

## Taxpayers Like Municipal Plants

Answers Indicate Public Satisfied In Every Case

(This is the second of a series of articles written for The Post reporting the experience of municipalities which operate their own water systems.)

"Consider it one of the best for any borough."

"Very favorable."

"It is our opinion that no one would agree to a return to private ownership."

"Very satisfactory."

These are typical answers received from officials of municipally-owned water systems in Pennsylvania, who were asked: "What is the public's attitude toward your municipally-owned plant?" Without exception so far, the communications received from the municipalities selected at random indicate that in communities where the water system is publicly-owned the taxpayers are satisfied.

One reason may appear in the comment by an official of Reading's Bureau of Water, which has been operating its own plant since 1865. "Municipally-owned plants can secure money generally at 2 per cent less than the rates charged private corporations," this official writes. "Assuming the same efficiency of personnel, for each \$10,000 of investment a municipally-owned plant's interest charges will be \$200 per year less than a privately-owned plant. These savings can be used to improve service or reduce rates."

Even older than Reading's water system is the one owned by Tamaqua, which has had its own plant since 1858. "We believe," says G. L. Knies, superintendent of water works, "that we have one of the most modern plants in the State for the size of our town." He claims the Tamaqua rates are the lowest in Pennsylvania. The company is operating at a profit.

### Owns Plant Since 1850

But Tamaqua's long record is outdone by Media, which acquired its own plant in 1850. Media, in fact, never was served by a private utility. Besides providing water for the Borough of Media, the system also furnishes water for the townships of Middletown, Upper Providence and Nether Providence.

At the end of 1938 Media estimated the net worth of its plant at \$466,284.59. Its assets exceeded \$750,000. Against this amount stood liabilities of about \$31,500, leaving an amount exceeding \$223,157 for reserve and a surplus of more than \$50,000.

Some municipally-owned plants don't want a profit. Bethlehem's system is

## DIRECTOR FIGHT TO DOMINATE KINGSTON TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Keen Rivalry Anticipated In School Board Contest; Supervisor, Auditor And Constable To Be Elected

Two positions which must be filled on the Kingston Township School Board in the municipal elections next Fall command attention from township voters, as lines are formed for 1939's significant municipal election.

The terms on one supervisor, a township auditor and the constable also expire, but the election limelight will be captured by the school board battle.

An extensive building program during the last six years strained district finances and judicious management by the school directors during the next few years is most important. Since 1933 a new high school at Trucksville, a grade school at Shavertown and annexes to both structures have been completed. A new building is under construction at Trucksville now to replace one razed by fire in December, 1937.

The two retiring members of the board are Howard Appleton and George Prater.

Ed Hall, Shavertown druggist and former Forty Fort councilman, has been urged by some political leaders to aspire to the school board. Dr. M. J. Borthwick of Shavertown may be a candidate. In all probability the existing balance of two board members from Shavertown, two from Trucksville and one from Carverton will be maintained.

Francis Youngblood of Shavertown is retiring supervisor. Sam Spaciano and Hale Garey are reported to be possible candidates for this position. John Paul may run for constable, a position now held by Francis McCarty. The term of Grover Stock of Carverton, township auditor, also expires this year.

Although Kingston Township has a large Republican majority, the ratio of Democrats has increased considerably since the nation swung with the Roosevelt election in 1932. In the last seven years the Democratic vote has risen from five to 20 per cent. An appreciable increase in Democratic registration last Fall was not reflected by the vote, however.

All important township positions are held by Republicans and no change in the existing G. O. P. majority is expected next Fall. Considerable political rivalry between Shavertown and Trucksville, begun in 1933 when political leaders in Shavertown considered a separation from the township and the formation of a borough, enlivens each election, but an even balance of offices is generally maintained. The last upset came two years ago when Ed Trumbower was elected supervisor, taking the position away from Carverton and giving Shavertown two supervisors to Trucksville's one.

## Youth Council Sponsors 'King Of Kings' Film

"The King of Kings", Cecil B. DeMille's famous film depicting the life of Christ, will be shown at St. Stephen's parish house, Wilkes-Barre, on Tuesday, under sponsorship of the Luzerne County United Christian Youth Council. Proceeds will be used to send Chinese Christians to the World Youth Conference at Amsterdam next July.

## Hands Given Skimmeltion

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hand, newlyweds, were given a "skimmeltion" last Saturday night by a group of friends who gathered in front of their home on Main Street for some old-fashioned noise-making.

managed on that basis. "We do not want to operate at a profit," says Bethlehem's director of Parks and Public Property. "We give the consumers the benefit of any profit by reducing rates." (Another article in this series will appear soon.)

## BOROUGH WILL OBSERVE ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEK CO-OPERATION INVITED

Dallas Borough Council has designated the week starting Monday as Clean-Up Week and has asked residents of the borough to co-operate in improving the appearance of the town and removing health hazards.

The borough truck will patrol streets beginning Tuesday to pick up rubbish which is placed at the curb line. It has been emphasized that the truck will not collect garbage, nor will the borough employes be able to pick up baskets which are not out front.

## Centermoreland MRS. BESTEDER

Clayton Rasmussen returned home from the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, Saturday in much improved health.

Mrs. Myrtle Gay, who underwent a serious operation at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital last week, is expected home next week.

The Junior Mechanics of Centermoreland met Monday evening at the hall. Recently organized, the lodge is growing steadily.

Rev. Thomas Kline, pastor of the Centermoreland M. E. Church, has been given the charge for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Eckert of Chase were calling on friends at this place Sunday.

The Centermoreland Grangers are practicing a play which will be given shortly at the hall, it is reported.

Elisha Weaver, one of the older residents of Centermoreland, was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital for treatment last week. He has received several blood transfusions following a hemorrhage and his condition is reported improved.

## Methodist Churches Retain Pastors

No Changes Made Locally At Annual Conference

For the second consecutive year, all pastors of local Methodist Episcopal churches have been assigned without change. The appointments were announced on Sunday as the annual sessions of Wyoming Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, closed at Endicott, N. Y.

The appointments made for this section, all the same as last year and the year before, follow:

Alderson-Noxen, Guy Leinthal; Carverton, Charles H. Gilbert; Centermoreland, Thomas F. Kline; Dallas-E. Dallas, Francis F. Freeman; Lehman, C. Duane Butler; Maple Grove, Mark E. Kroehler; Shavertown, Russell J. May; Trucksville, Harry M. Savacool.

## Ethel Wallo Is Queen Of May At Lehman High

Ethel Wallo and Edwin Ide, both seniors, will reign over the Lehman Township High School May pageant to be held early next month.

Maid of honor will be Jeanne Altomonte, a sophomore, and other attendants in the court will be Anna Drophinski, Murray Fiske, Eleanor Hardisky, Phillip Altomonte, Victoria Niezfoda, Arden Evans, Josephine Baro, Herman Kessler, Helen Wydra, George Lamoreaux, Pauline Ehret, and Warren Keller.

The Silkworth, Meeker and Idetown pupils will participate this year and the band will play. Rehearsals will begin soon.

## KUNKLE

FLORENCE HONEYWELL CORRESPONDENT

Mrs. Jane Mann of Idetown spent the week-end with her sister Mrs. Harry Sweezy.

Mrs. Owen Ide entertained the following at dinner and a quilting on Thursday; Mrs. Stanley Elston, Mrs. Clyde Hoyt, Mrs. Ralph Ashburner, Mrs. William Weaver, Mrs. Kenneth Martin, Mrs. Edgar Nulton, Mrs. Bertha Ide and Mrs. Ralph Hess.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rogtherly and family of Dallas have moved into the Stanley Elston home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Price spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Miller.

Miss Althea Landon, a nurse at the Nassau Hospital, L. I., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Landon, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dodson spent Sunday with Mr. Dodson's parents at Muhlenburg.

The Alpha Omega Class of Kunkle M. E. Church had its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph Hess Monday night.

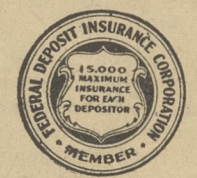
Mrs. Charles Nulton and children have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nulton for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Elston and family have moved into the Julia Kunkle home.

James Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rydd recently.

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Ask your county agent or the experiment station what your soil needs.

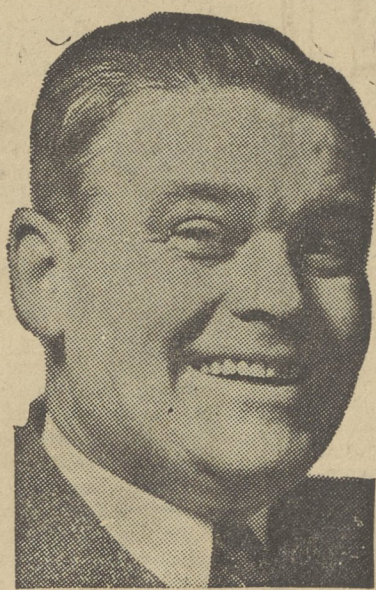
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