

Get Ready For Winter

Summer and early fall are the times for preparing homes for winter—with especial attention paid to the elimination of fire hazards.

One of the major causes of home fires is defective heating units, ranging all the way from oil stoves to central heating systems. Even the best of appliances become worn. Flues and chimneys become filled with soot. During the war, it was often impossible to adequately maintain heating plants due to shortages of parts and labor. There are still shortages, but not as severe as in the immediate past. The money spent will pay tremendous dividends in safety and security.

Faulty electric wiring is still a major destroyer of homes. Important repairs should be made by a qualified electrician. Frayed cords should be replaced. Then, when your electrical equipment is subjected to the heaviest use, it will safely carry the load. Lastly, during the pleasant weather, homeowners should carry on a rigorous campaign to rid their property of junk. Thousands of fires have originated in attics and cellars and closets filled with old clothes, furniture, magazines, etc. Many fires have resulted from improper storage of paint, gasoline and other inflammables. A clean and orderly house offers fire few opportunities.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

The way to go about a lengthy and somewhat monotonous job is to broadcast your intentions, enlarging upon them with fanfare of trumpets, send out an S. O. S. for donations of materials, and let nature take its course. People begin to inquire brightly how the braided rug is progressing, and they ask to have a look. Sheer shame keeps you going long after the first fine flush of enthusiasm has faded, to be replaced by a dogged determination to keep going if it takes a leg. As a braided rug grows in diameter, it also grows appallingly in circumference. A circuit that was easily polished off in half an hour near the center can now be measured in terms of a career.

I could have been saved all this effort if somebody with a grain of pity had contributed a braided oval rug to the Library Auction Sale. There were a couple of oval rugs, but they were crocheted instead of braided, and I was holding out for a braided rug if I had to braid it myself. Which I am now doing.

Materials have been coming in from all directions. The roster reads something like this:

- One rose-beige blanket, tattered and torn.
- One pair of pants, oxford gray.
- Three pairs of navy blue socks, darned.
- Two pairs of black wool socks, ditto.
- Three indistinguishable items, moth eaten.

The top of a horizon-blue skirt which started life as a tailored suit some twenty-eight years ago.

One pair of pale blue pajamas, shrunken.

And the gem of the collection, eight Turkey-red wool bandages intended for the comfort of the rheumatic, but gathering moss in the cedar chest for the past thirty years.

These contributions, together with wool scraps rounded up from the personal wardrobe, should make a large oval rug unless the large oval rug becomes discouraged and sinks to the bottom of the bureau drawer along with the pieced quilt. That pieced quilt started off with a flourish, but it never got to first base. Probably a feathered star pattern was a little complicated for an amateur. Twelve blocks somehow got themselves sewed together, but they are still waiting to be assembled and quilted.

That pieced quilt reminds me of the little bush in "A Sense of Humor."

"What is the matter with that little bush you planted?"

"It needs to have you carry a bucket of water to it every night and work the earth around it."

"Goodbye, little bush."

When and if the braided rug is ever finished, there will be a large Detour sign posted conspicuously nearby, and in rainy weather callers will be met at the door with a pair of felt bedroom slippers and a firm request to remove their shoes upon entering. Walk on anything as precious as that rug? Never. That rug is designed to delight the eye, not to comfort the feet.

Mary Morgan Thomas Dies At Daughter's Home

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Morgan Thomas, 61, last surviving member of a pioneer Beaumont family, were held Wednesday from Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont. Mrs. Thomas died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Race, Tunkhannock R. D. 5 following a lingering illness.

She was one of four daughters and a son born to Mark and Sarah Hoover Morgan, whose families were early settlers of the region. She was born in Beaumont and lived there until seven years ago. She taught at the Beaumont school for several years. Her husband, Edward, died seven years ago. She is survived by the following children in addition to Mrs. Race: Mrs. Elwood Tatman, Long Beach, California; Edward, Rehoboth, Delaware and Elias, Wilmington, Delaware.

Funeral services were in charge of Rev. Nevin Korb of Tunkhannock Church. Pallbearers were Charles and George Clark, Jacob Straley, Wayne Hadsall, Murray Traver and Cragg Herdman. Interment was in Beaumont Cemetery.

Social Security To Be Explained

Public Is Invited To Meeting Thursday

All residents of this section, some of whom should be receiving social security pensions but are not because of misunderstanding on their part, will have an opportunity Thursday, September 11, to learn the facts about the social security program. Christopher G. Boland, manager of the Wilkes-Barre Social Security office, urges the people to attend the community meeting which will be held at 8 P.M. at Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre. Featuring the program will be an address by Oscar C. Pogge, National Director of the Social Security Administration, covering the present Social Security Act and amendments recommended for increasing coverage of the social security program.

Thursday's meeting was arranged by the Wyoming Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce as a public service. The Jaycees, after learning of the confusion on the part of many local residents, agreed to sponsor the affair.

Each person who attends Thursday night's meeting will have an opportunity to learn of the monthly benefits he will receive when he retires. Since benefits are based on wage records, each person upon entering the auditorium will receive a card which he may send to Baltimore for a statement of his wages from 1937 to January 1, 1947. Upon receipt of the wage record each individual may compute his own benefit in accordance with the social security formula. The latter will be explained thoroughly during the evening's program.

Bessie Stroh Taken By Death

Funeral Will Be Held On Saturday

Miss Bessie May Stroh, 65, died at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Thursday morning at three o'clock following a lingering illness. Services will be held from the family home on Spring street, Shavertown, Saturday afternoon, followed by services at Shavertown Methodist Church.

Miss Stroh had been a resident of Shavertown for more than twenty years. She was born at Center Moreland where her father, the late George Stroh, conducted an undertaking business.

She was a member of the Shavertown Methodist Church, the Berean Sunday School Class and the W.S.C.S. She also was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Shavertown Fire Department.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Boynton Brodhum and a brother, Bert P. Stroh former Commonwealth Telephone Company manager, both of Shavertown.

Anna Naugle Seriously Stricken In Washington

Mrs. Willard Cornell of Pike's Creek and her brother, William Naugle, recently flew to Everett, Washington, because of the illness of their sister, Anna Naugle. Miss Naugle a teacher in the public schools at State College, Pa., suffered a severe stroke while visiting relatives and friends in Washington. Her brother has since returned here, but Mrs. Cornell is staying on. Miss Naugle was reared in Pike's Creek and formerly taught in Lehman.

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Dry Forces Are Favored To Win In Kingston Township On Tuesday

Evils Of Drink Are Not Only Factors Involved; Many Fear Property Depreciation

With Kingston Township a battleground of wet and dry sentiment a close and hotly contested Primary Election is expected on Tuesday when voters will have an opportunity to approve or disapprove licensed liquor establishments in the township.

That the contest is attracting more than local attention is evidenced by the volume of literature that is being mailed to voters by State organizations opposed to prohibition. These groups are taking an active and aggressive interest in the outcome. Other powerful interests are also supporting the wets.

But the dry leaders in the township say that they are confident of victory on Tuesday if parents and church people will get out and vote. They refute the argument that all veterans are in favor of liquor by saying that such sentiment depends largely on whether the veteran has a family or is single.

On Wednesday night leaders of the dry movement representing Trucksville, Carverton and Shavertown met at Trucksville Methodist Church and laid plans for a mass meeting to be held Sunday night at 8 at Trucksville Fire Hall. Rev. Samuel Truscott, pastor of Dorranconet Methodist Church will be the speaker. Rev. Truscott will discuss the problem the Dorranconet congregation faced when Luzerne County Court ruled that a liquor establishment could remain in the vicinity of the church. The public is invited.

Those who are in close contact with sentiment in the Township are of the opinion that less than twenty votes will determine the outcome with the dries having the edge because conservative property owners fear that new saloons may locate in residential areas.

While many in Kingston Township have no regard for Prohibition on a national scale they have expressed themselves as definitely in favor of abolition of liquor licenses in their home community, and will vote dry on Tuesday.

New Mine Law Now In Effect

Coal Strippers Must Resurface Operations

By Pennsylvania News Service

Harrisburg, September 4—With soft coal strip-mine operators already required to re-face ravaged areas resulting from their operations, strip-mine operators in the anthracite region have now fallen under the thumb of State regulations in this respect as a result of a new State law which went into effect September 1.

The new hard coal strip mining law requires operators to re-fill the gaping holes left in the earth by their surface-gouging operations, and to level off these areas which are then to be planted with trees and shrubs. Operators not desiring to follow-up this work themselves have the option of paying the Commonwealth \$60 per acre to do the job.

The law also requires hard coal operators currently engaged in stripping operations to pay an annual license fee of \$25 and the posting of a bond of \$200 per acre to insure compliance with the new regulations.

The regulation requiring soft coal operators to replace scoured areas has been in effect for several years, although the constitutionality of the act has been hotly contested and batted back and forth in the courts.

Only recently the Dauphin County Court here ruled that the law was constitutional, but an appeal to the court ruling has been prepared by representatives of the operators, who contend, among other things, that it is impractical to reforest such areas as required by law.

Mine operators employing as low as from two to five persons are now required to abide by the safety regulations of the Commonwealth as set up by the State Department of Mines, which requires inspections every six months and gives the State the right to close mines classified as unsafe. The measure was strongly opposed by independent mine operators.

Eleven Are Baptized At Sweet Valley

Eleven children were baptized on Sunday at North Lake, Sweet Valley by the Reverend Ira Button of the Christian Church. They were: Dorothy Shirley Shaw, Wilbert Lee Shaw, Kaye Asenithe Shaw, Timothy D. Shaw, Neva Edwards, Emlin F. Iverson, Norman H. Iverson, Elizabeth J. Iverson, Marjorie Lewis, Carol Cobick, and Crawford Henry.

Has Record Enrollment

Lake Township schools have an enrollment of 392 this fall, constituting the largest enrollment in seven years, supervising principal George Taylor has announced. This represents an increase of almost 100 students over last year. Approximately forty of these formerly attended the closed Loyalville school.

The first grade is having one of its biggest years with a total of forty-one beginners enrolled. Largest attendance at the school to date was 488 established in 1940.

Jackson Board And Lehman Talk Consolidation

No Action Taken Pending Further Study Of Problem

At a joint meeting of Lehman and Jackson Township School Boards, R. W. Robinson, chief of consolidation and transportation of the State Department of Public Instruction outlined three general trends that are affecting school districts under Legislative Acts 403 and 417.

First, small schools of less than 100 pupils are closing up. Attendance areas are thus being enlarged. Second, there is a rapid reorganization from 8-4 to the 6-6 plan of school organization. Third, is the creation of larger units of school administration. This is being accomplished by the union of districts or by the formation of joint districts. In the former case each district loses its identity. In the latter case each of the boards maintains its identity.

Jackson Township, with an enrollment of about 100 pupils in the lower grades housed in four small one-room buildings must either build one modern building or send its elementary pupils to other districts. At present 100 of its upper grade students are tuition students at Lehman.

The directors discussed the possibilities of forming either a joint board or consolidation; but no action will be taken until study can be made of the many factors which will effect either move.

Lake Students Open Drive

Miss Shirley Boston has been elected student manager of the second annual Lake Township High School magazine drive which began Wednesday morning. Miss Boston will be assisted by the following home room captains: Gladys Burkhardt, Albert Rebbennack, Audrey Harris, Richard Cornell, Alice Eply and Frances Stepanovich.

A goal of \$900, which is \$100 more than collected last year, has been established. The profits, which last term amounted to \$240, will be used to finance the general activity fund, purchase visual aids and aid in financing the school yearbook.

Lake students attained an average of \$5 per pupil during the initial drive in 1946, setting the pace for Back Mountain schools.

New Men's Shop To Open Shortly

Rustine Property Is Converted By Joe Hand

A new men's clothing store to be known as Joe's Men's Shop will open on Main Street Dallas within the next week or ten days.

The store will feature standard brands of men's and boy's furnishings, and will be located in the Rustine property on the corner opposite Acme Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hand are the owners. Alterations to the residence have been completed providing two nice sales rooms with modern counters and fixtures.

Before embarking on the new enterprise, Mr. Hand was Street Commissioner of Dallas Borough and Mrs. Hand was formerly a teller at First National Bank.

Woman's Club Meeting

First dinner meeting of Dallas Senior Woman's Club will be held at Irem Country Club Wednesday evening, September 10 at 6:30. Attorney Peter Jurchak will speak on "Wills and Estates." Reservations should be made with Miss Grace Cave by Tuesday noon.

Local Veterans Rush To Cash In Their Bonds

First Day's Total Exceeds \$16,700 At First National Bank

Back Mountain veterans seem to be following the general country-wide trend toward cashing Terminal Leave Bonds as soon as possible and the First National Bank has been doing a booming business this week. A total of seventy-seven veterans cashed bonds worth \$16,700 on Tuesday, first day that such action was legal.

Largest bond cashed Tuesday at the local bank was for \$626 and the smallest was worth \$51. The average bond was worth \$220. Only four of the bonds cashed were for less than \$100.

Frederick Eck, cashier, said that two or three of the 77 veterans were waiting for the bank to open. The remainder poured through the doors in a steady stream throughout the day. Use to which the funds were to be put varies, said Mr. Eck, with some vets using the money to be married and many going out to buy "jalopies, and I do mean jalopies." One man announced his cash would be used to get his wife and new-born baby out of the hospital.

Although many vets are using their cash to pay ridiculous prices for used cars there is no evidence of grafters in town.

Percentage of veterans cashing their bonds is high, according to Mr. Eck but he does not believe that they represent a majority. The tendency is to cash the bonds and it is expected that many veterans will do so within the next few months.

Veterans who do not immediately need the money are advised to let the bonds accumulate interest. Terminal leave bonds accrue 2 1/2% per annum. Interest to date is paid whenever the bonds are cashed.

Mill Is Building New Waste Plant

Production Retarded Until Completion

Construction of the new waste treatment works which has held up operation of the dye house and finishing departments at Natona Mills was started this week by Sordoni Construction Company.

Construction which will include a series of concrete tanks and chemical treatment works, is expected to be completed in about four weeks. Plans were drawn by a sanitary engineer to comply with the regulations of the State Sanitary Water Board concerning wastes entering public streams.

Approval will not, however, be made by the State until after actual analysis of factory wastes passing through the plant have been made.

As soon as this approval is obtained the plant management will start operation of all of its departments increasing its present personnel from 100 to 250 or 300 persons.

In addition to the waste treatment works, workmen were this week completing the installation of boilers and other equipment in the power plant.

Local Dogs Win In Berwick Show

There were several local winners at the Greater Berwick Dog Show, on Labor Day. Murray Scureman showed his young German Shepherd, Adolph, for the first time. He took a blue ribbon in the Puppy Class, being judged best of breed, and second best working dog.

Country kennels, owned by Tom and Margaret Robinson, exhibited two Welsh Terriers, Yanto of Robinson Farm and his son, Little Boy. Yanto won the American Breed Class with four in competition. He was best of his breed and second in the terrier group. The dog which beat him in this last event was Terry's Irish Lad, a Kerry-Blue owned by John J. Conner of Kingston, and later chosen best dog in the show.

The show was sponsored by the Berwick Lions Club. It was the first show they had ever given, and the Lions called in Mrs. Margaret Robinson of Dallas to assist them as Show Secretary.

Enrolled As Student Nurse

Nursing is apparently losing some of its appeal for young women of the Pack Mountain Region. Of a class of thirty-one who registered at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing Tuesday, Vivian Ruth Kleigeng, 49 Orchard street, Trucksville, was the only local girl.

Permits Issued For \$100,800 Worth Of New Construction In Dallas Boro.

Names Of Seven Citizens Suggested To Council To Serve On New Five-Man Planning Commission

BABSON MAKES GOOD ON 34 FORECASTS IN LESS THAN 9 MONTHS

In its first issue in January, The Dallas Post published Roger W. Babson's Fifty Forecasts for 1947. Of these, thirty had come to pass in the first seven months of 1947, while during August, he has made good on four more relating to suburban real estate; city real estate; small farms and rents.

In substance, here is what he said. "Suburban real estate will continue in greater demand with still higher prices while city real estate may hold its own due to less available space caused by pulling down structures to save taxes and provide parking spaces. There will be a disinclination to build due to high costs. Small subsistence farms will continue to increase in price, but large commercial farms will sell for less than in 1946. Office and residential rents during 1947 will continue to increase."

Milk Prices Go Up A Cent

Pennsylvania Ranks Fifth In Milk Value

By Pennsylvania News Service Harrisburg, Sept. 4—Pennsylvania's fluctuating milk prices are again the problem at hand.

Following a one cent increase in the Wilkes-Barre and Harrisburg areas a State-wide increase is expected to follow, boosting the price of milk from 19 to 20 cents a quart.

The local boost was based on testimony, prevalent throughout the State, that milk producers and dealers could no longer absorb increased labor, equipment, feed, processing and distribution costs.

Pennsylvania's milk picture has been the cynosure of all eyes according to Secretary of Agriculture Miles Horst who said recently the quality of product, skill of dairy farmers and nearness to the largest markets in the world combine to make Pennsylvania one of the most important dairy areas in the United States.

Considered to be one of the greatest dairy States, Pennsylvania ranks eighth in volume - fifth in value of milk produced and fifth in value of the dairy cows. The State's dairy industry accounts for more than one-third of Pennsylvania farm cash income from all sources.

As of January 1 of this year, the Commonwealth's dairy cows had a value of \$196,000,000. Milk production last year was within less than one million pounds of the all-time record of 5,404,000,000 attained in 1945.

With July of 1947 setting an all-time high record and an equally high production anticipated for August, it is expected by Agriculture officials that farmers will be doing their best to keep up production during the coming Fall months.

Secretary Horst pointed out that prices would be higher than they are now if it were not that the State's dairy farmers are doing their utmost to maintain and advance production.

Four Generations Enjoy Mrs. Mary Smith's Party

Mrs. Mary Smith, widow of L. L. Smith and a life-time resident of Lehman Township, celebrated her 80th birthday at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Lavine Shoultice on Sunday. Games were played and a picnic was served on the lawn. Four generations of the Smith family were present: the guest of honor, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Emma Smith, grandchildren Ziba L. Smith and the hostess; and seven great-grandchildren. Pictures of the family group were taken.

Mrs. Smith lives in her own home in Lehman and does her own work, including sewing and canning. She is constantly busy, even caring for the sick whenever needed. Last winter she knitted fifteen pairs of finger gloves for members of her family and friends. She has a lively interest in politics both local and national. She is happy that sportsmen enjoy fishing at the Meadow Lake property of her grandson, Ziba Smith. Mr. Smith is the fourth generation of the family to own and operate this farm.

BOX SCORE

Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day

	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	2	10
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	15	2
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	2
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
TOTAL	26	14

Building permits totalling \$100,800 were issued at the meeting of Dallas Borough Council on Tuesday night. Included among them was \$81,865 for new homes being built on Center Hill road by Dale Realty Company, subsidiary of Natona Mills.

Other new construction included new home, Paul Stoner, Park street, \$5,935; new home, Harold Howell, Sunset avenue, \$5,750; garage, Atty. Burt Lewis, Cemetery street; warehouse, Dallas Hardware and Supply Co., \$6,000, rear of present building; garage, Warren Reed, Lehman avenue. Beulah Frantz was issued a permit to reroof her home.

Council was asked to extend Wyoming street to connect with new street being constructed by Dale Realty Company at Luzerne street. This was approved and Wyoming street will be extended 150 feet.

A committee composed of William Vivian and Steve Morotchik requested Council to take over Lincoln street which runs off of Orchard street in the Fernbrook section. Council suggested that these property owners secure releases from Harry Goringer and present them to Council so that definite action may be taken at a later date. Mr. Goringer originally owned the land where the projected street is to be built.

Fines amounting to \$25 were turned in for traffic light violations.

Secretary James Bescker advised Council that the present tax duplicate may produce an income of \$15,447.86 for Borough purposes. With other income received from the State Highway Department and from the State liquor Control Board the Borough will have about \$20,000 for operating purposes. The treasurer reported that the present balance is \$1,019.95.

There was considerable discussion of the appointment of a five-man planning commission under the new zoning ordinance and the names of seven persons were suggested for membership on that body. Appointments will not be made until all have been contacted and asked if they will be willing to serve if appointed. Appointments will be for one, two, three, four and five years.

A request was received for the installation of two new fire hydrants in the Center Hill area. In keeping with its policy of approving installations of hydrants for fire protection just as rapidly as adequate water mains are available, Council approved the installation with the provision that they be installed just as soon as Dallas Water Company lays a four-inch feeder line connecting the present four-inch main in that area. At present the company has a four-inch main in that area but the feeder line is only three inches.

It was brought out that a similar condition exists on Parrish Heights where Council is eager to provide fire protection and will install hydrants just as soon as Dallas Water Company provides adequate mains and adequate supply of water. Parrish Heights is now the only unprotected area in the Borough. While there are likewise no hydrants in the Fernbrook area, Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company has said that there a creek provides an ample supply of water for fire protection.

All Councilmen were present with the exception of Clyde Veitch who has been spending several days in New England.

School Cafeteria Opens October 1

Mrs. Mary O'Brien McGrane has been appointed teacher of Home Economics at Dallas Township High School to replace Miss Jean Stapleton who resigned earlier in the week to accept a similar position in Forty Fort schools.

Board of Directors at their meeting Tuesday night made the appointment which rounds out the school faculty for the year with the exception of a cafeteria director who will be appointed this month.

Directors were pleased with the progress being made on the new school cafeteria and announced after the meeting that it will be ready for operation on October 1st. Plastering will be completed this week and then sheet metal work will be completed and asphalt floors laid.

Applications for the position of cafeteria director should be made directly to supervising principal Raymond Kuhnert.

Contracts for supplying milk for school children were made with Orchard Farm Dairy for the first half of the year and with Shady Side Dairy for the last half of the year.

Election Day Supper

On Election Day, Tuesday, September 9th, the Reynolds Bible Class of the Trucksville Methodist Church will serve lunch and a hot-ham supper at the Trucksville Fire House.