

POST SCRIPTS

The schools of Dallas Township have no more vigorous defender than Chris Elpper, whose wrath on occasions when The Post speaks slightly of the school district he heads, causes editors to quake and printers to slink behind their type-cases. No mincer of words, Chris is always ready to leap into his Ford roadster and storm the dastard who doubts that Dallas Township has the best schools anywhere.

Anyone who is acquainted with Chris's devout loyalty to his school board and his delight in a good fight could understand why we threw fortifications up in front of The Post several weeks ago. We had just published exclusively the information that the Department of Public Instruction had decided Dallas Township pupils could attend the borough schools if they preferred an academic course, instead of the township's vocational training.

Came the dawn and, as inevitably, Chris Elpper. Now the thing that makes an argument with Chris pleasant is that he laughs all the while he's lambasting you. And after roaring us clean out of our composure, he told us he hadn't come in to argue, but to give us some news. Dallas township School District, he said, had established its own academic course and, what was more, had received a very complimentary letter from the State Department congratulating the district for its progressiveness.

"And," said Chris, "I want that put right up there in the corner of the first page where you had the other item." What Chris says, goes around here, so here it is, in all its glistering prominence—Chris Elpper's vindication of The Dallas Township School District.

Chris, incidentally, shares with Jim Farley any current laurels for accurate prophesying. Mr. Elpper, as far as we know, is the only man who guessed that Dallas Township's football team would defeat the Borough in its Armistice Day game. The township's string of defeats before that, according to Mr. Elpper, were only a strategy to fool the borough eleven.

Mlle. Berthe Hebert, who teaches music at College-Misericordia and whose last name is pronounced "ay-ber," thought the leaves on Dallas's trees were so beautiful last month she sent some of the gayest golds and reds to friends in France. French trees, it seems, never achieve anything brighter in the Fall than a dull brown. A few days ago she got back an amusing French poem in return. Her friends above suggested that Dallas's red leaves were blushing. For what, we didn't learn.

We are indebted this week to Mrs. W. M. Major of Lehman for her article on this page recalling some of the incidents in the history of Lehman M. E. Church, which has been celebrating its eightieth anniversary.

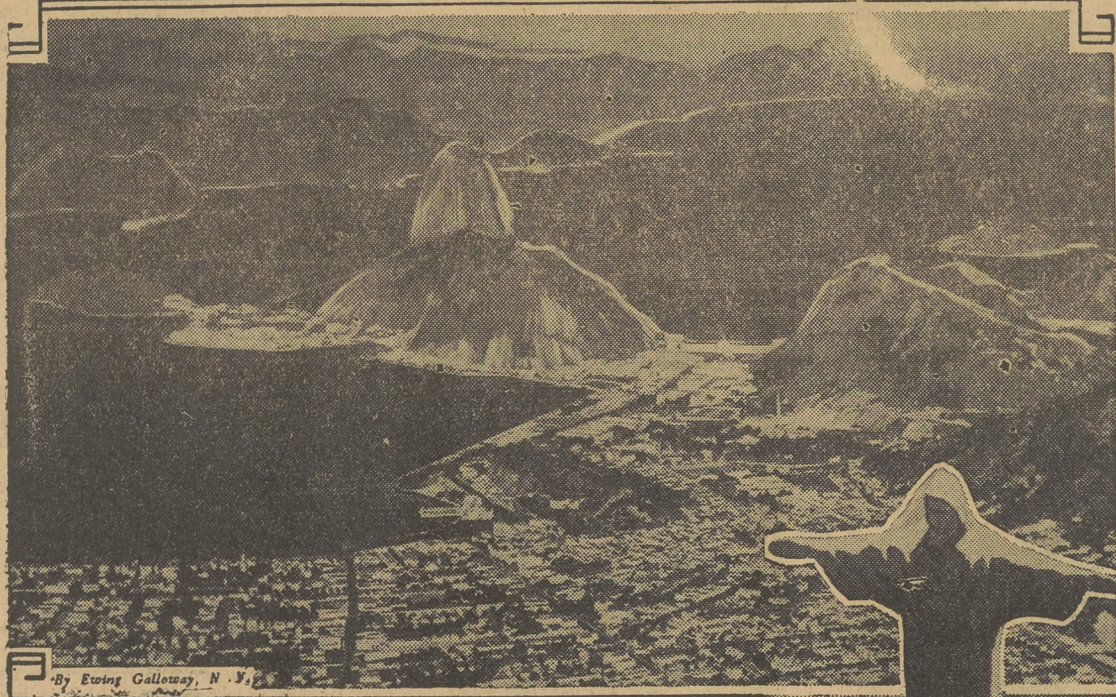
It is rather fitting, we think, that Mrs. Major should be the one to read the church history on Sunday morning. Her father, J. R. Wagner, was a pastor at the Lehman Church forty-two years ago. That's how Mrs. Major, who was born in Mountain Top sixty-two years ago, came to meet Mr. Major, and Mr. Major, of course, is the reason why Mrs. Major stayed on to become one of the best loved ladies in her neighborhood.

Mrs. Major herself is one of the most active members of the church and her assistance has helped many a pastor who followed her father. The Post is proud to have her as a contributor this week and is grateful also to Rev. Mr. Willetts, who arranged for the use of her article.

One of our correspondents who appears to be getting an awful lot of fun out of the election has been pokin' fun at the Republicans. This week she slipped another note in with her item: "We noticed that just before election one of the favorite slogans of the G. O. P. was 'On November 3 Our Nation Will Speak'." She writes, "Two days after election we saw hanging in a shop window of one of our prominent business men a very nicely-painted design with the words on it: 'Our Nation Spoke—and we think it did with a thundering voice'." Completely disregarding our correspondent's jibes, the Republicans of her halliwick are planning to hold a "Victory Dinner" pretty soon.

We never know what's going to happen when our telephone rings. Sometimes it's an advertiser, complaining because we put his radio cut in upside down or a subscriber complaining because her paper didn't come on time or just someone with a pet peeve to put off on us. That's why we're particularly glad to get nice calls. One day this week when we answered the phone a pleasant voice said: "There's one man in Dallas who does a lot and doesn't get the credit he should. I think you ought to recognize his service by some public mention." Always eager to kick bushel baskets off deserving candles we came right back. "Who it is?" "Reverend Freeman" our telephoner said.

WHERE PRESIDENT MAY DELIVER THANKSGIVING ADDRESS



Representatives of twenty-one nations of the western hemisphere are today converging on the city of Buenos Aires, capital of the Argentine, where the Pan American conference opens on December 1 to discuss the possibility of an all-American League of Nations. And in glamorous Rio de Janeiro, (above), capital of a vast empire of tropical jungles and sub-tropical plains, the American colony eagerly awaits the expected visit of President Roosevelt. It is hoped his warship will arrive there on

Thanksgiving Day so they may hear the President give his Thanksgiving Day proclamation from an American cruiser in a foreign port.

Brazil, which has its capital in Rio de Janeiro, will, incidentally, be the biggest and perhaps the potentially richest of the twenty-one nations which will attend the Pan American conference.

To the left is the gigantic, 130-foot statue of Christ which dominates Sugar Loaf, a hill adjacent to the city. The photos are from the first issue of Life, a new publication of Time, Inc.

Township Again High On List Of Wealthy Towns

Ranks Tenth On Personality Tax List Among Seventy-Two Communities

FIVE TOWNS GAIN

(See Editorial, Page 6)

Although the value of their taxable personal property is about \$300,000, less than it was last year, citizens of Dallas Township hold their claim to being one of the richest groups by ranking tenth among the seventy-two cities, boroughs and townships included in the listing of personality taxes announced this week.

The valuation in Dallas Borough, which ranks twenty-sixth in the county, also has decreased since last year but the assessments in Franklin, Jackson, Kingston, Lake and Lehman Townships are higher.

The valuation is used as a basis for the county's four-mill tax on personal property, which includes mortgages, notes, interest-bearing accounts receivable, loans, securities, stock shares, etc. The assessments of such property held by the citizens of the seven local communities has increased \$500,000 net during the last two years, a reflection of improved business conditions.

In Luzerne County taxpayers will pay about \$68,259 more in taxes on personal property this year than last year.

The valuation and the taxes to be paid by local communities are listed as follows:

Town	Valuation	Tax
Dallas Borough	\$308,579	\$ 834.81
Dallas Township	994,612	3,078.46
Franklin Township	70,265	281.07
Jackson Township	92,742	370.97
Kingston Township	658,817	2,633.29
Lake Township	108,858	435.43
Lehman Township	238,836	955.35

Women's Club Asks For Children's Clothes

The Dallas Junior Women's Club requests any persons having any clothing that they wish to dispose of to get in touch with Mrs. John Durbin. The Club has had numerous requests for caps, gloves, jackets and other children's clothing which it has been unable to fill. Any clothing besides the children's will be acceptable.

Mrs. Major Recalls Pioneer Days Of Lehman M. E. Church

See Congregation Holding Sacred Legacy From Founder

BY MRS. W. M. MAJOR

When one beholds a massive engineering achievement he exclaims over its vastness; he wonders over its completeness; he admires its beauty; he is pleased with its adaptability—but, seldom does he consider the many months and probable years of thought and planning necessary before visible work was begun; neither does he recall the countless hours of toil consumed to produce and place the material. He is unmindful of the risks taken and dangers encountered. Would he not value it more highly if he meditated upon those unseen forces necessary for its accomplishment?

How about our church? Would we not prize it more, were we informed concerning the thoughts, the hardships, the labours, the despair, the devotion

AN EDITORIAL

For America, this coming Christmas will be the happiest in six years—can be the happiest ever.

No one—from the multi-millionaire reconditioning his yacht for a Southern cruise to the kid enjoying his first Christmas tree—will be able to resist the happy tide of 125,000,000 people moving confidently and inspiringly toward the greatest comeback in history.

The upswing—myth of a thousand wishful editorials—is no longer a hope. It is here, in thousands of new jobs, millions of dollars of new business, a revived confidence in the system of Democracy, the coins that are jingling in your own pockets.

This Christmas there can be no excuse for a haphazard observance in Dallas. Only laziness and lack of community spirit can stop Dallas and its vicinity from celebrating the holidays in a manner which will bring credit and a glow of satisfaction to the town.

Let the firemen erect a tree in the Main Street triangle.

Let the business men meet and agree to decorate their store fronts to brighten the business section.

Let the Rotary Club start plans for some sort of a community party—perhaps a Christmas Party for children.

Let borough officials stand ready to co-operate in any of these ventures.

Let Dallas Woman's Club volunteer its aid in a community celebration.

Let the newly-organized glee club plan to sing carols at a public concert on Christmas Eve.

And, most of all let all citizens, filled with the spirit of a united community, stand behind what ever is proposed.

All this will mean work, hard work. The Post, which annually receives, wraps and distributes toys for some 200 needy children, knows how much work such things are. But it will also mean that Dallas is a community of which we can all be proud—a town blessed with unselfish people of splendid vision.

Is Dallas that kind of a town—or doesn't it care? The answer rests pretty much with you, and the next few weeks will tell us!

Auxiliary Buys Stove For Local Fire House

The Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Auxiliary met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Charles Swainbank on Jackson street. Fourteen members were present for the regular business session at which plans were made to conduct a Bingo party on December 4 at the Suburban Inn.

The purchase of a coal stove was announced. The stove will be installed in the fire house and it is hoped that in the future the auxiliary will hold its meetings there. Prizes for the Bingo party will be solicited from the members of the organization. Thirty games will be played with a prize for every game. There will be in addition a door prize.

Will Open Bids Today On Three-Mile Link Between Dallas And Tunkhannock

Likelihood Of Construction Yet This Winter on Stretch From Eatonville To Sugar Hollow Seen; Two Bridges To be Included In New Contract

NO IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR OTHER CONSTRUCTION

Bids for the construction of 16,589 feet of concrete highway on Route 92, between Dallas and Tunkhannock, will be opened today at the office of Secretary of Highways Warren Van Dyke of Harrisburg.

The new construction, which may be laid yet this winter, will begin near Eatonville and extend to join with the newly-laid concrete stretch at Sugar Hollow.

Two bridges—one a 155-foot, plate-girder bridge, the other a reinforced bridge—will be a part of the new contract.

To Push Construction

At the Scranton office of the State Highway Department, from where the announcement came this week, it was intimated that every effort will be made to award the contract promptly and start work on construction this winter.

The new link, a little more than three miles in length, will be twenty-feet wide.

News that the State Highway Department is actually moving toward construction of another link will be greeted enthusiastically by local civic groups which have been clamoring for a better road between Dallas and Tunkhannock for years.

May Pave Balance

It has been reported on good authority that the State is also seriously considering laying 1 1/4 miles of concrete from Evans' Falls to Dallas next Spring.

The route from Dallas to Tunkhannock would be a short cut for up-state folk bound to Williamsport and points West and is also slightly shorter than the Susquehanna River route. If it is concreted it will divert traffic through Dallas, to the possible advantage of business here.

The Dallas-Tunkhannock highway, will, when completed, reduce the distance from Wilkes-Barre to Tunkhannock by about two miles.

Lehman M. E. Ends Services Sunday

Sabbath Program Climax Of Eightieth Anniversary Celebration

The eightieth anniversary celebration of Lehman Methodist Episcopal Church will be climaxed on Sunday by a full day of special services, concluding with High School Night in the evening.

Large crowds have been attending the special series of services at the church which started last Sunday night. The last of the week night services will be held tonight, when Rev. James Burleigh of Hamlin, a former pastor, will return for a Young People's Rally. Arthur Miers, who is active in young people's work, will be chairman and Miss Edna Sutton will lead devotions. After the service there will be a fellowship hour in the social rooms.

The program for Sunday will begin with the church school at 10 a. m. and continue through the morning worship, when there will be Roll Call and a reading of the church history by Mrs. W. M. Major. At 12:30 there will be a fellowship session and dinner and in the afternoon groups of church members will make a friendly visitation to shut ins and persons who are unable to attend the church services.

Rev. Richard Jones, alumni secretary of Wyoming Seminary, will preach at the evening service, which will be known as "High School Night." H. Austin Snyder, principal of Lehman school district, will be chairman of the Sunday night program.

Has Sung Before A Million People

Famous Toronto Youth Sings At Truckville M. E. Monday

William Jones, thirteen-year-old Canadian soprano who will appear at Truckville M. E. Church on Monday night at the invitation of the Men's Club of that church, has sung 2,500 songs before over 1,000,000 people during his tour of the American continent. He is the greatest living boy singer. Master Dewey Dewey, has appeared with Paul Whiteman in New York in a special program from the conservatory of Chamber State Building, appeared three times in Detroit, with the great Chrysler Male Chorus and received the keys to San Francisco in a public reception there.

Local people will have the rare opportunity to hear him because of the friendship of his family for several local folks. Accompanied by his mother, the youth will play an engagement in Scranton before he appears here.

Assisting artists at his concert will be Bobby Collet, an unusually talented boy contralto, and Mrs. E. Aubrey Ayre, who has volunteered to accompany Dewey. A silver offering will be taken and the day will use receipts for work among the needy at Christmas.

Will Discuss Plan For Police School

Loveland Invites Local Police Officials to Conference Tuesday

Police officers and township officials from local communities have been invited to a conference to be held at Bucknell Junior College, Wilkes-Barre, on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 to discuss a plan for a police school which would be available to all law-enforcement officers in towns within a thirty-mile radius of Wilkes-Barre.

The invitation, which was sent by Charles N. Loveland, mayor of Wilkes-Barre, is in line with The Post's editorial suggestion a few weeks ago for a centralization of local police agencies.

Dr. John A. Detlefsen, director of the Police School of Eastern Pennsylvania, has been invited to address the assembled policemen and officials, explaining what has been done at Villanova College for the suburban around Philadelphia, and at Lehigh University for Northampton, Lehigh and Berks Counties.

Realizing that adequate modern training for the very great majority of police in cities and municipalities outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh was possible only through cooperation, a group of four progressive police chiefs and four public-spirited citizens founded the Delaware County Police School in 1934.

The plan expanded quickly because it was above all things eminently practical and useful, and this school became the Police School of Eastern Pennsylvania, serving all Philadelphia suburban counties at their request.

The first general fundamental and survey course has 15 instructors, expert in their various fields. The subjects taken up in lectures and practical demonstrations include elementary police work, patrolling, observation, traffic control, methods of communication, disarming and apprehending suspects and offenders, training on the range with various types of weapons, first aid, preservation of physical fitness, methods of identification, obtaining latent and hidden evidence, preparation of evidence for court and details of court procedure. The most common and most frequent offenses are discussed by persons particularly expert in the practical handling of problems of larceny, burglary, vagrancy, juvenile problems, crime-prevention and the like.

Dr. Detlefsen was a member of the original Police Chiefs and Citizens and was charged by his colleagues with the responsibility of keeping the whole machinery of instruction moving smoothly. He is a physiologist who served on the Philadelphia Hospital and Health Survey, President Hoover's White House Conference for Child Health, and in many other capacities and was knighted by the Danish King for his work in physiology and special services to the Danish people. He is an honorary member of both the Southeastern and Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Associations.

THANKSGIVING DANCE

The Thanksgiving Dance in Kunkle Community Hall will begin at 8 and continue until 12 on Thursday, Thanksgiving night. Originally it was announced that the dance would be held on Thanksgiving Eve. Hugh McLaughlin will be caller and his orchestra will play.

Pays Tribute To Pioneers Who Founded Church 80 Years Ago

1899, at a cost of \$2,000. Dr. Smith was the pastor then.

During the pastorate of J. L. Thomas, the church was raised and a basement built. This room provided space for a boiler for a steam heating plant, a kitchen and a well-lighted room for the children's division of the Sunday School and for social and recreational purposes.

The church was painted and the interior redecorated again in 1929 when Mr. Burleigh was pastor.

This ends the record of the material growth of the Methodist Church of the following are mentioned:

Old Wyoming Circuit: 1820, Elisha Bibbins; 1821, Elisha Bibbins and John Sayre; 1822, John D. Gilbert and William W. Rundell; 1823, George Lane and Gaylord; 1824, William Sherman.

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