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

DALLAS	Hospitalized	Killed
LEHMAN	2	11
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	1	1
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	20	8
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
TOTAL	31	16

We've come to the conclusion that there are only two types of house pets which can withstand the rigors of a northern winter when abandoned for three weeks in the midst of a sub-zero spell. One type is a potted ivy which flourished in the basement, showing no signs of frost-bite, and the other type is exemplified by a pair of field mice.

Those field mice seem to have suffered no hardship, judging from the condition of the one which showed up in the spring trap this morning. He was fat and sassy, sort of an overstuffed model, as was his companion in crime, a victim of the poisoned birdseed strewn on the drainboard for her undoing. What they have lived on for the past month is anybody's guess, with groceries at an all-time low ebb. Hard-working field-mice, no doubt, on the prowl for food for their young.

Obviously, they'd make beautiful pets, with their fawn-colored upper fur and their snow-white under fur, but who wants a pet which specializes in mince-pie, licks the drippings from the frying pan, and carries with him a patent scaling ladder and probably a pneumatic drill?

I used to be safe to park odds and ends in the oven of the Pyro-fax stove until they had cooled sufficiently for storage in the refrigerator, but it is safe no longer. There is no entrance to that oven, but the field-mice get there just the same.

After seeing a field-mouse caught in a spring trap, it is easy to understand why the round red trap with the four entrances has been ignored. Those field-mice are too large to stick their heads into those tiny holes, a full third larger than a house-mouse.

If there are baby mice left behind, there is always the hope that they will starve quietly, and that when they return to dust they will do so without any great disturbance. Having housed one over-ripe rat early last spring, we are leary of rodents in the woodwork.

Nobody raises four children without becoming inured to livestock in the house. There was one horrible winter when we discovered that we were in the white rat business in a big way, one cherished female having made good her escape from the cage just prior to producing young. The cats eventually took care of the situation, but for a while casual visitors could have been excused for thinking that they were seeing things.

And of course there were successive batches of spinning mice, those odd little creatures which can't run in a straight line, but are doomed to perpetual dizzy circling. Spinning mice live in a fishbowl and eat birdseed, take their drink-water from a shallow dish with only a teaspoonful of water in it to prevent their drowning, and spend their waking hours in chasing each other around the small circumference of the fishbowl or spinning individually in the sawdust. They need to have their paws greased with butter occasionally, but otherwise they require little attention except that they must be kept warm. This counts them out for winter pets.

What we really need around here for a pet is a cuckoo clock. A cuckoo doesn't mind running down and remaining silent during an extended vacation, and is always ready to resume his rhythmic hicoughing when rearound. He doesn't require food and water, scatters no sunflower seeds on the floor, needs no cage-cleaning. An occasional drop of three-in-one oil on the hinge of his trapdoor is his only upkeep.

Anybody have a cuckoo clock, any size, any state of repair, but preferably in running condition? How about contributing one to the Library Auction sale in July?

Nesbitt Auxiliary To Meet This Afternoon

Shavertown Branch Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary will meet at the Trucksville Hose House, Friday March 5 at 2 o'clock.

Kutzville Textile Mills will display a collection of scatter rugs. Members are urged to bring the \$2 they were expected to earn. Members and friends are cordially invited to be present.

Serving committee: Mrs. Hayden Williams, Mrs. Malvin Wagner, Mrs. Fred Welsh, Mrs. Albert Weid, Mrs. Fred Williams, Mrs. Amanda Yaple, Mrs. Dale Zimmerman, Mrs. Ida Allen, Mrs. Elizabeth Arber, Mrs. Amelia Anderson, Mrs. J. F. Allen, Mrs. Algert Antonaitis, Mrs. Charles Behee, Mrs. W. E. Batey, Mrs. Alfred Bronson, Mrs. Earl Balliet, and Miss Mary Boldt.

Kills Deer With Car

Walter Nolan, Lake Township teacher, ran into a deer Thursday morning on Route 115 and killed it. Chief Fred Swanson of Harvey's Lake police dressed the animal and turned it over to the State Game Commission.

Consumers Vote To Approve New Electric Rates

Consumers' League To Be Incorporated As Non-Profit Corporation

Back Mountain Consumers' League at a meeting Sunday afternoon in Kunkle Community Hall voted to accept the new schedule of rates presented to the Public Service Commission by Harvey's Lake Light Company.

The meeting was attended by ninety-six persons. Joseph Delet-Kanic, president of the League presided.

The reduced rates will go into effect just as soon as they are approved by the Commission and will save the 2,200 consumers on Harvey's Lake lines about \$20,000 per year, or an average saving of \$10 per year for each consumer according to Ray Evans, chairman of the legal committee of the League.

While some of the members were disappointed that the new rates do not grant greater savings to small consumers, they were for the most part pleased with the concessions made by the company.

They approved continuation of the League as a functioning organization and will have it incorporated as a non profit corporation.

Commenting on this action, President Delet-Kanic said, "The League will continue to work for better electric service and will act as an agency through which consumers can keep the utility informed when service is not adequate. We also felt that there may be other common community problems on which an organization such as ours can be of help."

Band Committee Sponsors Supper

The Band committee of the Dallas Township School will serve a Cafeteria Spaghetti supper on Saturday night. The public is invited. Serving will begin at 5:00 and will continue through 7:30. The menu will be: spaghetti, meat sauce, pepper cabbage, buttered roll, cake and coffee.

Tickets may be secured from Reuel Lasher and Roy Tryon or from any school student.

Bob Henney's orchestra will furnish music for dancing. Entertainment numbers will also be featured during the evening. Dancing will be free to those purchasing supper tickets. A small admission charge will be made for those attending the dance only.

Members of the committee are: Dining room, Mrs. Dorothy Haddle, Mrs. Doris Bewliski, Mrs. Stella Birnstock, Miss Jean Mitchell, Mrs. Florence White, Mrs. Lois Hilbert, coffee, Mrs. Melvin Mosier; Kitchen, Mrs. Mary Kamor, Mrs. Wiley Veitch, Mrs. Frank Wagner, Miss Verna Lamoreaux, Mrs. R. E. Kuh-vert, Mrs. Hayward Lancio, Mrs. Harry Belles, Mrs. Charles Lipp, Mrs. Forrest Kunkle, Mrs. Andrew Stash.

Dartmouth Musician Joins Wilkes Faculty

Donald E. Cobleigh, director of the noted Dartmouth Glee Club since 1932, has been named acting head of the Music Department at Wilkes College to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Prof. Paul Gies, it was announced this week by Dr. Eugene S. Farley, president of Wilkes College.

Mr. Cobleigh, a graduate of Dartmouth College and a member of the faculty for more than a dozen years, is a veteran of World War II, having served with the Office of Strategic Service as a member of the U. S. Marine Corps.

He received his music degree from the University of Wisconsin. In addition to his work as director of the Dartmouth Glee Club, Mr. Cobleigh taught music history, appreciation, theory, and modern music.

Mr. Cobleigh also studied abroad at the Ecole Normale de la Musique in Paris, France, and took private study with Nadia Boulanger.

Hoot Owls Plentiful

Hoot owls are reported to be plentiful this season in the Harvey's Lake region.

Laketon Board Considers Tax On Amusements

Board Will Discuss Proposal At Meeting Next Friday Night

Possibility of an amusement tax in Lake Township to supplement school revenues is being considered by Lake Township School Board and will be discussed at its next meeting a week from this Friday night.

Such a tax by school boards was made possible under Act 800 passed by the recent session of the Legislature.

"With increased teachers' salaries", a member of the Board said this week, "school tax may eventually go to 42 mills in Lake Township. We think it might be more equitable to distribute this burden by spreading it out among the concessionaires at the Lake."

Nothing definite has been done or will be done until we have an opportunity to study carefully all angles.

Lions Clubs Meet Jointly

Blind Pianist And Dan Flood On Program

Back Mountain Lions Club and Twin Cities Lions Club of Shick-shinny and Mocaqua met in an inter-club meeting on Tuesday at Virtues Hotel in Hunlocks Creek. Attorney Miner Aylesworth, vice president of the Back Mountain Lions Club presided and also acted as the toastmaster.

Entertainment was provided by Leroy Luts, blind Walpwoopen youth. This talented young pianist played numerous selections and members of both clubs contributed financially to his education. He was present with his instructor Miss Victoria Markowski, who also played several selections.

Sherman Hoover, secretary of the Back Mountain club was program chairman. Group singing was led by Joe Reed of the Twin Cities Club, who also was appointed tailwister for the meeting.

Deputy District Governor John Patrylak of Plymouth represented Lions International and remarked on the fine progress made by these two new clubs. Zone chairman Gerald Durkin, of Hanover Township, spoke on the spirit of Lionism and youth activities in his club and the recent project of the Hanover Lions club in caring for a destitute family when, relief agencies temporarily stopped.

Former Congressman Daniel J. Flood, the principal speaker, spoke on the part played by the Lions Club in the Dumbarton Oaks Conference. Flood commented that "the United States is leading the world in efforts for peace. The strength of this nation is needed for the peace and prosperity of the world."

Rev. Campbell gave the invocation. Guests representing the Plymouth Lions club were: John Hudacyk and John Turek.

Members present: Back Mountain club, M. J. Pollock, Alfred Bronson, Clarence Barr, George Brown, George Wenley, Cliff Smith, Louis Winicki, Guy Kenrig, Dana Sutliff, Fred Hontz, Ben Rosengrand, Wesley Freeman, Pat Hunsinger, Ralph Whitesell, Rev. Campbell, El Ruckler, Albin Baker, Dr. Lewis Thomas, Joe Virtue, Sherman Hoover, Miner Alysworth, Ben Coyle.

Twin Cities Club: acting president, Anthony Kalinoski; Secretary Bernie Gross, Leo Cavallini, Ben Ciampi, Dominic Cresci, Wilson Reider, Sid Bergsman, Walter Slembarski, William Bencoter, Frank Corretta Joe Kotroski, Lee Vincent Corretta Frank Cavalaini, Earl Scott, George Huff, Joe Reed, Kenneth Gearhart Joe Mazzoni, and David Green.

Jr. Mechanics To Confer Degrees At Tunkhannock

All members of Jr. O.U.A.M. are invited to attend a special meeting with Tunkhannock Council No. 339 on Saturday night. At that time the Degree Team of William J. Byers Council of Wilkes-Barre will confer degrees on a large class of candidates.

Utility Granted Increased Rate

Complaint Is Dismissed Against Water Company

(Special to The Dallas Post)
Harrisburg, February 26—(PNS)—Complaint of Trucksville Gardens Progressive Association against a \$12 annual increase in rates made by the Trucksville Gardens Water Company last July has been dismissed by the Public Utility Commission.

The Commission found that the rates, raised from \$24 to \$36 a year for sink, bathtub or shower, water closet and lavatory, are necessary to provide the company with sufficient funds to meet costs of operation. Revenue remaining after such costs will not provide an excessive return on any fair value which might be determined, the Commission found.

The water company, in listing its revenue to the PUC gave the following schedule of income: "43 consumers, \$1,548; two consumers, \$48, and three horses, \$9". Total revenue for the utility was listed as \$1,605, while total expenses were \$1,262.80.

(The Commission made no official mention as to how the three horses paid their bills.—PNS).

County Traffic Deaths Decline

Twelve Fewer Killed In 1947 Than In 1946

Harrisburg, February 26—(PNS)—Luzerne County rounded out 1947 with twelve fewer traffic deaths than in 1946, according to the State Bureau of Highway Safety which noted in statistics just compiled that a total of 41 persons were killed in automobile accidents on county roads during the 12-month period.

The reduction for the county shows that motorists in the area followed the general trend noted throughout the State and Nation. A breakdown of the 41 persons killed last year shows that 19 were classified as urban deaths (15 less than 1946), while 22 were in rural areas—three more than during the previous year.

Interestingly, the total number of persons killed throughout Pennsylvania in 1947 numbered 1,552—or 148 less than the number reported for 1946. This is a reduction of 8.7 per cent and is in contrast to the reduction of only four per cent noted nationally.

In commenting on the record for 1947, the Bureau said: "While this reduction in traffic accidents was taking place there was an increase in motor vehicle travel, as is indicated by an increase in Pennsylvania of 8.8 per cent in gasoline consumption."

Mrs. J. R. Moore Speaks To Women Of Kiwanis

Mrs. Robert Moore, Dallas Borough School Nurse, discussed the Borough's Child Health Program at the February meeting of Dallas Women of Kiwanis at Irem Country Club Wednesday evening.

Reports of committees were given and Mrs. Robert Hale was introduced as a new member.

Appreciation was expressed to the committee of the recent reading given by Mrs. Elizabeth Conrad. Both Mrs. Conrad and Bud James, organist, contributed to a delightful evening.

Present were: Mrs. Leroy Troxell, Mrs. David Joseph, Mrs. Herbert Griesing, Mrs. Frederic Anderson, Mrs. Walter Elston, Mrs. George Montgomery, Mrs. Kenneth Rice, Mrs. Donald Harris, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Robert Hale, Mrs. Jack Laux, Mrs. J. W. Reardin, Mrs. C. E. Shaver, Jr., Mrs. John Henninger, Mrs. Clyde Cooper and Mrs. J. R. Moore.

Official Board To Meet

Last regular meeting of the official board of Dallas Methodist Church for the current fiscal year will be held next Tuesday evening at 8 at the Parsonage.

Officers to be filled are: chairman, vice chairman, secretary and church lay leader.

REGISTRATION DAY

Voters may register at Dallas Borough Building today from 10 to 12 and from 7 to 10.

Dallas Cagers Taste Defeat

Kingston Twp. Breaks Boro.'s Winning Streak

In one of the biggest upsets of the current basketball season, Dallas Borough's League-leading cagers went down to defeat last Friday night before an aggressive Kingston Township quintet on the latter's floor. It was the Borough's first defeat in twenty starts and a sweet victory for the Kingston Township lads who have been jinxed all season.

To make the triumph complete and add to the humiliation, Kingston Township girls duplicated the boys' performance and pounded out a 23 to 19 win over Dallas girls.

The boys' contest was anybody's game up to the final whistle, but Kingston Township held the edge throughout. Final score 36 to 32.

Morgan was high scorer for the winners with 15 points while Price led the losers with 10 points. Officials were Wilson and Case.

The defeat was double edged for Dallas. It places the Borough in a tie for League honors with Fairview High School. Fairview has crushed all opposition this season with the exception of the Borough which handed it its single defeat only after the game went into an extra period. If Mountain Top can continue to maintain its fast pace until it reaches the Borough next Tuesday night, this season may end with a new champion crowned in the Back Mountain League.

On Tuesday night the Borough had no trouble in bounding back to defeat Lehman 53 to 24. The Scot-ties were crushed by a superior Borough team that is now fired with a will to win the rest of its contests. Not once did the Lehman boys threaten or interfere with the Borough's superb ball handling. Half-time score was 26 to 6. Charlie Brobst with 16 points was high for the Borough.

The Borough girls turned in an equally fine showing defeating their opponents by a score of 26 to 18. Half-time score was 17 to 3. The game was well played with the fouls equally distributed.

Tonight the Borough teams will play host to Dallas Township and next Tuesday night they will play what will be their decisive game of the season against Mountain Top on the home court.

Five Guernseys Make Records

All Are In Back Mountain Herds

Five registered Guernsey cows in Luzerne County, have completed one outstanding and four official Advanced Register records in twice daily milking for a ten-month period supervised by Pennsylvania State College and reported to The American Guernsey Cattle Club for approval and publication.

Starting their records as junior three-year-olds, Sterling Mary, owned by Andrew J. Sordoni, Alderson, produced 10975 pounds of milk and 525 pounds of butterfat and Goodleigh Romulus Verona, owned by Dorrance Reynolds, Dallas, produced 9074 pounds of milk and 432 pounds of butterfat. Mary is sired by the outstanding Guernsey, Coldspring's Hardwick's Royal, that has twenty-four sons and daughters in the Performance Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club, and Verona is sired by the outstanding Guernsey, Coldspring's Romulus Countryman, that has one son and twelve daughters in the Performance Register.

Other cows owned by Mr. Reynolds, are Goodleigh Mayde Royal that produced her outstanding record of 13149 pounds of milk, 621 pounds of butterfat as a ten-year-old; Goodleigh Consort Irene 9928 pounds of milk, 489 pounds of butterfat as a junior four-year old; and Goodleigh Consort Brunnie 8070 pounds of milk, 389 pounds of butterfat. Mayde Royal is by the famous Guernsey, Tarbell Farms Royal Eugene, that has thirty-five PR sons and daughters, and Irene and Brunnie are by the outstanding Guernsey Coldspring's Hardwick Consort, that has twelve PR daughters.

Seven Admitted To Sportsmen

Harvey's Lake Camp Hears C. C. Stainbrook

Seven new members were admitted at the meeting of Harvey's Lake Camp, United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, Monday night at Herman Kern's Restaurant. It was the first meeting of the Camp's second year.

Those enrolled were: Elmer L. Major and Robert T. Culp, Trucksville R. F. D.; George E. Turn and Elizabeth A. Turn, Shavertown; Grant Alt and Frank Bonning, Dallas R. F. D.; and Francis Pealer, Kingston.

A new Ways and Means committee was appointed with W. J. Robbins, Jr., as chairman. Other members are John Hewitt, Sr., Roy Brenner and John Weaver.

There was discussion concerning the organization of a Junior Sportsmen's Camp which is being considered for boys between the ages of ten and sixteen.

A fox hunt is also being planned to be held in the near future under the direction of W. J. Robbins, Jr., and Charles Gavononis assisted by Carl C. Stainbrook and Bob Parلمان of the State Game Commission. Further details will be published shortly.

Entertainment included a talk on General Conservation by Carl C. Stainbrook, newly appointed Division Supervisor of Division B of the State Game Commission.

Mike Shaughnessy showed Esso Standard Oil Company's famous film, "Pennsylvania" and also a film belonging to the State Game Commission showing the cooperation of farmers and sportsmen in conservation.

About sixty members attended.

"Ducks" Readied For Flood Duty

Can Reach Any Point In State In 8 Hours

Battled-tested "Ducks" are being brought into Pennsylvania for standby duty for any flood emergency.

Brig. Gen. F. A. Weber, State Adjutant General, has obtained 12 of the amphibious trucks from the Army and will keep them in readiness at Indiantown Gap military reservation, a point eight hours distant from any community in the state. The "Ducks" proved their worth in beach landings and quick unloading of ships at anchorage in World War II.

General Weber, who is also a member of Pennsylvania's Emergency Disaster Committee, said the "Ducks" are ideally suited for rescue work and transporting emergency supplies to areas under high water.

"While there is no immediate danger from floods in sight, experiences of past years have demonstrated we should leave nothing undone to prepare for any eventuality during the flood season in Pennsylvania," General Weber said.

General Weber is dispatching a force of 20 Pennsylvania National Guardsmen from the 103d Medium Maintenance Company at the Gap, under command of 1st Lt. Alfred M. Becker, to Columbus, Ohio, next Tuesday evening to get the "Ducks" from a supply depot there. The men will drive the trucks back over the highways.

The vehicles will be serviced by the maintenance company and a force of drivers will be fully trained in their operation. Training with the "Ducks" will be conducted on the Gap's swimming lake.

"John Loves Mary"

Mrs. Bernard Shair will read, "John Loves Mary", a hilarious comedy, at Irem Temple Country Club this evening at 8:30. The reading is second of a series of entertainments being offered by the Woman Golfers of the Club last Friday evening Prof. Bugbee gave a stimulating talk on current events. Tickets for this entertainment alone may be purchased at the door.

Stray Dogs Kill Deer

A large deer was chased and killed by stray dogs Monday night on the Beaver Dam at Sterling Farm.

School Merger Possibilities Are Discussed

Ford Leads Informal Discussion On Recent School Legislation

A. G. Ford, representing the County Superintendent of Schools office, spoke on provisions of Legislative Act No. 361 Wednesday afternoon before an informal group at the home of Mrs. Jonathan Valentine, Overbrook avenue.

Mr. Ford explained that the Act requires the submission of school merger plans to the State Council of Education before July 5 and urged a large public attendance at the meeting in Dallas Township High School on March 4 when representatives of the State Department of Public Instruction will explain further the provisions of the Act.

"It is the essence of democratic action", Mr. Ford said, "that residents of these areas as well as the school boards decide the merger issue."

"Furthermore, since the question must eventually be put to the electorate, it is imperative that the people be thoroughly informed."

At the request of the League of Women Voters he agreed to petition the County Superintendent's office to distribute a question and answer pamphlet to local residents to help them in their decisions.

He explained that some of the advantages of a school merger would include more adequate physical properties; more adequate educational opportunities because of wider distribution of support; a raising of school standards; increased State subsidies and higher salary scales for the poorer districts.

He explained that there is overcrowding in many class rooms in some districts while in others attendance has fallen. This, he said, increases the per capita cost of instruction.

It was the general consensus of opinion of those present that local schools are generally lacking in Guidance and Health Services and where they do exist they are inadequate. There is also too great a turnover of teaching staff because of low salaries; and that efforts in special education, such as special attention to those with speech defects etc., are entirely lacking.

The League of Women Voters sponsored the meeting which was open to members as well as non members, and will sponsor further informal meetings following the meeting at Dallas Township School on Thursday night.

Those attending were: Mrs. Dale Perry, Mrs. Clarence Laidler, Mrs. Clarence Elston, Mrs. E. Bittenbender, Mrs. J. Franklin Robinson, Mrs. Charles W. Lee, Mrs. Milton Culp, Mrs. James Kozemchak, Mrs. Paul Mulcey, Mrs. Robert Dolbear, and Mrs. Jonathan Valentine.

Miss Jeanette Truax Flies To New Zealand

Miss Jeanette Truax, niece of Mrs. Melvin Mosier, Sr. and of Mrs. C. J. Eipper, has arrived in New Zealand where she has been sent by the Sister Kenny Organization to further its work with infantile paralysis.

Flying from the Sister Kenny Center in Minneapolis to San Francisco, she then enjoyed a four day plane ride to New Zealand. Her ticket, costing approximately \$1,000, was paid for by the Australian government. She expects to remain there a year.

Jeanette, a graduate of General Hospital, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Truax of Laurel Run. She spent her early life on a farm at Demunds near the Goldsmiths and on the Weatherby Farm at Orange. During the war she served with the U. S. Army on Guam.

Service Club Board Meets At Harvey's Lake

Members of the Executive Board of Harvey's Lake Service Woman's Club met at the Hose House Thursday evening. Present were: Mr. John Zorzi, Mrs. Harvey Kitchen, Mrs. Burton King, Mrs. Fred Swanson, Mrs. Walford Leinthal, Mrs. Albert Armitage, Mrs. Carl Swanson, Mrs. Guy Scouten, Mrs. James Payne, Miss Bethia Allen, Miss Bertha Kern and Mrs. Joseph Rauch.