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BOX SCORE		
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day		
	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	2	11
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	20	4
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	1
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	2
TOTAL	31	20

Don't miss the studio exhibit which is being shown at Lazarus' Department Store in Wilkes-Barre, on the third floor in that corridor leading to the cafeteria.

The pictures were hung on Monday, and they have already attracted considerable attention from the critics and the general public. The corridor is a natural for an exhibit, long, well lighted, uncluttered, easy of access by elevator.

Some of your friends and neighbors are showing pictures and they would welcome your support. It takes a lot of nerve to stack ones own picture up against other pictures executed by folks who have had more experience, but it is a lot of fun. Maybe the members of the group can paint rings around you, but it still remains fun.

Exhibiting the brain-child is also of great value, for the public is outspoken and it does not pull its punches. If somebody in a pink-flowered babushko doesn't like a composition, she says so, and explains at great length just what it is that guides her opinion. The eavesdropping painter then has her choice of considering the source or of sizing up her picture with the eye of a stranger and making up her mind in all honesty whether the criticism is warranted.

Mrs. George Keller has several pictures in the show. There is one small composition which shows an exquisite eye for small detail, a Wedgewood vase with all the tiny figures faithfully duplicated. It has a fragile, old fashioned quality which is wholly delightful, and its title, "Miniature", bears out its character.

Mrs. Floyd Sanders also breaks into the show with a composition featuring a vase, but this one is Chinese Red against a dark background, rich and colorful.

Glendora Bryant has hung what constitutes almost a one-man show, most of the pictures large, all of them faithfully executed in considerable detail. There is one, done recently and with an unusual lack of restraint, which is outstanding. This picture shows dark oak leaves combined with orchid chrysanthe mums. Very pleasing in coloring and composition, it would be an asset to almost any living room, and is large enough for over-the-mantel hanging.

Mrs. J. B. Carr, a fairly recent addition to the studio group, is showing a view from her window, across the valley to the Kingston Township High School in the background.

Mrs. Fred Howell, also a newcomer to the studio as of last year, is astonishing herself and everybody else. It is unfortunate that the still-life she has been working on recently was not finished in time for the exhibit, as it shows not only excellent draughtsmanship but a feeling for texture that is unusual. Alice is represented in the exhibit by a pair of small flower pictures. The rhododendron composition, in particular, is nicely balanced and lacks fussiness.

Julia Ashley shouldn't be showing her striking compositions alongside amateur work. Her coloring is sometimes somber, but it always has authority. It is an inspiration to note her complete statement of fact, unmarred by extraneous matter. Very few painters have technical skill enough to dare to eliminate background and allow the composition itself to tell its own story in simple phrases.

Mrs. Hicks? Modesty forbids blowing my own horn, but upon being pressed I am willing to admit that I have four pictures in the show, two of them mediocre, one fair, and one not so bad.

The studio group owes an overwhelming debt of gratitude to Mrs. Alexander Cox Williams for her never-flagging interest in the work, her willingness to give assistance when assistance is asked, and her equal willingness to refrain from comment when a struggling painter prefers to beat her head against a stone wall.

**Granted Charter**

A domestic charter has been issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to Gap Theatre, Inc., 293 Slocum Street, Swoverville with a capitalization listing of \$15,000.

Incorporators include George Tomko, 293 Slocum Street, Swoverville; John Ivanitch, 93 Railroad Street, Larksville, and Mary Tomko, 293 Slocum Street, Swoverville.

**Gets His Deer**

Fred Dodson, Kunkle merchant, was one of three hunters who shot his deer at their camp in Glycoming County the first day of deer season. His was a seven point buck.

**Sterling Machell Dies In Sleep**

**Was on Hunting Trip In Pike County**

The community was saddened Friday to learn of the quiet passing of Sterling Machell, 76, one of its oldest and most respected citizens.

Mr. Machell was found dead in bed at Quiwamic Hunting Lodge in Pike County where he had been spending several days on a hunting trip with old friends.

Born in Dallas on November 28, 1872, the son of Leonard and Eleanor Machell, he spent his entire life on the farm where he was born. For 15 years he served as a borough councilman, holding that position when Dallas got its first paved road. He also served one term on Dallas school board when the present building was erected.

He was the oldest director, in years of service, on the Board of First National Bank having been elected to that position in 1910. Since 1923 he had been vice president of the bank.

He was a member of Dallas Methodist Church and was a member of Dallas Lodge of Odd Fellows for 45 years. Generations of youngsters loved to visit the Machell Farm for he had a way of attracting young people to him, and of understanding them. Among the older generation he was a steadfast friend.

With him at the hunting camp where he died was his son, Jerry, and David Kunkle who had gone there the night before to hunt with him. During the earlier part of the week he had remained near the cabin so that he would be in condition to keep up with the young blades when they arrived. Nothing would have pleased him more than to have helped the youngsters get a deer. He was that kind of man.

Beside his wife the former Eva LaBar, he leaves two sons, Leonard and Jerry Lee, both at home, and a daughter, Mrs. William Brickel, Factoryville; also two sisters, Mrs. Clark Hildebrand, Dallas, and Mrs. Herbert P. Riley, Lehman, and four grandchildren.

Largely attended funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the family home on Machell Avenue with Rev. Frederic Reinfort of Dallas Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in the family plot in Warden Cemetery.

**Christmas Lights Turned On Tuesday**

Christmas street lights were turned on in Dallas for the first time on Tuesday night. Shortly thereafter a fuse blew out in the Main Street transformer belonging to Luzerne County Gas and Electric Company and threw a large part of town in darkness. A repair crew replaced the fuse within an hour.

The lights extend from Back Mountain Memorial Library to Himmeler Theatre and the Commonwealth Telephone Company building.

The top of a beautiful spruce obtained from Joseph Elicker of Pioneer Avenue has been erected at the Honor Roll and strung with lights.

Dispatch with which the lights were erected this year was due in large measure to the direction of Harry Lee Smith, of Smith's Economy Store, Huntsville Road. Mr. Smith called out the old guard, composed of Jim Beseker, Harold Brobst, Dan Robinhold, L. L. Richardson, George Turn, Russell Honeywell, Ralph Eipper, "Pop" Covert and William McNiel.

Next year Buell, an ardent hunter, is going to lie in bed on the first day of the season—and shoot out the window.

**Church League Quintets Ready To Open Season**

**Ten Teams Will Play on Saturday And Monday Nights**

Operating under stricter rules than previously, the Church Basketball League is preparing to inaugurate its third season.

Pending acquisition of local gyms and preparation of a fixed schedule, the league will begin operation either this weekend or as is more likely, the weekend of December 18. Dallas Borough and Kingston Township school gyms have been obtained for Saturday nights and the Lehman gym for Monday nights. Dallas Township gym is still under consideration.

Present plans call for the use of two gyms a night; three games to be played at one gym and two at the other, Saturday and Monday nights were voted as the most opportune times for the games.

With the Mt. Zion Methodist team replacing Shavertown Methodist, the loop will be at full ten team strength. Along with Mt. Zion will be Shavertown Lutheran, St. Therese's, Huntsville Christian, Dallas Methodist, 'A' and 'B' teams, Trucksville Methodist, East Dallas Methodist, Kunkle Methodist and Lehman Inter-Church. The interest is high at all churches and each is out as a possible winner.

The league will be governed by Inter-Church Basketball Council, composed of a minister and layman from each church. A new rule, which will be strictly enforced, is that each man must be a member or attendant of the church on whose team he plays and may not be playing either collegiate or professional ball. A man who is a member of a church which does not have a team represented in the league may play with another league team.

Preliminary plans for the league were drawn by Rev. F. W. Reinfort, Dallas, who acted as temporary chairman. Bert Owens, Trucksville, was elected permanent chairman and league president at a recent meeting. At the same meeting the following officers were filled: Secretary, William Baker, Dallas; Chairman of Schedule Committee, John Roberts, Dallas; Chairman of Roster Committee, Byron Kitchen, Shavertown.

**Business Association To Elect New Officers**

George Turn, W. B. Jeter and Harry Lee Smith were named to a committee to nominate officers to be elected at the January meeting of Dallas Business Association at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Plans for the next meeting were discussed and effort will be made to make a personal contact with all businessmen so that the next meeting will be well attended.

At that meeting W. B. Jeter will give a talk on "Credits" and on the progress of the local credit reporting system.

Lawrence Updyke will lead a discussion on "Store Hours" and James Beseker will present a plan on "Co-Operative Advertising".

**Templin Honored At West Pittston**

R. J. W. Templin, Superintendent of West Pittston Schools, was honored Monday night by West Pittston Kiwanis Club in observance of his twenty-five years as head of the West Pittston School system.

A native of Shamokin, Prof. Templin is a graduate of Bucknell university. He headed the mathematics department at Coughlin High School for two years and then became principal of Sunbury High School, leaving that position to head the mathematics department at Lafayette College for two years. Twenty-five years ago last September, Prof. Templin was principal supervising principal at West Pittston and three years later superintendent of schools.

Phillip Harris, was general chairman of the program on Monday night and Dr. Eugene Farley was speaker. The following day, Prof. Templin observed his birthday anniversary.

**Samuel Eggleston, Orchardist, Is Ninety Years Old Today**

Samuel Eggleston, first commercial apple orchardist in Wyoming County, is observing his ninetieth birthday anniversary quietly at his home in Vernon today.

Mr. Eggleston was active and enjoyed excellent health until last February 17, when he fell from a porch roof while removing icicles. He had partially recovered when he fell down a flight of cellar stairs but he is now on the mend and although unable to follow the routine of farm chores is still very interested in all farm activity.

The son of Rastus and Lucy Reynolds Eggleston he still lives on the farm where he was born but which is now operated by his son, Clyde and grandson, Alva.

Mr. Eggleston's father and uncle migrated from Connecticut shortly after the beginning of the nineteenth century. They carried with them a spade and soil testing outfit testing the soil in Pennsylvania and lower New York state for good farm land. Rastus Eggleston settled on the farm at Vernon purchasing the land for \$2.50 an acre from the Hollenback family. His brother, however, traveled on to Syracuse, N. Y., where he purchased a farm which later became the campus of Syracuse University.

In those early days, Mr. Eggleston likes to recall, the closest store was at Keelersburg where the family went once or twice a year to buy molasses and yard goods. The best market for farm produce was then in Easton.

Although his father had planted a few apple trees they were an incidental part of the farm income.

Samuel Eggleston believed that apples could be a major farm crop and with that vision backed by determination he planted forty acres with small trees. By 1914 the annual harvest of 10,000 bushels had developed to a point where a better means of transportation was needed to take the crop to market, so Mr. Eggleston purchased the first 2-ton truck ever sold in Wyoming County. His presses produced between 300 and 400 gallons of cider annually and the quality of his apples found a ready market throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

In those days the popular varieties were Baldwin, York Imperial, Sutton Beauty, Red Astrakhan, and Northern Spy.

Today MacIntosh, Delicious and Red Gravenstein are among the most popular in the Eggleston orchards.

The year Mr. Eggleston bought the truck was also the first year he followed a complete spray schedule. Prior to that time there were few fungus diseases and the Coddling Moth, or the apple tree worm, was the worst pest.

But just as he had seen the possibilities of apples as a commercial crop, Mr. Eggleston grasped the necessity of spraying in order to obtain quality.

Probably more than any other local man, Samuel Eggleston, through his vision and willingness to accept change, stimulated other men to follow his course and develop fine commercial apple orchards in Wyoming and Luzerne counties.

Refreshments will be served under direction of Mrs. Charles W. Lee, president of Women's Rotary.

Assisting will be Mrs. Don Ide, Mrs. Donald J. Evans, Mrs. Daniel R. Richards, Mrs. Dan G. Robinhold, Mrs. Meade J. McMillen, Mrs. Sheldon Mosier, Mrs. David S. Williams, Mrs. Warren S. Taylor and Mrs. David Jenkins.

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Largely attended funeral services were held Monday from the home with interment in Tioga Point cemetery, Athens.

Surviving are his wife; three children, Howard Jr., and Mrs. George Krout, Arlington, Va., and Mrs. Gustave Kropa, at home; also the following brothers and sisters, Byron, Wallace, and George Traver and Mrs. Francis Newberry all of Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Fannie Wright, Noxen, and Mrs. Lena DeReemer, Evans Falls.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 1 from the funeral home, 90 Ferguson Avenue, Shavertown, with further services at 2 in Noxen Methodist Church. Rev. James Hilbert will officiate and interment will be in Orcutt's Grove Cemetery, Noxen.

Championship Movies

Moving pictures of the champion baseball and football teams in the Back Mountain area will be shown under the auspices of the Dallas Kiwanis Club in Dallas Borough High School Wednesday evening, January 12 starting at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

**Derr's Brother In 'Luxury Liner' Movie Now Showing At Himmler Theatre**

Richard Derr, brother of W. Rodman Derr of Center Hill Road, is one of the featured players in "Luxury Liner", showing at the Himmler theatre tonight and tomorrow night. He plays the part of a young and successful business man opposite Frances Gilford, George Brent and Jane Powell.

Derr has appeared in a number of Broadway successes in recent year including "Joan of Arc".

Last June he joined the Chicago company players in "John Loves Mary", playing the part of John until the show closed several weeks ago. He is now appearing in television shows in New York City prior to returning to Hollywood.

Becoming interested in the theatre through the Little Theatre in his home town—Norristown, while engaged in the banking business, Derr studied assiduously with the Hedgerow Theatre until he finally received a part with Walter Hampden in New York. There he was spotted by a scout and given a seven year contract by Metro Goldwyn Mayer. Three years in the service as navigator interrupted his stage career. He is unmarried, girls—and expects to spend the Christmas holidays with his brother and sister-in-law in Dallas.

Construction, Mr. Garrahan said, will start on Monday and it is hoped that the building will be ready for occupancy by April 1.

The building will be one-story, of concrete block construction with stucco exterior and plastered interior. It will be 50 x 150 feet with an entrance on Church Street and will be of the same design as the new Acme Market which opened yesterday on Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

The structure will be built at the far end of the lot along the line bordering the Himmler property. The remaining portion of the lot will be paved to provide parking for patrons.

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He was a former resident of Shavertown, where for many years he was custodian of Shavertown Hose House. While a resident of Shavertown, he was a member of the fire company and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Grangers Will Hold Joint Meeting Saturday

Pamona Grange No. 44 will meet with the Lehman Grange of Meeker Saturday. The forenoon session will open at 10:30 with election of officers. Dinner will be served by Meeker Church.

A varied program has been planned for the afternoon session which starts at 1:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Mrs. Charles Pope will be in charge of Christmas carol singing in addition to being one of the guest soloists. Russell Ide of Lehman Grange will give the address of welcome and Mrs. Ernest Keller the response.

Mrs. Eugene Marvin will sing a solo and Janet Wright will give a brief talk on her trip to Kansas as delegate to the Future Home Makers of America Convention.

Mr. Gardner, master of Columbia County, will install the newly chosen officers.

**Break Ground For New Acme Market Monday**

**Garrahan and Ruckno Purchase Dallas Plot From Oliver Estate**

One of the largest commercial real estate transactions in Dallas Borough in some months was announced yesterday afternoon by Ralph Garrahan who with George Ruckno is co-owner of Shavertown Builders Supply.

Mr. Garrahan said his firm had purchased the triangular plot of land between Church and Lake Streets from the Oliver estate and will erect there immediately a new store building to be leased by Acme Markets.

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Mrs. Gilbert Carpenter was named chairman of a committee to select the ten oldest men and women of the community to be remembered at Christmas. The new glee club had charge of the program which consisted of carol singing and a holiday play. Santa Claus distributed gifts.

Present were Mesdames W. M. Deets, George Taylor, Raymond Garinger, Carlton Kocher, Henry Dealer, Emil Swanson, Elmer Kerr, Forrester Sorber, Malcolm Nelson, H. E. Payne, Guy Scouten, Walbridge Leinthal, Donald Smith, Harold Elston, Otis Allen, Harvey Kitchen, Elmer Hoover, Elwood Whitesell, Dean Kocher, Jasper Kocher, Clarence Oberst, Earl Fittin, James Carey, Anna Fitten, Roy Troxell, Clyde Cooper, C. E. Shaver Jr., Harry Allen, Fred Swanson, John Zorzi Jr., Joseph Rauch, Gilbert Carpenter, Melvin Sweeney, Robert Payne, John Stenger 3rd, Richard Williams, David Price, Ben Rood, Harry Allen, David J. Morris, Reynolds Deater, Albert Armitage, H. R. Garinger, Warren Dennis, Alan Kistler, Gus Condoras, Delmar Wintertein, Carrie Rood, Raymond Grey, Frank Bialowicz, Calvin McHose, Lucille Roman, Martha Humphrey, Eleanor Edwards, Edna Miller, Bethia Allen, Shirley Wright, Ada Kocher, June Kistler.

**Mrs. John Lucy Dies At Athens**

**Former Ruth Kintz Buried On Monday**

Word has been received here of the death last Friday in Athens of Mrs. John Lucy, 30, of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. Lucy was the former Ruth Kintz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kintz, also of Athens. She spent her girlhood here where she graduated from Dallas Borough High School, played on the High School Basketball team and was an all around leader winning honors as an Eagle Girl Scout.

After graduation from Stroudsburg State Teacher's College she became a teacher in Athens public schools.

There she met her husband who is personnel manager for the Ingersoll-Rand Company. During the war he was a captain in the Air Corps in the Pacific.

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