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Now that Dr. G. K. Swartz is relieved of the burdensome job of President of Dallas Borough School District (see ring-side account at the bottom of this page) we suggest that he be named as chairman of a committee to inaugurate a local community banquet along the lines of the famed Washington "Gridiron Club" productions.

His latent literary talent, displayed so convincingly in the lyrics to the "Swan Song" he sang with Mr. Roberts at the wild and woolly reorganization of Dallas Borough School Board last Monday night makes him the logical candidate for the job.

Why couldn't Dr. Swartz, Pete Clark, Jim Oliver, Dan Waters, Ralph Road, Clyde Lapp, Harry Tennyson, "Doc" Jeter, G. T. Kirkendall and a few others with similar talents get together and produce a burlesque of local events which could be the big feature of a general community banquet, such as the late and beloved Charles Hess used to plan for Kingston every year?

Seasonal Items: It looks like a good year for calendar collectors. Some dazzling specimens of the lithographer's art are awaiting the first of the year in local establishments. About the biggest news is the change of policy at Oliver's. Jim Oliver's calendars always were good for long "A-a-a-a-a-h's" from admiring menfolk. This year, Mr. Oliver announces, the lithesome lass on the calendar will be fully-clothed. It is not known if the change was dictated by the cold weather or as the result of a discussion of calendars recently between Mr. Oliver and the Rev. Francis Freeman. Add Woolbert, Jr., whose calendars are usually big enough to plaster one wall of an ordinary sized house, refuses to release any information about his calendar until the proper time arrives, but he intimates it will be worth looking at. Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane is distributing cigarette lighters and coat hangers to all patrons. He gave us our choice the other day. We picked a cigarette lighter, and we can report that it really did light. Better get around early, though.

Alice K. Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davies of Dallas, was in this column two weeks ago. She gets in again this week because, as a member of the hockey team at Vassar, she had her picture in last Sunday's New York Times.

Dorothy Carter contributes a "Plaint of An Old-Timer":
I mean the slenderness of Claus,
I decry the paucity of moss.

I abjure the lack of mistletoe,
Abhor the death of tally-ho.

I mourn the candy cane's demise;
I want my snowballs made of ice.

I demand a long and woolly sock,
To hang beneath the mantel clock;

(No smart, sheer thing which will not
take
Enough sweets for a stomach ache!)

I spurn that blue and silver stuff
Chic cherubs wearing not enough;

I wish a waxen angel hung,
From the fir tree's topmost rung.

I will not have those acrid hues
Of purples, matves and cobalt blues;

For my Merry Christmas scene,
I insist on red and green!

I want my Santa fat and sleighed;
I want my reindeer old and splayed.

I countenance no stream-lined gent
In aeroplane on business bent.

I want my snow just left to lay—
Unshovelled by the WPA.

I may be a sentimental fool
But I refuse a modern Yule!

Join me in this plea impassioned:
Keep our Christmases old-fashioned

Our roving correspondent and village poet, Dick Lawley, gets credit for uncovering a real example of kindness which deserves public commendation. Dick reports that just before Thanksgiving Mrs. D. A. Beterly of Pioneer avenue and Mrs. W. Riley, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Robert Steele and Mrs. J. Bailey invaded Stanley's store on Mt. Greenwood road and bought about ten dollars worth of good things to eat, which they put into baskets and left at needy and grateful homes. Then Mrs. Beterly saw something which might bring more joy to someone and she took \$3.50 from her own pocketbook and got that. Probably some other big-hearted folk celebrated Thanksgiving in the same generous way

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MOTHER NATURE DECORATES CHRISTMAS TREES EARLY



The first real snowfall of the season this week decorated these hemlock and pine trees in readiness for the holidays, but the trees may be gone before Yuletide dawns. United States needs 50,000,000 Christmas trees each year. Typical of the fine "Christmas trees" which dot hillside near Dallas, these trees represent a potential source of revenue for local farmers. The fact that scrub pine and hemlock spring up on nearly every piece of abandoned farm-land should tip off farmers on what could be done with well-tended nurseries. Today Pennsylvania farmers can supply only about one-third of the 1,500,000 trees which are bought in Pennsylvania every Christmas.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP WILL DROP CITY TEAMS ON 1938 SCHEDULE

WILL PLAY ONLY TEAMS IN ITS OWN CLASS

Crack football teams in Wyoming Valley will have to look elsewhere for "practice material" next year. For the first time in years, local high schools will spurn the tempting guarantees the city teams hold out to small schools which are willing to take a beating.

Kingston Township High School, last of the local schools to retain city teams on its schedule, will drop them in 1938, J. A. Martin, supervising principal, announced this week. The tentative schedule for 1938 includes eight games, all with schools in the township with Kingston Township.

Four years ago, when the Post launched its campaign against the practice of permitting bigger squads from the valley to pound the teams from this section all schools here scheduled games with city teams. Dallas Borough, Lehman and Dallas Township revised their schedules last year and the year before. Kingston Township played G. A. R. and Meyers High School from Wilkes-Barre and Plains High School this year.

The K. T. H. S. schedule for next fall follows:
October 1—Clark's Summit, at Clark's Summit.
October 8—Ashley High School, at Ashley.
October 15—Wyoming High School, at Wyoming.
October 22—Shickshinny High School, at home.
October 29—Dallas Township, at Dallas Township.
November 4—Forty Fort, at Forty Fort.
November 12—Jenkins Township, at Jenkins Township.
November 19—Dallas Borough, at home.
November 24—Lehman High School (tentative)

In view of the stellar performance of Coach Walter Hicks' men this year great hopes are held for their competition in the Luzerne County League next fall. The Kingston Township team won the Bark Mountain Championship and finished near the top in the county league.

Amateur dramatic groups from Centerville, Beaumont, Vernon and Mill City will compete in the Wyoming County Dramatic Tournament on Wednesday night at 8 in Beaumont High School.

The four plays to be presented are: "Operation at One", Mill City M. E. Church, Kermet Ward, director.

"Hiram and the Peddler" or "Pin Money", Harmony Dramatic Club, Vernon Grange; Arthur Shook, director.

"Two of a Kind", Fideletis Class of Centerville; M. E. Church, Mrs. Ophelia Major, director.

"The Bride Wore Red Pajamas", Beaumont Grange, William A. Austin, director.

Since Luzerne County has no entries, there will be but one tournament this year. Mill City has entered a vocal selection by the Hobby Club in the music contest. The Beaumont High School Orchestra will play. Competent judges from nearby counties will select the play to represent this district at the Farm Products Show in Harrisburg next January.

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Polacky Is Named Postmaster Here

Kirkendall Ready To Take Over New Job At Whiteman's

Joseph Polacky assumed his duties as acting postmaster in Dallas Borough this week, preparing to succeed George T. Kirkendall, who is resigning to become a member of the firm of H. A. Whiteman Co., Inc., of Wilkes-Barre.

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Mundy Moves To Clear Obstacles To By-Pass

Senator Meeting With State Engineer At Harrisburg This Week On Final Plans; Will Call Meeting Upon Return To Reach Definite Agreement On Plans

SURE JOB WILL BE STARTED BY SPRING

(See Editorial on Page 2)

The long-awaited Luzerne by-pass will be started next Spring, Senator Leo C. Mundy, Democratic leader, assured the Post this week on the eve of his departure for a conference with Chief Engineer Marshall of the State Highway Department.

As soon as possible after this week's conference at Harrisburg Senator Mundy will call all interested groups together in an effort to agree definitely upon the solution of remaining problems. If that meeting is successful bids will be sought immediately and the contract will be let in plenty of time for construction to begin early in the Spring.

The delay in concluding negotiations with Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp., which will turn its right-of-way at Luzerne over to the by-pass, is the chief obstacle in the way of the by-pass now.

The State Highway Department has its construction plans completed and has earmarked money for its share of the job, Senator Mundy said. Nothing can be done, however, until the County Commissioners agree to pay for the property damages.

It is understood the Commissioners have agreed unofficially to assume damages up to the amount of \$70,000, but the State Highway Department fears the costs may exceed that amount, and is unwilling to begin construction until the County has accepted full responsibility for damage costs.

Differing with the Commissioners, who complained recently that they have been waiting for a set of plans which would give them something definite upon which to estimate damages, Senator Mundy says the County has had such plans since last August. He will, however, have more detailed information after his conference with Marshall.

Governor Earle and Warren Van Dyke, Secretary of Highways, are intimately acquainted with the problems of motorists who use the present Luzerne road, Senator Mundy said, and are heartily in favor of the proposed construction.

Senator Mundy is hopeful that the meeting of highway men, County Commissioners, traction company officials and other interested parties which he will call upon his return from Harrisburg will remove final obstacles to the plan. "There is no doubt in my mind," he said, "but that we shall have the by-pass under construction by spring."

State President At Noxen Meeting

Parent-Teacher Groups To Join For General Session

Mrs. Catherine Hall of Williamsport, State president of Parent-Teacher Associations, will speak next Monday night in the theatre at Noxen at a meeting to which PTA members from this section have been invited.

Groups of parents from as far north as Laceyville will attend the meeting, beginning at 7:30. Each group will be represented on the pre-arranged program of entertainment.

Conservation Group To Meet At Lehman

A meeting of Luzerne County Agricultural Conservation Association will be held next Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Lehman M. E. church for Jackson, Lehman and Lake Townships. There will be election of officers.

THE LOW DOWN from HICKORY GROVE

About every other day, when you pick up a paper, you will see where they are shooting another dozen or one-half dozen in Russia. Pretty soon they are gonna have to do quite a little lookin' around, to find people to shoot. Like in the early days in the U. S., they had plenty of buffalo and they thought they would never run out of 'em, and they shot 'em just for a buffalo robe.

Some day it may be the same in Russia. It is kinda funny that you will find people here in the U. S. A. favorin' making over our own Govt. and try out some foreign idea, or some new ism or asm that has not been used, but sounds great.

The ducks talkin' up these big ideas would not be so hot for 'em, except they figure they maybe can be the top sergeant, with a nice new job, and a new fur lined overcoat—and not the guy standin' up against the wall.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

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Dallas Board Changes Its Membership Amidst Hilarity

exclude Clyde Lapp from the speakers but public demand forced recognition of his oratorical ability and he finally spoke briefly, modestly taking credit for the improvement in the character of Dr. Swartz and Mr. Roberts during their period on the board.

At the regular meeting which followed the dinner the directors heard reports and accepted the audit submitted by L. W. LeGrand.

Immediately after that session Dr. Swartz and Mr. Roberts sat as a board of judges to test the qualifications of the three new directors, firing a bewildering list of embarrassing questions at the novitiates. It was during this meeting that the retiring directors, satisfied with their successors, sang the "Swan Song."

Henry J. Disque, senior member of the board, contributed to the nervousness of the three new members when, as temporary chairman, he read their certificates of election and solemnly administered the oath of office, emphasizing sonorously

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Tears (of laughter) Fall As School Directors Sing Their 'Swan Song'

High Jinks Usher The Three New Directors Into Office

The solemn presentation of a 45-pound sledge hammer as a gavel to George Ayre, newly-elected president of Dallas Borough School Board, was only one of the fantastic things which took place when the Dallas board reorganized on Monday night. Altogether there were five official and semi-official gatherings to mark the departure of Dr. G. K. Swartz, president, Jack Roberts and Stanley B. Davies and to welcome George Ayre, John T. Jeter and William Baker, new directors.

During the official part of the evening's program Mr. Ayre was elected president, William Baker, vice-president, B. B. Lewis, solicitor, and D. A. Waters, secretary.

The unofficial proceedings began with a chicken dinner served by the home economics department and continued through out the night as directors competed to see which one could conceive the most hilarious joke at the expense of his brother-directors.

Unquestionably the high spot of the entire evening was the "Swan Song" by Dr. Swartz and Mr. Roberts. Lest it be lost to posterity the Post publishes it today.

We're through with all the mess,
We're through with all the stress
Of trying to pay bills.
We're tired of the tax collector, who
Won't collect the dough.
We're fed up on the whole darn show.
So good bye, boys, good bye, boys,
good bye, boys, we're through.

Good bye, boys, we're through
We're tired of the code book.
Now isn't that a fright,
We're tired of the fight.
And of the secretary,
That takes most of the night.
No wonder we are through.
So good bye, boys, good bye, boys,
good bye, boys, we're through.

Good bye, boys, we're through.
We're through with Clyde Lapp's
stories
That makes poor Tennyson blush.
We say good bye to you,
Without the slightest hush.
We're sorry for old Henry,
Way out upon the limb.
If you coax him he'll come in.
Good bye, boys, good bye, boys, good
bye, boys, we're through.

Good bye, boys, we're through.
We're tired of helping Bert
Uphold the Constitution.

For him the war is won
Or else it's just begun.
We couldn't stand more dinners,
Don't you think we're getting thinner?
We're all washed up on you.
So good bye, boys, good bye, boys,
good bye, boys, we're through.

By some nice under-cover work the other directors apparently had been tipped off to the "Swan Song" for upon completion of Dr. Swartz and Mr. Roberts' melodic venture the other directors burst vociferously into their answer:

So, good bye, boys, you're through,
Too bad we ever met.
We say good bye to you,
Without the least regret.
You say you're tired, but don't we
know:
All this fatigue is just for show.
So good bye, boys, you're through.
Good bye, boys, good bye, boys,
A back seat for you.

After the meeting Dr. Swartz confessed he had written the "Swan Song" and D. A. Waters, board secretary, pleaded guilty to responsibility for the respo se.

The ninth grade home economics class did itself proud in preparing the feast which opened the evening's doings. At that affair the directors gave short, humorous talks. A sly effort was made to