

They Prove Small-Town Democracy Produces Results When It Hits Hard

Review Of Year Shows Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Has Done Inspiring Job For Community

This is a story of community achievement, a story of small-town democracy in high-gear action.

This is the story of the Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company.

Just a year ago five men sat in the dingy frame building where the borough kept its fire engine and studied what civic neglect had done to a once-flourishing volunteer fire department.

There was about \$50 in the treasury, but there were debts against that sum. Nobody had been keeping the minutes lately, probably because of the slim turnout at meetings.

The building and the equipment needed attention. There was no accurate record of who had paid dues and who had not.

It was a pretty grim picture the five men faced and the easiest thing to do was to say "Well, if the community isn't interested, why should we worry?"

They weren't that kind of men. With a little mild profanity and a lot of determination, they tackled the job of injecting new life into the sick fire company.

First, they tried education. They sponsored a local observance of Fire Prevention Week, during which they held fire drills at the schools, displayed the equipment, brought the oldest fire engine in America to town as part of an exhibit of obsolete fire-fighting equipment and invited the community to a free moving picture which exposed fire hazards.

Members Mobilized

At the same time they launched a membership drive and in a little more than a week enlisted about 150 new members.

From that start the firemen gained increasing momentum. They tested the equipment and discovered just what they could expect of it. They painted the interior of the fire house, including the stove and the siren, and sponsored a class which earned diplomas in fire-fighting for those members who were interested.

They wrote and produced a home talent play which, after all expenses had been paid and the big cast had been feted, netted them a profit of about \$450.

By this time the original group of five had grown to a hardhitting core of 25 or more who were enthusiastic about the way things were going.

Revised Old System

They decided it was unfair to maintain the company by contributions from generous citizens, while less public-spirited residents rode along free, so they sought a plan to share the cost of maintenance among all those who benefit.

They went first to Dallas Borough council with their story and received a promise of a \$300 yearly appropriation, in addition to council's customary help in providing light, fuel, quarters for the truck and compensation insurance.

On the heels of that windfall came a promise of similar cooperation from Dallas Township. Then the firemen contracted to protect Jackson Township, and received a \$100 donation from the supervisors there. Just a few months ago the supervisors of Lehman Township studied the matter carefully and then authorized the Dallas firemen to protect Lehman, under an arrangement similar to that entered into by the other communities.

But the firemen were not resting on their laurels. No sooner had they received the promise of municipal co-operation than they set out to prove that they were eager to do a good job.

They took the equipment into

RIPLEY'S PUBLICITY FOR NOTHOFFS BRINGS HEAVY MAIL TO LAKE HOUSEHOLD

Ever since Mrs. Jack Nothoff of Harvey's Lake made Robert E. Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" several weeks ago because she had given birth to two babies within eight months the Nothoffs' mail has been unusually heavy.

Letters have come from as far away as Louisville, Ky., and Mr. Nothoff received one from an old friend from Honesdale he hadn't seen in 11 years.

The story of the short span of time between the two births was carried in The Post at the time. The second baby, prematurely born, was kept in an incubator at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital for some time.

neighboring townships for demonstrations. They went from house to house, distributing cards which instruct house-holders how to summon the company, and explaining how the firemen respond to calls.

They even started, with WPA help, a survey of water sources throughout this area. When it is completed it will give the fire company a card file system which will list farms, describe the buildings, locate the wells, creeks or cisterns nearby and show the nearest route from the fire house to that farm.

Zoning Entire Area

In addition, the firemen will have a master map of the area, carefully zoned, so the truck can respond without any loss of time to a call from any of the four towns now protected by the company.

There are other things the firemen have accomplished in the last year—such as the insurance policy each member now receives—and there are a number of projects under way—such as the move to secure fireplugs for Dallas Borough.

Perhaps the most tangible evidence of the year's gains is the figure in the company's bank book, which shows a balance of about \$1,000. That was the account that had about \$50 in it last summer.

But the best product of the year's effort is the look on the faces of the men who turn out for the meetings on the second and fourth Friday of every month. There's never a very big crowd out, but those who come confess that they have no more fun anywhere else. Partly, they're referring to the good-natured banter and ribbing which is a part of every meeting, but most of the excitement comes from working harmoniously with other men to build something valuable for their community.

No Fuehrer ordered these men to organize. They wear whatever color or shirts they like. They don't "Heil" President Ralph Eipper. They represent a variety of religious, political creeds and nationalities, bunched under the general head of "American", and what they have done is proof that Americans can still work together without having anyone push them around.

Firemen Display Their Gratitude

Thank Supervisors And Welcome New Members

"When the fire siren rings at 3 a. m. these men crawl out of bed and go to put the fire out and they never ask whether it's the home of a Republican or a Democrat, a Catholic, a Jew or a Protestant, a white man or a black man," Harry L. Ohlman told a good-sized crowd of guests and new members of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company of Dallas at its "Good Fellowship Meeting" last Friday night.

Mr. Ohlman, one of the men who shares the credit for the amazing progress of the local volunteer organization in the last year, was the chief speaker at the meeting, which was planned as a gesture of appreciation toward municipal officials in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Lehman Township and Jackson Township, who have given generous co-operation to the company in recent months.

He gave an inspiring review of the company's activities in the last year, explained some of the projects it has under way now and listed a few objectives for the future.

Other speakers included Fred Shoultice, Jackson Township supervisor; Charles Martin, Dallas Township supervisor; Burgess Herbert A. Smith of Dallas and Peter D. Clark, Joseph MacVeigh and Morgan Wilcox, Dallas councilmen, all of whom pledged their continued support to the volunteer firemen.

A number of new members were welcomed at a social session which followed the business meeting, when the firemen enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches and soft drink which had been prepared by a committee having as members Danny Richards, Nick Cave, and Leslie Warhola.

Jurors Are Selected For September Court

One woman, Dorothy Elston of Kunkle, is among the men and women from the Dallas section chosen for service on jury during September. The local jurors whose names were drawn are: Week of September 9: Claude H. Cooke and L. V. Lacy, Kingston Township; Dorothy Elston, Dallas Township.

Week of September 16: Payne Brace, Dallas; William H. Clewell and W. H. Kerolf, Trucksville; George Shaver, Kingston Township.

Week of September 23: Wesley Daddow, Dallas; Benjamin Hightower, Kingston Township.

Card Of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and family wish to thank all those who assisted in any way during their recent bereavement, also those who sent flowers and loaned cars.

MAN-MADE LIGHTNING



A 5,000,000-volt man-made thunderbolt strikes a model of the World's Fair trylon in the General Electric's Steinmetz Hall at the New York World's Fair.

Dems' New Chief To Visit Valley

Flynn To Attend State Gathering August 23

With all sixty-seven of Pennsylvania's counties represented by a delegate enrollment already exceeding 1500 and giving promise of passing the 2000 mark, the State Convention of the Young Democrats of Pennsylvania, opening in Wilkes-Barre on August 23, will be the most important political concession ever made to Northeastern Pennsylvania. The State Dinner will be held at 6:30 on August 24 in Hotel Sterling.

National Democratic Chairman Edward Flynn, successor to Postmaster General Farley in Administration prestige will be here. So will U. S. Senators and Congressmen of great reputation. In all, the record-breaking attendance and its bearing on the presidential campaign will make Wyoming Valley the cynosure for observers of the national scene.

What is expected is that \$10,000 will be spent for room rent in Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Scranton, Hazleton, and the Dallas region favored for escape from the Summer heat. More thousands of dollars will be used for delegate pleasure and for entertainment of important national figures.

Industrial and business leaders will take advantage of the occasion to impress upon national leaders and Administration spokesmen the opportunity to assist the anthracite region with war and preparedness orders. Which means central Wilkes-Barre and strategic points throughout the valley will be selected for display of products that can be afforded here at great advantage to the nation.

School To Begin On September 4

Williammee Lists Dates For Enrolling

The schools of Dallas Borough will open on Wednesday, September 4, T. A. Williammee, supervising principal, announced yesterday.

Parents having children to enter the first grade are requested to enroll on Monday, August 26, between 1 and 3 p. m., or on Tuesday, August 27, between 2 and 3 p. m. Pupils should present birth certificates as well as vaccination certificates. Enrollment will take place in the old building.

Pupils planning to enter the 10th, 11th or 12th grades are requested to come to the office Monday morning, August 26, or Tuesday morning, August 27, to make out their programs.

All other pupils entering the borough schools for the first time should call at the office during the forenoon of August 26 or August 27 and present credentials. Other pupils will enroll on the first day of school.

Photo Of School Stage Gets Wide Publicity

A photograph of the electric cooking equipment displayed on the stage of Dallas Borough high school for the cooking school of Luzerne County Gas & Electric Corp. last June appears in the current issue of The UGI Circle, a magazine published by the United Gas Improvement Co.

The picture was taken by Del Wolever, sales representative for the Dallas area and who, with Mrs. Bertha Phillips Howe, home economist, planned the series of cooking schools which were held here last Spring. The photograph will give Dallas publicity throughout the Middle Atlantic and New England states.

DeRemer Reunion Sat.

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Farmdale, Tender, Sweet PEAS No. 2 can	Gold Seal Finest Quality FLOUR 24 lb. bag
10c DOZEN CANS \$1.15	69c
Vegetable Shortening Spry 3-lb. can	Vegetable Shortening Crisco 3-lb. can
46c	46c

Slightly Broken Slices Hawaiian PINEAPPLE 2 No. 2½ cans 29c

Supreme Soft-Twist Bread 2 lge loaves	NBC Shredded Wheat 2 pkgs.
15c	17c
Bonnie Oak Evap. Milk 4 tall cans	NBC Excell Sodas 2-lb. pkg.
25c	15c
Finest (With Pk. & T. Sauce) Beans 16-oz. can	Princess Striped Mints 2 6-oz. pkgs.
5c	17c

Hom-de-lite Velvety MAYONNAISE pint jar 17c

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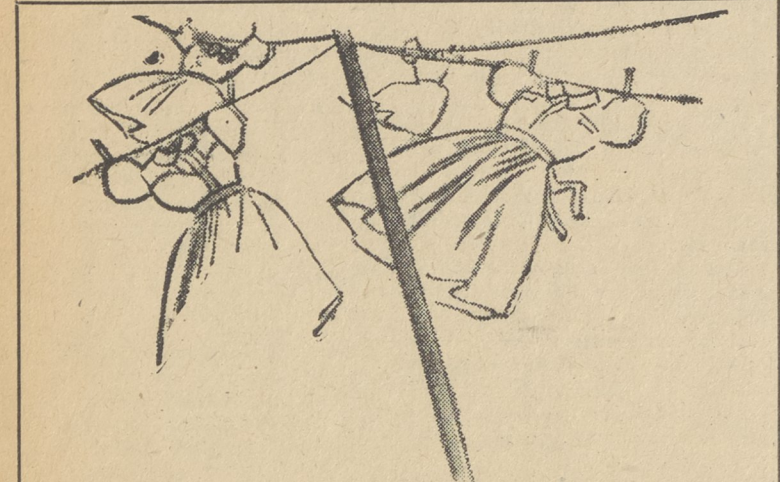
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