

They Need a Union, Too

Christmas has become so tied in with sales charts and high pressure merchandising that it's crowding Thanksgiving right out of November.

By 1960 the Fourth of July will have to take a strangle hold on January to stay in the calendar.

Sometimes we wonder whether anybody gets any fun out of Christmas except the kids.

Santa Claus has lost most of his appeal for a nation that looks to Washington instead of the North Pole.

And as for the original significance of Christmas most of us try to catch that on the fly.

This is the age of the common man, beer, atoms and the bonus.

The apostles had better organize!

Thanksgiving Day? Thankful for what?—that we're alive—that we've got a full belly—that we're secure from the cradle to the grave?

Thankful that we introduced the atomic bomb? Thankful that this humane nation launched it on Hiroshima?

Yes, the apostles had better organize.

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

The last issue of the Dallas Post contained an announcement of a big Turkey-Shoot at the Carverton Rod and Gun Club. This advertisement seemed to dovetail nicely with information obtained from one of the officers who patrols the Back Mountain area with an eye peeled for hunters where no hunting is allowed. The officer had remarked that not only were there plenty of ring-neck pheasants in the area, but that the Game Commission had inadvertently liberated some wild turkeys at Harvey's Lake early in the fall, and that these turkeys had not stayed put. Deserting the Harvey's Lake region, they had migrated as by common consent and prearranged plan to the hills around the Country Club, and some of them had been seen as far as Shavertown. Twenty-five pounds, some of them weighed, stated the officer, drawing liberally upon his imagination in the interests of something spectacular.

I reflected how delightful it would be if one of those turkeys should gobble his way through our popcorn patch and stub his toe on a rat-trap, but did not pursue the idea far enough to actually set the trap. Besides, we need the trap in the cellar for the accommodation of stray rats.

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Circling ever nearer, slipping from bush to bush and rock to rock, the hunters closed in upon their prey, and at a signal every bow twanged, every arrow sped to its mark. The arrows, marked with the initials of the hunter, would clearly indicate which hunter punctured which turkey, and each fortunate woodsman would hoist a twenty-five pound turkey to his shoulder and deliver it to the little woman for dressing and undressing. Denuded of its feathers and its spare parts, the twenty-five pounds would shrink somewhat, perhaps even to twenty. The aroma of a twenty pound wild turkey sizzling in the dripping pan is probably something that beggars description. The aroma of a tame one has its points, I went around in a happy daze, dreaming of wild turkeys and cranberry sauce.

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

Raise \$675 For Yard Equipment

Borough PTA Also Buys Library Books

Dallas Borough P. T. A. has \$674.80 in its playground fund. At its meeting last night the Ways and Means Committee reported income of \$408.85 from the Family Frolic; \$36.00 from the cooking school and \$30.00 received from dues, plus a balance of \$200.00 from last year.

The P. T. A. voted to join Back Mountain P. T. A. Council

New By-Law booklets were handed to all members.

Mrs. Lewis Le Grand contributed a large, attractive felt banner to the Association to be presented each month to the room with the greatest parent attendance record.

The Association purchased the following books to be placed on the Parent Education Shelf at the Back Mountain Memorial Library; "Life with Family", by Jean Shick Grossman, "Growing Together", by Rhoda H. Backmeister and "I Learn from Children" by Caroline Pratt.

The School of Instruction of the Back Mountain Area Council of Parent-Teacher Associations and Luzerne, Wyoming and Susquehanna counties will be held at the Borough School building on Wednesday, November 30.

Two talks included in the program, that should prove exceptionally interesting and instructive are, "Parent Education", by Mrs. George Bosak, President, Scranton City Council and "Objectionable Movies and Comics", by C. J. Ollendike, State Chairman, Juvenile Protection. The invocation by Rev. Frederick Reinfort, Dallas will be at 10:00 A.M. Charles James, Principal of the Dallas School, will deliver the welcome.

Franklin Forms Fire Company

Seventy-Five Present At Initial Meeting

Organization of Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department was voted unanimously at an open meeting held Wednesday in Community Hall, Orange. An attendance of seventy-five, Arthur Gay presiding, heard speakers from the neighboring Fire Companies of Jackson Township, Sweet Valley, Mehoopany and West Pittston who discussed equipment, organization, modern fire fighting and fund-raising methods. It was revealed that in the last 15 years alone, Franklin Township has suffered fire losses of \$82,000 and one child.

Following a question period and the vote, Stanley Dorrance acting as spokesman for the Veterans of Franklin Township announced a generous contribution from that organization toward the Township Fire Department. The meeting closed with pledge cards being given to the following committee members for distribution: John Mitchell (chairman), Edward A. Dorrance, Hugh Gebhardt, James Mitchell, Fred Risch, Robert Shortz, Hubert Fitzgerald, Andrew Hardisky, Ray Goeringer, Harold Lewis, Herman Coon, William Mock, Thomas Earl, Harry Sickler, Nelson Dymond, Stanley Jones, Robert Snyder, Morris Welsh, Sam Gardner, George Shallenberger, Byron Kester and Atty. Joseph Kasper.

Austin Cook Ross Is Victim of Pneumonia

Austin Cook Ross, 14, year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Ross, passed away at General Hospital, to which he was rushed in emergency by Chief Fred Swanson, Harvey's Lake, at 11:30 p.m. last Wednesday night.

The Ross's live at Alderbrook Dairy Farm, owned by Mr. William Kern, Newark, N.J.

The boy, a student at Beaumont school, was a victim of rheumatic fever and pneumonia.

He is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: David, Donald, Robert, Marie, Charles, Richard and Betty; also his grandfather, Eric Weber of Harvey's Lake.

Funeral services were held Saturday from the Paul Nulton Funeral Home at Beaumont with Rev. Ruth Underwood officiating. Interment was in Orcutt's Cemetery, Noxen.

Pallbearers, all high school students were Carlton Shupp, Charles Mickelo, Durwood Patton, Jack Patton, Lawrence Patton, Melvin Crispell. Members of fifth and sixth grades, classmates, were flower carriers.



Two Scouts Win High Awards

Sixteen Scouts Advance Rank

Cashmark and Dilcer Receive High Awards

John Cashmark, senior patrol leader, received the Eagle Scout Award and Samuel Dilcer, junior assistant scoutmaster, received the Life Scout Award at impressive ceremonies witnessed by parents, Troop Committee and scouts of Troop 155 at Trucksville Fire House on Thursday night.

Fourteen other scouts were advanced in rank. William Volrath, Raymond Drake and Robert Shephard became Tenderfoot scouts. Advanced to Second Class were: Douglas Clewell, Richard Davis, Robert Davis, Barry Edwards, Donald Johnson, Harry Johnson, Robert Johnson, Dick Parry, Charles Perkins, John Roushey and Arthur Robbins.

The program opened with a pledge of allegiance and invocation. Dr. John Doane of the Troop Committee gave the welcoming address. Christian Baiz, president of Wyoming Valley Council, gave an inspiring talk on "What a Boy Can Get Out of Scouting."

Troop 155 was reactivated last March with Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company as sponsor. It has been completely reorganized and is now under the leadership of Elwood Lutsey, scoutmaster and his brother-in-law, Martin P. Farrell, assistant scoutmaster.

Both men have had military experience and Mr. Lutsey has been identified with the Scout movement for many years having been in charge of Troop 12 of First Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre and Troop 109 sponsored by Wilkes Barre Lodge of Elks.

John Cashmark son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cashmark, is a member of Kingston Township High School football team. The Eagle Award was pinned on him by his mother, Sam Dilcer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dilcer, is a student at Wyoming Seminary. He was pinned by Christian Baiz.

Following the investiture Troop mothers served refreshments and also organized a Mothers' Club which will meet for the first time on December 5 at the Fire Hall.

Lefty Wetzel Gets Big Bear

Dispatches Animal With First Shot

Willard "Lefty" Wetzel surprised a bear and the bear surprised "Lefty" on the Flats of Forkston Mountain last week when they came face to face at a distance of fifteen yards.

Accepting the advice of Archie Austin, as to the best hunting country, Wetzel was walking toward the brink of a steep hillside, during the first hour of the season, when ursus Americanus came suddenly into sight over the edge.

Although startled, Wetzel raised his gun, fired, and with one shot in the face and brain, dispatched the animal. Austin estimated the bear weighed between 250 and 300 pounds.

The carcass was displayed before children of Monroe Township school who were delighted and agog. For the rest of the week, when eating meat sandwiches in the school cafeteria, the kids firmly believed they were dining on bear steak.

Encountering a bear face-to-face was not a matter to excite "Lefty", who during the war was shot down during the English Channel while serving with the Army Air Force. Adrift for three days in a rubber raft, he was picked up by Allies following a mission over Frankfurt during which many of his companions were lost or captured.

Eight Dallas Women, All Over 80, Are Guests At Mrs. Cair's Party

Celebrating her eighty-first birthday, last Wednesday, Mrs. William F. Cairl, Sr., had as guests seven of her contemporaries whose combined ages added up to 662 years. None of the ladies present was under eighty years of age.

The hostess and guests wore corsages sent for the occasion by Bert Hill, Trucksville florist.

After the luncheon the active old-timers talked of the days gone by and enjoyed the party to the utmost.

Attending were: Mrs. Allie Morris, 85, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaver is the oldest living person born in Dallas, still reads the newspapers and magazines, and has lived here all of her life. She was born in the building that now serves as Oliver's showroom on Main street and recalls, vividly parties at Raub's Hotel and the many happy times at dances held on the second floor of the building lately occupied by the Acme Store.

Frank Morris, her late husband, was a Borough school teacher and served as postmaster here for fifteen years. One of Mrs. Morris' sisters was the mother of the late Harry Harter, Trucksville; another the mother of Claude Cook. Stanley Shaver, a brother, had the property on Church street, now occupied by Bernie Williamson, presented to him and his bride as a wedding gift by his father.

Mrs. Morris has four children living; Carrie and Charlie, Dallas; Ira, Washington, and Russell, Towaunda. There are four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Anna Avery, 85, was born at Honesdale and came to Dallas sixteen years ago after living in Callicoon, N. Y., Larksville and Trucksville. Her husband was a contractor and in later life was employed at Luzerne County Court House.

Mrs. Avery sews and crochets. She washes and irons and is famous for her baking. A sincere tribute was paid her by a young neighbor who said, "I live near the lady who bakes the best cinnamon buns in the world."

Two brothers are living; George Williams, 67 Burgess of Dallas and Mark Williams, Kingston, still contracting at 83. She had one daughter, Ada, deceased and one grand daughter Louise Colwell, living. There are two great grand children, Beryl and June.

Mrs. Sarah Baker, 86, was born in California. The name of the locality is forgotten since her parents moved when she was two years of age. Living most of her life in Pittston, she has resided in Dallas with her son, William, for the past eight years.

Her husband was owner of Wyoming Valley Paper Mills at Pittston. Her children numbered two girls and one boy, William Baker, Lehman avenue. She has one grandson and one great grandson.

Mrs. Baker is noted for her beautiful hand-made braided-wool rugs and for her good-neighborliness. She attends church regularly and makes one or two trips to town each week. She is the oldest member of the Dallas 8 Over 80 Club.

She has been the oldest mother present at the annual mother and daughter dinners at Dallas Methodist Church for some years. She joined the Church last year.

Mrs. William F. Cairl, Sr., 81, was born in Ross Township and has been a resident of Dallas twenty-six years. Her maiden name was Wesley, her grandfather being a first cousin of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism and Wesleyan College. Her husband who celebrated his 81st birthday, August 28 was employed by Kingston Coal Company for fifty years.

She keeps busy in the almost forgotten art of quilting and "put up more than 300 quilts of fruit this year". To fill the new deep freezer her daughters gave her last year she prepared an entire hog. Mrs. Cairl takes pleasure in sending the Dallas Post to her family and is a conscientious bookkeeper.

Basketball Now Comes to Front

League Officials To Meet Tuesday

Back Mountain Church-Community Basketball League will hold its final pre-season meeting Tuesday evening, November 29 in the office of the Dallas Post. Representatives of the ten teams will be present to give the league its sendoff for the 1949-50 season.

Rosters and fees will be turned in by each team and score-sheets and schedules will be distributed. League action will start Saturday, December 3 with Dallas Township, Kingston Township, Lehman and possibly Dallas Borough gyms being used. An eighteen-game schedule is planned. All team members and others interested are invited to attend.

At a preliminary meeting held last Tuesday at the home of Rev. Robert Webster, Trucksville, Charles DeWees, Goss Manor, was elected president; Bill Hart, secretary; and Bill Baker, treasurer. Jack Roberts heads the schedule committee assisted by Rev. Robert Webster and Gilbert Tough.

League rules were discussed. Burt Owens, Trucksville, is the retiring president.

The following teams are entered: St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Therese's RC, Trucksville Methodist, Dallas Methodist, Mt. Zion, Huntsville Christian, Lehman, Kunkle, and Prince of Peace.

Interest is now high and a banner season is anticipated. Last season St. Paul's copped the pennant, followed by Dallas Methodist "A" and St. Therese's. In a series of fast well-played games, Dallas Methodist "A" won the playoffs over St. Paul's.

Willows Still Green

In many sections of the Back Mountain Area weeping willow branches are still green and yellow with leaves.

Thanksgiving Grid Classic To Draw Crowd

Dallas Township Favored, But Anything Can Happen

The fall season's grind comes to an end Thursday morning at 10:00 on Kingston Township gridiron as Dallas Township and Kingston Township, meet in their annual do-or-die battle.

Kingston Township holds an overwhelming margin of victories in the 16-year old rivalry, but favored Dallas Township will be out to change the setup. Only the high-powered 1940 and 1941 Dallas teams were able to come out on top in this bitter contest.

Dallas Township has a better record this year but overconfidence has wrecked many better teams, and the Redskins are liable to be in for a surprise as past performances just don't count in this game.

Kingston Township will rely on the defensive array which held Forty Fort and West Pittston to narrow victories and will have Jack Connors, Jack Pesavento, and Bruce Cleasby to carry the brunt of the attack. The Redskins will have speed merchant Woody Redmond, supported by Bob Belles, Bill Carpenter, aerialist Jay Bloomer, and pass-catchers Al Creamer and Jack Lancio to handle the offensive game plus a strong line bulwarked by Jun Ostrum and Johnny Roberts.

Coaches Tom Edwards and Ted Szela have been working their charges industriously in preparation for this final contest which can make or break the season for either team. This tilt will find the "Alabama Shift" of Tom Edwards and quarterback Bill Carpenter, matched against the "T" formation handled by quarterback Bruce Cleasby for coach Ted Szela's stalwarts.

Three Windows Are Memorials

Prince Of Peace Trusses Arrive

The long-awaited laminated wood trusses for Prince of Peace Church have arrived and work of completing construction is going forward at an increased pace. The heavy beams were received, un-assembled on Tuesday. Five of the fifteen, are assembled and were being raised into position Monday.

Three stained-glass memorial windows have been donated. "In Memory of Nicholas Cave", by the Cave family and "In Memory of Anna Ashley Uebe", by her husband and brother, Dr. Charles Ashley. A third window in preparation has also been donated, whose donor is to be announced.

Joe Blazes, contractor, has completed laying stone on the parish Hall "L" of the church, Anthony Broody will do the landscaping and is now placing the fill.

The parishioners of Prince of Peace hope to hold Christmas services in their beautiful new parish hall.

Rev. William R. Williams will conduct services on Thanksgiving morning, 8:30, at the Shavertown Fire House. The services will last one-half hour.

Hunting Camp Opens Friday

Twenty-Three to Open Season There

Opening of the Dallas Hunting Lodge in Sullivan County has been set for next Friday, three days before the deer shooting season begins.

Members who will sign the roster are Harold Flack, Peter Clark, Marvin Briggs, Bert Smith, Doc Rutherford, John Yaple, Walter Elston, Ross Levin, Gus Condoras, Andy Bittenbender, Joe Hughes and Fred Kiefer, all of Dallas. Mark Cronin, Russel Davis, Huch Daron, Art Craze, Luzerne; Don Coughlin, Forty-Fort; Tiny Hauser, Harrisburg; Wally Linton and Lee Bolton, Philadelphia.

Danny Richards will be the guest of Marvin Briggs; Doc Rutherford will have as a guest Ted Karr and Fred Kiefer will have as his guest Fred Dodge of New York.

Attractive Window

Back Mountain Lumber Company has an attractive out-of-doors window that has created much favorable comment.