

### Everlasting Hills Save Dallas From Nature's Freakish Moods

#### TORNADOES, FLOODS SKIRT MOUNTAIN AREA

Although its strategic position protects it from such major catastrophes as the floods which engulfed the Susquehanna Valleys last week, the section surrounding Dallas can draw upon memories of severe storms and other freakish carryings on of nature.

Even these have been infrequent and Dallas can look to the everlasting hills which surround it and thank them for the fact that severe drenchings and a few washed-out lawns are generally the extent of its damages.

It is probable that Dallas came closest to a tragedy of major proportions in August of 1890, when a tornado which spread destruction over many other parts of the country exhausted itself or altered its course shortly before it would have struck the borough. That tornado whirled into Luzerne County from Columbia County and cut a path 600 yards wide in a North-westerly direction. It levelled crops, ripped roofs from buildings and carried one house 200 feet.

**Twin Tornadoes**  
In Hunklock Township it pulled a 30-inch tree out of the ground and carried it away. When it reached Lehman it disappeared miraculously, sparing the frantic people in this section who could see it moving toward here. It was never known whether it was the same tornado or a second one which descended about the same time upon Nanticoke and swept toward Wilkes-Barre, where it spread tragic destruction before it swirled away through the wooded section to the Northwest of the city. Letters and papers from Wilkes-Barre homes were picked up later in Hamilton, Wayne County.

Floods, of course, have always been the lot of people living on the Wyoming Valley lowlands. The first recorded occurred in February, 1772, and it was the fact that it necessitated postponement of a town meeting, rather than the damage, that provoked historians to record the date.

During the winter of 1783-'84 there were unusually severe snow storms here. For most of that winter snow five feet deep covered the ground and roads through narrow valleys were impassable until Spring. In March, as the thaw began, heavy rains came and the Susquehanna rose rapidly. Hundreds of the early settlers in the valley fled to the hills and 150 houses were swept away. Some of the ice that piled up on the plains did not melt until late summer of that year.

"The Pumpkin Flood" occurred in November two years later. It received its name from the fact that the river swept with it thousands of pumpkins from the fields which it inundated. In that flood Rev. Benjamin Bidlack was carried in his house down the river. After it had grown dark people heard him shouting and tried to rescue him. He escaped, finally, when his house lodged against a bank.

In 1809, 1841, 1843 and 1846, there were floods, none of them very serious. One of the most destructive floods occurred in 1850. It destroyed a number of highways, battered mills, and took a number of lives. Nescopeck Creek claimed the lifeless bodies of 22 men, women and children who had sought shelter in the same building. At Tamaqua forty dwellings were torn away by flooded waters.

On St. Patrick's Day, 1865, the Susquehanna River overflowed and reached a mark of 33.1 feet, forcing residents of Wyoming Valley to higher ground. The water swept across Market Street and reached Wyoming Seminary.

#### Highest Was 35.6

The highest mark ever reached by the river in the valley came on March 16, 1875, when it touched 35.6 feet. In that flood all the bridges at Pittston were swept away and when the water receded it left great masses of ice across Market Street, Kingston. Gorges had to be cut through the ice so traffic could pass between Kingston and Wilkes-Barre.

During the 1880's there were floods almost every other year.

The tragic occurrences of 1902 and 1904 are remembered by a great many people in this vicinity. On March 9, 1902, the river reached 31.4 feet. It was during that flood that Mike Riley lost his life while endeavoring to get to Kingston to Wilkes-Barre in a cab.

Cab, driver, and Riley were swept away while travelling over Pierce Street. The driver climbed onto a floating cake of ice which bumped against a house on Market Street, Kingston. The house was deserted but the driver managed to climb in a window and was rescued next day. Riley was swept on down the river, never to be seen again.

In March, 1910, the river reached 26.1 feet and in 1913 and 1914 it went slightly over 28 feet.

Last July the peak was 25.62.

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### Dr. Stang Rewarded For Science Work

#### Son Of Shavertown Woman Is Honored By Detroit Gathering

The Leonard C. Wason Medal for meritorious work along scientific lines was awarded to Dr. Ambrose M. Stang, son of Mrs. W. H. Stang and the late Rev. W. H. Stang of Shavertown, at a meeting of the American Concrete Institute in Detroit recently.

Dr. Stang is employed as assistant physicist at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C. The medal is awarded annually for outstanding service. Dr. Stang's father was a minister of the Wyoming Conference for many years.

He is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Syracuse University, 1910, in Civil Engineering; University of Michigan, 1914, Master of Arts; University of Michigan, 1916, Doctor of Philosophy. He is a member of Honorary Engineering Fraternity, Tau Beta Pi; also Sigma Xi National Honorary Research Fraternity at University of Michigan; Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. and A. M. Delaware, Ohio; and Petworth Chapter No. 16 American Society for testing materials.

Dr. Stang taught at Ohio Wesleyan University and University of Oklahoma. He was a member of the Signal Corps, U. S. Army Trans-Atlantic Branch, radio development section, in 1917-1919. He has been employed at the Bureau of Standards in Washington and Pittsburgh from 1922 to the present time.

He married Lillian Mahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mahan then of Canastota, N. Y., and now of Prativille, N. Y.

Verne Kitchen, Sarah, Vera and Nellie Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Traver, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Traver, Doris Traver, all of Ruggles; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koehler and Franklin Koehler of Shavertown; Mrs. Oscar Whitesell, Dan Miller, Kenneth and Carol Miller of Roaring Brook; Edward Cobleigh of East Dallas also Mr. and Mrs. William Hillard, Wilma and Barbara Hillard.

#### Ladies' Aid

The Ladies' Aid of Ruggles held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. William Harrison all day, Wednesday 18th. Dinner was served to the following: Mrs. Verne Kitchen, Mrs. Almon Rood, Mrs. George Dender, Mrs. Etta Shand, Mrs. William Hillard, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bronson, Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison, Mrs. Cleve Anderson, Rore and Gladys Anderson.

### Ruggles

MRS. MYRTLE KOCHER CORRESPONDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kocher spent Sunday at Mrs. Kocher's mother's, Mrs. Charles Sorber, at Fern Brook.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrison Kocher and Mrs. Louise Kocher spent Thursday at Wyoming with Mrs. John Shoemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrison Kocher, Louise Kocher and Mrs. Ben Rood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eckley Kocher at Shavertown.

Miss Sarah and Ruth Bray nurses of Nesbitt Hospital spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Caleb Bray.

Miss Vera Kitchen, Sara Kitchen, Mary Higgins spent Saturday at Mrs. Claude Wilkes' home.

Mrs. William Hillard, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Whitesell and family of Roaring Brook spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kocher.

Mrs. Harry Crispell and family and Emma Wilson called on Mrs. Crispell's mother Anna Kraft on Sunday.

Mr. William Shand has returned home from Jersey City after having made several days visit there with his children.

#### Surprise Party

On Wednesday, March 18th, friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. William Hillard of Ruggles held a surprise party at their home in honor of their 6th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Hillard was the former Dortha Koehler of Harvey's Lake. Many fine and useful gifts were received. Games were played and a luncheon was served to the following: Mr. M. J. Kocher, Deane Kocher, Leona Kocher, Arlo Meeker, Hazel Meeker, Naomi Shupp, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Boothe and daughter Shirley, Mrs. Fred Crispell and Ella and Annabelle Crispell, Mr. and Mrs. Rodell Kocher and Glen, Mrs. Margaret Hunter, all of Laketon; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones, Clarence Montross, Mrs. Mina Harrison, Mary Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Rood, Elnor, Dorothy and Ralph Rood, Mr. and Mrs.

### PAY PLEDGE

\$55 was paid on the class pledge to the church by King's Daughters' Class of Shavertown M. E. Church, at its meeting on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Russell Hawke. This makes a total of \$80 paid this year by the class to the church fund. \$59 was made on the recent performance of the "Chintz Cottage."

Present were: Mrs. F. M. Sellers, Mrs. Russell Schall, Barbara Downer, Eleanor Cortright, Mrs. David Armstrong, Jennie Stark, Frances Thomas, Mrs. Charles Hoffman, Jr., Ruth Hoffman.

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### REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Dallas, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business on March 4, 1936.

#### ASSETS

Loans and discounts	\$245,332.73
Overdrafts	17.00
United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	164,150.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	228,901.47
Banking house, \$54,000 Furniture and fixtures, \$11,500	65,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	27,340.63
Reserve with Federal Reserve bank	36,780.31
Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	29,249.14
Cash items not in process of collection	60.70
Other assets	778.38
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$798,110.36</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$119,884.20
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	400,746.54
State, county, and municipal deposits	63,709.57
United States Government and postal savings deposits	75,000.00
Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashier's checks outstanding	1,293.39
Total of items 14 to 18, inclusive:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	\$ 24,383.90
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	635,649.80
(c) Total Deposits	\$660,633.70
Other liabilities	2.10
Capital account:	
Common stock, 3,000 shares, par \$25.00 per share	\$75,000.00
Surplus	51,000.00
Undivided profits—net	11,474.56
Total Capital Account	\$137,474.56
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$798,110.36</b>

#### MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities

United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	\$7,000.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	13,000.00
<b>Total Pledged (excluding rediscounts)</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>
Pledged:	
(a) Against United States Government and postal savings deposits	75,000.00
(b) Against State, county, and municipal deposits	25,000.00
(c) Total Pledged	\$100,000.00

State of Pennsylvania, County of Luzerne, ss:

I, W. B. Jeter, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. JETER, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of March, 1936.

J. T. Jeter, Justice of the Peace.  
(Seal) My Com. Ex. 1st Monday in January, 1942.

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### ANNUAL FARM AND HOME ISSUE-APRIL 10th.

Now more than ever - The Post opens the door to Spring Sales

SPRING IS ALWAYS a busy time in the rich rural-suburban area surrounding Dallas.

There are homes and barns to paint, fields to be sowed, automobiles to be put in good shape for the Summer, depleted supply shelves to be filled, cottages to be improved, houses to be cleaned and new equipment to be bought in time for Spring work.

Through March and April a steady stream of dollars flows out of the homes and farms here and into the cash registers of alert, conscientious merchants.

Each year The Post inaugurates the period of heaviest buying with its Home and Farm Edition, an issue devoted to timely news, advice and advertising of special interest to the army of buyers and timed to catch the tide of dollars at its height.

This year the area about Dallas will have its greatest spending spree in seven years. For one thing, there are more farms and more farm-owners to buy. In one township alone, personal



property tripled last year. Farm prices are up. Building is climbing steadily. Least effected of any Luzerne County communities by the depression, these towns in The Post's trade area are ahead of their neighbors in the upward trend. Now, more than ever, The Post's Farm and Home Edition opens the door to Spring sales. A ready-made market, with money to spend, awaits the advertisers who are ready to ride the tide of incoming profits. Cash in on the unchallenged sales power of the Farm and Home Edition. The advertising department of The Post will gladly assist you with merchandising counsel. The advice of men with years of advertising experience is yours for the asking.

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