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## <sup>∼</sup> C. W. Sutliff YOU KNOW ME **Buried Monday Thirty-Five Years** May 1 the United States Post

Office is changing the name of our lake, from Alderson to Harvey's Lake.

BY

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Not many in Alderson seem to at 58 Carverton Road. office officials dont' like it to ap- away early Friday morning. pear in a name.

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who are not in favor of the change ling and Mary Killian Sutliff. He are so, for two reasons. First, they was married to the former Ida state, in a few years Alderson Winters, who preceded him in will be barely mentioned and sec- death eight years ago. For more ond they fear that the office may than thirty five years he was em-

tion they recall that there used resident of Trucksville for fortyto be an office at Laketon and four years, And was a member of everybody called that portion of Trucksville Methodist Church and the lake by that name. Since the Walnut Lodge 953; I.O.O.F. postoffice was removed from there Laketon is never mentioned anymore. The oldtimers call it West many of the news items consisted It is possible that they are right and one item that we both got a

rumors to that effect are ground- home for rent in Dallas. Editor

about that and we have been told "A Fine Summer Residence for that he favors keeping the office Rent.' at its present site. Also, we have been informed by a reliable source,

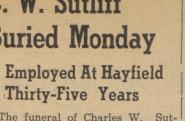
if any one advocates the removal of the office a petition will have to be circulated to Harveys Lake citizens and the Alderson voters will have the same right as any other person in deciding to keep the mail coming to and moving out of Alderson.

One of the annoying things that will be overcome, according to Doc Avery, is that the Alderson mail will no longer be sent to the Shawnee postoffice at the other end of the lake. Uncle Sam, it appears, had a bad habit of delivering Alderson resident's mail to Shawnee when letters were addressed to Harveys Lake and citizens of the east end would have to travel half way 'round the lake to get their mail

Thinking that some persons, who like us, were not born at the lake, would be interested in knowing some history of Alderson and its postoffice, we called on Amos Kitchen, who, we were told, built most of the earlier cottages hereabout. Mr. Kitchen was born near where Tony Javers now has his store, 811/2 years ago, and when telling us his age he put emphasis on the half that was plain to understand that when you reach his age, you start counting the months. Mr. Kitchen is blind in his right eye and can just see the outline of his hand with his left optic. Despite iormea us, ne is no through with carpentry yet. He has purchased the old blacksmith shop at Alderson and is tearing it down to sell the lumber. He receives some help with this. His job is to remove the nails from the boards. He remembers when the Lehigh Valley Railroad came to the lake, in 1885 and then, he states Alderson was named. The railroad, he said, built a station and called it Alderson to honor the president of the road. Mrs. Arthur Stull states that it was the treasurer, not the president, and his name, she thinks was W. Z. Alderson. Mr. Kitchen bowed to the lady, saying: "She probably is correct, but at any rate, we both agree," he laughed, "Alderson was named after an official of the railroad. In a short time," he stated, "the portion of the lake around the station came to be known as Alderson.' Edward Bush was the first postmaster and sorted mail in the building that was recently used by A. J. Sordoni as an office. George Young, station agent, succeeded Bush and was instrumental in moving the postoffice to the Lehigh Valley R.R. station. George Armitage took charge next and suc ceeded in getting the office moved to a more central location at his home. When he resigned and John Newhart was named as postmaster the mail was sorted at its present site where genial Roy Tyson now reigns. We say genial, because Roy is continually going out of his way to do nice things for people. Mr. Kitchen is an interesting man to talk to. He remembers when the first cottage was built at Harveys Lake. It stood on or near the lot where Grover Anderson now lives. He recalls it so vividly because he remembers that hemlock trees were chopped down on the site and used as columns to support the porch roof. The hemlock wasn't trimmed, just the limbs were cut off and there they stood for years hardly discernable from the woods surrounding the house He has a copy of the Dallas Post of May 5, 1909 that was delivered to his father forty years ago and is still in fair condition. J. H. Anderson was editor and he published a four page, 8 column weekly. There are large 3 column advertisements on page one and

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offered in



He was born in Waterton, Pa., The persons we have listened to October 14, 1874, the son of Ster-

move to another part of the lake. To back up their first objec-in 1941. Mr. Sutliff had been a

