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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		
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1	
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2		
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1	
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP		2	
TOTAL	31	20	

I've just had a delayed Christmas windfall, a Christmas card folded around a crisp new ten-dollar bill. No strings attached, blow-money, pure and simple.

Ten dollars, or something under it, is exactly right for a present. A sum greater involves responsibility, a feeling that an impressive amount must do an impressive job, that an account must be kept and rendered. Such a sum is inevitably swallowed by the bank, where it immediately becomes anonymous, a mere entry on a blue slip, a substantial and welcome addition to a balance which is disbursed monthly by check for such uninspiring items as three tons of coal, four weeks' worth of electricity, a phone bill swollen beyond all expectation by offspring far from home who call collect and chat on and on with no regard for the egg-timer which sits on the telephone stand.

All of this is legitimate, a headache recurring regularly on the first of each succeeding month, but strictly business and belonging in the Ho-Hum Department. No fun about it. Dip your pen in ink and watch your balance shrink. This monthly heart-scratching leads to a determination to warn the absent ones that all C. O. D. phone calls will be refused, that they can jolly well start two days earlier with their gems of communication and employ a three-cent stamp and the services of the rural mail-carrier. This hard-boiled pronouncement in the face of the certain knowledge that by the end of the month, with the memory of last month's phone bill a shocking but fading memory, the sound of the actual voice will seem all-important that the voice will be encouraged to go on and on for ten minutes or more, with the reproachful egg-timer hidden hastily under the table.

Ten dollars, just a bill, no checks to write against it, no commitments. It won't lift the mortgage on the old homestead, it won't finance a new car. Hurray.

The possession of ten dollars blow-money leads to a lengthy survey of the new Sears Roebuck sales catalogue, a comfortable way of spending a snowy evening, toes stretched toward the fire, the hollow in the easy chair padded out with a plump cushion to pamper a plump back, catalogue on knee, order blanks and sharpened pencils conveniently at hand. There is the flopping of pages, the occasional jotting down of an item, the painful addition of a total, the estimation of parcel post fees, the juggling to make the amount come out to exactly ten dollars even.

Ten dollars can be translated into a trip to town with an eye peeled for bargains, a lavish jaunt through the five and ten in search of small bits of kitchenware, a certain variety of can-opener, a pack of bright colored construction paper for a small boy, a pot of small-leaved ivy to replace a casualty of the first heavy freeze of the winter.

Ten dollars will finance a blissful morning in the Wide-Awake Bookshop, furnishing adequate excuse for dipping into every new volume in the place, a careful weighing of biography against fiction, essay against poetry.

This particular ten-dollar bill? I've had my fun with it, spent it in at least twenty different ways, and now I shall make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before. That ten dollar bill will split handily into two freshly starched fives, so that two girls may have just as much fun as I have had with the original ten.

**Borough Out of Debt**

Starting the new year completely out of debt, Dallas Borough Council, paid a few current bills and adjourned its meeting Monday night promptly at 9.

**Lillian Oliver To Supervise Music at Binghamton Church**

Mrs. Lillian Rood Oliver, formerly of Shavertown has been appointed organist and choir director at High Street Methodist Church, Binghamton, N. Y.

Mrs. Oliver has been active in musical circles throughout Wyoming Valley during the past sixteen years and was for some years organist at Shavertown Methodist Church. She has conducted a music studio at 40 Lehman Avenue where she will continue to teach three days a week.

She assumed her duties on December 1 and will spend four days a week in Binghamton where she will supervise the music activities

**Five Agents Get School Policies Township Board Gives \$80,000 Fire Insurance**

Dallas Township School Board, at its meeting Tuesday night voted unanimously to increase fire insurance on the high school building in the sum of \$80,000.

This new figure raises fire insurance protection to \$232,000 or 80% of a new property appraisal submitted recently.

Board action was motivated, not alone from inflated building costs, but from a serious consideration of nearby school building fires in recent months. Adequate insurance coverage will provide for possible partial or total loss if it should ever occur.

All of the policies, which will carry extended clauses, were placed with Back Mountain agents; \$15,000 each was awarded to Arthur Gay, Harry Goeringer, Harold Flack, James Robinson and George Turn. The Board received reports from supervising Principal Raymond E. Kuhnert on progress of the new storage room now being excavated by contractor, John Connelly. The room, which will be ready in two weeks, is a combination dressing room and for storage of athletic equipment.

Permission was granted to Back Mountain Inter-Church Basketball League teams to use the school gymnasium for its scheduled games. Following a motion approved to pay all bills, the meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be held Tuesday evening, February 1st.

Present were: Donald J. Evans, who presided; Stephen N. Davis, Floyd W. Chamberlain, secretary; Thomas S. Moore and Walter J. Elston, board members; also attorney Jonathan C. Valentine, board solicitor, and Prof. Raymond E. Kuhnert, supervising principal.

**To Install Officers**

Recently elected officers of Shavertown Fire Company will be installed on Monday night at 8 at the Fire House. Officers are: Fred Nicely, president; Jack Gaugan, vice president; Bert Stitzer, secretary; Stanley Davis, treasurer and Howard Woolbert, chief.

**BRUCE LONG RESIGNS; SMITH IS APPOINTED**

A Kingston Township supervisor for the past seventeen years, Bruce Long, senior member of the Board, has resigned. Mr. Long's resignation became effective on January 1. His action, Mr. Long said, is motivated by ill health and certain elements in the township over maintenance of roads.

Arthur F. Smith of Trucksville Gardens has been appointed to succeed Mr. Long for a period of one year. Other supervisors are W. F. Myers, Shavertown, and Philip Pascoe, Carverton.

**To Talk at Torch Club**

Prof. Charles March, English teacher at Wyoming Seminary, and summer resident of Harvey's Lake will be the speaker at the meeting of the Wyoming Valley Torch Club at Y.M.C.A. Monday evening. Prof. March is taking the place of L. Verne Lacy, Shavertown, who has been called out of town.

of the church and its three choirs. Rev. Felix Zaffiro, formerly pastor at Shavertown Methodist Church has been pastor at High Street for the past three years. Mrs. Oliver, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rood of Dallas, is a graduate of New England Conservatory of Music and has taken advanced work at Washington University, St. Louis; and Bucknell University. For a number of years she has studied under Harold S. Briggs, organist and choir director at Elm Park Church, Scranton. She is a member of Mozart Club and Pi Mu Musical Society.

**Smith Elected President Of Business Group**

Store Hours, Credit And Advertising Are Discussed at Meeting

Harry Lee Smith, owner of Smith's Economy Store, was elected president of Dallas Business Association at its annual meeting Monday night in Back Mountain, Memorial Library.

Other officers elected were Lawrence Updyke, vice president; George Turn secretary and James Besecker treasurer. Retiring Officers are Howard Risley, president, and Mrs. Karl Kuehn, treasurer.

The meeting drew a comparatively large attendance and there was an interesting discussion of many problems facing the merchants.

James Besecker led a discussion on a proposal for an increase in annual dues, and discussed a plan for co-operative advertising in charitable, school and church programs.

He brought out that many out-of-town police organizations solicit advertising in the Back Mountain region under threat of arresting drivers of local firms' trucks if the proprietors do not support their fund raising projects. Many businessmen, Mr. Besecker said, spend as much as \$100 annually under duress.

Frederick Eck, cashier of First National Bank suggested that the Association go on record as opposed to such solicitation and asked for united action—even legal action if necessary—to prevent any threats from out-of-town police.

Mr. Besecker was appointed as chairman and Frederick Eck and Sheldon Cave as members of a committee to prepare a list of local organizations approved to receive program advertising.

Lawrence Updyke led a discussion on store hours. He urged establishment of uniform closing hours, especially before holidays. There was considerable difference of opinion on the desirability of having all stores open on Friday or Saturday nights.

A committee composed of Mr. Updyke as chairman with Grace Cave and Ord Trumbower as members was appointed to make a survey of merchant and customer opinion and report at the next meeting.

W. B. Jeter, president of First National Bank, who was to have given a report on the operation of the Credit Bureau, was unable to attend, but members reported that it was functioning well. All Merchants were advised to continue sending in monthly reports of delinquent accounts. They were also urged to make sure that the names of delinquents are removed from the list as soon as complete payments are made.

Members were asked to invite any Back Mountain business man who feels that the Association can serve him, to join the association and to ask their fellow merchants to attend the monthly meetings.

Present were: Frederick Eck, Dean Shaver, Sheldon Cave, Ralph Paul, Ord Trumbower, Dr. A. A. Mascali, Grace Cave, L. L. Richardson, Wesley Himmler, Al Bowman, Joe Hand, Jack Hazletine, Timothy LaBar, Dr. Robert Bodychomb, Lawrence Updyke, James Besecker, Howard Risley, George Turn, Lillian Kuehn and Harry Lee Smith.

**TOWNSHIP MAN HURT IN MINE EXPLOSION**

John Maculis, 29, who lives in the old Dallas Fair Ground section of Dallas Township, is on the "danger list" at General Hospital as the result of burns and shock received in an explosion which killed two men and injured another Tuesday morning at South Wilkes-Barre Colliery of Glen Alden Coal Company.

A locomotive helper, Maculis, was located in the slope engine room when the explosion of gas occurred that killed Hugh Cavanaugh, slope engineer, and George Hassick, locomotive engineer, both of Wilkes-Barre.

**Huntsville Christian Church Selects Officers For New Year**

Annual meeting of the congregation and election of officers for the coming year was held in the basement of Huntsville Christian Church Thursday evening, December 30, John Roberts presiding. A covered dish supper was enjoyed. Milton Culp led devotions and gave a short talk. The following secretaries gave reports for their groups:

Mildred Major read the minutes of the 1947 annual meeting. Rev. C. H. Frick reported for the committee selected to plan 1949 activities and presented a tentative schedule of the coming year for approval. Mildred Major summarized the report of the church for 1948. Mrs. Ralph Frantz reported on church missions; Mrs. Lewis Shaver on the missionary society; Mrs. John Roberts on the Ladies' Aid Society with additions by Mrs. Ralph Frantz; Mrs. H. J. Major gave the Sunday school report; and in absence of Mrs. William Eckert Mrs. Walter Covert reported on the year's activities of the CF Class.

Officers to serve through 1949 are: Elders: Milton Culp, Herbert Major, Harvey Moss. Trustees: Milton Culp, Herbert Major, John Roberts. Deacons: Dale Warmouth, William Davis, Charles Elston, Bur-

ton Roberts, Carlton Hadsall, Richard Culp, Jack Culp. Deaconesses: Mrs. H. J. Major, Mrs. Frances Culp, Mrs. Elva Warmouth.

Church Clerk and treasurer: William Davis; assistant: Jack Culp. Director of Music and Pianist: Mrs. Walter Covert; assistant: Patricia Clark. Church Missionary secretary: Mrs. Ralph Frantz. Bible School officers; superintendent: Mrs. C. H. Frick; assistant: Carlton Hadsall. Secretary and treasurer: Mrs. H. J. Major; assistants: Barbara Culp, Virginia.

Pianist: Patricia Clark; assistant: Mrs. Walter Covert. Children's Division: Hannah Culp. Cradle Roll: Mrs. Frances Culp.

Present: Mrs. Ralph Frantz, Mrs. L. M. Culp, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elston, Mrs. Bertha Jenkin, Richard L. Culp, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Culp, Mildred Major, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Covert, Mrs. Robert Culp, Virginia Ann Culp, Mrs. Elva Warmouth, Dale Warmouth, Harvey Moss, Patricia Clark, Barbara Marjarian Culp, Mary Ellen Clark, Joan Warmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Culp, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Frick, Elma L. Major, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Major, Mrs. Lewis Shaver, Miss Addie Elston.

**Natona Mills Is Now Finishing Goods Manufactured In Six Plants**

The finishing division of Natona Mills has now developed to the point where all of the finishing of lace products manufactured in the six mills of Native Laces & Textiles is being done in the Dallas plant.

In order to speed up this work and take advantage of the many new chemical processes that have been developed in the past ten years, John McCusker, plant manager, will shortly be placed in complete charge of the finishing division and another man will be placed in charge of manufacturing, auxiliary equipment and maintenance departments of the mill—two distinct divisions.

Mr. McCusker has had a life time of experience in the finishing end and originally came to the Dallas plant as general manager of the finishing department. A year ago he agreed to take over temporarily the responsibility of getting the entire plant into production and has now asked to be relieved of that responsibility to return to his chosen field.

**New Officers Seated By Dallas Kiwanians**

Dallas Kiwanis Club installed its officers for 1949 Tuesday night at Irem Temple Club with A. W. Shafer, Jr., presiding.

Rev. Howard Harrison was in charge of the installation ceremony and inducted president, Donald M. Harris; vice president, Sherman H. Harter; secretary, John F. Parsons; treasurer, Clarence E. Shaver, Jr.

Harold Flack presented to A. W. Shafer, outgoing president, a gold ring with Kiwanis emblem in appreciation for his services as president in 1948.

After acceptance of the gavel by Mr. Harris, a short business meeting was held outlining a program for the new year.

**McIntyres Here On Visit From London**

Mr. and Mrs. William McIntyre are spending the New Year season and a month in Dallas. They arrived December 17 on the U.S.S. America from London, England, where Mr. McIntyre is Telecommunications attaché at the American Embassy. They spent the Christmas season in Philadelphia and will spend some time in Harrisburg and Washington, D. C. before returning to London in mid March. Before entering the U. S. Navy and later the diplomatic service, Mr. McIntyre was plant manager of Commonwealth Telephone Company.

**May Buy Airport**

Daniel Robinhold and David Jenkins are negotiating for the purchase of Bloomsburg Airport, owned by Senator T. Newell Wood,

**New Dress Plant At Sweet Valley Open Next Month**

Building is Near Completion. Monk Has Heating Contract

Work is progressing rapidly on the new building for Sweet Valley Frocks at Sweet Valley.

The 50x112 foot concrete block structure is now under roof and the floor is being laid by a crew of fifteen men under the direction of Charles Bonham.

Earl H. Monk, who has the plumbing and heating contract, started installation of the steam heating plant on Monday. The building will be heated with Vulcan fin-type radiation.

A new deep well has been drilled and pump installed.

When completed the building will have modern rest rooms, and offices. The lighting will be the most modern for factory purposes and lighter than day where the employees work.

The management hopes to have the plant in operation by February 1 and expects eventually to employ 200 women in the manufacture of women's frocks and suits as well as children's clothing.

Nathan Ember of Kingston and Herman Rich of New York City are members of the operating firm. They urge all women who may be interested in employment to make application at once. At the present time applications for positions are being received at Bronson's store, but within a few days the firm will have a representative at the plant to accept applications.

\$30,000 worth of machinery arrived Thursday and will be installed as quickly as possible.

Total cost of the building without equipment is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$24,000. This amount is being raised through popular subscription in the form of \$100 bonds. Practically all of those who have helped to construct the building as well as Sweet Valley and Back Mountain businessmen have purchased bonds.

Confident of the success of the venture, a Wyoming Valley bank recently wrote to the officers of the building group and asked to purchase several bonds. Weekly meeting of the Sweet Valley Improvement Company will be held Friday night at the home of Alfred Bronson. All persons who may be interested in the project are invited to attend. The Improvement Company is composed of businessmen of Sweet Valley and surrounding area.

**New Year's Day Accidents**

Trucksville was the scene of six automobile accidents that occurred New Year's Day.

Four accidents were at the traffic light in Trucksville, while the other two were at Hillside.

**First National To Expand Its Banking House**

Ritter Building On Main Street Bought From A. C. Devens

First National Bank, Dallas, has purchased the former Ritter building on Main Street from A. C. Devens and will shortly start on a building expansion program which will double the working and office space of the bank, W. B. Jeter, president, announced yesterday.

Employment of an architect and working out of final plans for the expansion will not take place until after the annual meeting of stockholders next Tuesday morning, Mr. Jeter said, but work on the building is definitely slated to start this spring.

The present banking house, erected in 1931 at a cost of approximately \$55,000, was opened for business in January 1932 and was believed to be adequate for many years to come. But of recent years increased volume of business and increase in personnel have made the building too small.

In 1932 the total resources of the bank were \$658,000. Today, those resources have increased to \$3,228,000. Surplus was then \$50,000. Today it is \$150,000. Four employees handled the bank's business in 1932. They were W. B. Jeter, then cashier, Frederick Eck, then teller, Harry Garrahan, deceased, and Rosa Bennett, bookkeeper. Present staff of nine is composed of Mr. Jeter, president, Mr. Eck, cashier, William Baker Jr., teller, Francis Berry, Mrs. Pauline Roth, Carrie Foote, Mrs. Mary Lou Robins, Dolores Adamshick and Mrs. Frank Davies.

The bank's volume has increased steadily. Deposits amounting to less than a half million in 1932 are now close to three million.

Another graphic example of the bank's expansion is evidenced in its safe deposit boxes. In 1932 its vault housed 160 boxes, not all of them rented. Today it has 1,000 boxes, most of them rented.

Purchase of the adjoining property will give the bank a frontage of approximately 85 feet. Mr. Jeter said it is not definite just how the expansion will be made but there is a possibility that the new building may provide a night depository, drive in deposit window and third floor offices for professional men. All these proposals will be considered by the directors.

**Banta Has No Arrests**

Chief Louis Banta, Shavertown, announced that there have been no arrests of motorists going through the red light at Shavertown since before Christmas.

"Motorists are driving very sensibly due to the condition of the roads."

**Fred Welsh's Christmas Tree Delights Youngsters**



Shown here is the miniature landscape which Fred Welsh has developed under his Christmas tree in the living room of his home on Center Hill Road. Fred has spent more than thirty years collecting the materials with which to delight the eyes and hearts of youngsters of all ages. So that all youngsters may have an opportunity to view it, the display will be left in place until January 15. Then Fred will carefully dismantle the tree, pack the tiny figures, three railway trains, and miniature villages in their boxes to await their awakening again next Christmas.