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A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR ADULTS

Our dog team slithered to a stop beside the gentleman who was thoughtfully playing with a line he had dropped through the ice. He was an Eskimo.

"Pardon us," we said, flicking an icicle off our nose. "What direction is the North Pole from here?"

"Hold it a minute," he said. "I think I've got a bite." He tugged at his line and finally dragged something up on the ice. We couldn't see quite clearly. It looked like Admiral Byrd. Our friend pushed it back into the water.

"Turn left at the second iceberg," he said, packing up his tackle, disgustfully. "No peace any more."

We went on and when we turned we saw faint points of light far ahead across the white ice. We stopped briefly for a hurried snack—a fruit cocktail, broiled trout, a half a squab on toast, some asparagus with Hollandaise dressing and some chocolate cream marshmallow whip—and then pushed on. As we came closer we could make out the great castle, bathed in the multi-colored lights which flashed high from its tower.

"Aurora borealis," our driver flung back over his shoulder.

"Same to you," we hollered, gruffly. The lights were giving us a headache.

Our driver, a man with a flare for the dramatic, had evidently been counting on making a lasting impression with his arrival. He swung the dogs around in a graceful maneuver which snapped our sleigh sharply and catapulted us smack into a snowdrift.

When they dug us out we had a moment when we believed we had been knocked cuckoo. All around us were these little men—no higher than the hitching post that used to be on Main Street—with white beards and twinkling blue eyes and top-sided red caps. (The little men, not the hitching post.) Then we remembered we'd seen pictures of these incredible little men in a scene entitled "Santa's Workshop." We couldn't remember whether they were called elves or goblins or what. (Editor: They're called gnomes, you lug.) (Post Scripster: Oh, Hello, Ed. Didn't know you read this stuff.) (Ed: I don't. I'm slumming). Well, I discovered later they were mostly just called "Hey, you."

We had never been treated to such an exhibition of grunting and growling in our life. They worked so hard two of them got lost in the snow drift and we had to join the hunt for them. It took so long that we were in a hurry by the time we had all got brushed off.

"We've got to get back for Friday's paper," we said. "Can you take us right to Santa Claus?"

It took about fifty of them to open the big door into the castle. There was a terrific din coming from the room to the left, and when we entered it all we could see were hundreds more little men scampering around in sawdust ankle deep, sitting at high stools painting toys and hammering for dear life. Some of them, having, apparently, nothing better to do, were just sitting there contributing to the bedlam which was making us long wistfully for the quiet of our own press room on publication day.

We had skidded half way across the room with our hysterical escort when we spotted Santa Claus. The room, we should say, would reach from the Lehigh Valley Station to Doc Swartz's, and Santa was at the far end, his white head bent over his desk. A few of our excitable little friends tugged at his red coat and he swung his head around, peering at us sternly over the square spectacles which rested precariously on the bulbous end of his nose.

"I want to interview you," we shouted.

He held out a hand to silence the little men. They ignored it.

"Didn't hear you," he hollered back. It wasn't any use. We fumbled for a card. He looked at it.

"You got a lower number than I did," he yelled.

We took another look at the card. We'd given him our Social Security Account Number by mistake. We took it back and found a name card.

"Follow me," he said.

We left the big room and the noisy little men and passed through a maze of corridors. On the way a figure in furs passed us. "Hello, Line," said Santa. "Lincoln Ellsworth," he explained.

Finally we came into another big room which smelled strangely like a stable. Not strangely, perhaps, because that's what it was we learned when we saw reindeer sticking their heads out.

"Had to come down here anyway," Santa said to us finally. "Donner's got a sore hoof. I can talk to you here if you don't mind. You've got me at an awfully busy time, you know."

We assured him he was no busier than we were, what with The Post weighted down with Christmas advertising and 10,000 papers to distribute and everything being cut to the bone.

"All right," he said. "Only no questions about the King and Mrs. Simpson."

Well, we had intended to ask him if Mrs. Simpson was going to get any—

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Names Of Youths Who Died In War Honored By Vets

Local Post Is Named For Lloyd Daddow And Gomer Isaacs

OPEN CLUBROOMS

The names of two local young men who died in the service of their country during the World War were honored on Wednesday night when the local post, No. 672, American Legion, voted unanimously to name their unit the Daddow-Isaacs Post.

The action was a tribute to the memory of Lloyd Daddow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Daddow of Dallas, and Gomer Isaacs, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs of Dallas Township. Lloyd Daddow enlisted in the Spring of 1918 and was sent to Newport, R. I. for training. Four weeks after he left Dallas his body was brought home. He had died of influenza in camp. He was 20 years old. His grave is in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Gomer K. Isaacs, a private in the medical department of the 17th Motor Company, died at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, on October 20. He was 23. His family still has a card, signed by President Woodrow Wilson, citing Isaacs for "serving with honors in the World War and dying in the service of his country."

Established Clubhouse

The legionaires also decided to establish club rooms over the B. and B. Hardware Store on Main Street the first of the month. The veterans will need considerable furniture for the rooms and they have urged that anyone having any furnishings to contribute communicate with Stuart Major, commander, Arthur Brown, adjutant, or Paul Winter, Box 115, Shavertown. After the meeting, which was attended by 31, the members were entertained at Castle Inn by Harold Blewitt, a member.

Lehman PTA Takes Up Pre-School Problem

Lehman Parent Teacher's Association met at the Lehman High School on Monday evening. The program included a discussion on Pre-School Training for children under leadership of Mrs. Arthur Crosby. Mrs. Clifford Ide gave "The Madonna's Soliloquy."

Local Postmasters On Officers' List

Two local postmasters were elected officers of Luzerne County Postmasters at their annual dinner last Saturday night in Hotel Redington. William C. Luskic, Trucksville, was re-elected President and George Kirkendall, Dallas, was named second vice-president.

GUEST MINISTER

Ass. Wohlson, a senior at Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, was guest preacher at the Reformed Lutheran Church at Laketon last Sunday.

Local Thespians County Champions

Lose Out In Tri-County Test After Winning Two Tourneys

After winning two drama tournaments to tie for the county championship, the players from Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Association were eliminated from the contest at a bi-county tourney at Conyngham Tuesday.

The play which won was "The Devil and the Old Woman," a translation of Hans Sachs German drama of the Middle Ages, given entirely in verse by a cast from the Beach Haven Home Economics Groups. That group will go to Harrisburg next month to compete in the State tourney at the Farm Show.

Luzerne County was represented by the Beach Haven group and the Dallas Township PTA players, directed by Miss Beth Love. The cast of the local play included Gerald Snyder, John Yapple, Mrs. Giles Wilson, Alberta Hofmeister, Jack Edwards and Ronald Doll.

Carbon County was represented in the bi-county tourney by the Happy Hour group of Rockport and the Luther League of Aquashicola.

(Clip this Coupon and mail it to The Post if you know of a worthy family which should have toys)

The Dallas Post, Dallas, Penna. Gentlemen:

I should like to see the children in the following family receive some of the toys which are to be distributed by your newspaper.

NAME

ADDRESS

(Give address in detail so there will be no difficulty in delivering the toys.)

Number of Children

(Give Age and Sex)

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THE BIGGEST AND BEST IN YEARS



Holiday Atmosphere Spreads Over Town As Civic Groups Unite In Big Program

Women's Club Plays Santa To Children At Party

One hundred children from this section have been invited to the Christmas Party of Dallas Junior Women's Club tomorrow afternoon in Dallas Borough High School.

Planned originally as a party for the children sponsored by the club in its social service work the year around, the party was expanded in keeping with the community Christmas observance here.

The club has been assisted in its project by Dallas Borough School Board, which donated the use of the auditorium; the Greater Dallas Rotary Club, which contributed \$10 toward refreshments, and the Adult Education Recreation Division of the W.P.A. which will supply entertainment.

Mrs. George Stolarick, chairman of the party committee, has a large committee assisting her in arrangements, which include decoration of the auditorium and transportation.

The unusual entertainment for the children has been obtained by Calvin McHose of Harvey's Lake, W.P.A. Project Head in Education. He has secured the services of a group of skilled entertainers who are actively engaged in recreational work.

Among them are Miss Victoria Magda, who will direct the staff of entertainers, Miss Mary Gill, Miss Eleanor Lavin, Mrs. Nellie Faust and—believe it or not—Santa Claus.

At the conclusion of the party, the children will receive the toys which Santa has left with the woman's club and The Dallas Post for them. Children in localities outside the borough will receive their toys by other means before Christmas.

Trucksville Pupils Give Operetta Tonight

Pupils of the Trucksville Grade School will present two Christmas operettas tonight in the high school auditorium, under direction of Miss Madge Anderson, who will be assisted by teachers.

"Santa in Blunderland," a comic operetta, will be presented by the fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils. Pupils of the seventh and eighth grades will appear in "Gwen Allen's Christmas." An additional feature will be the singing by a glee club.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO HELP SANTA FIND TOYS FOR THE NEEDY

Santa's burden has been lightened considerably by the generous response to The Post's plea for toys for needy children in this section but there are still many families to be cared for and toys will be received up to the last minute.

If there is a surplus of toys, those left over will be taken to hospitals and charitable institutions, as in the past, to bring joy on Christmas to the children who are patients there.

The coupon on which you may suggest the name of a family you think should be remembered is printed for the last time on this page today. If you know of children who deserve toys rush this coupon to The Dallas Post.

Contract Awarded For Concrete Link

Hold Hope Weather Will Permit Construction Yet This Winter

A contract for construction of 3.17 miles of concrete road from Eatonville to join with the new concrete near Sugar Hollow has been awarded by the Department of Highways to F. D. Kessler, Inc., Northumberland. It was announced this week by Norman Johnstone, secretary of Wyoming Valley Motor Club.

The contract is for \$210,660 and includes the construction of two bridges—one a 155-foot plate girder bridge, the other a reinforced bridge.

If weather permits the construction will be started immediately and laid yet this winter.

The Kessler company's bid was \$210,660.

SCOUTS AT LAKE

Girl Scouts will open their winter camp at "Wildwood," Harvey's Lake, on December 29. The camp will continue until December 31.

Expect To Start Annex Next Month

Kingston Township's \$47,000 Addition Being Built With WPA Help

Ground will be broken for the new \$47,000 annex at Kingston Township High School by January 11, it was announced by school officials this week.

The township school board will meet tonight (Friday) at the high school to discuss final plans and prepare advertisements calling for bids. Bids will be opened and the contract will be let early next month.

The addition, which will provide about 300 man-months of employment, equal to steady work for 33 men for at least nine months, will have six rooms. It will be constructed on the side of the present structure toward the athletic field. Forty-five per cent of the cost will be borne by the Works Progress Administration.

Besides relieving congestion, the annex will enable the township to have a modern Junior-Senior High School, with a considerable expansion in curricula.

Women's Glee Club To Lead Community Sing On Christmas Eve

Like a bright glow, the Spirit of Christmas was spreading over Dallas this week, expressing itself in a score or more fine evidences of community spirit.

The heart of the holiday observance was Main Street, where Dallas Business Men's Association was stretching 2,000 feet of electric wire and 350 colored lights, to be financed by public contribution.

By this week-end, the business men hope to have their large Christmas tree erected and decorated in the triangle on Main Street.

Around that tree, at 8:30 on Christmas Eve, the Glee Club of Dallas Junior Women's Club will sing carols and lead a Community Sing to which all residents of this section are invited.

On Monday night at 7:30, the new Dallas High School band will play a Christmas program beside the tree.

The committee from the Business Men's Association which is providing the lights and the trees has Peter D. Clark as chairman, Howard Risley as treasurer, and James R. Oliver, Ralph Rood, George T. Kirkendall, Dr. Robert Bodycomb and Warden Kunkle as members.

A partial list of contributors includes W. M. Williams, \$5; Clyde Lapp, \$5; Joseph MacVeigh, \$5; Peter D. Clark, \$5; Elmer Parrish, \$10. Fred Youngblood, \$1; and a friend, \$5.

Meanwhile toys continued to pour into the offices of The Post to be distributed before Christmas to needy children of this section. It is likely more than 200 children will be remembered as a result of the community's generosity.

A number of local groups, notably Dallas Junior Women's Club, contributed to The Post's annual toy collection. A group of twelve-year-old boys from Mrs. H. Snyder's Sunday School class at the Dallas M. E. Church fulfilled the spirit of the holidays this week by holding a meeting to which they brought gifts to be added to The Post's collections.

Members of Mrs. Snyder's class are Albert Freeman, Edwin Nelson, David Schmeer, Carl Misson, Thomas Templin, Willis Ide, Harry Snyder, Jay Gould, William Wagner, Loren McCarty and Leroy Garnett.

West Side Visiting Nurse Association is playing a busy part in the preparations for Christmas. Besides co-operating with the Women's Club and The Post in suggesting names of children to be remembered at Christmas, the nurses will help in the distribution of the toys.

The Sunday school class taught by Mrs. R. A. Brickel, the J.A.V. Class of Dallas M. E. Church, is preparing in—

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Eipper Presents Township's Case In Controversy

"No One Need Worry Over." Township's Facilities, He Assures

SCORES "OVERZEALOUS"

A staunch defense of Dallas Township School Board's stand in the controversy over tuition claimed by Dallas Borough School Board for township pupils who are attending the borough schools was made this week by Chris Eipper, secretary of the township board.

Several efforts to meet jointly to discuss the claims made by the borough school district, which has four township pupils in its high school, have failed. The township board has now invited the borough board to meet at the township high school.

Eipper's Statement

"The township board was glad to hear," Mr. Eipper told The Post, "that soon after the first of the New Year the reins of school government in Dallas Borough were going back into the hands of the duly-elected school directors, and that as soon as possible thereafter the township board would make an effort to meet with the borough board somewhere in the Back Mountain Region."

"Second, no one should worry or lose any sleep over the amount involved as the township has always had enough Borough pupils to offset the number township pupils attending the Borough School and that this year four pupils from the Borough are attending the Township School."

"Third, neither the Township School Board nor any of its employes have ever tried to have any pupils transfer from the Borough to the Township. The article that appeared in The Dallas Post on October 6, which was nothing more or less than an invitation to the Township pupils to come to the Dallas Borough School at the expense of the Township, was placed there with or without the full knowledge and consent of the Borough School Directors. If with their consent they are equally guilty. If without their consent the gentlemen, who did it should be called to account for doing it."

"The Taxpayers of Dallas Township have gone to great expense to build up a school system which is second to none in the Back Mountain Region, and why a group of men or even one individual should deliberately set out to wreck it is beyond my power of comprehension, for it was absolutely necessary to reclassify the township school in order to keep it from being wrecked by someone over-zealous in the performance of his duties."

"This matter can be adjusted here in Dallas by a joint conference of the two boards, far better than in Harrisburg."

Scholastic Fives Ready For Season

Back Mountain Conference Games Start Eighth Of January

A tentative schedule of games for the five scholastic basketball teams included in the Back Mountain Conference was announced this week by conference officials.

Although local high school teams are playing pre-season games already, the local conference will not open officially until January 8. The schedule of games follows:

- FRIDAY, JANUARY 8: Dallas Borough at Lehman Township. Laketon at Dallas Township.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 15: Dallas Borough at Laketon. Lehman Township at Kingston.
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 19: Kingston Township at Dallas Borough. Dallas Township at Lehman Township.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 22: Dallas Township at Dallas Borough. Laketon at Kingston Township.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 29: Lehman Township at Laketon. Kingston Township at Dallas Township.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY: Lehman Township at Dallas Borough. Dallas Township at Laketon.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5: Laketon at Dallas Borough. Kingston Township at Lehman.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9: Dallas Borough at Kingston Township. Lehman at Dallas Township.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12: Dallas Borough at Dallas Township. Kingston Township at Laketon.

R. F. D. MEN KNOW CHRISTMAS IS ON WAY BY HEAVY MAILS

Fulfilling their annual mission as Santa Claus's helpers, local R. F. D. men this week began their weary holiday rounds, weighted down under a record-breaking volume of Christmas mail.

The volume of mail and parcel post took its expected pre-holiday jump on Monday and continued heavy during the week, in some cases even compelling the postmen to take the seat cushions from their automobiles to pack the load in.

According to the mail men, a num-

ber of people followed The Post's suggestion last week to put ashes on icy spots beside the mail box so the R. F. D. automobiles don't skid when they pull up to a stop.

There's another way people on R. D. routes can help the mail men during their busy season. First, try to buy all the stamps you'll need, so you can stamp your cards and Christmas mail before you put them in the box for the mail men. Don't put the money loose in the box if you have to leave change for postage. Wrap it in a piece of paper or put it in an envelope.