

## POST SCRIPTS

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The pleasant weather last Saturday afternoon attracted us to the Bloomsburg Fair where, besides seeing a number of Dallas folk, we ran up against a bunch of Indians who were selling hand-made trinkets, which apparently had been shipped from the reservation to be stamped and wrapped by a famous Chicago novelty firm. Saturday, you may remember, wasn't a particularly promising day. After a week of glorious weather, the last day of the fair brought overcast skies. Then, about noon, the sun burst forth and people began jamming into the fair grounds. It was perfect weather, and the Indians were doing swell business. They would sell their trinkets while the crowd was good and when it began to thin they would begin to thump their tom-toms and dance what they announced was the "Snake Dance", and another crowd would gather. We were standing well up front, watching the rhythmic spasms of the Red Men, when we heard the gentleman next to us snort. What's wrong?" we asked. "Some one ought to stop them," he said, snorting more vociferously. It looked harmless to us. "Why?" we asked. "Well," said the stranger, casting his eyes over the crowd, "I happen to know about that dance. That one they're doing is supposed to be a sure prayer for rain."

About the most interesting thing in The Post these days is the weekly installment of William Penn Ryman's History of Dallas on page 6. A great many people speak to us about things they've read in it. This week Mr. Ryman describes some of the old Fourth of July shindigs and pays tribute to John Hazletine, whose selections on the fife were a traditional feature of those celebrations.

Shortly after we read the proof we were talking to Ralph Hazletine and we thought he'd be interested. We mentioned that this week's installment mentioned a John Hazletine. "He must have been a relative of yours, wasn't he," we asked. Ralph smiled. "He was my great-grandfather," he said. We asked him if he had read Mr. Ryman's account of Mr. Hazletine's mastery of the fife. Of course Ralph had and, what's more, he owns the very fife with which his great-grandfather thrilled the Independence Day picnics here 100 years ago. Mr. Hazletine, incidentally, commands our profound respect for his amazing knowledge of the history of this section. We have sat dumbly while old timers drew old tales from their memories but we have never met anyone as young as Mr. Hazletine who could match him for authoritative information about the early days here.

He is a member, of course, of one of the oldest and best respected families of this section. His great-grandfather, John Hazletine, was the youngest of thirteen children. It was the oldest of the thirteen, Amos, who taught him to play the fife, and John's swift fingers and gay tunes enlivened more than one party hereabouts a century ago as a result of his brother's lessons. Today Ralph treasures three old files from those days. One of the instruments is at least 150 years old, Mr. Hazletine estimates.

Until this week we never knew that Dallas almost had a tuberculosis sanitarium once. In 1897 the Luzerne County Medical Society indorsed a plan to construct a sanitarium here. Dr. Johnson, the scholarly editor of the Wilkes-Barre Record, was one of the leaders of the movement. The plan didn't fade permanently until about 1921, when the county decided to use the White Haven sanitarium.

With a tardiness that is somewhat disconcerting, "Life", which makes Friday of each week bright for us, (Continued on Page 8)

## MOTORMAN RECALLS OLD NAMES ALONG DALLAS TROLLEY ROUTE

BY RAMBLER

Riding down on the trolley to Wilkes Barre, the other day, we got to talking with the motorman, J. B. Rood. Mr. Rood has been on the Harvey's Lake line for seventeen years. We thought he ought to know everybody in this region then. He said no, but he knew where they all lived. Baffled, we were quiet for a while, occupying ourselves by shifting from one side of the car to the other as the doors opened behind our back to let passengers on and off. Evidently feeling our discomfort, Mr. Rood relented enough to point out Toby's Creek and explain that it used to be called Bloody Run along some of its length because of the fourteen

## BERT HILL ELECTED DIRECTOR IN PLACE OF LATE ASA LEWIS

Herbert Hill, Shavertown florist, was elected a director of the Dutch Mountain Clay Products Co., Inc., this week, to fill the vacancy left by the death of Asa E. Lewis.

Mr. Hill will serve with the group of local men who are developing valuable clay deposits near Lopez, on the old Daddow farm. The company announced this week that the Blaw-Knox Co. of Pittsburgh is preparing to erect the building which will house the machinery at the clay deposits and other preparations for production are being rushed by Bert Wolliver, plant superintendent.

## D. T. H. S. In First Home Game Today

Sem Jayvees Play Borough; Ashley At Trucksville; Lehman Away

Three of this section's high school football teams will be playing home this week-end, the best gridiron fare the local fans have had this year.

Topping the week-end schedule in interest will be the Dallas Township-Factoryville contest on the township field this afternoon. Coach Doll's eleven, which won only one game last year, has been creating somewhat of a sensation as a result of a scoreless tie with Exeter and a near-upset with West Pittston, both teams in an admittedly higher class than the local circuit.

All eyes will be on Mahler, speedy township halfback, who is given credit for a bit of Dallas Township's showing against West Pittston last Saturday. West Pittston won, 25 to 20, but Mahler's brilliant play late in the game almost changed the outcome.

Ripping through the line for gains ranging from twelve to forty yards, Mahler carried the ball across twice, then broke away for a thirty-yard gain which put the ball on West Pittston's three-yard line so Knecht, the township quarterback, could take it over on the next play. In the last minute of play Mahler intercepted a pass and was through half the West Pittston team before he was downed and the final whistle blew.

### Borough Plays Sem

Dallas Borough, which made a bad start last week, bowing to Factoryville, 20 to 0, will play its first home game this afternoon (Friday) when it entertains the Wyoming Seminary Junior Varsity on McVeigh field.

Coach Tinsley of Dallas felt the big (Continued on Page 8)

## NYA Aid Locally Cut \$318 For '37

Four Schools To Get Less For Worthy Pupils Who Need Help

A slash in NYA appropriations will make itself felt in four local school districts, where young people who have been receiving government aid will have to get along on \$318.90 less for 1937-'38.

One of the least-known of the Federal help plans, the National Youth Administration makes it possible for worthy pupils to continue school by paying them for part-time jobs, usually about the school.

Last year worthy young people of Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Kingston Township and Lake Township received more than \$2,000. This year, as the result of a 75 per cent. slash in the State and a 16 per cent. slash in the county, the four schools will receive only \$1,736.70.

The appropriations for this year, compared with last, follow:

	'36-'37	'37-'38
Dallas Borough	\$ 280.00	\$235.20
Dallas Township	391.60	328.94
Kingston Township	1,168.00	951.12
Lake Township	216.00	191.44

## Ku Klux Klan Eager To Regain Its Lost Power

Spotlighted By Black Affair, Klan Drives For New Members

TEN YEARS DORMANT

Fiery crosses may blaze again on the hills above Dallas if the Ku Klux Klan, which has been spotlighted by Klansman Hugo Black's appointment to the Supreme Court, succeeds in its efforts to regain its onetime power here.

Far from being dead, the Klan today numbers many local men as its members. Reliable sources informed The Post this week that the Ku Klux Klan is gaining new strength in this section.

The Klan which is rising from the ashes today, however, is a different one from the one which claimed so many local men as members in the middle 1920's. It is as strong as ever for what is called "100 per cent Americanism" but its leaders are emphatic in forbidding any violence. It retains its religious and racial prejudices, but it intends to concentrate this time on a holy war against Communism and Fascism.

Leaders in the revival, many of whom were big shots in the hooded order ten years ago, are charting their course carefully, in the hope that by avoiding the pitfalls which brought about disintegration of the Klan here in 1927 they can win public support for the secret society.

### Once Powerful Here

The Ku Klux Klan had tremendous power in the rural sections surrounding Dallas a decade ago. Many prominent men were affiliated with the weird conclave. At first the scattered members held their membership a dark secret, but as its power grew and it gained more and more members the Klan shed some of its secrecy.

Occasionally Klansmen saluted each other boldly in public. In Forty Fort a whole army of white-hooded Klansmen paraded in broad daylight. At the height of its membership the Klan even invited the public to some of its ceremonies.

Such public demonstrations were generally conducted in isolated sections. Accommodating Klansmen stopped cars, made a brief examination of the occupants and directed them to a parking place from which they could watch the ceremony, the climax of which usually was the burning of a huge cross which had been wrapped in gasoline-soaked burlap bags. The only restriction was that visitors should not turn their headlights on the hooded men and women who were taking part in the ritual.

At one time the Klan was a dominant factor in local elections and there (Continued on Page 8)

## Patience Tried By Luzerne Pave

Letter-Writer Describes Traffic Tangle This Week

Voicing the sentiments of hundreds of motorists who pray for a by-pass, a Dallas woman who experienced Luzerne traffic at its worst on Tuesday night has sent the following communication to The Post.

Editor:  
"Is there no redress?  
"We have had statements by important people, key men in the county. We have had thousands of words written on the subject of the Luzerne by-pass.  
"I wish it were possible to think that these few sentences might be fanning a flame already kindled by the foregone pronouncements.  
"But it seems to the long-suffering public that forms the continuous stream of traffic through Luzerne that the project promised his community has gone as dead as the proverbial door nail.  
"Any one coming through Main street, Luzerne, on Tuesday evening of this week must have been impressed by a particularly bad condition.  
"Cars lined both sides of the street. A truck was parked inside the right-hand line, and just there the pave next to the car tracks is broken, making a small but effective rut into which one car after another was forced to settle. The road was slippery from rain and the cars forced to skid out of the rut past the aforesaid truck.  
"It was frightening in the extreme to see cars preceding ours accomplish this perilous feat, but much more so for us to experience it ourselves. At whose door would the fault lay if a collision had resulted? Isn't it time the motorist begins to demand damages for the impassable condition of roads which his taxes are supposed to keep in repair? Could we sue the County, the town or the State?  
"Is there any redress?"

## ST. PAUL'S DEDICATES ORGAN ON SUNDAY

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Shavertown, where special services will be held Sunday to dedicate a new Hammond electric organ. Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort is pastor.



## SECOND CENTURY OF LIFE IS UNDER WAY FOR HANNAH LOOMIS

Mrs. Hannah Loomis of Tunkhannock is well started on the second century of her life today.

Yesterday she celebrated her 101st birthday anniversary at her home in Tunkhannock. Hundreds of greeting cards flooded her home at 56 Putnam street and scores of friends came to pay their personal tributes.

Mrs. Loomis was born in Lymanville, Susquehanna county. A freak storm on the night of her birth, October 7, 1836, blanketed the earth under three feet of snow. She can remember wolves howling around her father's home. She can remember, too, when the trip from Lymanville to Wilkes-Barre was a week's journey.

She lives with her daughter, Mrs. Virginia L. Leighton, who is in her seventies.

## Gibsons Arrive Safely In Japan

Left Here In August After Spending Summer With Washburns

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray Gibson and their two children, who left here in August bound for Japan, have arrived safely in their home in Tokio. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson spent the summer here with Mrs. Gibson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn of Idetown. Mr. Gibson is a veteran representative of the Bethlehem Steel Co. in the Orient.

The Washburns have received no direct word from the Gibsons since they sailed from Honolulu but Mr. Gibson carried his home office upon arrival and the news was relayed to the Washburns, who are anxiously awaiting further reports of the conditions the Gibsons found in the Orient.

As far as can be learned, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have made no changes in their plans, which were for them to make their home in Tokio, where they had lived for several years before returning to this country for a holiday. Mr. Gibson also had plans to visit Shanghai this month and presumably will carry out those plans unless developments prevent.

Shortly before they left, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson graciously told a Post reporter about their experiences in the Orient. They knew personally many of the figures whose names have been important in news of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

## Fall Partially Paralyzes Baby

Nine-Month-Old Child Falls From Bed; Condition Serious

Partially paralyzed as the result of a fall from a bed on Sunday afternoon, Ralph Fitch, nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fitch of Parrish street, Dallas, was still in a serious condition yesterday.

The baby was taken to General Hospital on Sunday and has been under observation all week. At first it was reported the child had infantile paralysis, but doctors reported different. They also expressed opinion that the baby's spine had not been broken but it is still suffering from partial paralysis.

The child fell while playing on the bed and struck on the back of its neck.

## To Dedicate New Organ On Sunday

Prof. E. H. Bennett To Play Recital At Evening Program

The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran church of Shavertown will dedicate its new Hammond electric organ at a special service on Sunday morning at 11.

Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort, pastor, will preach the dedicatory sermon, using as his theme "Music, A Universal Language".

In the evening Prof. E. H. Bennett, organist and choir director of Kingston M. E. church, will play a program designed to show the versatility of the instrument. Mrs. Benjamin Rhorer, soloist at Emmanuel Lutheran church, Lancaster, will sing several solos.

Prof. Bennett's program follows: "Elegy", Lemaigre; "Pilate's Chorus" by Wagner; "Reverie", C. Jacob-Bond Eddy; "Jubilate Deo", Silver; Improvisation, D flat, E. H. Bennett; "To a Wild Rose", MacDowell; "Pomp and Circumstance", Elgar; "O Thou Sublime Evening Star", Wagner; "Marche Solennelle", Lemaigre.

Weights Only 300 Pounds

The Hammond organ is a recent development, having been presented formally to the musical world in April, 1935, at Rockefeller Center. The response to its performance was immediate and since then thousands of instruments have been placed in public auditoriums, schools and churches.

The tones are generated electrically and the range equals that of any pipe organ. It has no pipes or reeds, no air pressure system or vibrating parts. The console is smaller than that of the conventional upright piano. It weighs barely 300 pounds.

The program Professor Bennett has friends of the St. Paul's congregation an opportunity to hear the unusual instrument at its best.

Vespers will be entirely musical in selected will give members and character at St. Paul's on Sunday and the offering will be taken for the music fund.

## Request County To Pay Borough

Council To Get Rent For Polling Place In Future

The Dallas Borough building on Rice street will not be available as a polling place next month unless the county pays for it, as it does for other polling quarters, borough council decided on Wednesday night.

William Niemeyer, secretary, was authorized to inform the County Commissioners that in the future rent will be asked when the borough building is used as a polling place.

## JUVENILE SALESMEN LIKE 350 FREE GIFTS OFFERED BY POST

Some future coach of Dallas Borough High School's football team will inherit a snappy bunch of football candidates if all the youngsters who are after Post footballs make the grade.

Tops among the juvenile subscription salesmen who enlisted this week is Dick Phillips, who has already earned a football and is well on the way toward a motion picture camera. Among the other local youngsters who are after some of the 350 gifts which are available are Henry Lee, Dana Lee, Donald Atkinson, Thomas Atkin-

## Mundy Promises Road Contract By Year's End

Says By-Pass Construction May Not Start Before Spring

FUTURE PLANNING

State Senator Leo C. Mundy informed directors of Wyoming Valley Motor Club this week that the contract for the long-awaited Luzerne by-pass will be awarded before the end of this year, but construction probably will not start before Spring. Senator Mundy, chairman of the club's road committee, assured Norman Johnstone, secretary, that the contemplated highway improvements in Luzerne are foremost among the road projects he is seeking for Luzerne County.

Negotiations between the State Highway Department and Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp. are understood to be the chief cause for delay now. Earlier in the year Dr. Mundy said the by-pass would be started yet this year.

### See Super-Highway

With fair assurance that the much needed Luzerne by-pass is well on its way toward construction next year, the groups which have crusaded for the improvement for the last ten years are already considering future highway developments in this section.

With the Luzerne problem solved, the worst link in the Dallas-Wilkes-Barre highway will be between Trucksville and Dallas, where motorists have the choice of following the hilly route over Mt. Greenwood or the winding road through Shavertown, both too narrow for the volume of traffic they must carry in the summer.

If the by-pass is laid over part of the right-of-way of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp. the traction company will abandon its street car service and substitute busses. This will leave the right-of-way available for future highway construction and Wyoming Valley Motor Club already has discussed with officials the advisability of planning to use the street car right-of-way between Trucksville and Dallas for a new highway.

By that plan the new road would begin at the end of the present concrete near the Mt. Greenwood station following the traction company's right of way through Shavertown and Fernbrook and come into Dallas along Toby's Creek, below Main street. The new highway would cut across Main street to join Lake street at its junction with Machell avenue.

In some distant day that super-highway may be further improved by leaving the present road out of Dallas and cutting across the fields to join the present road at the Robinson Farm, a route which would shorten the distance between Dallas and Harvey's Lake considerably.

## PTA To Enlarge Scope Of Work

Borough Unit Establishes Card System For Members

As a part of its drive to enlarge the scope of its work, Dallas Borough Parent-Teacher Association plans to sponsor a number of interesting lectures and entertainments this winter and is seeking new members.

In the past the PTA has been financed by a casual system of dues which were fixed at ten cents a month. In the next week a new plan will be put into effect whereby members will pay fifty cents dues for the year and receive a printed membership card, signed by the treasurer.

The next meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the high school on Monday night, October 18. Officials have extended a warm invitation to all persons who are interested in the schools, regardless of whether they are parents or teachers.

Officers of the local PTA are Mrs. Reese Finn, president; H. L. Tennyson, vice-president; Mrs. Lewis LeGrand, second vice-president; Mrs. Richard Tenplin, secretary; Arthur Dungey, treasurer.