

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

Every time I see one of those cartoons showing a woman lazing around in bed after getting her husband off in the morning, dallying over a third cup of breakfast coffee at noon to the strains of a soap opera, then noting the time at five P.M., and dashing for the broom and duster so that she may fall exhausted into her husband's home-coming arms at five-thirty, I feel like uttering a loud Bronx cheer. And I keep wondering if everybody in New York, where most cartoons are born, is entirely childless.

That isn't the way things go in the Back Mountain region, or in any household where children dominate the picture.

There is one six-footer with a thinning thatch of bright red hair, who will never commit that ancient and unforgivable sin of innocently inquiring what the wife of his bosom has been doing with her spare time. He knows all about the facts of life, after having taken over the rat-race of running five children for brief periods of time, including feeding them their lunch and pinning the daily grist of diapers to the line. He knows that spare time is the one thing you don't have to take into consideration. There isn't any.

Recently his wife drove to town for a hurried canvass of the five and ten in search of small items for the Christmas stockings, calling back instructions about the baby's bath as she rounded the corner. The man of the family decided to shoot the works. Not only would he bathe the baby and wash the diapers, but he would feed the children their lunch and have them all in the sack by the time their mother came back from town. And then, as a final wee, he would wash the dishes and mop up the resultant flood on the kitchen floor.

All this he did, and was just sinking into an easy chair when Barbara barged in, dropping an armful of small packages on the couch.

She announced that she was hungry and could use a spot of lunch. The substitute homemaker hauled himself from the depths of the easy chair, and the couple entered the kitchen, Barbara noting and commenting with delight upon the spotless sink and the draining dishes.

She opened the ice-box and emerged with a bowl of beef gravy and the rest of the makings for a hot roast beef sandwich. She dumped the gravy into a small saucepan and lighted the burner under it. Then she looked over the drainer with a calculating eye, selecting a soup plate and a cup and saucer. This was too much for the harried help.

"Hey, are you going to use those nice clean dishes? I just got through washing them." Then, in an injured appendix to the original statement, "It took me a whole hour."

"So what?"

"Well, but I'm telling you, it took me a WHOLE HOUR to clean up after lunch."

"And again, so what? Were you planning to save those dishes for posterity?"

"Not exactly, but it took me a WHOLE HOUR. I had to stop and blow noses and the twins got under foot, and finally I had to stop and put everybody to bed for a nap. By that time the water was cold and I had to dump it and start all over again. It took me a WHOLE HOUR."

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"Oh yes, brother, I do understand. It happens every day. I put the kids to bed first, see, and then draw hot water and wash the dishes. That way I don't waste hot water and soap. And just hand me that bread and butter plate, will ya, and that knife and fork and spoon. The beef gravy's hot, and I've had a wearing day in town."

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School Boards Reorganize

New Members Take Oaths Of Office

In keeping with the State Law, School Boards throughout the Back Mountain Region reorganized on Monday. Newest Board to elect officers was the Lehman-Jackson Joint Board which was formed this year.

Dallas Borough
Dallas Borough reelected: president, Harry Ohlman; elected: vice president, L. L. Richardson; reelected solicitor, Attorney John Hessel. Affidavits of reelection filed by directors Harry Ohlman and Louis LeGrand.

Dallas Township
Dallas Township elected: president, Stephen N. Davis; vice president, Thomas S. Moore; reelected solicitor, Attorney Jonathan C. Valentine.

Jackson Township
Jackson Township elected: president, Vernon Cease; vice president, George Bulford; treasurer, Walter Shoultice; secretary, Laing K. Coolbaugh. Earl Balliet was seated as a new member. Board will meet the last Monday at 8 p.m. at the Rome School.

Kingston Township
Kingston Township elected: president, S. R. Henning; vice president, Robert Currie; treasurer, Stanley Davis. James Hutchison and Mr. Henning took the oaths of office as directors.

Lehman Township
Lehman Township elected: president, Charles Nuss; vice president, Arthur Ehret; treasurer, Miners National Bank; secretary, Lewis B. Ide. Samuel W. Rhoads, William Naugle, Harry W. Ruggles, Jr., are the other members of the board, which will meet the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Lehman-Jackson
Lehman Township - Jackson Township Joint School Board elected: president, Charles Nuss; vice president, Vernon Cease; treasurer, Miners National Bank; secretary, Lewis B. Ide. Joint Board will meet the second Tuesday at 9 p.m. at Lehman High School. The board is composed of all directors of Lehman and Jackson Townships.

Karen Charlotte Harvey



Golden haired Karen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harvey of Woodlawn drive, won fourth prize in the beautiful baby contest recently sponsored by the Dallas 5c to \$1.00 Store. Karen, on December 7 celebrated her third birthday anniversary with a party for her little friends and a huge cake lighted with three candles.

In the picture above she wore a cunning yellow frock, just the color of her curls.

Kingston Twp. Schools Are Not Accredited

Anderson Moves To Restore Office Of Supervising Principal

A resolution restoring the office of supervising principal was presented to Kingston Township School Board by Director Frederic Anderson at its meeting on Monday night.

It was seconded by Director James Hutchison who said that he had heard so much about the position that he was anxious to hear all sides brought out in the discussion. He later withdrew his second, saying that he was not prepared to vote on the motion. The question was tabled until a later meeting.

The Board was informed that the Middle State Association of Secondary Schools has refused to accredit Kingston Township Schools. The information was forwarded to W. Frank Trimble, high school principal, on November 10 by Dr. Ira Kraybill, secretary of the Middle States Association.

Mr. Trimble and Stanley Henning, Board president, were authorized to go to Philadelphia today for a conference with Dr. Kraybill to learn how Kingston Township Schools can meet the scholastic requirements of the Association.

Mr. Kraybill visited the Board during the summer months and at that time expressed pleasure with the progress being made by Kingston Township Schools. This led some of the directors to believe that the schools would be accredited when the Association met in November.

James Hutchison, newly elected board member and Stanley Henning, who was reelected were given the oath of office by retiring president, Fred Anderson.

Officers elected for the new term were Stanley Henning, president, and Robert D. Currie, vice president. Attorney William A. Valentine was retained as solicitor.

Thomas Shelbourne, president of Trucksville Parent Teacher Association expressed concern over the overcrowded conditions existing at Trucksville grade schools and urged board members to seek a solution to this important problem.

Mr. Shelbourne stated that the average enrollment per room was 32 plus, with several classrooms having 40 students. He further stated that a proper educational program could not be successfully carried out with such a condition existing.

The Board informed Mr. Shelbourne that the State appropriations for teacher salaries are based on 30 pupils per teacher. Some classes are slightly above that number and some are slightly below.

The Board said it felt that crowded conditions will be eliminated next year when 130 Jackson Township students now attending Kingston Township grade schools are absorbed in the new Jackson-Lehman school.

A report on the new cafeteria was given by Robert Currie. More kitchen equipment is needed to take care of the large number of students taking their noon meal at the school. The board voted to purchase more dishes, silverware, trays and chairs.

Cafeteria workers have been seriously handicapped in being unable to use the dish washing machine, due to the insufficient supply of hot water available. This condition necessitates the drying of dishes by hand, thereby causing delay in the serving of meals.

A motion was made to call Mrs. Bess Grant, substitute cafeteria worker to help out during the emergency. The hiring of several students during the noon hour rush was also authorized.

Improvements to the present hot water system were advised and turned over to the architect and property committee to devise a solution.

The resignation of Mrs. Margaret Davis Shepherd, mathematics instructor was accepted with regret. Mrs. Shepherd will leave January 30 to assume a teaching position in Philadelphia where her husband is attending college. Mr. Trimble was authorized to secure applications for this position.

The secretary was authorized to write Commonwealth Telephone Company requesting the installation of a private line at the high school as soon as possible.

Committees appointed for the year by Mr. Henning are as follows: administration, all members of the board, Stanley Henning, chairman; property, Robert Currie, chairman, Stanley Davis, James Hutchison; finance, Stanley Davis, chairman, Robert Currie, Stanley Henning.

Chorale Sings Christmas Airs

Group to Broadcast Week of Christmas

Dallas Woman's Club Chorale inaugurated its second season of Christmas music with a concert of traditional airs before Dallas Junior Woman's Club on Tuesday evening.

Composed of members of the Junior and Senior Women's Clubs, the group sang old familiar carols and several special holiday selections. Outstanding was "The Christ Child", an arrangement for three-part women's voices and "The Lullaby of the Christ Child", based on an old French carol.

On Wednesday, December 14th, they will sing at the annual Christmas party of the Senior Woman's Club and anticipate presenting a broadcast over WBRE the week before Christmas. Tuesday before Christmas they will participate in the Community sing in Dallas.

Mrs. Norman Patton is the director with Mrs. William Baker as accompanist. Members of the Chorale are Margaret Antanaitis, Mary Bennalack, Evelyn Eck, Wilma Elston, Catherine Garris, Janet Garris, Arvilla Keiper, Beatrice Lewis, Adetha Mahler, Charlotte Payne, Margaret Purcell, Marion Whitney, Fanny Williams, and Margaret Winter.

Rehearsals for the Spring season will start the end of January and all members of both Junior and Senior Woman's Clubs are cordially invited to attend.

Veterans Elect New Officers

Will Cooperate With Blood Bank

Richard Reese was elected president of Kingston Township Veterans Association at a meeting Tuesday evening, and Conrad Orchard, vice president, Russell Parsons is secretary and Henry Kahn, treasurer.

Directors elected for a two year term were Edward Davies, Matt Sloyan and John Hart. An inaugural address was given by Mr. Reese with Martin Porter, retiring president also making brief remarks.

The Association indicated that it will work wholeheartedly with the Red Cross Blood Bank and will shortly give local workers a list of its donors and their blood types.

There was considerable discussion of Dallas Business Association's Christmas program for the Back Mountain Area. As many veterans as possible will take part in the Christmas Carol Sing in Dallas on Tuesday night, December 20.

Many said they planned to enter their homes in the Outdoor Christmas decoration contest, and the veterans also decided to decorate their home on Luzerne-Dallas Highway.

Plans are underway for a New Year's Eve program at the Home with music, dancing and refreshments. Members of the committee in charge are: Bob Considine, chairman, Richard Reese, Joe Hart, Matt Sloyan and Martin Porter. Members will be notified of costs later.

Alterations for improving the building were discussed, with the new improvements reported as underway.

Whitesell Brothers Having Busy Winter

The up and coming young firm of Whitesell Brothers, Builders of Low Cost Homes, now has several houses under construction in the Back Mountain area and at Tillsbury Terrace in West Nanticoke.

In the firm are George Whitesell of Pike's Creek who has spent a lifetime in construction work and his two sons, Howard, Fernbrook Road, and Elwood, Loyalville.

Both of the boys were in the First Marine Division during the war having enlisted on January 2, 1942. They were in the same company and participated in the first landings on Guadalcanal and saw rugged action at Cape Gloucester and on Peleliu. On their return they established a successful wood working plant at Loyalville and have since branched out into the general construction business.

Working with them on subcontracts on most of their jobs have been George Wesley of Sweet Valley, excavations; Russell Shaver, Dallas, electrical work; Charles Frantz, painting; Harold Ash, plumbing and heating and Stanley Suseck, plastering.

Devens Warehouse Threatened



Timely discovery of flames lapping through Devens Milling Company warehouse probably prevented a serious conflagration in Dallas on Friday night. Frigid temperatures and high winds would have seriously hampered Dr. Henry M. Laing Company had the fire continued a few minutes longer before its discovery.

Firemen Avert Serious Blaze

Devens Warehouse Threatened Friday

Devens' Milling Company warehouse, was saved from serious damage and possible loss by the quick action of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company early Friday night.

Discovered by two patrolling State Troopers and Al Shaver who lives across the street, the fire was gaining headway when Chief Russell Honeywell, notified by the troopers, turned in the alarm.

Shaver, joined by Howard Johns, drove the fire truck out of the Hose House, directly across the street from the warehouse. They were joined by a score of firemen. Among them Jim Besecker, Tom Kingston, Dan Richards and Ord Trumbower. "Real fire-fighters", as Chief Besecker said.

The flames were working their way up the outside window frames. The fire apparently started from a cigarette carelessly tossed into one of several stacks of new bushel baskets stored in the warehouse.

None of the Milling Company employees had been in the building since four o'clock in the afternoon. Workers for a Florida Packing concern were however, there as late as five-thirty moving tomato pecking machinery for shipment elsewhere.

Mr. Devens, summoned by telephone drove over at once to find the firemen, using water from the booster tank and the fire practically under control. Loss was estimated at \$150,000. D. L. Edwards carries the insurance.

"My praise for the Laing Fire Company volunteers is beyond description", said Mr. Devens. "They handled the job efficiently and without lost motion. I am greatly indebted to them."

Harry Ohlman, president of the fire company, said only early discovery of the blaze, prevented a serious loss. "Five minutes more and on a cold night with a high wind like this and we would have had a fire on our hands the likes of which Dallas has seldom seen."

Three are Fined For Game Violations

Three Back Mountain men paid fines to field officers of the Pennsylvania Game Commission during the past week for game law violations.

They were: Gilbert J. Phares, Noxen, \$25, killing ringneck pheasant hen; William C. Ganski, Hunlocks Creek R. F. D. 2, \$74.50, taking seven muskrats in closed season; Joseph A. Lenchik, R.F.D. 1, Trucksville, \$29.50, hunting on State Game Propagation area.

State Approves School Payments

Auditor General Weldon B. Heyburn has approved payments to six Back Mountain school districts for the school year which ended July 1949. Payments were authorized by the appropriation for Transportation Reimbursement.

The districts and the amount each will receive are: Dallas Township, \$7,784.32; Jackson Township, \$8,256.49; Kingston Township, \$5,118.91; Lake Township, \$8,553.79; Lehman Township, \$9,927.06, and Ross Township, \$7,367.91.

Fire Destroys Widow's Home

Nine Are Homeless In Buckwheat Hollow

Nine persons are homeless, six of them children, as the result of a fire early Sunday afternoon that completely destroyed the home of Mrs. David Traver, a widow whose son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Traver and six grandchildren lived with her at Buckwheat Hollow near Noxen.

The flames are believed to have started around an overheated chimney in the attic of the six-room house and were raging before control in the second floor when they were discovered while Mrs. Traver was preparing Sunday dinner.

The home was located in an isolated area and was without telephone, so that the best the family could do was call to neighbors for help and gather as quickly as possible a few personal possessions from the lower floor.

Practically everything including clothing was destroyed. In the cellar were 1,200 quarts of fruit and vegetables canned this summer by Mrs. Traver and her daughter-in-law. All of it was destroyed. There was a small amount of insurance on the place.

Mrs. Traver, whose husband died some twelve to fifteen years ago, has been a hard worker all of her life and held the farm together, after the death of her husband, by her own efforts and the assistance of her children. Her son, Emory, has currently helped her with the farm and care of sixteen cows while at the same time employed in the Noxen Tannery.

Some years ago after the death of her daughter, Mary, Mrs. Traver brought her granddaughter, Evelyn, now fifteen to live with her. Mr. and Mrs. Emory Traver have five sons aged, twelve, nine, six, four and seventeen months.

Until she can complete her plans and decide whether to rebuild, Mrs. Traver and her granddaughter, Evelyn, are living with a son, Jack, in Buckwheat Hollow. Mr. and Mrs. Emory Traver and their boys are living with Mrs. Voyte Traver, a sister, at Evans Falls.

The Wyoming County Red Cross has offered to assist, but persons who have warm clothing suitable for any members of the family are asked to contact Mrs. Paul Nulton at Beaumont or Mrs. Earl Crispell at Noxen. Later if Mrs. Traver decides to rebuild, used furnishings will be needed.

Madge Space Johns Gets 6-Point Buck

Putting male companions to shame, Madge Space Johns, wife of Richard Johns, shot a fine six-point, 165-pound buck shortly after noon Tuesday while hunting on the hill beyond Parrish Heights with her husband, and William Jeter, Ed Keller and Bob Johns.

Last year Mrs. Johns also shot a buck; but it got away, ran some distance, fell down and was claimed by two boys who loaded it in a jeep and carried it off.

Madge made sure of this year's kill with a well placed shot. All of her companions have been hunting daily since the season started. Her expedition Tuesday was her first of the year.

Best Christmas Lighted Home To Receive \$40

Merchants Discuss Community Carol Sing, December 20

Preparations for the most beautiful outdoor Christmas in the history of the Back Mountain region were furthered Monday night at the meeting of Dallas Business Association.

The first prize for the best outdoor lighted home was raised to \$40. There will be a second prize of \$10 and a third prize of \$5. The best illuminated business place will receive \$10.

Early next week entry blanks will be distributed to all Back Mountain business places. Those who wish to enter their homes in the Christmas Lighting Contest may do so at any business place by paying the required 50c entry fee. If the entry fees justify, additional prizes will be given. Entry blanks may also be obtained by writing to George Turn, secretary, Dallas. All homes in the Back Mountain Region are eligible.

Judging will take place between December 25 and January 1 after dark. Lights must be on.

An entry blank is also published in this issue of THE POST and may be sent with entry fee to Mr. Turn.

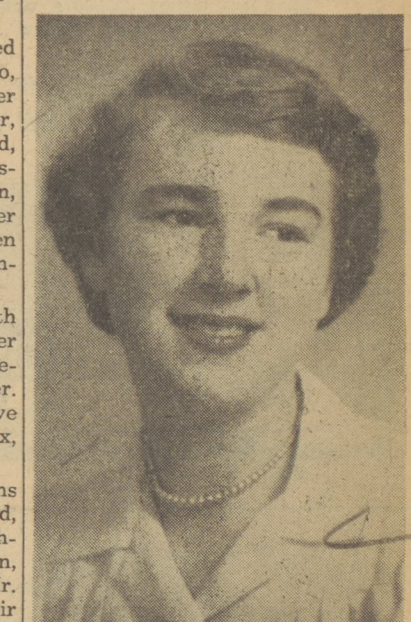
Another feature of the Christmas Week activities here will be the All Back Mountain Community Carol Sing on Tuesday night, December 20, at the Community Christmas Tree in Dallas. All Back Mountain churches, civic groups, schools, and fraternal organizations as well as individuals are invited to take part.

Rev. Carl Brandon of Centermoreland will be song leader. The program will include numbers by the Woman's Club Chorale, and it is hoped that College Misericordia students can take part.

The program will start at 8.

This week students in all schools throughout the area started making posters announcing the outdoor lighting contest and the Community Carol Sing. A first prize of \$3 will be awarded in each of the schools for the best poster. The five prize winning posters from each of the schools will then be judged for an additional \$5, prize, Francis "Red" Ambrose is chairman of the poster contest. All posters will become the property of the Business Association and will be placed in stores throughout the area.

End Woman



CHARLOTTE GREGORY

The senior class of Kingston Township High School is presenting a Minstrel Premiere tonight at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The first act consists of the laugh-making endmen Donald Case, Carl Henning, Harry Trebilcock, Peggy Webster, Harrison Cook, Carl Johnson, Bruce Cleasby, and Charlotte Gregory with their comical songs and jokes. The chorus is made up of a large group of students of the high school.

Among the soloists are Shirley Drake, Jack Merolla, Janice Rose, James Owens, Louise Mikolaichik, Sylvia Jones, Harriet Williams and Edward Charney. The two interlocutors will be Dean Johnson and Ann Mericle.

The second act is a nightclub scene. The M. C. is Dorothy Houser. Soloists and comic stars of radio and screen are well limited by the following: Marilyn Spare, Lois Lamoreaux, Barbara Davis, Dennis Ide, Bobby Lee Crews, Glen Carey, Beverly Conrad, Jack Connor, Donald Woolcox, James Owens, Paul Hughey, W. Long, Jack Merolla.

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