a physician. He appeared at the polls later in the day, still pretty weak, but able to take an active part in the jubilation celebration of victory.

The Chief, with 345 votes, polled the highest vote of any man on the borough slate. Closely following him in order were Clyde Lapp with 311; Joseph Jewell with 304, and Warden Kunkle with 303. John Jeter with 347 votes was the highest man in the election, but he was not, strictly speaking, an exclusive borough slate candidate as he also had the support of the opposition and was on its ticket.

Any one doubting Warden Kunkle's popularity or approval of his administration on borough council had those doubts wiped away when he saw the splendid vote he brought home by this veteran of many borough battles.

Dr. Mundy must have envied John Sullivan, local Democratic leader. John didn't have to contend with any factional strife. In fact, he could confine all of his activities to the single candidate on the local ticket who was without opposition. And yet, all wasn't harmony on the local Democratic ticket.

James Coolbaugh, candidate for Justice-of-the-Peace, entertained voters with airplane stunts during the early part of the day. Despite the fact that Jimmie looked down on all the voters nobody went up in the air about it.

The only drunks in evidence during the day were those supporting the "so-called" temperance or opposition slate. Results of the election will probably have a sobering effect. Over zealous supporters of the borough slate who let a little fire water get the best of them were soon eliminated from the scene by their efficient compatriots, who considered their work done for the day.

James Ayre and John Durbin came out of the contest with plenty of votes and plenty of new and loyal friends. Both of these men made personal calls at practically every home in the community before election. Everywhere they went they were met with old-fashioned hospitality. That was the type of campaign that gives borough officials an insight into the actual needs and desires of the electorate.

The poor showing made by many of the organization candidates was not personal. As independent candidates, without organization support, they might have been winners. But the community in this election was voting for freedom from outside interference. Any one with organization support was doomed from the start.

There were many voters who remembered the crowded, smelly hole in the high school where they were forced to stand one whole evening last spring and listen to a dominated school board refuse to heed the desires of the citizens. There were many who could hear

In vigorous protest against efforts by county political leaders to dictate the policies of local government, Dallas voters turned out in record-breaking numbers on Tuesday to give overwhelming victory to every slated independent borough candidate.

Not one candidate receiving the support of the local wing of the county Republican machine was nominated. Since the Republican nomination here amounts virtually to election to office, the returns Tuesday assure Dallas Borough of a government free from entangling political alliances which have been the cause of so much bitterness during the past several years.

The eleven candidates who will carry the standard for the Republican Party here in November are: Clyde Lapp, school director; Warden Kunkle, John Durbin, James Ayre and William Davis, councilmen; Leonard O'Kane, constable; Joseph Jewell, high constable; Ira Cooke and John Jeter, justices of the peace; Mrs. Bertha Thomas and William Baker, poor directors.

**Only One Democrat**  
In Dallas Borough there is only one candidate aspiring for office as a Democratic nominee. He is Raymond Harris, who was unopposed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for school director. Dallas has about 100 Democrats registered, in comparison to about 600 Republicans, so a Democratic nominee has little chance for success.

Because it gave birth to the dominant issue of the campaign, the school director contest between Clyde Lapp and Grant Shaner evoked the most interest. Mr. Lapp's almost 2-to-1 victory over Mr. Shaner will shift the balance of power on Dallas Borough School Board. For the last two years the majority faction of the board has been led by Henry Disque, Sixth District Republican Chairman and county employe and whose organization supported the defeated candidates.

**Few Disturbances**  
Although the vote here was the heaviest in ten years and factional enthusiasm ran high all day, there were no serious disturbances at the polls. The voting places were crowded early in the day, partly because of the record-breaking crowds and partly because of the great number of candidates on the ballot. During the day the trend of the voting was evident and the announcement of a victory for the independent forces was no surprise to the majority.

At the North District polling place when the high constable called out the closing time an intoxicated man who wanted to vote created a disturbance until he was ejected forcibly.

On the Heights there was a quarrel when officials permitted a woman to vote despite the warning that she was not a citizen, although her husband was.

There was confusion because some persons who intended to vote for Republican candidates found themselves registered as Democrats. In a number of cases affidavits were sworn and the voters were allowed to cast their ballots for Republican candidates.

So keen was the interest in the results that election officials who, despite the keen competition and large crowds, had maintained a high standard of efficiency and fairness all day, read the totals off to the waiting crowds even before the official returns had been compiled.

South District was first to finish and it verified the expected victory for the independents. When, a few minutes later, the board at the North District finished and the victory became certain, pandemonium broke loose. The fire siren shrieked the signal for the celebration, which was climaxed by a parade of about fifty automobiles, led by the fire truck, over the main streets of the town.

## Moore Gets 4092 Votes In County

### Only Candidate From This Section Ranks Fifth

Nelson Moore of Dallas Township, the only candidate from this section in the county primaries, received 4,092 to rank eighth among the candidates seeking the Republican nomination for county commissioner.

which will take the form of a reception in his home district, the Sixth Legislative District, but he also made a surprising showing in the First District, where his votes outnumbered those for Rosser, Witkowski, Luff, West and Weitz.

## ORGANIZATION SLATES SURVIVE FOR FINAL CHOICE OF VOTERS

Republicans and Democrats throughout Luzerne County followed the dictates of their county committees on Tuesday and elected strictly organization slates for the November general election.

With pluralities running as high as 33,000 organization Republicans defeated every independent candidate. The same thing happened in the Democratic Party, where the complete slate indicated by the county committee was victorious.

As a result, Luzerne County will have in November one of the most closely contested two-party battles in its history. Republicans outnumber Democrats in registration but the minority party will be strengthened by Republican voters who were dissatisfied with the outcome of the Republican primaries.

Two Democratic nominees in particular—Lieut. Col. Thomas Atherton and William Fahey, candidates, res-

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Women Can Follow The Trend In Styles By Reading Cherie Nicholas's Lively Articles On Page 6. It's Knitted Costumes With Campus Swank That She Discusses This Week.