

POST SCRIPTS

WINNER SUBSCRIBERS FIRE DISLIKES MAN OF YEAR

Our apple pie editor, who handed in her annual report this week, tells us her...
Incidentally, the two-crust apple pie recipe which...

R. E. Kocher of Cloverdale, British Columbia, isn't The Post's most distant subscriber...

Blaze Postpones Family's Leaving

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Directors Move To Assure Heat For Auditorium

Authorize Investigation To Learn Trouble, Suggest Changes

At a meeting on Monday night, Director Jack Roberts was appointed to learn the cost of improving the heating facilities of the auditorium of the school.

Another Three Days Because the WPA paint project under way at the school now is unfinished, Dallas school children will have an extra three days to their Christmas vacation.

Clyde Lapp reported he had communicated with Verne Lacey, architect and has given to him information pertaining to the remodeling of the primary school building.

Fire In Wall Breaks As Mrs. Whiteley Is Departing For Montclair

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William Franklin, an employe of Ralph Hallock and who was turning off the water, attempted to quench the smoldering fire until Henry M. Laing Fire Co. arrived.

Chimney Fire Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company answered an alarm from West Dallas on Saturday afternoon, extinguishing a chimney fire in the farm house owned by W. O. Washburn.

REVIEW OF YEAR

A concise, day by day review of the events of 1935, domestic, foreign, international and sports, appears on Page 6 of this issue.

PROBLEM OF HAVING HOME NEAR WORK SOLVED BY VISITORS HERE

Mr. Hoselton of Virginia, who spent the week-end in Dallas, said he and his wife were never bothered about the problem of finding their work. They carry their home with them.

Durkin New Pastor For St. Therese's Comes Here From Scranton Charge; Welcomed At Reception

The congregation of St. Therese's Church at Shavertown welcomed its new pastor, Rev. Harold Durkin, at a reception held last night in the basement of the church.

DEBUTANTES COSTLY CUSTOM, PRESIDENT'S RELATIVE DISCLOSES

Launching debutantes—a custom observed more widely this year in this section than before—costs all the way from \$100 up to \$75,000, and is a highly organized business conducted by "social secretaries" who handle all details.

May Complete Road Into Tunkhannock

Contractors Battle Cold In Drive To Maintain Schedule

Faced with unusually severe winter weather and difficult working conditions, Holmes Construction Company, contractors building the first link in the new Tunkhannock-Dallas road are nevertheless making rapid progress on relocation work which they are determined to finish before spring.

Practically the entire length of the link in which the Holmes company is working requires relocation. While much of the new strip runs across level farmlands requiring some filling, and building up to level a considerable section of the road especially in the narrows beyond Byron Harding's farm toward Tunkhannock requires cutting along the hillside and big fills to go away with the dangerous hillside narrows.

At the rate the company is now working everything should be in readiness for the pouring of concrete just as soon as the absence of frost in the early spring permits.

According to announcement from the State highway department bids are soon to be asked for completion of the road from the present link on into Tunkhannock. It is expected that work on this additional section will not get underway until spring but that the highway as far as the Tunkhannock bridge will be completed sometime next summer.

This will leave the Dallas end of the road from a considerable distance beyond Lutes' Corners still to be completed. No announcement has been made by the State highway department as to when bids will be asked for this section, although it is definitely on the maps of the highway department for completion as the final link in the Tunkhannock-Dallas road.

Many local residents have been of the opinion that the Luzerne county end of the road is not slated for improvement or is not a part of the proposed construction. This, however, does not fit into the plans as now proposed by the Department of Highways. Last spring Warren Van Dyke, secretary of highways, went over the proposed plans with local committees and displayed State highway maps showing the proposed highway improvements reaching from Tunkhannock to Dallas.

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New Spirit Of Unity First Need Of Program For 1936

AMONG VICTORS TAKING OFFICE



Two of the scores of successful candidates in last Fall's election who will take office this week: Left: John A. Riley, the one lone Democrat to be elected to a Luzerne County office. He will assume his duties as a County Commissioner next week. Right: Judge Farr of Tunkhannock, who will ascend to the bench of Wyoming and Sullivan Counties, succeeding Judge Edward Terry, who has been a judge for thirty years.

Two Texas Maidens Cross Country To Honor Dallas

LAY WREATH ON GRAVE AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, January 2—(Special To The Post)—Two comely young maidens from Texas travelled across the continent this week to pay tribute to the memory of George Mifflin Dallas, who was vice-president when the Lone Star State became a part of the union.

Yesterday was the anniversary of his death. While snow-laden winds shrieked in sharp contrast to their own Southern breezes, the two girls—La-Vee Kliman and Mable Rooks—stepped from the small group gathered beside the old grave in quaint St. Peter's church yard and laid a wreath which they had brought from Dallas, Texas.

Blue Ribboners After Amateurs Issue Call For Talented Entertainers For Contest

"Around and around she goes, and where she stops nobody knows." Amateur entertainers who sit longingly before radios envying the performers who sing, dance and give imitations for Major Bowes, Fred Allen or Ray Perkins, Attention!

The task of unearthing the Lawrence Tibbets and Grace Moores and Beatrice Little of the Back Mountain Region has been assumed by the Blue Ribbon Club.

Ira Cooke, president, announced this week that the club is making plans to conduct an amateur show in the Dallas Borough High School Building some time in January.

"If" says Mr. Cooke, "you can play any kind of an instrument, dance, sing, act, or do anything else calculated to entertain the populace, write a letter to the Blue Ribbon Club, Box 328, Dallas, and tell us about yourself. We will advise you when and where to appear for the arrangement of the program."

Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Judges will be selected from different parts of the rural district. Complete details will be announced later.

Rooster Rides Four Miles On Automobile

Mrs. C. W. Moss of Dallas contributes the following account of a rooster's strange ride.

"A big rooster was perched on the back bumper of a car owned and driven by Roy Moss of DeMunds. When the car left the garage after dark, it was driven about four miles before the rooster was found, still perched on the bumper."

Disque Retained

Henry Disque, Republican leader in this section, was retained as an employe of the Luzerne County Treasurer's office this week when staffs of the five county offices were announced.

SURVEY LOOKS TOWARD FUTURE

Leading Citizens Suggest Civic Aims For New Year

COUNCIL SUGGESTED (See Editorial, Page 2.)

A new spirit of community consciousness which would impress upon every resident of this section the enjoyment and advantages which come from neighborly cooperation is the paramount need here as the new year begins, a confidential survey among leading citizens disclosed this week.

In an effort to learn what local projects deserve the most support during the next twelve months, The Post questioned outstanding residents of the region.

"Too many people regard this territory as a place to build homes where they can rest and sleep between trips to Wyoming Valley," one man said. "The time has come for all of us to recognize that those of us who live here in Dallas and in the towns nearby make up a separate and self-sustaining community of people. We've arrived at a point in our development where we should pay some attention to establishing an identity of our own, with our own activities, our own amusements, and our own movements. For a long time there have been two pretty definite groups—the old pioneer families and the newer, commingled families. Now we've got to have a united group—interested first in making this section not only a more unified community, and which will attract more and more citizens."

Through every suggestion offered in the Post ran such a strain of hope that residents who have not interested themselves in the affairs of the communities here will throw themselves into efforts for development that are new and fresh vigor into sections which have had to be carried by a minority.

Council Suggested Among the most unique definitions made was that for the creation of a council of representatives from the different communities which lie about Dallas—a group to be made up of old and new residents of the region, councilmen and supervisors from the different towns, delegates from civic and fraternal organizations and women. Such a council could have tremendous power and unmitigated strength in the development of the first concrete step toward the 10,000-odd residents' eyes to dis-

After preliminary me of this success thoroughly the furthest appreciation, the council community among the ceded strength region and, by residents of this demand the importance of numbers necessary. It prevents it, able as a change would be ir public opinion. house for local projects.

Among answers to the Post's high could serve as a librarian of the Dallas area and a section of the main highway from Dallas and Dallas. About a Luzerne project was initiated the latter was taken. It is definite are shrubs and trees now to secure and to be the State and to pay for the labor PWA funds.

Other persons thought the construction of a sewage disposal system prime importance for a 1936 project. Sewage from Dallas now drains into Toby's Creek, which passes through each community between here and Susquehanna River. Frequently in summer, despite warnings, children swim in that creek. As long ago as 1933, authorities made it clear that drainage of sewage into the creek is an outright violation of the Health Code.

One project which has received attention in the last year, passed from Dallas Borough Council consideration of sidewalks. People are forced to walk along narrow ways, in constant danger of being struck by a speeding automobile. Many local communities have sidewalks would do as a ward cutting down the As of pedestrian accident.

TO COLLECT TAXES For the convenience of citizens of the Fernbrook section of Dallas Township, John Isaacs, tax collector for the township, will be at Frank Nyhart's store on January 10 and January 17, from 9 to 4. Taxpayers of that section are asked to note the dates carefully.

NO COUNTY CHAIRMAN Although county chairmen for adult education under WPA have been named in 66 counties, no chairman has yet been named for Luzerne County. Edward N. Jones, State Works Progress Administrator, announced this week.

BACK MOUNTAIN BIOGRAPHIES: NO. 17 Sylvester Kocher

Sylvester Kocher, who was a blacksmith for many years in Kunkle, was born on July 4, Independence Day, in 1846 and was reared and educated in Lake Township. He was the son of John B. and Hulda (Davenport) Kocher, both of whom had been born in Luzerne County. Sylvester's grandfather had come to Newport Township about 1812 and with the help of his fourteen children (he had lost four of his large family) cleared a tract and developed a beautiful farm. The old gentleman died at the age of 80, as the result of a frozen toe. John B. moved to Lake Township in 1833. The territory then was a wilderness and the family had to work hard clearing away trees before their rough log house could be built. Later that cabin was succeeded by more elaborate buildings. John B. died at the age of 76. Sylvester was the fifth of eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity. He learned the trade of blacksmith early in his life and became a first-class mechanic. In February, 1870, he married Miss Eveline, daughter of Henry and Sarah Poole and they had two children, A Democrat, Mr. Kocher held several township offices, and fulfilled the duties capably, in addition to his work at the blacksmith shop and the cultivation of the farm on which he had been born.

NINE STATES HAVE A DALLAS, TWENTY-THREE HAVE KINGSTON

Alexander Dallas and his son, James, made such an indelible mark on pages of history that people are still naming towns for them. Across the face of the United States map there are nine separate towns and cities which are called Dallas. Dallas, Pa., is the most Northeastern of all the Dallases. It is a first cousin to similarly-named towns in Georgia, Iowa, North Carolina, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin. In fact there are only about two local communities—Trucksville and Sweet Valley—which have exclusive use of their names. There are Aldersons in Oklahoma and West Virginia, Oranges all over the map, a Shavertown in New York, a Noxon (spelled with an "o") in Montana, and a Lehman in Texas. Kingston Township, although not a post office, has one of the most common names. Aside from having another Kingston a few miles away, the township is related to some twenty of Kingstons from coast to coast. In addition there are about fifty derivations of the royal title—from King and Queen in Virginia to Kingwood in West Virginia. Lakes, too, are well represented in the postal guide. There are only three Laketons, in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Texas, but there are eleven Lake Cities, two Lakeports, nine Lakesides, and a flock of Lakevilles, Lakeviews and Lake Centers.