

This Is A Workable Plan

For more than sixty years this newspaper has watched all efforts to bring Dallas Borough and Dallas Township Schools together—die in committee.

For twenty of those years, this newspaper has worked for consolidated schools—not for the taxpayers and politicians but for the kids that use them.

On Tuesday night E. S. Teter, County Superintendent of Schools, presented the first workable, sensible plan for such an accomplishment. Through the formation of a Joint Board by Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Franklin Townships, these three communities can give their children superior and economical education.

His plan has the added merit that it can be put into effect almost immediately—and, because of state aid, at very little additional cost to the taxpayers.

If it dies now, the three districts involved will—because of compulsory increased teachers' salaries—within three years be in grave financial condition. This is alarming!

Mr. Teter has suggested that Dallas Borough School be converted into an elementary building, grades one to six, for the children of all three districts. This will involve the expenditure of \$275,000 for additional class rooms. The building will be owned jointly by the three districts.

Under his plan Dallas Township High School will become the high school for grades six to twelve, for all three districts—and will become the property of the three districts.

Since the first construction would have to be in Dallas Borough (there are more grade school pupils than high school pupils) it would appear on the surface that Dallas Borough stands to gain most from the arrangement. This is false. The first new construction will be in Dallas Borough; but eventually the joint district must enlarge its high school building.

Lehman and Jackson Townships have already entered into a joint Board agreement. Lake, Noxen and Monroe Townships have their plans well laid. Joint boards will give them superior instruction for their children and substantial state aid will lower their costs. This state aid is not available to individual districts!

Since Lehman and Lake are many steps ahead of Dallas Borough, Franklin and Dallas Townships, they will not consider a proposal for a million dollar central high school to serve the whole Back Mountain Area. Lake Board rejected the idea Wednesday night. Lehman's application for a loan from the State Building Authority to construct additional school facilities has already been approved.

This leaves Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Franklin Township to work out their own salvations.

Superintendent Teter has pointed the way. It will be well for every parent to study his plan for its acceptance breaks down the barriers of seventy-five years—and opens the way to the kind of schools the Back Mountain deserves!

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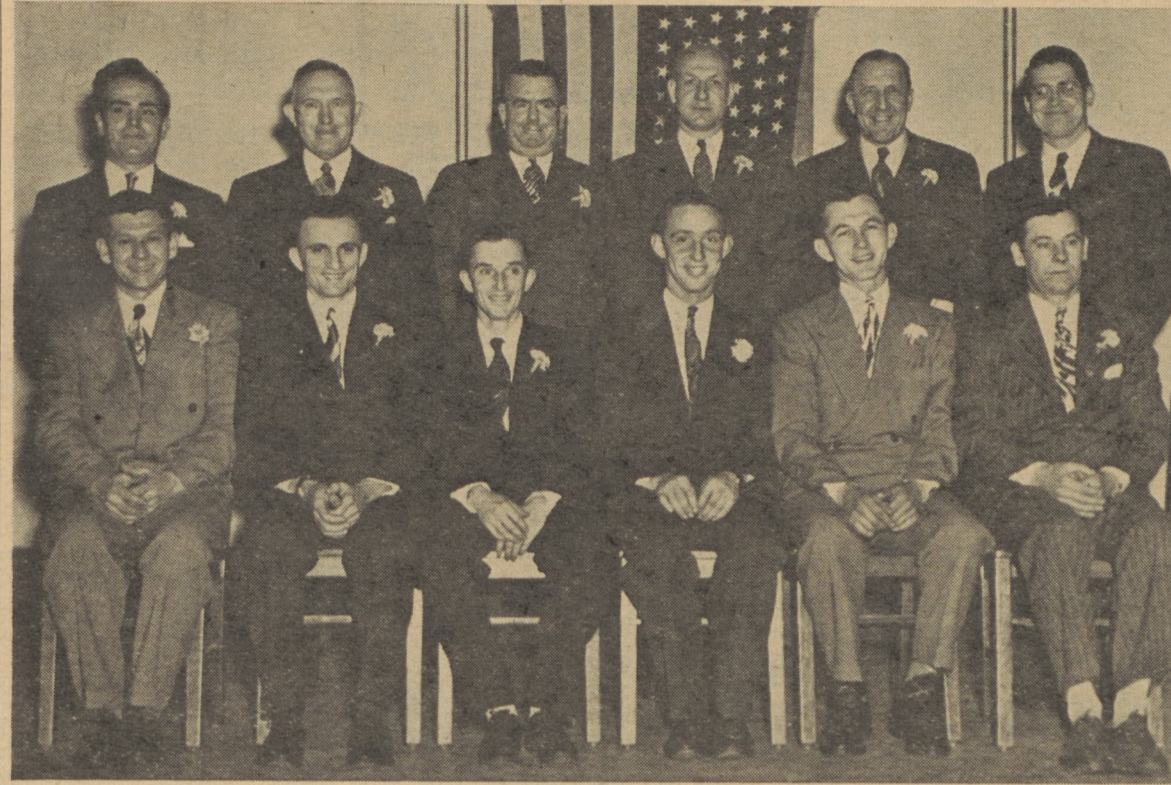
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BOX SCORE

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	5	1
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	2	2
TOTAL	51	22

Seven Veterans Graduate From Vocational Course



Principals in the first graduation ceremonies at Jackson-Lehman Veterans Vocational School Tuesday night were: left to right, back row, William Kiel, instructor; Raymond Searfoss, instructor; William Holloran, Veterans' Administration; Charles Nuss, president, Lehman-

Jackson Board; Howard Newcomb, area supervisor of vocational agriculture; Russell Ruble, shop instructor; front row: graduates Edward Drochinski, Stephen Skopie, Fred Stroud, Stanley D. Keller, Michael J. Niemchick, and Charles L. Patla, Warren Sutton, also a

graduate was not present when this picture was taken. The graduates have attended the school since September 1948. Entertainment was provided by Lehman High School Band with vocal solos by Charles Aiducavage.

PHOTO BY HUDSON

Plans Are Laid For Back Mountain Gay Nineties Easter Horse Parade

Joint Board Is Proposed For Three Districts

Grade School Would Be In Borough; High School In Township

Before a joint meeting of Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Franklin Township School Boards Tuesday night in Dallas Township High School Library, E. S. Teter, County Superintendent of Schools, presented a plan for the joint operation of the three districts.

Mr. Teter, who was introduced by Supervising Principal Raymond Kuhnert, stated that the plan is an outgrowth of the State Building Authority's refusal to grant a loan to Dallas Township for school building purposes. It is a policy of the Authority, Mr. Teter said, not to grant assistance to school districts that are building accommodations for non-resident students (in this case Franklin Township).

Mr. Teter then explained extensively how joint school boards operate. Each district maintains its own school board of five members, elected by each separate district. In a joint district composed of Franklin, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough, the joint board would be made up of these fifteen school directors who might in turn appoint a committee composed of members from each district to operate the schools; but the joint board, as such, would have no authority to approve the budget or to approve employees. Each individual board would adopt its own budget and by majority only of that board. Likewise approval of employee votes would be only by majority vote of each board. In all other matters the Joint Board would have full authority.

Establishment of a joint district will not effect teachers' tenure, Mr. Teter said. Appointment of teachers would be on the basis of their tenure. If it became necessary to dismiss some teachers because of the jointure, the last hired would be the first dropped.

Establishment of a joint board is by contract among the participating boards; it does not require the approval of the electorate.

With this as a background, Mr. Teter pointed out the advantages of joint board operation. Joint boards receive between 17% and 25% increase in funds from the State Department of Public Instruction as compared with separate boards.

This means that the State's contribution to the joint District would cover all overhead costs, plus all instruction times the reimbursement fraction.

Here Mr. Teter deviated to explain that under the present School Code which calls for \$200 increases in teacher salaries each year for the next nine years and an additional \$200 increase for each teacher holding a master's degree, 63 districts under the County Superintendent's jurisdiction in Luzerne County will have to raise within their own districts one million dollars to pay these increases. After the coming year the State will no longer provide the funds to meet these increases.

Districts operating as separate units will face difficult financing problems but joint districts will receive all overhead costs, plus all instruction costs times the reimbursement fraction from the state.

Because of this financial assistance the joint district has a tremendous advantage in educational opportunities for students as well as in costs over the individual district.

After taking all aspects into account, Mr. Teter said, his office had come to the conclusion that the solution for Dallas Borough, Franklin and Dallas Townships is a joint board.

The plan he outlined calls for the creation of a central secondary school in Dallas Township High School where there are adequate facilities to take care of grades seven to twelve of the three districts. This building would be expanded as the number of pupils increased.

An elementary school would be created for grades one to six in Dallas Borough by the construction of a \$275,000 addition to the present building.

The jointure, he said, would result in slight increases in taxation for the three districts.

Current expenses for each of the districts, Superintendent Teter (Continued on Page Five)

Business Association Sponsors Event To Be Held Easter Afternoon

Plans got underway Monday night at the meeting of Dallas Business Association for a Gay Nineties Easter Horse Parade to surpass any previous horse parade held in Luzerne County.

More than 100 horses are already entered in the event which will be held Easter Sunday afternoon at 2 under the sponsorship of the Association. Backers are confident that as many as 235 horses will eventually be entered.

The parade route will extend for two miles from the intersection of Route 309 below Dallas to the Robinson Farm on Harvey's Lake Highway, where arrangements will be made for the convenient loading of horses into vans.

Speaking for the Parade Committee, Al Bowman told the Association there will be no prizes and no commercial entries although arrangements will be made to provide horses and vehicles for any group or organization that wants to enter a Gay Nineties float. He said it is hoped that spectators as well as those entered in the parade will wear Gay Nineties costumes.

William Stoekert, general chairman, showed motion pictures of previous Easter Horse Parades held in Kingston that attracted between 75,000 and 100,000 spectators. Mr. Stoekert suggested that the local crowd might run between 30 and 40,000.

Harry Bittenbender of Plymouth, one of the directors of the previous parades held in Kingston, said there would be no parade in the valley this year, and that all horsemen will cooperate to make the Gay Nineties Parade an outstanding success.

Arrangements will be made with State Police and Volunteer Firemen to police the parade route.

The Business Association will shortly have posters and entry blanks printed and all entries should be mailed to George Turn, secretary.

At the conclusion of the discussion on the parade, Harry Smith, president, and George Turn, secretary, spoke on the Red Cross Blood Bank campaign and six members signed as donors.

Attending the meeting were Francis Ambrose, Grace Cave, Joseph Hand, Timothy LaBar, Nort Berti, Lawrence Updyke, Dr. R. M. Bodycomb, Harry Lee Smith, George Turn, M. J. Brown, Harry Bittenbender, Al Bowman, Eugene Sick, Ord Trumbower, William Stoekert, Herbert Hill, Clark Hildebrandt and George Stolarick.

Auto Teeters On Embankment

Guard Wires Weak Around Reservoir

Mrs. Harry "Buck" Edwards of Huntsville had a narrow escape Monday night at 8:30 when her Mercury sedan slipped on the icy road near her home, crashed sideways through guard wires and balanced precariously over the Huntsville Reservoir embankment.

A motorist on the other side of the reservoir saw the car over the embankment and came quickly to her assistance, but not before Mrs. Edwards had got out of the car and started for her home a short distance away.

Oliver's wrecker was summoned and after considerable difficulty and with the aid of several men towed the car back up the embankment. There was no damage.

The highway at the intersection of Overbrook Road and the reservoir road is treacherous. Guard posts and wire are in poor condition and of little protection. In spite of that, the road was unashed Monday night or Tuesday, no lanterns placed where the guard posts were broken and no attempt has yet been made to repair the break. The next motorist who slips on the ice at that point will land in the reservoir.

To Hold Alumni Banquet At Township School

Reservations must be in by Wednesday, February 15 for the Dallas Township High School Alumni Banquet which will be held in the High School Saturday February 18 starting at 6:30.

Miss Marjorie Kitchen will act as toastmaster and Miss Stella Goldsmith give the invocation. Ronald Doll will be guest speaker.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

Without presenting a mass of indigestible statistics, it seems to us that the matter of Compulsory Health Insurance, which being freely translated means Socialized Medicine, should be discussed pro and con as freely as possible and as quickly as possible, before a system is foisted upon us.

Boiled down to its bare bones, the issue at stake is this: are we willing, as citizens of the only free nation left on earth, to exchange our birthright of freedom and action for a mess of political pottage?

Is there anybody who can doubt that a compulsory health program will add so many bureaus to an already dangerously overloaded federal government, and so increase the already staggering burden of taxes that the net income of the nation after taxes have been deducted will shrink to an alarming extent?

The medical profession, honored through the ages by tradition as well as by accomplishment, is fighting for its very life. Once allow a doctor to be reduced to the rank of a warrant officer and the foundation has been laid for the abandonment of the medical profession as a career by every promising young man who has more than average brains and ability. The quality of service will inevitably deteriorate, while its cost to the ultimate consumer, the patient, sky-rocket.

Voluntary Health Insurance is a fine thing. Insurance companies are offering such service at a reasonable rate, available to everybody, at a cost not exceeding normal expenditure for small luxuries. Good health insurance is an ace in the hole against ruinous medical expense. It should be the norm, a regular part of every budget. Much progress has been made, much more is in the cards for the near future.

Compulsion is something which does not go down with the rank and file of Americans. We suspect too paternalistic a government. We like to manage our own affairs, make our own mistakes, paddle our own canoes. We feel that education in better health habits and voluntary health insurance to blanket the cost of unavoidable illness is the answer, not a staggeringly increased load of taxation to support bigger bureaus.

Somebody has to pay for all paternalistic benefits, just as somebody has to pay for the school system. Is there any doubt in anybody's mind who this somebody is?

Library Story Hour Now Has Two Readers

The Library Story Hour every Saturday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 continues to grow in popularity with many mothers leaving their children at the library while they do their shopping.

So large has the group of listeners become that it is now into two sections with Mrs. Janet Smith reading to the smaller children while Mrs. Elizabeth McQuilken reads to the older group up to twelve years of age.

Heart Campaign Gets Under Way

Citizens Are Asked To Give For Research

Red plastic hearts of the American Heart Association appeared on the counters of all stores and in the offices of all physicians in the Back Mountain area this week as the American Heart Association opened its campaign here for funds to continue research work.

Appropriate to Valentine Week, the red heart banks will be one of the means by which local citizens can contribute to the 1950 campaign. Henry Peterson has charge of this phase of the campaign.

Small plastic heart banks will also be distributed in all schools by George Taylor, principal of Lake Schools, who has charge of school solicitation.

Mrs. Charles W. Lee, co-chairman for the Back Mountain Region opened the campaign Wednesday night when she spoke at the meeting of Dallas Senior Woman's Club. She will be assisted by Mrs. Harry Ohlman who will have charge of direct mail solicitation, and contact with all club and church organizations. Herbert Dreher will be in charge of distribution of literature and the Heart Quiz.

General chairman is Howard W. Risley. Those who wish may send their contributions direct to Back Mountain Campaign Headquarters, 7/8 The Dallas Post or to Northeastern Heart Association, 130 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. See the 1950 Heart Campaign advertisement on page 3 of this issue.

Damage Traffic Standard

A large U-Drive-It truck from Scranton delivering merchandise to Hislop's Market and driven by Jack Taylor crashed into the traffic light standard near Henry's Jewelry Store Wednesday afternoon. Damage was slight and soon repaired by one of Paul Shaver's electricians.

Rotary Ann Meeting

Women of Rotary will meet at Thursday, February 16. Reservations should be made with Mrs. L. L. Richardson by Tuesday.

Book Club To Meet

The first meeting of the Library Book Club under the leadership of Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2. There will be a book discussion and other interesting features.

HUTCHISON TO SHOW HOW FARM PONDS CUT RURAL FIRE LOSS

James Hutchison, Luzerne County Farm Agent will speak on Farm Ponds and show two motion pictures, "Reducing Rural Fire Hazards" and "Construction of Farm Ponds" at the meeting of Back Mountain Volunteer Firemen's Association Tuesday night when it meets as the guest of Noxen Fire Company at Noxen.

Having approved the applications of Huntington Mills and Franklin Fire companies for admission, the Association now numbers twelve companies.

Appointed representatives of each company to the Board of Governors of the Association will present their credentials at the Noxen meeting and the Board of Governors will then elect a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and other officers.

Companies represented in the Association now cover more than 400 square miles of territory.

The Noxen Company has recently obtained its own building and there will be formal ceremonies in connection with acceptance of the building.

There will also be a number of committee reports.

New Lion's Club Formed At Lake

Calvin McHose Is Named President

More charter members will be accepted tonight at a dinner meeting of the newly formed Harvey's Lake Lion's Club at Brokenshire's Harvey's Lake Hotel.

At an organization meeting held last week at the home of Ben Banks, Harvey's Lake, Calvin McHose was elected president; Dean Shaver, secretary, and Fred Brokenshire was appointed head of the committee to arrange for a charter meeting. Sheldon Cave was named chairman of the membership committee.

Attending the meeting were: Atty. Joseph O'Donnell, deputy district governor of Lions and Ezra Moyer, district representative; Andrew Kizis, Emerson Schmalz, Harold S. Donnelly, James O'Connell, Carl Shiner, Fred Brokenshire, R. Dean Shaver, Calvin McHose and J. Sheldon Cave.

Flocks of Robins Visit Lake Orchard

The robins that visit the orchard back of Mrs. Gilbert Carpenter's home at Harvey's Lake are fickle, usually showing up on blustery days and disappearing during pleasant weather.

The first appeared there this year on January 9. Most of them left by the eleventh and didn't show up again until January 21 when a large flock arrived. Mrs. Carpenter believes they come to the orchard for apple seeds. But she helps out by feeding them raisins and bread crumbs. The past few days they have disappeared—possibly because the weather is fair.

SOME PEOPLE CARE, AND DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED TO GIVE

A few days ago Harry Ohlman, Back Mountain chairman of the Red Cross Blood Bank, received a note from Mrs. Laura Rice of Carverton Road offering to give her blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank and asking for a few donor's cards. She said that she had received blood and now wanted to give hers to someone who might need it. She was on no committee and no one had approached her. Yesterday Mr. Ohlman received another letter from Mrs. Rice. In it were six blood donor cards signed by her neighbors.

More Veterans Offer Blood

Will Install Five Basketball Boards

Six additional blood donors signed up to give their blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank at the meeting of Kingston Township Veterans' Association on Tuesday night.

They are: John M. Fink, Robert D. Considine, Ralph Anthony, Ted A. Poad, Franklin T. Hemenway and Allen R. Malkemes.

It was also announced that the Veterans are building five basketball boards to be placed in strategic vacant lots throughout the township where youngsters can use them. They will be located at Carverton, Trucksville Gardens, Center Street, Cliffside avenue and Davis street.

Few people appreciate the community program sponsored by Veterans' Association, but it was brought out at the meeting that the stone wall in front of Kingston Township High School Building, which the veterans promoted, probably saved the life of a motorist this week who ran into it and would certainly have landed on the railroad far below had not the wall saved him.

The Veterans were also among the first to point to the need of having the Center Street bridge widened, to support the short cut to Fernbrook and to agitate for the removal of obstructions from the footpaths along all county and State highways.

Additional Blood Donors Announced

Harry Ohlman, general chairman, has announced the names of the following new blood donors to the Red Cross Blood Bank:

Huntsville Methodist Church, Col. and Mrs. Norman Smith, Alden F. Wagner, Carol Lee Wagner, Mildred Wagner; Jackson Fire Company, Walter I. Palmer; Dallas Wo-

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Announce Party For New Parish

Catholic Daughters Aid Gate of Heaven

REV. EDWARD HAGGERTY



General Chairman

Court Our Lady of Fatima, No. 1478 Catholic Daughters of America, St. Therese's church, announces a benefit party to be held February 21 in the church auditorium. Proceeds will be for the Gate of Heaven Church building fund.

Rev. John J. O'Leary is honorary chairman. Rev. Edward Haggerty is general chairman. Mrs. Michael Chalowick is co-chairman. Members who will act on Mrs. Chalowick's committee are: Mesdames William Boyd, Edward Miller, Herman Seiber, Thomas Wisniewski, Phillip Coniglio, Joseph Cullen, Bolish Luzinski, Harry Jarrett, Alexander J. Wazeter, Edward Borton, Arthur Bouquet and Misses Elizabeth Beline, Lorraine Lukasavage, Ann and Mildred Borton.

Mrs. John H. Stenger Jr., chairman of the ticket committee will be assisted by Mrs. Algert Antanitis and Misses Louise Evans and Nancy Stenger.

Mrs. John Purcell, chairman of bake sale will be assisted by Mesdames Stephen Tkach, Raymond Laux, Joseph Rother, Eugene Hindricks, Henry Mastalski, Daniel Cowen, Jacob Beline, Clinton Johnson and Tillie Loveland.

Mrs. Joseph Wallo, chairman of refreshments will be assisted by Mesdames Frank Ferry, Joseph Polack, William Gavenas, Grant Shaver, Guy Dunham, Francis Barry and Mary Kamor.

Mrs. William Boyd is chairman of publicity assisted by Mrs. John Bush.

Mrs. Frank L. McGarry, Grand Regent of the Court will have the following officers of the Court assist her on the reception committee: Mrs. Robert Breslin, Mrs. Joseph Gibbons, Mrs. George Z. Keller, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Leland Guyette, Mrs. Albert Pesavento, Mrs. Robert Laux, Mrs. Henry Gallagher, and Mrs. Joseph Hughes.

World Day Of Prayer

Annual World Day of Prayer will be observed at Dallas Methodist Church Friday afternoon, February 24 at 2. All church societies and women of the Back Mountain area are invited to attend.