

Education Costs Money? . . . We Wonder

It is amazing that in a supposedly enlightened area like our own there should be two school districts where pupils are denied the broadening influence of good books.

Unfortunately that is true. The districts are Monroe and Northmoreland Townships in Wyoming County.

When Back Mountain Memorial Library was founded there was considerable discussion whether service should be extended to schools in Wyoming County. There was some doubt whether the library would have books enough to go around.

But those who had the vision to found the library, also had the vision to include book service to all schools within the area. There was no monetary stipulation, although the library naturally appreciates support from any and all school districts.

The reason Monroe and Northmoreland Townships do not enjoy the services of Back Mountain Library is because their school boards are indifferent to the welfare of the children they are elected to serve.

There is something wrong with school districts, school directors and teachers who are too shiftless to see to it that good books are within easy reach of the children they are supposed to instruct. It is not a matter of having to pay for these books. The library will furnish them without charge. It is simply a matter of initiative—enough initiative to come to the library and select the books that these schools should use.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

The article in the September McCall's on the subject of contest winning must have been a boon to the big soap companies. Sales zoomed, overnight, kitchen shelves became stocked as never before with soap in boxes, soap in flakes, soap in beads, soap in diamond crystals. Every bath-cabinet sports a Shick Injector Razor whether the man of the family clings to his trusty Gillette or has been weaned on an electric model which mows the whisker without benefit of soap or softening cream.

Nation-wide contests—aside from the universal appeal to the gambling instinct, are sure-fire advertising for whatever product it is that is currently offering the twenty-thousand dollar lump sum or the seven brand new Fords. A good lively contest moves more goods in less time than any other brand of advertising, so the huge first prize and the modest little items such as new cars are not really out of line with the results. Contests are good business, though I am inclined to agree with the disgruntled man who had kept his name on the new-car list for two years and found at the end of that period that he was occupying the same position near the end of the line. "Take my name off the list", he wrote, "and send me a thousand box-tops."

With reassurance from McCall's as to the actual validity of the contests, folks who have sat back and refrained from submitting entries on the suspicion that the entries were probably stirred up with a stick and the top layer skimmed off for actual reading and judging, are now sharpening their pencils and their wits.

McCall's assures us that the entries are actually read, every one of them, but that a great deal of elimination necessarily takes place on technical grounds very early in the sorting process.

Did you remember to include your box-top or reasonable facsimile thereof? You didn't? Your entry, no matter what gem of pertinent prose or poetry it contains, automatically hits the wastebasket. Did you count your words? If the rules call for twenty-five words or less, better make it enough less to be immediately obvious to the naked eye. One word over twenty-five and you're out. Hyphenated words count as two.

Is your entry neat? Can it be read without benefit of an interpreter? Is it typed or printed legibly? Is it placed in the middle of the page if plain paper is used instead of a contest blank? As between an entry submitted on an official blank and one typed on paper, it is the blank entry which will be given the edge in the decision, the entry most likely to be included among the favored few which are judged on points by the senior judges.

Digest the rules thoroughly, so that your priceless blurb about the quality of the soapsuds produced by the soap company's pet will not be thrown out on technical grounds before it has a chance to register. Millions of people enter a big contest, and a goodly percentage of them are people who enter contests by the score and are therefore contest-wise. They are formidable opponents.

Preliminary sorting does not take into account the quality of the entry, but its technical correctness, its strict adherence to the simple rules which the majority of people do not read with sufficient care. If you can once get your entry beyond the sorting table where the envelopes are first opened and the box-tops checked, you have a chance to win a prize.

Did I ever win a contest prize? Nope. But I dust out the garage occasionally and reflect upon how handsomely a brand new Ford would decorate the premises. And there is a spot down in the orchard where a prefabricated house

could be erected with good effect, a spot sufficiently removed from the main works so that the babble of childish voices might simmer down to a gentle hum. After all, it doesn't take long to beat out an entry, we can always use an extra cake of soap, and the family Gillette is about shot. If your entry isn't entered, how can it win?

Bear Season Opens Monday

Commission Expects Kill To Exceed 570

(By Pennsylvania News Service) Bre'r Bar season gets under way in Pennsylvania on Monday (November 15) and it is estimated that near 250,000 nimrods with weapons well-oiled will take to the woods for a five-day battle with bruin.

The bag this year is expected to be heavy, according to the State Game Commission, with indications now pointing to a kill of better than the 569 knocked off last year.

Considerable damage from foraging bears has been reported in some counties, mostly in the north-eastern tier, and it is expected that the kill will be fairly high in these areas.

Again the Commission is trying to hammer home the need for extreme care in hunting, pointing out that with high-powered rifles being used, a hit can very easily be fatal. Last year there was only one death reported plus two injuries during bear season. The Commission would like to see that cut to nothing this year.

And while big brother is hunting the big bear, little brother (and in many cases big brother too) will be well under way in his annual fur-bearing animal trapping season.

Better than 40,000 trappers are expected to be counted working their trapping lines. The season opened November 1 with racoons and skunks in stellar roles.

Trapping annually in Pennsylvania usually yields some thing like 500,000 muskrats, 90,000 skunks, 12,000 minks, 50,000 opossums, 1700 beavers, racoons and 22,000 weasels.

Brace Class Visits Natona

Enjoy Refreshments In Mill Cafeteria

Brace Bible Class of Dallas Methodist Church enjoyed a tour through Natona Mill on Tuesday evening.

Groups of ten were conducted by Robert Milne, Harvey Hoffman, James J. Gallagher and Marion L. White.

Professor Charles James offered the blessing after which refreshments were served in the mill cafeteria by chairman, Robert Milne, Alton Sprout, Henry Welch, Thomas Kingston, Howard Bailey and Niles M. White. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Disque, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis LeGrand, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Warden Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Niles M. White, James J. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Jewell, Mr. and Mrs.

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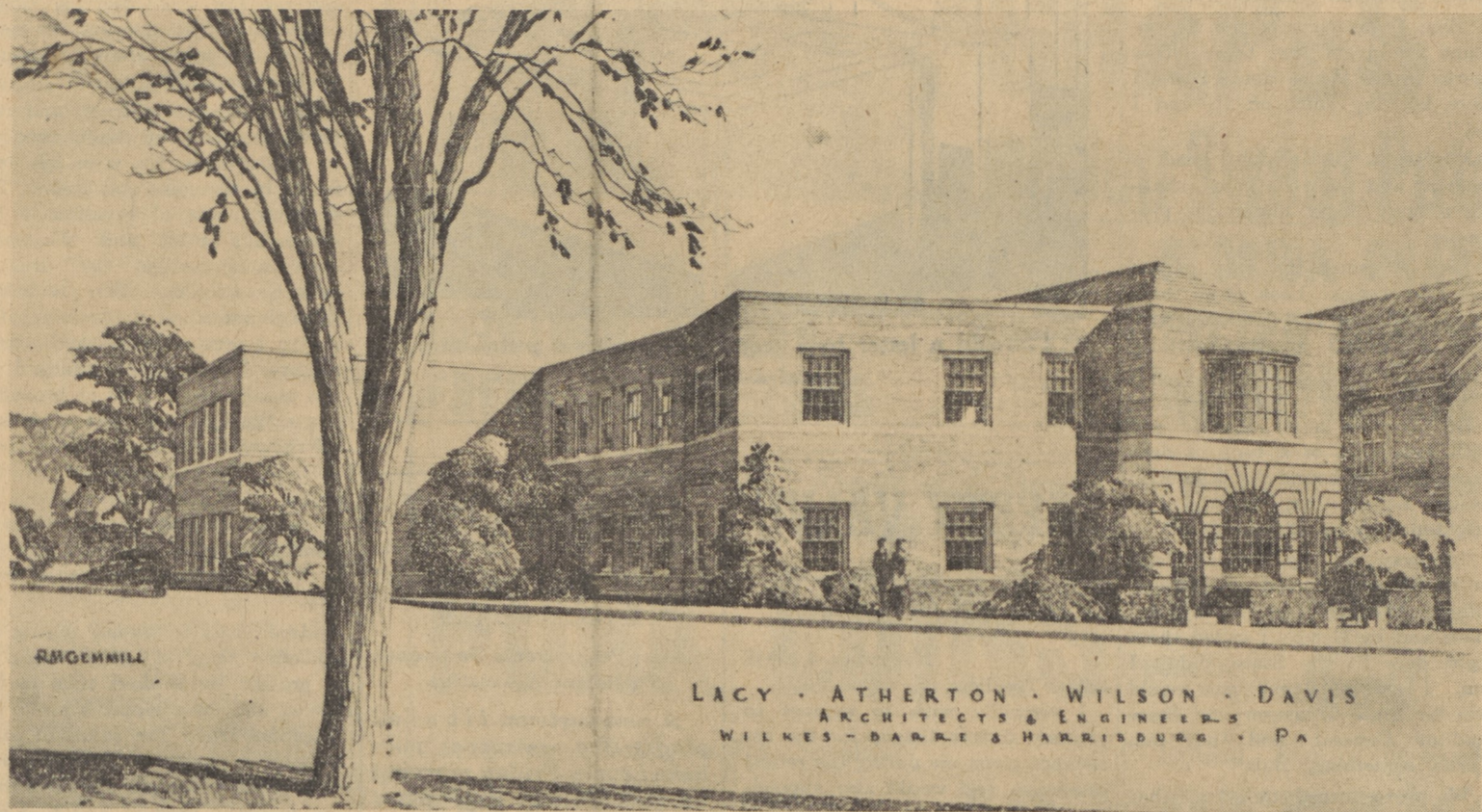
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BOX SCORE Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day

	Hospitalized		Killed
	2	11	
DALLAS	2	11	
LEHMAN	1	1	
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	20	4	
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	1	
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1	
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2		
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1	
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	2	
TOTAL	31	20	

\$500,000 PHONE OFFICE FOR DALLAS

Proposed Central Office For Four Companies



LACY · ATHERTON · WILSON · DAVIS ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS WILKES - BARRE & HARRISBURG, PA

Architects' drawing of the new central office building on Church street which will house the head-

quarters staffs of Commonwealth, Luzerne and Bradford Telephone Companies as well as Harvey's

Lake Light Company executive office of Commonwealth Telephone Company.

The drawing shows the remodelled exterior of the present building and the new wing that will be added.

Sordoni Firms To Have Main Offices Here

Sixty Employees To Be Transferred To Dallas Headquarters

Pursuing the two million dollar post-war expansion program of the Commonwealth, Luzerne and the Bradford County Telephone Companies, Senator Andrew J. Sordoni today disclosed that plans and specifications for a new central office building at Dallas are being prepared by Lacy, Atherton, Wilson & Davis.

Plans call for complete remodeling of the present building and an extensive addition as shown in the architects' proposed sketch.

Construction of the new Dallas building will start in the spring and together with dial conversion is expected to cost more than \$500,000. Equipment necessary for conversion to dial operation is expected to be received next fall and installation will be made immediately.

Headquarters of Companies

In addition to serving as the central office for the Commonwealth Telephone Company in the Dallas area, the new building will also serve as the main office for Commonwealth, Luzerne and Bradford County Telephone Companies which are operated under the management of Senator Sordoni.

The management, plant engineers and entire telephone accounting department, which heretofore has been centered in the Sordoni Organizations' Forty Fort office, will be moved to the Dallas location. Approximately sixty employees will be transferred from Forty Fort to the Dallas office.

The new main office, as designed, will be of fire-resistant construction and will be air-conditioned. In addition to space necessary for dial equipment, it will accommodate a switchboard room for toll calls, accounting department, engineering department, business office and storage for materials and trucks servicing the Dallas area.

The Commonwealth Telephone Company was acquired by Senator Sordoni in 1928. Since then, a steady program of rehabilitation of equipment and service has been instituted. Chestnut poles were replaced with cross-topped long leaf yellow pine and iron wire has been replaced with copper wire and cable. Additional circuits have been added to keep pace with demand.

In conjunction with the telephone companies' expansion program, construction of a new central office at Clarks Summit with installation of dial equipment at a cost of approximately \$450,000 is progressing rapidly and new dial offices have been constructed at New Albany, Huntington Mills, Muhlenburg, Wapwallopen, Nuangola, Nuremberg, Ringtown, Drums, Conyngham, Laceyville, Wyalusing and Dalton.

Senator Sordoni in commenting on the expansion of the three telephone companies stated: "We intend to give the people of the Back Mountain district just as good telephone service as is humanly possible. We deeply appreciate the fine cooperation they have always given us. We are proud of the business expansion that is going on in this district, and we feel that by giving good telephone service it will be an asset toward attracting additional industries and home owners."

Area Served

Commonwealth, Luzerne and Bradford County Telephone Companies serve one of the largest "independent areas" in Pennsylvania. Starting at Ringtown, near Shenandoah, they serve suburban Hazleton, suburban Wilkes-Barre, suburban Scranton and then up to Susquehanna, which is along the southern border of New York State, and then across, with the exception of Sayre, serving practically all the area over to Troy, a distance of almost 120 miles north and south and 60 miles east and west. It is the desire and intention of the management to merge the three telephone companies into one.

Youth Drowns In Beaver Run

William Renard Faints While Removing Rocks

William Renard, 18, Baltimore, son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Renard, was pronounced dead by drowning Monday afternoon at 2:30 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, after he had suffered a fainting spell and fallen face down into six inches of water in Beaver Run Creek.

Renard was removing stones from the creek, located in the rear of the Renard summer home and hunting lodge "Shangri-La" on the old Renard homestead.

Chief Fred Swanson was summoned immediately after the boy was found by his mother, Mrs. Renard, and Dr. A. A. Mascali, Dallas, was also called.

Failing to respond to two hours emergency efforts to revive him by use of an inhalator and artificial respiration, the boy was rushed to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in Harvey's Lake sedambulance.

Artificial respiration was kept up by first aid crews all the way to the hospital. Traffic on the highway outside Luzerne was shunted to one side as the sedambulance rushed to the hospital.

Rescue attempts were continued at the hospital before the boy was pronounced dead by Luzerne County Coroner L. S. Reese, Jr.

The boy is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Renard, and a sister, Barbara, of New York.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from a Wilkes-Barre funeral home. Interment was in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery.

Lehman P. T. A. Attracts 150

Plans are Made For Farmer Dance

More than 150 persons attended Lehman Township Parent-Teacher Association meeting on Monday night.

Basil Steele, president, presided. Estelle O'Donnell, membership chairman, reported 460 members enrolled during the recent drive. Prizes will be awarded to the pupils securing the greatest number of members at the December meeting.

L. E. Cottle, First Aid Chairman, Wyoming Valley Chapter, Red Cross, spoke on the origin of the Red Cross and Miss Taylor, case worker of the chapter, talked on phases of the local Red Cross program and urged all persons in this area to assist in the blood donor program.

V. F. W. Glee Club of Kingstons, directed by D. H. Lewis sang several well-received selections.

Four Bands Add Color To Parade

Four high school bands, of which all residents of the Back Mountain Region might be proud, contributed to the success of the Armistice Day parade yesterday morning in Wyoming Valley.

Leading the second division and the first band in line was Dallas Township Band in its new red and white uniforms and led by Captain Alfred Millner-Camp. Composed of seven color guards, ten twiflers and sixty musicians it was one of the most colorful organizations in line. Its trumpet section included three outstanding soloists, Harry Bellas, Earl Lamoreaux and John Roberts.

With the military units that followed was Lt. Col. Frank Townsend of Dallas Township, assistant parade marshal.

In the third division composed of Naval units in which many local men marched was Kingston Township's black and orange band of forty-five pieces led by Verus Weaver, director. The band made a striking appearance and won praise all along the route.

Lehman High School's Scottie Band, one of the county's top musical organizations, was in the sixth division composed of veterans of Foreign Wars Posts. It Bernard J. Gerrity lost a big percentage of his band by graduation last spring, but nobody would ever know it by the way the youngsters played.

Dallas Borough Band led the seventh division composed of Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts. It has come a long way in the past year under the direction of Prof. Lewis and capably upheld the reputation of Dallas for producing a good band. Marching in the same division was Back Mountain Post 7836 Veterans of Foreign Wars and in the eight division was Daddow-Isaacs Post 672.

Warned Against Hunting In Borough Limits

Elmer D. Swelgin, Trucksville R. F. D. was fined \$25 in proceedings instituted by the State Game Commission for shooting within 150 yards of a dwelling while hunting.

Chief Russell Honeywell, has warned that hunters who discharge firearms in Dallas Borough in violation of a Borough Ordinance will be prosecuted if apprehended.

Postpone Hearings

Public Utility Commission has postponed the hearings on the proceedings of Dr. F. Budd Schooley and Howard Cosgrove et al versus Dallas Water Company; and Alice B. Reese and F. O. Pettitt et al versus Shavertown Water Company which were to have been held at Luzerne County Court House at 10 A. M. on November 18 to December 18 at the same place and hour.

TWO PLAIN HUB CAPS LEAD TO IDENTITY OF MOTORIST WHO DAMAGED HONOR ROLL

Close cooperation between Dallas Borough and Pennsylvania State Police led last week to the apprehension of a hit-and-run motorist who early Sunday morning a week previous ran into Dallas Borough Honor Roll, destroyed shrubbery, broke a flood light and "no parking" sign, and did considerable other damage.

There were no witnesses, although a sleeping bus driver was awakened by the crash too late to catch the fleeing license number.

Chief Russell Honeywell had only two hub caps and a piece of radiator grille as clues. The hub caps had no identifying markings, although he reasoned they must have come from either a Kaiser or a Frazier automobile.

He notified Pennsylvania State Police and within a matter of hours Private First Class Billows had his man. The driver was brought to Dallas where he voluntarily offered to pay something over \$50 for the damage. He stated that he had planned to return and make good for the damage but hadn't got around to do it before the State Police found him.

On many previous cases, the State Police have been just as quick to cooperate with and assist Chief Honeywell.

Local Dog Wins Championship

Cottle Terrier Sold In Hawaii

Mrs. Louis E. Cottle, Shavertown, has just received a breeder's certificate from the American Kennel Club announcing that "Portmaker of Merricourt" has attained championship honors.

"Portmaker" is a two year old smooth fox terrier, sired by Ch. Queensburg Last Word" ex "Cloie of Fenbor", bred by Mrs. Cottle and sold by her to Robert Burnett Neff of Westbury, Long Island.

This is the second champion bred by Mrs. Cottle—the first being Ch. Brass Check of Fenbor (Portmaker's aunt). It is also "Cloie's" second champion son—the first being "Ch. Archibald of Fenbor"—a full brother to "Portmaker" from a previous litter.

Having completed his championship "Portmaker left by plane for his new home in Honolulu where he will continue to be shown and also used in the stud to introduce his excellent bloodlines in the Islands.

Parking Limit Now One Hour On Main Street

Borough Will Enforce Parking and Speed Limit Regulations

On the recommendation of Dallas Business Association, one-hour parking signs have been erected on Main street.

Action on restricted parking was taken earlier this year by Borough Council. Chief Russell Honeywell has been instructed to warn first offenders of the parking regulation and then to take more drastic action.

It is the opinion of the Business Association and Council that much of the parking congestion on Main Street in the past has been caused by Main Street business people who have parked their cars there all day long and by others who have parked their cars there for indefinite periods while they took the bus to Wyoming Valley.

At the same time Street Commissioner Ralph Eipper and his crew erected the new parking signs they also erected school zone signs on Huntsville Road, Franklin Street and Lehman Avenue. "Twenty-Five Miles an Hour" speed signs have also been erected on all Borough streets.

Chief Honeywell warns that he will enforce traffic regulations without favor and has asked for the cooperation of all local motorists so that he will not have the unpleasant duty of arresting a neighbor.

Banker Burned By Explosion

Eck Injured While Working In Cellar

Frederick J. Eck, cashier of First National Bank, was painfully burned about the face and right ear yesterday morning at 8:30 when a gasoline can exploded while he was disposing of rubbish and tin cans in the furnace at his home in Shavertown.

The cellar was quickly enveloped in flames but in spite of his burns, Mr. Eck extinguished the blaze while one of his children who was with him at the time ran to the second floor to inform Mrs. Eck of the accident.

Mrs. Eck, a former nurse, applied first aid and summoned Dr. Charles Perkins who treated Mr. Eck for second degree burns. Although his hair and eyebrows were badly singed, Mr. Eck had fortunately closed his eyelids so that there was no damage to the eyes.

Unless complications set in, he will be in bed for about a week.