

## State Is Prepared To Aid Consumers On Water Service

### Investigation Of Water Service Here Is Launched

#### DISQUE GETS REPLY

A group of complainants from the Parrish Heights section received word this week from the Public Utility Commission that another investigation of the service rendered by Dallas Water Company has been authorized.

The Commission's report to the petitioners was in response to a complaint filed by about 60 consumers from the hill section, who charge the service to them is inadequate. Henry Disque, a leader in the new movement for better service, says he expects important developments as soon as the Commission makes its investigation.

In the meantime, it was reported that Robert H. Craig, general manager of the company, is planning to come here from Harrisburg to look over the situation and confer with local officials if they wish. He believes some solution can be reached without expensive legal action.

The Public Utility Commission will sit in Wilkes-Barre on December 30 but there was no indication this week that the local case will be ready for testimony then.

### Fine Music Program Planned For Sunday

The annual Christmas Carol service, which has become a very popular service in this section, will be held on Sunday evening at 7:30 at the White Church on the Hill, Trucksville. The music will be directed by Mrs. Aubrey Ayre, organist and music director. Mrs. Ayre is Dean of Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and well-known throughout Wyoming Valley for her work. Three-voiced choirs will take part in the service. The public is invited.

At the morning service at 10:30 there will be special Christmas music and an Advent sermon on the subject, "The Unseen Hand that Moves". Monday evening: Monthly social and business meeting of the Men's Club at the church at 8. All men of the community invited.

Tuesday evening: Friendship Class will hold its Christmas Party at the church at 8.

Thursday evening: At 7:15 the mid-week service of devotions and Bible study.

Friday evening: Christmas exercises of the Church School at 7:30.

### Progressive League To Meet December 21

Kingston Township Branch, No. 22, American Progressive League, met Wednesday at Shavertown Grade School to plan for a special meeting December 21, when contest cards will be opened and funds will be budgeted to help unemployed members. Officers of the local league are Paul Hughey, chairman; Albert Lare, secretary, and Mrs. Corinne Jones, treasurer.

### Pre-Xmas Services At Shavertown M. E.

At Shavertown M. E. Church on Sunday morning at 10:30 Rev. Russell May, pastor, will preach on "God and Man." In the evening there will be a special program, with music by the Junior Choir and duets by Jane and Doris Vercoe. Rev. May will read the dramatic story, "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke. While the pastor is reading, living pictures will be portrayed, under special lighting arrangements. All are invited.

#### NOXEN SERVICES

"Be Joyful" will be the subject of Rev. John Albright's sermon at the 11 o'clock service at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Noxen, on Sunday. Sunday school will be at 10 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. Rev. Mr. Albright's subject will be "Remembering the Past."

## COMPLICATIONS GROW; LAWYERS NOW FILE APPEAL FROM APPEAL

The complications surrounding Luzerne County's November election returns continued to multiply this week.

First returns gave Charles Alvin Jones, Democratic nominee, a slim majority over Governor-elect Arthur H. James, Republican.

Then the Election Board threw out the returns from one Wilkes-Barre and one Hazleton district and the revised figures gave Judge James a majority (if you follow us).

Democratic lawyers appealed to the court, asking it to stop the Election

## Xmas Program For Townsfolk To Be Held On Monday Night

### CAROLS AND PLAY WILL FEATURE PTA AFFAIR

The annual Community Christmas Program of Dallas Township will be held on Monday night in the high school building in connection with the meeting of Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Association.

"The Nativity Play" will be given by pupils from the first, second and third grades, under the direction of Misses Carbaugh, Williams and Hazel.

The play will include a number of traditional Christmas hymns by the carolers, among them "Away In The Manger", "Silent Night", "The First Noel", "We Three Kings", "To a Lowly Manger", and "Joy to the World."

Earl Wallo will read the "Christmas Story" and important roles will be filled

ed by Barbara Hope as Mary, Bobby Snyder as Joseph, Nelson Ashburner, Richard Weidner, Billy Jones and Gerald Griffith as shepherds; William Weaver, Earl Wallo and Robert Winters as kings, and Angeline Sayre, Rosemary Stradney and Mabel Miller as angels, and Jacqueline Mahoney, Shirley Stanton and Teresa Polochek.

The girls' high school chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Haley, will sing "Adeste Fideles", "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Sing We Noel" (A Czech carol). The Township High School band, directed also by Mrs. Haley, will play and the community observance will close by group singing of Christmas carols.

## G. E. Hughey Passes Away At Age Of 63

### Former Lumberman Dies At Daughter's Home In Fernbrook

Funeral of George Ernest Hughey 63, former Dallas Township resident, was held, yesterday afternoon at 2 from the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Reese of Fernbrook, with interment in Trucksville Cemetery. Rev. John Ashelmann of the International Bible School of Wilkes-Barre officiated.

Mr. Hughey, taken ill on his Tunkhannock farm Sunday, died at the home of Mrs. Reese Tuesday.

He was born in Plymouth and moved to a farm in Dallas Township where he lived for a number of years. Recently he purchased a farm near Tunkhannock. Mr. Hughey was a farmer and lumberman his entire life. He was very well known in this region was a member of Dallas I. O. O. F.

Surviving are his wife, Laura, a son, Fred of Fernbrook and a daughter, Mrs. William Reese, of Fernbrook; two sisters, Mrs. O. H. Gordon and Mrs. Clarence Covert, both of Pike's Creek; four brothers, Harry of Shick-shinny, John of New York, Ralph of Williamsport and Paul of Trucksville; and three grandchildren.

### Current Activities For Lehman Charge

The pre-Christmas season is a busy one for the Idetown, Lehman and Jackson charges over which Rev. C. Duane Butler presides.

The Wait and See Class of the Lehman Church School will hold its annual banquet at the Jackson church house on Tuesday night. F. R. Seafoss is teacher of the class.

The Ladies' Aid of the Idetown Church held its monthly meeting on Wednesday and elected officers. All former members were special guests.

Confidence Class of Idetown Church School met at the church house for its Christmas party and annual election on Wednesday.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Lehman M. E. Church held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. A. M. Major of Lehman on Wednesday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Lehman M. E. Church will have its annual Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. Ruth Sims of Lehman on Friday, December 16.

The official board and Sunday School board of Lehman M. E. Church will meet at the parsonage Monday. The Sunday School board will elect officers.

#### MRS. ROSILLA BROWN

Mrs. Rosilla Brown, 85, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Corey Meade, Idetown, on Thursday, December 8. The funeral was held on Monday, from the home, with services in Idetown M. E. Church, Rev. C. Duane Butler officiating. Interment was in Idetown Cemetery. Mrs. Brown is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Corey Meade and Mrs. Walter Smith of Idetown, and a son, Daniel Brown of Idetown.

Board from dismissing the returns in the two districts, where fraud had been charged. The court set December 19 for a hearing (are you with us?).

On Monday, Attorney Herman Goldberg and Attorney Hopkins Rowlands moved for an appeal to quash the Democratic appeal (read it slowly). The court en banc took the request under advisement.

But no one knows yet how the county went on November 8.

#### WAS OLD RESIDENT

Thomas Knorr Purchased His First Acre Of Land In Trucksville From Perrego In 1886

Thomas Jefferson Knorr, who died on November 23 at the age of 79, purchased an acre of ground from James Perrego in 1886 and built the home at Trucksville, where he died. In 1891 Mr. Knorr purchased another acre from Matilde Ide, mother of the late Mrs. Milton Neyhart of Shavertown. He was the last of his immediate family, his older brother, Charles, having died in October, 1928.

Before his retirement in 1932 he was employed by the Delaware and Hudson Coal Co. for 17 years. He was a native of Bear Creek. His funeral was held December 2 from the A. C. Kelley Funeral home, with Rev. Harry M. Savacool officiating. Interment was in the family plot at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville. Pallbearers were Arch Woolbert, Charles Fisher, Boyd Atherholt, Jacob Hoover, Ezra Hoover, Harold Yorks.

## Elmer Kocher, 77, Mourned At Noxen

### Had Worked At Tannery For Forty-Four Years

Elmer E. Kocher, 77, one of the oldest and best known residents of Noxen, died yesterday morning at 6:30 at his home of complications following a two weeks illness.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Avul of Noxen, sons, George of Johnson City, N. Y., Edwin of New York, Gilbert and Robert of Florida, Ralph, Wallace and Floyd of Williamsport, Albert of California and Ray of Vancouver, B. C.; two sisters, Mrs. William Hausch of Harvey's Lake and Ruth of Noxen, with whom he resided; and two brothers, Edward of Lehman and Michael of Lake Township.

### Elizabeth Rummage Is Mourned By Many

A great many intimate friends and relatives mourn the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Rummage, life-long resident of Sweet Valley, who was buried in Bloomingdale Cemetery Sunday afternoon following services from her home. Rev. Ira C. Button of Sweet Valley Christian Church officiated, assisted by Rev. E. J. Waterstripe of the Church of Christ, Sweet Valley.

Mrs. Rummage passed away Thursday evening of complications at her home. She was seventy-six years old. Born in Ross Township, she spent her entire life at Sweet Valley. She was active in the affairs of Sweet Valley Christian Church. Her husband, Thomas Rummage, died three years ago. She is survived by two sons, Stanley Rummage of Ramsey, Michigan, and Dr. L. C. Rummage of Nanticoke.

## Township To Get 'Home Rule' Again, Supervisors Hear

### James Will Curb State's Invasion Of Local Authority

#### ANNUAL CONVENTION

A promise of a return to "home rule" for second class townships in Pennsylvania after Governor-elect Arthur H. James assumes power next month was delivered to more than 200 supervisors and auditors at Wilkes-Barre this week by H. A. Thompson, State Secretary of the Association of Township Supervisors of Pennsylvania.

The occasion was the annual convention of the Association of Second Class Townships of Luzerne County, Monday in the Orphan's Court Room at the Court House, with Bruce Long of Kingston Township presiding. Mr. Thompson spoke as the representative of a powerful organization which represents 6,065 supervisors and auditors in 1,514 second class townships in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Thompson predicted a return to township supervisors of authority over local roads. The Holstrom Act of the 1937 Session of the Legislature, an extension of a policy inaugurated by the Parkinson and Furman Acts of the Pinchot Administration, gave maintenance funds to the State Highway Department, to be expended through the county superintendent of highways, instead of by the township supervisors.

#### Political Move Backfired

The transfer of township roads to the highway department was a political move to strengthen, first, Pinchot, then Earle, in rural sections, Mr. Thompson charged. He said the measure had an opposite effect, however, for in the last election an estimated 3,500 township officials, resenting the State's interference in what they considered to be their business, campaigned against the Democratic Administration and were largely responsible for the Republican landslide in rural sections.

Mr. Thompson also scored the so-called Mundy Tax Abatement Bill and charged that it has encouraged "tax-dodging." He pointed to Philadelphia's financial crisis which, he said, was caused by a tax deficit of \$24,000,000 owed largely by 41 delinquents. He said the Tax Abatement Bill has created a new slogan, "A man who pays his taxes is a sucker" and he reported Judge James is already planning to amend the law to ease the burden upon taxpayers who do pay.

The speaker also instructed supervisors in the application of the 1937 Act permitting supervisors to make an audit of books of justices of the peace before receiving all fines for overloading and speeding. In some cases, justices have refused to permit an audit and payment. Township supervisors have authority to order the justices to appear with their books for the audit and if they refuse the supervisors can subpoena the justices and prosecute.

#### Officers elected are:

Fred Seely, Salem, president; Francis Youngblood, Kingston Township, vice-president; Mrs. E. Z. Harrison, Fairmount (re-elected), secretary; Paul Hoch, Slocum; Harvey Welsh, Black Creek and S. P. Smith, Nescopeck, delegates to the State convention; Howard Perry, Exeter; Osborne Hoover, Salem, and Harry Banning, Wright, alternate delegates.

#### CHRISTMAS PRACTICE

The Primary and Beginners' Classes of Shavertown M. E. Sunday School are requested to meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in the church to practice for the Christmas program.

## NOTICE!

### TO CONTRIBUTORS AND ADVERTISERS

Although The Post is always pleased to have its readers telephone or send in news items it has been severely handicapped recently by a last-minute rush of news and advertising. Since this obviously disrupts schedules, opens the way to error and frequently delays publication, it has been necessary to establish and observe to the letter strict deadlines.

Advertisers and correspondents are requested earnestly to submit their copy early in the week. Church notices, club notices and town correspondence should be in no later than Wednesday noon, and earlier if possible. No advertising will be accepted unless reservations for space have been made by Wednesday afternoon. No announcements or items will be taken after 10 a. m. Thursday. Classified advertising will not be accepted after Thursday noon. The Post will go to press Thursday at 4 p. m.

These deadlines are adopted primarily to improve our service to the public and it follows, therefore, that we shall always be more than eager to co-operate with any contributor or advertiser who desires space in the paper. Our telephone number is Dallas 300.

### GOVERNOR-ELECT JAMES REQUESTS OLD WALTZES AT INAUGURATION BALL

There will be no truckin' or struttin' at the Inauguration Ball of Governor-elect Arthur H. James. The judge wants old-fashioned waltzes, instead.

"My partner in the grand march will be my daughter, Dorothy," the judge announced this week. "I shall have the first dance with her and the second dance will be with my sister, Mrs. Martha H. Edwards of Forty Fort."

Judge James repeated his wish that the inauguration be as simple and as inexpensive as possible. "I question whether the expenses will be more than \$2,500, and certainly they will not be more than \$3,000," he estimated.

## 72 Year Old Woman Leaves Big Family

### Mrs. Wilson Survived By 10 Children, All Well-Known

Mrs. Adeline S. Durland Wilson, life-long resident of Dallas Township, who died at 5:30 a. m. last Sunday morning, was the matriarch of one of this section's largest and most prominent families. Thirty-nine descendants survive her.

Beloved by hundreds, Mrs. Wilson was 72 years, four months and 19 days old. The daughter of James and Mary S. Durland, she raised a fine family which became identified with almost every cross section of activity here.

She was buried Tuesday afternoon, with services at the home at DeMunds, with Rev. Fedor Ether of Pleasant Mount officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Kline of Centermoreland. Two selections were sung at the funeral, "Some Time We'll Understand," which Mrs. Wilson had requested, and "Some Day the Silver Cord Will Break." Mrs. Ralph Haley was the soloist.

Surviving are her husband, seven sons and three daughters: Daisy Prynne, Carverton; Nelson Wilson, Dallas; Peter Wilson, New Milford; Andrew Wilson, Mocaqua, Gil. Wilson, East Dallas; Leona Wilson, Fernbrook; Stanley Wilson, DeMunds; Alan Wilson, DeMunds; Ted Wilson, East Dallas; Jennie Culver, Huntington Mills; a brother, Archie Durland, Falls, and 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were seven sons and one grandson.

## William Rinus, 51, Killed In Mines

Victim of a mine accident, William Rinus, Sr., 51, Trucksville, was buried in Shickshinny Cemetery Monday afternoon following funeral services from the home and at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Shavertown. Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort, pastor of St. Paul's officiated.

Mr. Rinus died Monday afternoon following a mine accident at the Antracite Colliery, Luzerne. He was a section boss Payne Coal Company, for which he had worked for fifteen years.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rinus of Mt. Greenwood; his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Albert Ouder of Trucksville, and two sons, William at home and Edward of Trucksville; three sisters, Mrs. George Marcy of Pringle, Mrs. Elliot Miller of Larksville and Mrs. Aubrey Weaver of Dallas; brothers, James of Trucksville, Carpenter of Courtdale and Harry of Pittston, and two grandchildren.

### Father Of Local Man Buried At Beaumont

Ziba S. Huey, 64, of Rutter Avenue, Kingston, father of Milton Huey of Dallas, was buried in Beaumont Cemetery Sunday, December 4, following funeral services from Union Church, Beaumont. Mr. Huey, son of the late Christopher and Mary Van Horn Huey, early residents of Wyoming Valley, died of complications at his home December 1. The body was removed to Paul Nulton Funeral Home, Centermoreland, after death.

#### J. A. B. CLASS

The J. A. B. Class will have its annual Christmas party on December 27 at the home of Mrs. R. L. Brickel.

## FOUR-CORNERED CONTEST TO MARK FIREMEN'S ELECTION DECEMBER 23

A four-cornered contest for the presidency of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co. of Dallas will enliven the annual election on Friday night.

Eager to keep in political form during the lull between regular elections, the firemen have nominated four prominent men, all friends and all enjoying the good-natured rivalry.

The hats of Clyde Lapp, Charles Reigle, Burgess Bert Smith and Arthur Culver are in the ring and a

## Clark Is Honored For Leading GOP To Decisive Win

### Graciously Gives Credit To Rank And File Of Party

#### 200 ATTEND DINNER

Outstanding figures in Luzerne County Republicanism joined with local leaders on Tuesday night at Irem Country Club to recognize the vigorous leadership of Peter D. Clark, Sixth District G. O. P. chairman, in the recent election.

Mr. Clark, the speakers agreed, is typical of the young, aggressive, liberal element which is leading the Republican party back to power throughout the nation. About 200 persons heartily applauded the tributes to Mr. Clark.

Fred M. Kiefer, general chairman, began the affair with a warning that it was to be just a friendly gesture to Mr. Clark, shorn of all politics. He introduced District Attorney Leon Schwartz who was toastmaster.

Among the speakers who paid tribute to the guest of honor were J. Henry Pool, county chairman; Attorney William S. McLean, 3rd; Clyde N. Lapp, Dallas Borough School Director; Attorney R. Lawrence Coughlin, county solicitor; Robert M. Miller, State Senator-elect from this district; Attorney Frank Slattery, Judge W. A. Valentine.

In responding to the speeches, Mr. Clark made a brief and gracious expression of thanks. He modestly declined credit for the overwhelming Republican victory here in November and passed it on to the hundreds of loyal G. O. P. workers who carried the brunt of the battle.

An impromptu program included entertainment by versatile Vincent Shindel, group singing, led by Jim Beseker and singing a quartet which had as members Leon Schwartz, V. A. Shindel, Walter Schimmelbush and "Hiney" Kleinkauf.

### Henry A. Nothoff Is Laid To Rest

#### (Contributed)

The funeral of Henry A. Nothoff took place from the family home, Bennett Street, Luzerne, Saturday morning, with a high requiem mass at Sacred Heart Church, Rev. Father Fath was the celebrant, Rev. Father Walsh, Parsons, deacon, and Rev. Father Luksic, Wilkes-Barre, sub-deacon.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. The bearers were seven nephews-in-law and Lawrence Schuler, a cousin. Several priests of the diocese, including Rev. John O'Leary of Shavertown attended. Forty honorary pallbearers attended, including William T. Payne, coal operator, for whom Mr. Nothoff was superintendent for 20 years.

Mr. Nothoff is survived by his wife, the former Margaret Gallagher of Wilkes-Barre and eight children, Mrs. Joseph Harris, Luzerne; Frederick of New York City; Marie Geraldine, a teacher in Luzerne; Mrs. John Birkbeck, Luzerne; Charles and John, Harvey's Lake; Henry G. of Central Y. M. C. A. of Buffalo; Mrs. John J. Nash, Salem, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. W. Arthur Blewett of Fernbrook a former teacher in Luzerne. Eleven grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Nothoff needs no eulogy. His life stands as his finest memorial. It is difficult to believe that a man so much a part of life in Wyoming Valley for so many years has left us. It seems scarcely possible that Mr. Nothoff's life, filled with so many things and spreading in so many directions, could suddenly and completely be snapped off in two days. Perhaps we find it so difficult because we do not want to believe that he has gone. His hearty, honest, cheery manner was a tonic for people with whom he came in contact. We cannot call him back, but we can, in tribute to him, try to copy the characteristics, which made him respected by all.

#### SERVICES AT LAKE

Rev. John Albright, pastor of Lake-ton Lutheran Church, will preach on "Be Joyful" at the 9 a. m. service Sunday morning. Sunday school will be at 10.