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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		
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1	
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2		
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1	
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	1	
TOTAL	31	20	

Now is the time to weed out your belongings, decide which items are gathering dust in the attic, and call Mrs. Joseph Scherer, in charge of the rounding up of furniture and household articles for the annual Library Auction.

There is a constant turnover of household goods, with chair after chair taking a back seat as replacements are bought. Everybody has something which can be contributed to the auction, and sold for the support of the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

The annual auction is in no sense a rummage sale. Furniture which is too far gone to be of practical use should not be sent to the auction but to a rummage sale. In the case of antiques which need some overhauling, a committee stands ready to do small repair work if the value warrants the expenditure of time and effort.

Thousands of people from all over this area support the sale, which in the time elapsed since the founding of the library in 1945 has become a community institution, an affair looked forward to with great expectations. These prospective purchasers are anxious to buy, and they have a right to expect usable merchandise.

Here are some suggestions as to the type of thing most readily salable:

Small articles which can be easily transported in the family car or tucked into a pocket or handbag. It is astonishing what people will buy as a souvenir of the auction. Many a hand-painted pin-tray, a relic of your grandmother's china-painting days, has passed over the block at a fancy price and into the hands of a receptive bidder who considers it quaint and a worthy memento of the occasion.

Flat-irons, the old-fashioned kind with attached handle. They make good door-stops and bookends. Crocks of all varieties, from the beige variety with dark brown interior in assorted sizes, to covered crocks with blue flowers painted on them and glazed. These bring high prices.

Small chairs which can be refinished, especially chairs designed for children.

Bird-cages and plant-stands. Glass-ware. The auction sale attracts dealers in milk glass as well as amateur collectors and prices are good, bidding brisk.

Material is beginning to come into the Barn for the auction. Small items and articles of intrinsic value are protected by locked doors. This makes it possible for you to clear out your surplus right away, while spring housecleaning is going on, and take it to the Barn for future sale without the feeling that it may be lost in the shuffle.

You will be solicited within the next two weeks, but do not wait until the caller is ringing your doorbell. Plan now to contribute something to the auction, and then attend the auction to watch the fun.

Dinner Honors Rural Carriers

Davenport Served Forty-Four Years

A dinner for two retiring mail carriers was given Saturday night at Oakdale Church Hall by the Association of Rural Carriers.

D. E. Davenport, with a record of forty-four years of service in Sweet Valley, and Walter Billings who retired last December after completing forty years and some months of service on the route out of Trucksville, were guests of honor.

Each honor guest was presented with a lapel pin depicting a horse and buggy, memento of the time when rural delivery was not mechanized, with the dates of service, and in addition a wallet.

Several State officials were present. Guests from Sweet Valley were Mr. and Mrs. George Bronson, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Davenport, and Luther Hunter who is taking Mr. Davenport's place for the present. Addison Woolbert and Walter Billings were present from Trucksville.

New Uniforms For Township Twirlers

Dallas Township's six majorettes have brand new uniforms for the Band-Chorus Concert and the Music League competition. The outfits, white worsted trimmed with red, are cut on the conventional pattern featuring a tightly fitted bodice and brief circular skirt. The majorettes did not have new uniforms at the time the members of the band were outfitted, and have been wearing uniforms which did not match.

Patsy VanCampen and Gloria Davis will wear their new outfits when they enter the twirling competition.

Ray Transue Elected To Board

Serves Odd Fellows For Twelfth Year

Raymond Transue, resident of Gordon street, Goss Manor since last August, was reelected for the twelfth consecutive year to the Board of Directors of the Aged Odd Fellows Home at the annual meeting April 12th at Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Transue has served as Secretary to the Board of Trustees, and as Chairman of the Admissions Committee, has been President of Luzerne County Past Grand Association and Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

Before building a house in Goss Manor the Transues lived on Division street, Wilkes-Barre, convenient to the Post Office, where Mr. Transue has been employed for the past thirty-two years. The Transues like the hills, and Mrs. Transue is close enough to neighbors so that she does not feel lonely when Mr. Transue goes to work at night five days a week.

Meade McMillen Heads Shavertown PTA Group

Meade McMillen was elected president and Calvin Hall, vice president at the meeting of Shavertown Parent Teacher Association Monday evening. Other officers were Mrs. Fred Anderson, secretary and Mrs. James Edwards, treasurer. Philip White presided.

Mrs. Raymond Stroud and Philip White were chosen as delegates to the Back Mountain PTA Council. Mrs. Harold Ash and Mrs. Alget Antanaitis were named chairmen for the sixth grade party which will be held some time in June.

Rev. William Williams, guest speaker, chose as his subject "The Three Basic Experiences of a Child".

Phyllis Ann Sutphin Will Give Recital

Pupils of Louie W. Ayre and Marion E. Wallace will present Phyllis Ann Sutphin in a piano recital at Kingston Methodist Church Thursday May 4, 8:30 p.m.

Miss Sutphin, a senior at St. Louis Institute of Music, is making a concert tour sponsored by chapters of Pi Mu for the benefit of Pi Mu scholarship fund.

Tickets may be procured from Barbara Dana, Richard Davis, Dawn Dick, Elinor Downes, Louise Kann, Wilma Robbins, or Harry Trebilcock.

Constitution Revised For Civic Center

Schooley Appoints Five To Nominate 33 New Directors

Representatives of clubs in some half dozen Back Mountain communities met Tuesday night at Dallas Township High School and got down to the routine business of adopting by-laws before a Back Mountain Community Center can begin to function.

Dr. F. Budd Schooley acted as temporary chairman and Mrs. Fredric Anderson was temporary secretary in the absence of Miss Mary Weir, whose mother is seriously ill.

Atty. William A. Valentine presented a tentative set of By-laws which he read in full and which were then taken up section by section for adoption. Many sections were adopted without comment but several created spirited discussion.

Article 1 which had previously been specific in its phraseology to include fire house, dental clinic, library, etc., was amended, on motion of Atty. Mitchell Jenkins, to be more general, "the purposes of the Association being to construct such Community Center as will adequately serve the communities concerned". Sections patterned after the American Constitution and containing meaningless phraseology were amended or dropped.

Membership in the association will not be limited by color or creed and will be open to any one who pays \$1.

Members will at the annual meeting elect thirty-three directors, three for each of the eleven participating communities. The directors will in turn elect officers of the Association and an executive board of eleven members from their number who may or may not represent all of the eleven participating communities.

Officers of the Association will be president, vice president, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer and three auditors. The treasurer will be bonded.

After the By-Laws were adopted, Dr. Schooley appointed a nominating committee to choose directors and present their names for election at the next meeting on Tuesday night, May 2.

Serving on the committee are Dean Shaver, chairman, Lehman; Mrs. Walbridge Leinthal, Lake; Floyd Chamberlain, Dallas Township; Mrs. Fredric Anderson, Kingston Township; Mrs. Harris Haycox, Dallas Borough; Edward MacDougall, Monroe; Earl Crispell, Noxen.

No representatives were present at the meeting from Ross, Franklin, Jackson, Noxen, Monroe and Northmoreland Townships, but Mr. MacDougall and Mr. Crispell, who

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Yost Replaces Rev. Harrison

No Other Changes Are Made Locally

Shavertown Methodist Church will welcome as its new pastor Rev. Robert DeWitt Yost as a result of the five-day Methodist Conference recently concluded at Binghamton, N.Y. Rev. Yost comes to this community from Plains, where he has served since returning from the Pacific Theatre of War. He holds a Naval Reserve rank of Lieutenant Commander.

He is a graduate of Syracuse, Boston University School of Theology, and Harvard Graduate School. Before entering the Navy as chaplain of an aircraft carrier, he held the pastorate of West Quincy Methodist Church, Quincy, Massachusetts.

Returning to a former post at Plains is Rev. Howard Harrison, the present incumbent at Shavertown. Rev. Harrison graduated from Wesleyan University, took graduate work at Garrett Theological Seminary, Chicago. Volunteering for chaplain in 1943, he studied at Harvard, then spent 35 months as Captain of the Chaplain Corps at Fort Bragg and on a Pacific Transport.

Rev. Joseph Fiske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fiske, Dallas, has been transferred from Skinner's Eddy to New Berlin, N.Y. He graduated from Drew Theological Seminary in 1947, was ordained at Endicott, N.Y. in April of that same year. While a student he was assigned to the Maple Grove charge, a territory including Maple Grove, Mooretown, Meeker and Loyalville.

Rev. Fiske graduated from Dallas Borough Schools and Wyoming Seminary before attending Theological School.

Rev. Fred Reinfort is returned to Dallas Methodist Church. He has been in charge of this pastorate for five years.

Rev. Ruth Underwood is returned to Harvey's Lake. She has been in charge since last August, when the former pastor, Rev. James Hilbert was moved to McClure, N.Y. and Rev. Underwood, formerly of McClure took over the Harvey's Lake charge.

Tea for Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 65, Laketon, will hold a tea at Laketon High School Tuesday, April 25 at 8 p.m., proceeds to be applied on the Juliette Lowe Fund. Badges will be awarded.

Mrs. Thomas Bartnick, Dallas, will talk on Japan. Mrs. Edgar Sutton, Carverton, will review the life of Juliette Lowe. Camp movies will be shown by Mrs. Helen Sellers, Girl Scout Headquarters.

An original skit, written by Jean Ide, will be presented by the Scouts.

Mrs. Florence Worth is captain of the troop and Mrs. Mildred Garinger, assistant.

Reforestation At Lake Catalpa

Nesbitt Farm Plants 78 Thousand Trees

Nesbitt Farm, Lake Catalpa is embarking upon its fourth year of reforestation, with 78 thousand seedlings to be planted this spring.

William Eckert, manager, says state-supplied seedlings include shrubs suitable for bird cover and food as well as trees. Spruce, hemlock, red pine, with larch for quick timber, are the varieties selected. Because of disease, no white pine is included.

Joseph Paddock, engineer from Plains, is planning the distribution. Larch seedlings which may be expected to produce timber within twenty years, will be planted where there is moisture.

Present pasture-land will be planted. In open spaces a tree planter capable of setting five thousand seedlings per day will be used. Hand planting with a crow bar can handle a maximum of five hundred in the same time. The trees will be planted six feet apart, to insure tall straight growth.

No hardwoods are to be set this year. Ten thousand seedling walnuts were put out last year, five thousand the year before.

Cost of State-supplied seedlings according to Mr. Eckert has risen from \$2 to \$6 per thousand during the past four years, but seedlings are still a bargain. There is very little mortality in the varieties selected by the Nesbitt Farm.

Cancer Drive Now Under Way

Appeals Mailed To 2,500 Residents

Hundreds of residents of the Back Mountain Area this week received letters from Peter D. Clark, chairman, appealing for their financial support in fighting the scourge—CANCER.

Checks, money orders or cash may be sent directly to W. B. Jeter, Back Mountain Area treasurer for the American Cancer Society, First National Bank, Dallas.

Work of addressing more than 2,500 letters was done by a committee composed of members of Dallas Junior Woman's Club who were: Mrs. James Oliver, Jr., Clara Gross, Mrs. Edward Keller, Mrs. William Hanna, Mrs. Andrew Ondish, Mrs. Clyde Brace, Mrs. William Purcell, Mrs. William Stewart and Mrs. Patrick Reithoffer.

Folding and inserting were done by members of Senior Woman's Club who were: Mrs. D. M. Hutchinson, Mrs. Harold Flack, Mrs. Harris Haycox, Mrs. Herman Thomas, Mrs. Don Clark, Mrs. Lettie Culver, Mrs. Michael Strub, Mrs. Jack

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Group Endorses Plan To Form Town and Country Branch YMCA

Plan Calls For Supervised Recreation In Seven Communities With Dallas As Hub

The "Go-Ahead" signal to request a Town and Country Community Branch YMCA was given to an Executive Committee made up of Back Mountain citizens, at a well attended meeting in Back Mountain Memorial Library on Monday evening discussed all the aspects, pros and cons, of a YMCA program to serve six Back Mountain townships and one borough, Lake, Dallas, Kingston, Lehman, Jackson and Franklin.

Featured Dancer



CAROL MATHERS

Carol Mathers, six years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mathers, Harveys Lake, entertained between acts of the operetta presented at Lehman-Jackson Township School Friday night.

Carol, costumed in rose pink with blue sequins, her blonde curls framed in a halo bonnet to match the costume, did a tap dance version of "Cruising Down the River". She has been taking tap dancing from Billy, Wilkes-Barre, for about a year, and has appeared on Billy's program over Nanticoke's W.H.W.L. several times. Her next air-appearance is scheduled for April 30.

Carol's daddy, in the construction engineering business in New York, got home a day early in order to be present at the operetta, and add his quota to the appreciative applause of the audience.

Businessmen Hold Meeting

Organization Elects Officers, Directors

Businessmen from Harvey's Lake, West Nanticoke, Johnstown Mills, Casetown, Huntsville, Sweet Valley, Harveyville, Pike's Creek, Hunlock Creek, and Cambra met March 22 and again on April 12 at Sweet Valley Hose House to organize a Credit Association for the area. It is felt by merchants of this region that too great loss in bad accounts has been incurred, and that a clearing-house of information has become a necessity for mutual information and protection.

Kenneth Williams, secretary said in a letter of information distributed to all local businessmen, that the organization would act as an information center only, adopting a conservative course and allowing each merchant option in extending or not extending credit in the light of information obtained through the organization.

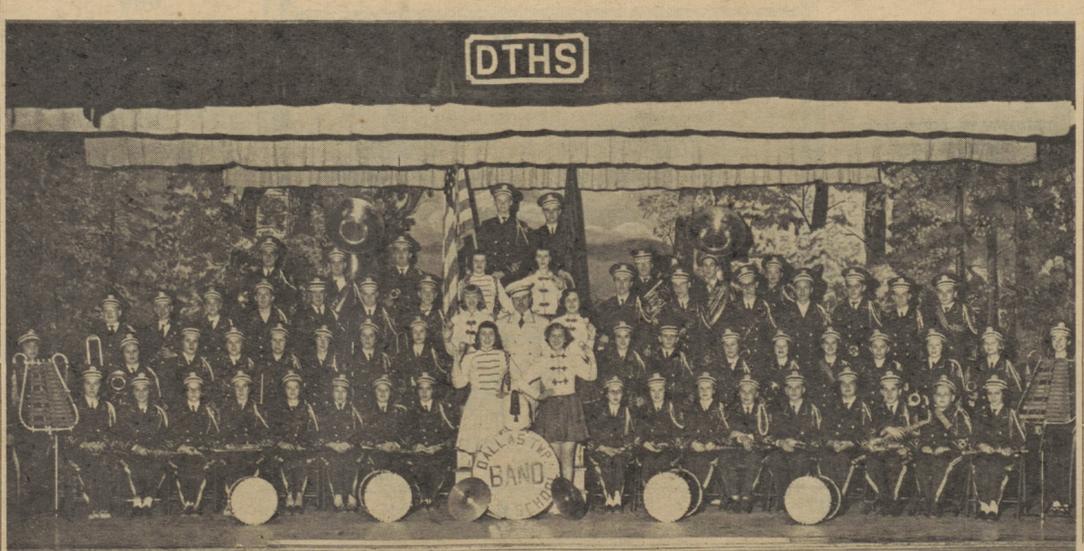
Each member has been requested to submit a list of his customers with credit rating ranging from excellent to sub-zero as a means of acquainting other merchants with good and poor risks. With a credit organization as a whipping-boy, a merchant is enabled to delay extension of credit to a doubtful customer without embarrassment on either side.

Officers are: Tom Lutz, Cambra, president; Kenneth Williams, Pike's Creek, secretary; Robert Pollock, Hunlock Creek, treasurer; directors, Lee Honeywell, Butch Cragle, Donald Fedder, Vernon Cease, Dale Gearhart, Harold Britt, Sterling Barnes.

To Serve Turkey

A turkey dinner will be served by the W.S.C.S., Meeker Methodist Church on Thursday, April 27. Serving will start at 5:30.

Dallas Township Band To Present Concert



Dallas Township's 66 piece band under the directorship of Alfred Milliner-Camp and in collaboration with members of the School Chorus will present the annual Band-Chorus Concert Friday, April 28.

Band-Aid committee announces concert committee as follows: General chairman, Roy Tryon; advertising, Mrs. Chester Hartman, Mrs. Earl Lamoreaux; tickets, Charles Roberts and Ruel Lasher; patrons, John Yaple and Henry Shupp.

Members of Dallas Township Band, first row, left to right: Bertha Dickson, Nancy Carey, Dorothy Stash, Peggy Ann Maza, Jessie Carey, Marilyn Mosier, Rowena Sedler, Sue Parsons, Augustina Haradem, Louise Brzyski, Patsy VanCampen, Lois Ward, Barbara Brace, Julia Updyke, Karl Landmesser, Richard Wileman, Nancy Martin, Larry Shupp, John Yaple, Sally Lasher.

Second row, left to right: Mary Sholtis, Regina Klein, Mary Louise

Lipp, Winifred Decker, Patsy Pickett, Beatrice Race, Romayne Carey, Gloria Davis, Alfred Milliner-Camp, director, Theresea Chukinas, Theresa Polachek, Donald Weidner, Mary Kozick, Marion Parsons, Anne Jane Layou, Ralph Downend, Betsy Bunny, Barbara Vavrek, Anne Woieckow, ski.

Third row: Carl Gries, David Pellam, David Goddard, Roy Tryon, Sheppherd Moore, Nelson Ashburner, Leo Dunham, Virginia Brunges, Naomi Vietch, Donald Evans, Edward Kraft, John Hanson, Calvin Miers, William Hartman, Lee Lamoreaux, Kenneth Sedler.

Fourth row: Olin Race, Fred Brown, John oberts, Jerry Miers, Earl Lamoreaux, Kenneth Martin, Jerry Elston, Nelson Conden.

Absent when picture was taken: ose Ann Patner, Priscilla Moore, Jean Mead, Robert Rice.

LeGrand Chairman
Mr. LeGrand, acting as temporary chairman, was authorized to name a nominating committee to report back on Monday, April 24th. They are to nominate a chairman, a vice chairman, a recording secretary, and a treasurer, and such

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