

"More Than A Newspaper, A Community Institution"

We're a little bit hurt this week . . . and disappointed. Nothing much has happened, only we've just learned that we are not considered local.

It's a long story, but here it is—even though it's probably something more to be harbored in the back of our heads than used as a topic for an editorial. We'll let you be the judge.

Months ago this newspaper offered to send The Post free to every soldier from the Back Mountain Region. You may take our word for it that the offer was genuine. We had no desire for credit or for glory. The fact that many of the boys have been grateful and praised us enthusiastically in their letters has at times been embarrassing. We have published many of those letters in order to keep the boys in touch with one another and with home. We want them to feel that the community is behind them—not the Post alone. Ask them what part of the Post they read first. It's always the letters. Ask them what community they want their news from and in unison they reply: "All of it, from the whole Back Mountain country. That's home to us."

When we started sending these free papers the first group to "co-operate" was from Kingston Township. They handed us the addresses of 100 boys. Since that time Kingston Township friends and parents have continued to send them in. Many of them probably never knew the Post existed before. Many have probably forgotten it already. But all had one opinion in common at the time, "Boys from Back of the Mountain will be glad to read the hometown news." For a moment at least, we were all one . . . and one for all.

For a moment, too, there might have been some thought of the expense involved . . . of the extra effort required to keep addresses straight with six of our own force in the army. There might have been a moment when someone wondered what keeps a newspaper running when advertising revenues decline in a field never fertile with advertising-minded merchants. There have been times when we, ourselves, have wondered.

This week we still wondered. Shavertown Chemical Company is appealing for support as a community institution—not as a brilliant smooth functioning outfit with efficient stream-lined fire-fighting apparatus—but as a struggling community outfit like ourselves. But the company didn't give that a thought when it was looking for some one to print its program—a program for this same Field Day that we as a community institution have given columns of publicity over the years . . . and half a column of front page publicity a week ago. We were overlooked once again.

We are always glad to give publicity. Our community institution is always anxious to support any community ventures and we are bound by no narrow prejudices, borough or township lines. We'd like to make it plain that we are for the whole Back Mountain Region. But we are getting a little tired of being a local community institution when Kingston Township wants something and a "foreigner" when it has something to give.

Last spring, and for several springs, when Kingston Township schools had a yearbook to print we were not considered, although two of our employees live and own their homes in Kingston Township. Both of them pay taxes to support those schools . . . and that is more than the teachers who placed the printing do. At the same time that we were too small or not "local enough" to be considered, this plant was producing outstanding publications for Wyoming Seminary and College Misericordia whose standards for workmanship surely must be as high as those of Kingston Township schools. Commencement invitations, school programs, football tickets—it is all the same.

Not local enough? Not big enough? Brother, this paper has been here fifty years and will be here long after we are gone. Not community-minded enough? Not enthusiastic enough? We were born and bred back of these mountains. We were suckled on these mountain mists long before most of the carpetbaggers in Kingston Township knew the difference between coal dust and fresh air. And as to community institutions—we'll continue to be one and do the job better without public support than those who are yapping for it when they don't deserve it.

The place that you are least likely to find a cigarette is in one of these fancy boxes scattered through the rooms of every house.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Jr.

It is next to impossible for the average northerner to understand colored folks. He either mistrusts them completely, or he is oppressed by the racial-equality fallacy and so outraged at its inferences, that he builds up too much resistance in his subconscious mind. To get to first base with colored folks, you must have been born in the south or have moved so early in life that southern understanding is grafted upon northern heritage.

Members Of State Commission Will Be Guests Of Wilkinson

Members of the Pennsylvania Local Government Commission, of which he is a member, will be entertained Friday by Don Wilkinson at his home, Friendship Hill, on Center Hill road, Dallas.

The Commission, frequently known as the Mallory Commission, is composed of four members of the State Senate, four from the Legislature and two lay members. It will meet for a public hearing at the Court House in Scranton on Thursday. Main topics of discussion will pertain to the collection of delinquent property taxes, a retirement system for municipal employees, and changes in the State Constitution which will give the State Legislature the power to change voting districts. The Commission hopes to simplify the methods of filing and collecting liens for taxes. Under the present laws these costs approach \$100. Through simplification the Commission believes that costs can be cut to less than \$10.

When there is a death, the white folks provide the extra cash. They visit the colored school and see to it that the book supply is adequate, and that the building is kept weath-

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While Brothers Fight They Build The Weapons



American girls aren't willing to sit at home idly while their brothers, fathers, husbands and sweethearts are fighting. Hundreds of thousands of them have found some way to help. In Akron they are building barrage balloons, pontoons, gas masks and life belts. This group of girls built this ponton in the plant of The General Tires & Rubber Company. Getting up at the crack of dawn they work in the factory from six o'clock until two. One afternoon, to satisfy themselves that the pontoons met all specifications . . . that they would support the loads intended for them, they took one out on a nearby lake to test it for air and water leaks. Having found that it met with official approval they paddled it around the lake just for a little recreation. Each one of these girls has some person close to her in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard and each is determined to do her part to provide them with weapons. And each pay day each girl sets aside part of her income for war bonds.

Booth Leaves For Texas Job

Engineer Will Work On New Rubber Plant

Nelson Booth of Lehman avenue left yesterday for Freeport, Texas, where he will be employed by his old firm, Stone & Webster, in the engineering corps constructing a new synthetic rubber plant.

For the past seven years Mr. Booth has been associate engineer with the Works Progress Administration of Pennsylvania and during one year of that period was in direct charge of 1,700 employees and various power equipment engaged in the construction of 1½ miles of levee and dredging for flood control along the Susquehanna river at Wilkes-Barre.

During the past two years he has been in charge of National Defense program on airport construction in the State for the Deputy Administrator and during that time supervised the construction of five modern airports.

Prior to his work with WPA, Mr. Booth was employed by the State Department of Forests and Waters and by Stone & Webster, nationally known construction engineers.

Mrs. Booth and daughter, Ann, will remain in Dallas with Mr. Booth's mother, Mrs. C. N. Booth.

Davis Promoted

Alfred Davis, son of Councilman and Mrs. William Davis, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant in the Headquarters Detachment at the Ordnance Replacement Center, Aberdeen, Md.

Eight Army Bombers Fly Over Dallas

Eight army bombers flying east in formation attracted the attention of hundreds of Back Mountain residents late Sunday morning. The planes were flying at moderate altitude and the uniform drone of their motors warned of their approach long before they were in sight.

Lake Schools Appoint Henney

Kunkle Poultryman Heads New Department

One of the best known poultrymen in the Dallas area, Ray Henney, will head the newly established vocational-agricultural department at Lake Township schools.

Mr. Henney assumed his duties on August 1, and during the remainder of the summer will interview Lake Township parents and students to determine what courses are needed, outline his course of study and organize the department for actual work in September.

Mr. Henney is well qualified with a background of theoretical and practical experience gained as an instructor of animal husbandry and as a practical farmer. For years he has specialized in poultry breeding on his farm at Kunkle and has been one of the outstanding egg producers in Luzerne County.

Before coming to Dallas he was head of the vocational-agricultural department at the government vocational school in Baltimore, Md. Except for time served in the navy during the World War, Mr. Henney has been actively engaged in farming either as student, teacher or proprietor since his graduation from Coughlin High School in 1914. He received his B. S. degree in animal husbandry from State College and in the intervening years taught in the schools of Delaware, Dayton, Ohio, and as supervisor of vocational-agriculture at the State Teachers' College, Bowling Green, Ky. He holds the certificate of Junior Poultry Husbandry with the United States Department of Agriculture and was for some time chief of agricultural training at Chilli-cothe, Ohio.

Fighter Command Is Not Patrolling Valley

Many have raised the question whether the Army Fighter Command is patrolling Wyoming Valley with night fighters. Best explanation of night flying planes came this week with the announcement that the army is training many pilots in night flying and that some have included Wyoming Valley in their course.

Faithful Few Man Air Post

Observers Needed On Early Morning Shifts

Under the direction of Merle Shaver and Giles Wilson county employees are making up for lost time in bringing construction and painting of Observation Post No. 672-A in Rice cemetery to completion. Chief Observer Paul Shaver announced this week that he hopes to have the post in operation and fully manned within a fortnight.

There is still a need for furnishings and Mr. Shaver has asked any one in the community to notify him if they have and are willing to donate a 12x14 linoleum rug, coal pail, broom, coal shovel, dust pan or 10-gallon water bottle and fountain. Tally-Ho Grille has already donated two chairs and two tables which Atlee Kocher has rebuilt into a desk, and Henry M. Laing Fire Company has donated two rocking chairs.

Mr. Shaver says that he is still short enough observers to man the 12 (midnight) to 6 a. m. shifts: Sunday-Monday, Tuesday-Wednesday, Wednesday-Thursday and on Thursday-Friday. Since two persons serve on each shift this means that eight observers are vitally needed. Observers serve once every fourteen days so that a full complement of 112 persons is needed to properly man the post on all shifts.

Two of Mr. Shaver's most faithful observers on one of the Thursday to Friday shifts have been F. G. Mathers and Franklin Stroud of Kingston Township. They have held that station for the past eight months. Others who haven't missed a shift except for illness—and in some instances neither illness nor

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Motor Club Has Fine Road Opening Pictures

Some of the best pictures of the ceremonies incident to the opening of the Harvey's Lake Highway are on display in the offices of Wyoming Valley Motor Club in Hotel Sterling. Some of the pictures taken from the roof of Richard's Market show the crowd and school bands lined up before the speaker's stand while others show the full parade headed by tanks from Berwick.

Still Growing Potatoes Without Tops, Or Blight

Lehman Avenue agriculturalists, John Frantz and Howard Risley, were still growing potatoes without tops this week. One hill dug up provided almost enough potatoes to fill a small strawberry basket. Blight has struck the tops of the normal potatoes in their patches, but Mr. Frantz and Mr. Risley have no fear of its effect on their "freak" potatoes.

Rationing Board For Entire Area Will Be Established In Dallas

New Set-Up Will Eliminate Costly and Wasteful Trips To Shickshinny and Wyoming Boards

A rationing board for the whole Back Mountain area will be established in Dallas before the end of August it was learned on reliable authority this week. Establishment of a board here will remove the necessity for frequent inconvenient trips to Wyoming and Shickshinny on the part of local residents and will greatly speed-up the allotment of tires, sugar

YOU'LL BE FINED IF YOU VIOLATE REGULATIONS IN NEXT TRIAL BLACKOUT

Violators of Blackout regulations will do well to be on their guard during the next Blackout in this area according to R. M. Currie, chief warden of Zone 9. During previous trials numerous incidents have been overlooked by the wardens and in Kingston Township where a German alien defied wardens performing their duty nothing was done. "But, during the next blackout," Mr. Currie warns, "all offenders will be subject to arrest and prosecutions will be pressed."

Priorities Close Mathers Firm

Firm Finds War Work For Employees Away

With all types of road surfacing material frozen by the Government, Mathers Construction Company has closed operations for the duration, sent its trucks and road working machinery out on army and navy work and found jobs for all of its former employees in other industries.

Until the Government order which shut off its supplies of Colas, an asphalt road surfacing material, Mathers Construction Company was one of the most promising highway and driveway contractors in this area. Headed by F. Gordon Mathers of Trucksville it had grown steadily since its organization some years ago and within the past year purchased a fine new building on Sly street, Luzerne, when its headquarters in Trucksville were no longer large enough to accommodate its expanding business.

During most of last summer the company employed fifty men on driveway and surfacing jobs and in addition furnished much of the surfacing material for Dallas Borough and Township streets as well as for municipalities throughout Wyoming Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania. The company still has more than 25,000 gallons of Colas—or

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Seventy-Two Year Old Man Falls Down Steps

Horace Spencer, aged 72, missed his step and fell down the stairs at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris, early Wednesday morning when going downstairs for breakfast. The fall resulted in a broken collar bone, several fractured ribs and severe cuts on the head. Dr. Sherman Schooley was the physician in charge.

Pioneer Women Had Nothing On Modern Aircraft Spotters

Back Mountain mothers are proving that they are not only good homemakers but that like their pioneer forebears they can protect those homes from enemy invasion—not this time from hostile Indians but from enemy bombardment—while their sons and brothers are protecting America on far-flung fronts.

Of the twenty or more women who have volunteered as spotters for the aircraft warning observation post in Rice Cemetery some are veterans, like Mrs. Arthur Kocher of Harvey's Lake, and Mrs. James Robinson and Mrs. John Blackman of Idetown. These women have been among the most dependable observers at the Lake Post. When the aircraft warning service decided to transfer the post to Dallas they were among the first to notify Paul

Are you entitled to wear a "target" lapel button? You are if you are investing at least ten percent of your income in War Bonds every pay day. It's your badge of patriotism.



and gasoline for those who are entitled to them. Announcement of the new set-up was made by a member of the County Board after plans for the Dallas Ration Board were approved by Philadelphia.

Members of the county board are A. J. Sordani, chairman; Reuben Levy and James B. Costello. Ray J. Bartow is executive secretary. Although final plans have not yet been made known it is understood that a central location on Main street, Dallas, has been selected and the staff tentatively approved.

Lapp Resigns As Air Warden

Currie Names Joseph To Dallas Sector

R. H. Currie, Air Raid Warden for Zone 9 comprising the Back Mountain Region, has announced the appointment of David Joseph to succeed Clyde N. Lapp who has resigned as warden of Sector 1 which includes Dallas Borough.

At the same time Deputy Chief Warden, Clarence Laidler, and Mr. Currie announced an important gathering of all air raid wardens to be held Thursday night, August 20, at Norris Grove on the Hillside-Huntsville Road. At that time members of the State Police and an air raid expert will complete the training of wardens with demonstrations of new methods of combating poison gas and fires set by incendiary bombs. Of 249 wardens in the area only 79 have completed their course and been awarded official arm bands. Those who complete their work on August 20 will be awarded bands.

Supervisors of Townships and borough officials in Zone 9 have been asked to contribute a pro rata share, based on population, of the \$800 expense required to set up the control center in the old Kingston Coal offices in Kingston. Monthly operating costs will be about \$100 and include costs of light, heat and eight telephones. Since Kingston and Plymouth will bear most of the expense, the amount asked from local municipalities is small.

Other sector wardens announced by Mr. Currie under the revised set up are: Sector 1, Dallas Borough, David Joseph; Sector 2a, north district, Dallas Township, Raymond Kuhert; Sector 2b, south district Dallas Township, Earl Layau; Sector 3, Kingston Township, Shavertown, Clarence Adams; Sector 4, Kingston Township, Trucksville, Ralph Hazeltine; Sector 5, Jackson Township, Chase, Ernest Smith; Sector 6, Jackson Township, west, Elmer Laskowski; Sector 7, Lehman Township, Carl Brandon; Sector 8, Lake Township, Alan G. Kistler; Sector 9, Ross Township, Sweet Valley, Carl Drapiewski.

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Shaver, chief observer of Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion, that they would continue as spotters in Dallas.

Then other women seeking to prove that there was no complacency on the home front—not among the women at least, volunteered their time to search the skies for enemy planes. Among them are: Mrs. Milton Perrigo, Emily Parrish, Mrs. Earl Monk, Josephine Norton, Mrs. Clifford Ide, Mrs. John Cunningham, Mrs. Edward Nelson, Mrs. Ralph Brown, Betty Pittman, Margaret Jones, Mrs. Ray Shiber, Mrs. William Baker, Mrs. Arthur Kocher, Mrs. Paul Warriner, Mrs. Charles Stoekey, Mrs. John Nicholson, Mrs. James Robinson, Elizabeth Pittman, Mrs. John Blackman, LaVerne Race, Mrs. Joseph Jewell, Mrs. James Hugton and Mrs. Atlee Kocher.