

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

Howard and Myra had just delivered a basket of white peaches from the Simmons orchard, the best I ever tasted in my life, and were about to continue on their way home to Dallas last Saturday, when Howard's foot left the gas pedal and fumbled for the brake. His eye riveted itself on something large and globular in a fashionable shade of beige, resting itself on the slope of the lawn under the crabapple tree.

"What," he inquired, "is that, a giant puff-ball?"

My eye followed his pointing finger, and I shook my head.

"Probably something the kids left on the lawn, or maybe a paper bag full of hot air. Any bag could blow up in weather like this," was my guess.

"Puff-ball" announced Howard with decision, and opened the door of the car.

"Can't be a puff-ball. Too big" was my contribution to the conversation, as we climbed the slope and drew closer and closer to the subject.

We stood over the phenomenon, in fact over three phenomena, each one larger and more unbelievable than the other two.

"This," I continued, feeling confused, "is probably due to the heat and to Tom's yeast-bearing humor pit. The yeast must have started to grow like all get-out, run along under the sod, and shouldered itself through a weak spot in the turf. That one looks exactly like a mound of bread dough left too long in a warm place."

You've heard of the inexperienced housekeeper who buried her first attempt at bread-making in the back yard, a subterfuge which gave rise to the news-story of the week, a colossal mushroom as large as a bushel basket.

There seemed to be a connection, somehow, between that experimental humor pit impregnated with yeast and karo corn syrup and these outcroppings on the front lawn.

"Maybe we should shape it into loaves and bake it," was my feeble attempt at rationalizing the thing.

"Puff-ball," said Howard. "Are you going to pluck it or shall I?"

I pushed at the thing with my foot. It felt solid. Plucked, it weighed at least two pounds.

Howard brought forth a small pocket knife and started carving. The great globe split down the middle easily enough, revealing a smooth white interior.

"Puff-balls," I offered oratorically, "are edible, I read it in a book. Puff-balls are the only wild mushroom positively guaranteed not to turn into a toadstool."

Howard looked skeptical. "If you make a mistake and eat a toadstool," he warned, "you don't get a second chance. The Dallas Post publishes a nice obituary with pictures and life history, giving it a snug berth on the front page because of the news value of a death due to mushroom poisoning, but this is very chilly compensation for the friends and relatives."

"Puff-balls are too edible," I retorted. "Do you or do you not want to share this puff-ball?"

"I do not want to share this puff-ball," said Howard, with finality, easing himself under the steering wheel. "If you want to make a such and such and so and so idiot of yourself, go ahead and cook it, but count me out."

"Foreigners hereabouts" he went on, "sometimes gather wild mushrooms, but they always cook a silver coin along with the mushrooms. If the coin turns dark, or maybe if it turns shiny, I can't quite remember which, the mushrooms are toadstools and the entire potful, exclusive of the silver coin, gets thrown on the compost heap. If you are going to take a chance on frying that puff-ball you ought to fry a dime along with it."

"And if the dime tarnishes, that proves the mushroom is a toadstool? But what if it turns shiny?"

"I can't say for certain" said Howard, "but something happens to the dime."

Saying which, Howard and Myra started for Dallas, and I started for the kitchen with the puff-ball.

Being a cagey creature and preferring to die by inches rather than in a stricken heap, I pinched off a microscopic section of mushroom and ate it. Fifteen minutes later I ate a slightly larger wedge, half an hour later a sizable chunk. By that time it was six P. M. and the time to start supper, so I sliced a quarter section of the puff-ball and sauteed it gently with butter and minced onions to accompany a brace of pork chops.

Up to date, there has been no obituary in the Dallas Post.

Noxen Firemen Sponsor Another Community Day

Noxen Volunteer Fire Company will sponsor a Community Day on Monday. Proceeds will be used to buy fire fighting equipment.

Church will participate by having refreshment booths. Games will be available for entertainment and there will be a pet parade with generous prizes at 10 A. M. In the afternoon there will be a baseball game. Kenneth Cuddy is general chairman.

Last week members of the company began excavation for a new fire hall. All work will be done by volunteers.

Rice Ayrshires Top NEPA Show

Win Championships In Two Classes

The Ayrshire grand champion at the third annual field day of NEPA Artificial Breeding Co-operative held Friday at NEPA headquarters, Tunkhannock, was a junior yearling shown by George Rice and Son of Orchard Farm.

In the 4-H District Show held in conjunction with NEPA Field Day, the Ayrshire grand champion was a senior calf shown by Bobby Rice. Reserve champion was a junior calf shown by John E. Brown of Forksville, Sullivan County.

S. C. Schedenhelm, extension dairy specialist of Rutgers University, R. H. Olmstead and J. S. Taylor, extension dairy specialists of Penn State College, were judges of the 4-H events.

Grand champion Guernsey was a senior calf owned by Samuel B. Price of Sugarloaf, R. F. D.

Grand Champion Holstein was a senior calf shown by Neil Bowen of Willsboro, Tioga County.

Grand champion Jersey was a two-year-old owned by Ronald Rivenburg of Carbondale.

Towns Receive License Funds

Lake Leads Area With \$4,100 Refund

Payments of refunds out of the liquor license fund of the State Liquor Control Board to Back Mountain communities were authorized this week by the State Auditor General's Office.

The money represents a refund for licenses issued to licensees in the respective municipalities.

The amounts are: Dallas Borough, \$350; Jackson Township, \$2,500; Franklin Township, \$150; Jackson Township, \$250; Kingston Township, \$1,025; Lake Township, \$4,100; Lehman, \$1,800. By contrast, Wilkes-Barre received \$88,000.

Dallas to Have New Dress Shop

Mrs. Alice Uhl has announced that she will open the Country Dress Shop in the rear of Dixon's Store, Dallas, on Saturday, September 9, and will handle there an exclusive line of women's and children's dresses and accessories.

Mrs. Jessie Gruver will assist her during the opening. The shop will feature Jessie Gruver frocks and custom bridal gowns.

Entrance to the shop will be from Memorial Highway with plenty of parking space available nearby.

Mrs. Uhl, with her three children, Rebecca, 9, John, 7, and Jimmie, 5, will move to the Lee Apartment on Machell avenue this week. She has lived in Kingston for the past ten years.

Jackson School Opening

Jackson Township Schools will open on Thursday, September 8. Pupils will meet their bus at the regular stations at the regular time on the first day and thereafter.

In spite of increased costs, Jackson Township School taxes will remain at 30 mills for the current year.

Rehearsal Tuesday Night

There will be no rehearsals for Lehman High School Band on Monday, Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday. There will be rehearsal on Tuesday evening from 7:30 until 9.

New Neon Sign

Main street, Dallas presents a Times Square appearance with a new seventeen-foot neon Atlantic sign erected this week on Bescker's gasoline station.

Light Standards Painted

Traffic signal light standards in the Borough have been painted a bright traffic yellow, by Clarence Edwards.

Woman Injured At Trucksville

Julia Shotwell Is In Nesbitt Hospital

Crowded Luzerne-Harvey's Lake Highway added another victim Saturday evening. Mrs. Julia Shotwell, 68, Birch Grove, Trucksville, was seriously injured after alighting from a Dallas bus near the home of her son, Samuel, with whom she lives.

She was returning from Wilkes-Barre at 9:30 in company with a guest, Graham Culp of Muhlenburg. The couple had started across the busy thoroughfare when the elderly woman, apparently confused by the heavy traffic stepped back into the path of a car driven by Joseph Hart, Harris Hill Road, Trucksville. Mr. Hart stopped his car immediately and rushed the injured woman to Nesbitt Hospital.

She suffered a compound fracture of the right leg, possible skull and severe head lacerations. Her condition is fairly good with some improvement noted in the past few days. Mrs. Shotwell had been caring for her son's children while her daughter-in-law was in a hospital.

Chief Francis McCarty investigated the accident and the driver was released to await the outcome of Mrs. Shotwell's injuries.

Lehman Opens Drive Against Saloons

Major Clayton M. Wallace, executive head of the Temperance League of America, was the speaker Wednesday night at a local option rally in Lehman Methodist Church. Major Wallace served several terms in the New Hampshire legislature and is the first businessman ever elected to head the Temperance League.

Lehman Township will vote on the liquor license referendum at the primaries on September 13.

Fowler's Birds Capture Honors In New Jersey

John Fowler of Orange, displayed eight modern game bantams and took four first prizes and four second prizes, and the Grand Champion of the entire show at the Morris Fair Grounds Troy Hills, New Jersey from August 22-27.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, and their daughter, Mrs. Frank Smith of Orange, attended.

Mr. Fowler recently exhibited birds in the Easton Show and won eight first prizes.

Milus Directs Ruggles Band

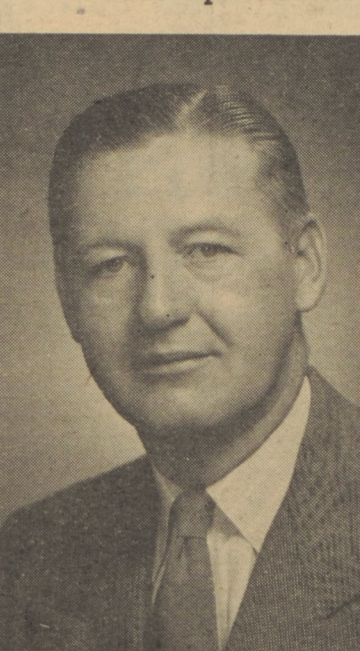
Many Guest Artists In Lake Concert

The Ruggles Pioneer Band, under the direction of John Milus, will give a concert Thursday, at 8:15 p.m., in the Lake Township High School Auditorium.

The band, composed of 45 members, has been practicing under the direction of John Milus, student in the music department of Mansfield State Teachers College. Among the members are many colorful old-timers who have been with the band for periods up to 25 and 30 years. They will be assisted by musicians from Wilkes-Barre, Kingston and Nanticoke. In their number also are several students in music departments of colleges throughout the state.

The Program: "Military Escort"; "Thunderer"; Sousa; "Pretziosa"; (Overture); Skaggs; "Deep Purple" (Saxophone Solo); Harry Mancina, graduate of Kingston High School, and at present student of Mansfield State Teachers College. Accompanist, Vera Whitesell; "Our Director"; Bigelow; "DeMolay Commandery"; Hall; "Bandmen's Delight" (Overture); "Atlantia Zephyrs"; (Trombone Solo); Simons, William Ginther, graduate of Lehman High School and present student of Bloomsburg State Teachers College. Accompanist, Vera Whitesell; "Salutation"; "King Cotton" (Demonstration of twirling); Wilma Hess, Majorette, graduate of Dallas Township High School, student of College Misericordia; "The High School Cadets"; Wilma Hess, Majorette; "Humoresque" (Clarinet Duet); Robert Shewan and Richard Glace, graduates of Kingston Township High School, and students of Mansfield State Teachers College. Accompanist, Vera Whitesell; "Washington Post"; "National Emblem"; "Heroic" (Overture); "Star Spangled Banner".

Township Candidates For School Director



DONALD J. EVANS

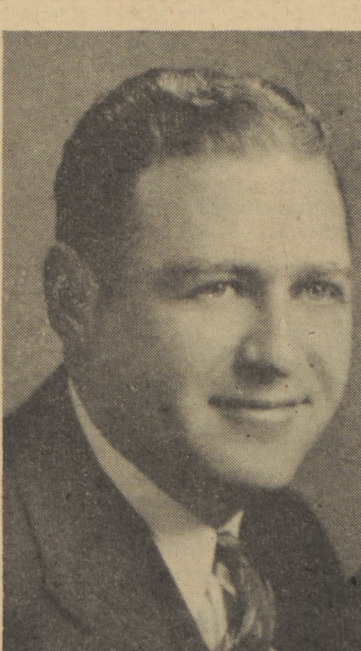
Donald J. Evans, of Church street is serving his second consecutive term as president of Dallas Township School Board. He has been a Director for the past 2 1/2 years, having been appointed by Luzerne County Court en banc to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Daniel Richards.

During this brief span he has been successful in having all directors work in accord. This has been reflected in the many improvements in the School system. He has worked to establish a modern cafeteria, and presently, the construction of a dining-room for the cafeteria, and boys' and girls' shower rooms.

Mr. Evans, as president has appointed committees which have actually functioned, notably the Teachers' Committee which has given valuable assistance in appointing teachers with high qualifications.

Before the fall is well advanced, the residents of the Township who have long desired a cyclone fence for the athletic field will see this desire fulfilled. In every school activity which was destined to bring about continued educational improvement, Mr. Evans has given his time and efforts freely.

As a candidate he is teamed with Fred F. Dodson, of Kunkle. He has two sons, both of whom (Continued on Page Eight)



FRED F. DODSON

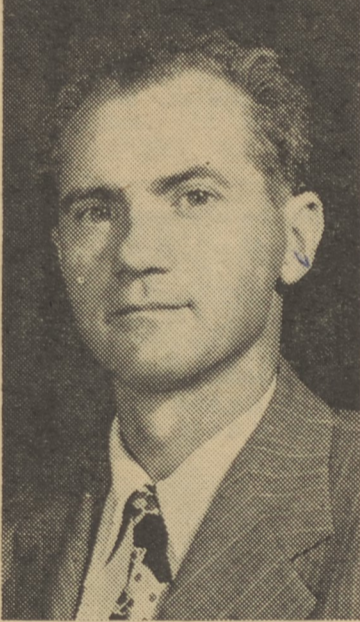
Fred F. Dodson, Kunkle merchant, is seeking the position on Dallas Township School Board created by the expiration of Walter Elston's term.

He has resided for the past 13 years in Kunkle.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Dodson, he is a graduate of Shick-shinny High School. He is married to the former Dorothy Elston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Elston. His father-in-law is a former Township school director. The Dodsons have a three-year old son.

Mr. Dodson is an ardent sportsman, and active member of Harvey's Lake Camp United Sportsmen. He is a trustee of Kunkle Methodist Church, a member of George M. Dallas Lodge, Caldwell Consistory, and the Shrine. He is associated with Kunkle and Harvey's Lake Fire Departments. He is a member of the Board of Control of Sutherland-McMillan Company, which supervises the Fair-lawn Stores.

Mr. Dodson stated that he is seeking the school directorship in order to lend his help in the continued improvement of education in Dallas Township. Furthermore, he is seeking the office independently, and is in no way associated with any factions or groups who might attempt to dictate his actions as a director.



JOHN F. PARSONS

John F. Parsons was born in Kingston, May 13, 1906, son of Walter J. and May P. Parsons. He attended Kingston Borough Schools graduating in June, 1924 and then continued his education at Bucknell University where he graduated in 1928.

He has been variously employed as an hotel clerk, tree surgeon, farmer, highway construction employee and was night foreman for Otis Elevator Company, Harrison, N. J. three years during the war.

Since then he has been employed in carpenter and construction work and recently completed construction of the Forty Fort Ice Cream Company's modern Dairy Bar at Fernbrook. At present is employed by Sordoni Construction Company.

For the past nine years a resident of Kunkle, he has taken an active interest in community and school affairs.

He is the father of seven children, two of whom have graduated from Dallas Township High School with honors. There are four in school and one at home.

A lifelong member of Grace Episcopal Church, Kingston, he has attended Kunkle Methodist Church since living in Kunkle.

He has been a member of Dallas Kiwanis Club for four years and has served as Club Secretary three years.

Correction

The lucky fisherman mentioned in last week's Dallas Post was John Cortright, Orchard street, Shavertown.



DANIEL R. RICHARDS

Daniel R. Richards has been a resident of Dallas Township since 1935, residing in Goss Manor where he owns and pays taxes on his home. His two children, Danny Jr. and Judy Ann are students in the Township School.

Mr. Richards is a graduate of Kingston Township High School, class of 1927 and from that time until 1937, with the exception of one year in the U. S. Army Air Corps, was manager for the American Stores Company. He opened, and successfully conducted, his own market in 1937 in Dallas. Due to ill health he sold this business in 1945 and the following year, for the same reason, reluctantly resigned from the school board where he had been ably serving.

Mr. Richards is past-president, and present member of Dallas Rotary Club, a past director of Wyoming Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce; past director of the Economy Stores of Wilkes-Barre. He has been treasurer of Henry M. Laing Fire Co. for the past ten years and a director of the Rural Building and Loan Association for seven years.

Bake Sale At Lake

Alderson Methodist Church will hold a bake sale on Mrs. Otis Allen's Lawn starting at 2 on Saturday.

Celebration Labor Day

Noxen Volunteer Fire Company is making preparations for a gala celebration on Labor Day with baseball games, cake auctions, and many other events.

League Teams Rained Out

Noxen-Beaumont Game Only One Completed

OFFICIAL BI-COUNTY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Noxen	13	2	867
Harding	12	4	750
Shavertown	11	5	688
Vernon	8	5	615
Jackson	8	6	571
Beaumont	8	7	533
East Dallas	8	7	533
Orange	8	7	533
Dallas	8	8	533
Carverton	3	11	200
Falls	3	13	189
Osterhout	0	16	000

BI-COUNTY LEAGUE SCORES Sunday, August 28
Noxen 6, Beaumont 1; Remaining games rained out.

BI-COUNTY LEAGUE SCHEDULE Sunday, September 4
Carverton at East Dallas; Orange at Jackson; Beaumont at Vernon.

The Bi-County League season like "Ole Man River" just keeps rollin' along. Here it is the first week of September and the regular season isn't finished and likely won't be for two more weeks. One more Sunday downpour could very well prolong the playoffs halfway into November, assuredly not baseball weather.

Even the big leagues with their multitude of groundskeepers, acres of canvas and numerous other conditional devices give up the ghost by the second week of October and from then on the only activity is around the "Stove-Pipe Circuit". And who are we to place ourselves ahead of them. A wise course for the teams with games to make-up would be to use Labor Day to complete the schedule. Surely it would be common sense for Vernon and Jackson to play their game at this time and thereby save an all-important week of playing time.

George Gay, League president, has announced that he is sending letters to the interested teams to definitely settle the question of Harding's eligibility for the playoffs. One of the major points will be the use of Pryvara, Harding's third baseman. With Pryvara, Harding will be able to field just nine eligible men. Pryvara, although living outside of the league's player area—i. e.—territory west of the borough limits of Wyoming Valley—played in previous years as a bona-fide member of the league. He played for Carverton last year and for a short time at the beginning of the present season. The consensus of opinion of the managers will irrevocably settle this issue. Once the managers give their final answer the league will go ahead and draw play-off plans.

Noxen Wins Twilight Game

Only one game was played Sunday as old Jupe Plevius had a field day. The East Dallas-Carverton and the Vernon-Jackson games were both called due to a violent rainstorm. Noxen and Beaumont however, stuck to their guns, or should I say galoshes, and finished their game after the rain had stopped. Noxen took the contest by a 6-1 score thanks to the batting efforts of little Mike Sessions. Completing one and one-half innings before the downpour, the teams waited more than an hour before play could be resumed. Then things were going nicely for Beaumont until the fourth inning when (Continued on page five)

Joint School Board Views Building Plan

Lehman Addition To House 6 Classrooms Gym - Auditorium

Lacy, Atherton, and Wilson presented preliminary sketches of the new addition to Lehman School at a joint meeting of Lehman and Jackson School Boards on Monday night.

It will be erected at the north end of the present building and will house an 800-seat auditorium-gymnasium (40 x 74 feet); Home Economics room and six additional classrooms. Shower and dressing rooms for athletic teams will be under the balcony bleachers in the gymnasium.

Lehman Schools will open Tuesday morning. Beginners are required to bring birth and vaccination certificates. Students transferring from other schools must bring their school records.

New members of the faculty will be Ragnor F. Hallgren, Jr., Mt. Joy, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall, English and Latin; Willard Lloyd will teach social studies in the Junior High School; Dorothy Mattes, West Lawn, a graduate of Stroudsburg State Teachers' College, Physical Education; Mrs. Verus Weaver, library and social studies; and William Snyder, Ashland, a graduate of West Chester State Teachers' College, science.

Lake Schools Open On Tuesday Morning

Lake Schools will open Tuesday morning at 8:40. Students will return to a completely renovated building, painted in modern colors. All floors have been refinished and considerable new equipment added. A new Social Studies Laboratory has been installed.

There are only two faculty changes. Gail Hallock, a graduate of Marywood and State College will teach Home Economics, replacing Margaret Lukasavage who married during the summer. James Krum, Bloomsburg, will teach science and mathematics and serve as head basketball coach.

Miss Hazle Baer and Mrs. Carrie Rood received their Master's Degrees from Bucknell University in August. Mrs. Avis Koehler took special work at Bloomsburg. Miss Louise Schlick did further work toward her Master's Degree at Columbia.

Mrs. McGarry Appoints Committees For Party

Mrs. Mary McGarry, grand regent of Court Our Lady of Fatima, 1478, Catholic Daughters of America, has named Mrs. Betty Bush, Church street, Dallas, Chairman, and Mrs. Katherine Keller, Goss Manor, co-chairman, for the organization's annual card party and Bazaar.

The event will be held Thursday night, September 29, at 8 in the auditorium of St. Therese's Church in Shavertown.

Committee chairman who will assist with plans for the affair include Mrs. Eileen Gallagher, Dallas, reception; Mrs. Anna Stenger, Shavertown, door; Mrs. Betty Williams, Shavertown, prizes; Mrs. Fredericka Brestin, East Hills, refreshments; Mrs. Catherine Polacky, Dallas, bake sale; and Mrs. Catherine Tkach, Dallas, apron sale.

Headed Trucksville Flower Show



Here are some of the women who helped to make last week's Trucksville Flower Show outstanding. From left to right, committee members are: Mrs. S. D. Finney, Mrs. S. R. Henning, Mrs. J. B. Schooley, Mrs. John Dykeman and Mrs. C. S. Hemingway. Post photographer, Elwood Hudson says the flowers were so interesting he couldn't persuade the ladies to look at him. So there you are, Mrs. Finney and Mrs. Hemingway.

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