

All Work and No Play

We were surprised to learn from the city press this week that the employees in the County Court House work thirty hours a week. Fifteen would have been our guess.

Not all of course—but we're willing to wager that there are many weeks when fifteen hours of productive labor might be a pretty good guess; or how else could there be so much visiting, running to the water cooler, and talking over the results of last night's fight or the standing of the Cleveland Indians.

What's needed on a county level is a thorough reorganization of our methods of handling county business. We all know it. But nobody has done anything about it or is likely to. Pennsylvania needs a Hoover Commission to create efficiency in the county offices. Only a democracy, and a public willing to squander money like a drunken sailor, can afford the luxury of the type of business management we get in every county of the state.

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Dallas Township Takes the Lead

The Supervisors of Dallas Township deserve the congratulations of the entire community for their forward step in employing the Government Consulting Service of The Institute of Local and State Government to help them in making a survey and planning a zoning ordinance for Dallas Township.

The Institute was established at the University of Pennsylvania through the generous grant of Samuel S. Fels, who has long been interested in the improvement of municipal and state government. It is governed by a board composed of administrative officers of the University and of persons prominent in Pennsylvania civic affairs.

A few of the Pennsylvania towns it has served include Havertown, Kennett Square, West Chester, Whitemarsh, Pottstown, and Ridley Park.

Under the terms of the Fels gift, the Institute is not permitted to make a profit on its services; but is allowed to charge only its actual expenses.

Through the good sense of the Supervisors in selecting experts to zone and plan their township, even though it costs hard money, Dallas Township will probably be the only municipality in Northeastern Pennsylvania that has gone about planning for the future in the right way. The future development of Dallas Township along a carefully thought out plan is apt to be a memorial to Charlie Martin, Herbert Major and John Jerista long after other Township Supervisors are forgotten.

While the Institute is working here it would be economical and good sense for taxpayers of other municipalities to see to it that their officials also consult them on zoning.

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

St. Valentine has played me a dirty trick. The incidence of his birthday on the fourteenth of this month, making him a February notable along with George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, made necessary his inclusion in a short play written by Annette Evans and presented for the February meeting of the Wyoming Valley Woman's Club on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Hicks was the costume committee, and it was she who had to battle with the proposition of designing a costume which would portray St. Valentine as a Gilbert and Sullivan Monk instead of a confectioner of scarlet heart transfixed by a gilt arrow and frosted with lace paper.

It was quite a proposition, though the infant connection of Mrs. Rupprecht's who went happily about the neighborhood broadcasting that Auntie Ruthie was going to be Cupid, threatened for a time to reduce it to the simplest terms. The neighborhood with one accord made up its collective mind to be present at the meeting, legally if guest tickets could be procured by hook or crook, illegally if storming of the doors should be indicated.

St. Valentine emerged as a fifteenth century monk, authentic as to design and cut of cowl and robe, but with certain liberties taken with color by way of poetic license. The robe, as developed for the play, was white instead of flannelette with scarlet sateen facings on sleeves and hood, and a scarlet cord around the middle. As Mrs. Rupprecht herself would be the first to admit that she is no sylph, it is no breach of confidence to state that the capacious garment swallowed ten yards of flannelette, spurlous versenkt, the yardage providing, in all honesty, for a very deep hem and a lined hood, details designed to give body to the robe and make it hang correctly. The one compromise with Valentines Day as celebrated in the five-and-ten was a large scarlet heart stitched firmly to the left sleeve where hearts are ordinarily worn on leap year.

The braided scarlet cord, a frantic last-minute addition to the costume, was made hastily from a red-flannel bandage split into three sections lengthwise and braided while the overture was being played. That bandage was scheduled originally to play a far different part as a border for the braided rug which has been hanging fire for the past year and a half.

And what was the reward of the costume committee? A sibilant hiss from the front row as St. Valentine barged up the aisle: "Here comes the Ku Klux Klan."

Observes Thirtieth Year in Ministry

Rev. Charles H. Gilbert, formerly of Carverton, now of Maine, celebrated 30 years in the ministry last Sunday.

Jackson Firemen Have Good Year

Owe Only \$3,309 On All equipment

Jackson Volunteer Firemen at their annual meeting elected the following officers for the current year:

Louis T. Wilcox, president; Edward Kropp, vice president; Norman Smith, Secretary; James Twaddle, Treasurer; Dennis Bonning, Fire Chief; Elmer Laskowski, Trustee (3 year term); Walter Palmer, Paul Gross, Alden Wagner, Vernon Cease, and Robert Cooper, Ways & Means Committee; Walter Palmer, Theodore Laskowski, Alfred Swelgin, Auditors; Paul Snyder, Fire Board. Trustees elected in 1948 were: Harold Bertram, Earl Balliet (3 year terms).

Appointments made by the president: Membership Committee: Robert Culp, Dennis Bonning, Sr. and Edward Kropp; Publicity Committee: Norman Smith, James Twaddle and Louis T. Wilcox.

Appointments made by the Fire Chief, Truck Drivers: Robert Cooper, Harold Bertram, Walter Palmer, Malvin Wagner, Paul Snyder, Elmer Laskowski, Edward Jeffrey, Kenneth Cooper, Alfred Swelgin and Walter Reakes.

Assistants to the Fire Chief: Robert Cooper, Harold Bertram and Elmer Laskowski.

The financial report of the company, presented by Walter Palmer, Theodore Laskowski and Alfred Swelgin, auditors, shows what can be accomplished when a community really wants fire protection. Total resources of the company are \$10,929 as compared with current liabilities of \$3,309.26.

Included in resources are: Cash, \$293.89; trucks, \$7,707; auxiliary pump, \$302; hose, \$515; other apparatus, \$52, and balance on outstanding pledge, \$2,058.

Liabilities note First National Bank of Dallas, \$3,215.65 and current bills \$93.61.

Total receipts for the year, including \$5,000 borrowed from First National Bank amounted to \$12,286.23. Total expenditures were \$11,992.34.

The next meeting of the company will be held at the home of Walter Palmer on Monday evening at 8. Membership for 1949 is now open. Dues are \$2. and all citizens of the community are invited and urged to support their Fire Department by paying back dues and pledges now.

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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	4
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	2
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	2
TOTAL	31	30

Six Hundred Attend Opening Of Dress Plant

Sweet Valley Frocks Work Monday With Pilot Force of 35

More than 600 persons attended the opening of Sweet Valley Frocks at Sweet Valley on Thursday evening.

Operation of the machines and their types were explained by Nathan Embre, general manager, who was assisted in greeting the visitors by Messers Rich and Riccabonno of the operating firm.

Alfred Bronson was general chairman and introduced fellow townsmen who had a part in the building program. Among those who spoke was Sherman Kunkle, who with Mr. Bronson was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the project in Sweet Valley.

More than a score of business firms throughout the area sent floral displays.

After the formal program, refreshments were served to about 450 persons in Church of Christ Hall, which was taxed beyond capacity.

On Monday the plant started operating with a pilot force of 35 women. Thirty five will be added each week until all are trained. The firm now has applications from more than 200 workers.

State's Profit From Liquor Sales Is Fifty-Seven Million

By Pennsylvania News Service Drinkers of wines and distilled spirits in Pennsylvania last year drank the Commonwealth into a neat profit of \$57,390,060.29.

The State Liquor Control Board—in checking its bulging cash register—made this disclosure this week and in a breakdown of funds in the till said that \$38,481,663.10 was net profits from the sales in the State Store System, while the ten percent State Tax yielded \$18,908,397.19.

The profit is the highest in the history of the board.

Actually, however, total sales volume dipped slightly last year with sales for 1948 listed as \$208,172,473.02—or \$217,711.39 under 1947. The highest dollar sales volume

in the history of the board was recorded in 1946 when merchandise worth \$234,300,832 was sold to the public and retail licensees.

As for the liquid itself, sales of distilled spirits and wines last year amounted to 19,085,467 gallons—an increase of seven percent over 1947. The gallonage sales for 1948 were the highest except for 1942 and 1946.

In 1940 the combined sales of distilled spirits and wines amounted to 15,800,767 gallons.

Interestingly, sales of distilled spirits alone last year totaled 9,860,096 gallons—a decrease of 1.6 percent from 1947, but wine sales amounted to 9,225,362 gallons, or an increase of more than 18 percent.

Dr. Owens Opens Dental Office

Was Resident Dentist At Girard College

Dr. Roger M. Owens has opened his office for the practice of dentistry in his home on Spring street, Dallas.



DR. ROGER M. OWENS

Dr. and Mrs. Owens purchased the Sandel Hunt property some months ago and have renovated it, added office space and installed dental equipment.

Mrs. Owens and their two children, Susan and Sherrill, have been here several weeks but Dr. Owens just recently closed his office on Broad street, Philadelphia and moved his x-ray and dental equipment here.

In addition to his private practice in Philadelphia, Dr. Owens has been for the past three years resident dentist at Girard College, and prior to that time was with Philadelphia Mouth Hygiene Clinic where his work brought him in contact with thousands of patients annually.

A native of Plains, Dr. Owens graduated from Plains Memorial High School. He took his undergraduate work at Temple University and graduated from Temple University Dental School in 1944.

Having lived at Harvey's Lake where his family has a summer cottage, Dr. Owens has always felt that he would like to establish a practice in Dallas. Five years ago he attempted to find a location here but houses were unavailable and he started his practice in Philadelphia.

His wife is the former Claire Spigner of that city.

His office hours will be from one to five daily and six-thirty to nine. Also by appointment.

Merchants Put Thumbs Down On Contributions

Committee Prepares List Of Approved Local Organizations

In order to protect themselves against the solicitation of funds from out-of-town organizations, and at the same time to restrict solicitations from local organizations, a proposal to limit advertising in programs to approved local organizations was discussed at the meeting of Dallas Business Association on Monday night at Back Mountain Memorial Library.

The proposal which will be revised and later acted upon by the Association was presented by a committee composed of James F. Besecker, Frederick Eck and Sheldon Cave.

Under the plan all Back Mountain Churches, schools, college, fire companies, Girl or Boy Scout organizations will be approved for one advertising solicitation per year. Any further solicitations by these groups will require the approval of the secretary of the Business Association, before merchants will consider contributing.

The only organizations outside the area which are suggested for approval are: Community Chest, March of Dimes, Cancer Drive, and Pennsylvania State Police.

While merchants may contribute and advertise wherever they choose, they will not be apt to contribute to any organization that does not have the approval of the Business Association.

Grace Cave and Lawrence Updyke reporting for the committee on store hours, said that requests for preferences of store hours from customers had so far met with indifference that any hours the merchants set will probably be accepted by customers. It was suggested that all stores close on Wednesday afternoons during the summer months. An effort will be made to contact the heads of the chain stores to have them join in the Wednesday afternoon closing. Friday nights were suggested as the most popular for evening hours.

Harry Lee Smith, president, reported that practically all collections for street lighting are in. Because of the volunteer work of several of the merchants in helping to erect the lights this year, expenses were held down, and there will be a sizable amount left in the treasury for even better community lighting next year.

Georg Turn, secretary, was instructed to communicate with Dallas Borough Council thinking that body for its cooperation and for paying for the electricity consumed which amounted to about \$100.

There was also discussion of a need for borough regulation to prevent out-of-the-area hucksters and peddlers from establishing stands at the Y along Harvey's Lake Highway, in competition to local merchants.

Dues which are now payable were set at \$3 for the current year. Lawrence Updyke, vice president, will head a committee to carry on an intensive membership campaign to bring all merchants of the Back Mountain Region into the Association.

Many members expressed the opinion that the expansion and slowing up of credits, makes it mandatory for every businessman to join the Association to obtain the pertinent credit information that is now available through the Association's Credit Bureau.

Americanization is Program Theme

Wilkes-Barre Lions Club will present its fourth annual Americanization program at the Kingston Township High School on Friday night. It has been arranged by Thomas H. Jenkins, W. Frank Trimble will introduce the speakers.

The address of welcome for the Lions Club will be given by Deputy County Controller William H. Davis. Louis J. Purvin will introduce the main speaker, Dodie Haas, who will talk on "The Lincoln of Today."

Music will be furnished by the Kingston Township High School chorus.

National Winner In Photograph Contest



YOUNG NESBITT GARINGER

Four year old Nesbitt Garinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Garinger and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt Garinger of Dallas, won fourth national award and first local award in the fourteenth National Children's Photography Contest held recently. The photograph above was the winner.

Young Nesbitt competed with thousands of photographs taken of

children all over the United States. Judges were Harry Conover, Bud Collier (radio "Superman"), Jack Barry of "Juvenile Jury" and Maude Tausey Fengel, noted illustrator.

Grandmother and Granddad Garinger have two other grandchildren, Donna Lee Garinger, Aged six and Ricky Garris, aged one.

Girl Scout Cookies

Girl Scouts have done a pretty good job of canvassing the town for cookie buyers this week and last.

Erect Steel Framework

Workmen this week erected the steel framework for the new Acme Market being built on the former Oliver Used Car Lot in Dallas.

State Rabbit Trappers Neglect To Visit Box Traps For Days

Representatives of the Pennsylvania Game Commission arrived in Dallas last Thursday with a truckload of new wooden box traps to capture surplus rabbits living in vacant lots along residential streets.

Ostensibly the purpose was to catch the rabbits in good condition and transfer them to areas where they are less plentiful.

Those who set the traps on private property asked no permission of any property owner but went about their work with zeal and set possibly a hundred traps baited with bits of apple.

One Friday morning the truck returned and the trappers made a thorough round of their traps picking up a number of rabbits. They reset the traps and went on their way. That was last Friday morning.

Six days later, representatives of the Game Commission had not returned to look over their traps, and residents of Dallas wondered what might be happening to any imprisoned rabbits.

The ordinary sportsman or trapper who is engaged in trapping is required by law to visit his trap line at least once every thirty-six hours. The game Commission had waited 166 hours to visit its traps.

On Tuesday, 96 hours after the

traps were originally set, a representative of the Dallas Post called the State Game Commission offices in the Forty Fort Bank Building and talked with a Mr. Stainbrook who was in charge. Mr. Stainbrook appeared concerned that the traps had not been attended to and asked if the Post could give him the names of the trappers or locations where the traps were set.

He said that frequently the Game Commission issues permits to sportsmen to catch rabbits for transfer to other areas and that certain of these permits are also issued to others who make a livelihood from trapping. In the latter instances the Commission pays 75c for every rabbit captured.

Mr. Stainbrook said investigation would be set in motion immediately. Thursday morning a Game Commission representative collected the traps, many of them in front of homes where citizens had piled them. He said that he had sprung all the traps on Saturday morning so that no rabbits could get in them, while he was away; but the kids (big and small) on the streets said that they had removed the bait; sprung the traps, and piled them along the road on Friday evening.