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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	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	2	2
TOTAL	31	23

If you plan to escape solicitation for the Library Auction you will have to dive into a hole in the ground and pull the hole in after you.

Each and every one of the residents in the Back Mountain area has at least one thing to contribute to the auction.

## Reinfurt Heads Area Ministers Association Covers Wilkes-Barre District

Rev. Frederick Reinfurt of Dallas Methodist Church has been elected president of Wilkes-Barre District Methodist Ministers' Association succeeding Rev. Norman Clemens of First Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre whose term expired.

The Association is composed of more than 100 ministers in the Wilkes-Barre District area which extends from Montrose to Mountain Top and from Avoca to Nanticoke.

Other officers elected are: Rev. Benjamin Ridgley, former Navy chaplain, now of Meshoppen, vice chairman; Rev. William B. Gritman, Parrish street Methodist Church, secretary-treasurer; and George R. Savage, Firwood Church, program chairman.

The Association meets once each month from September through May.

Rev. Reinfurt's election is a distinct honor to the Back Mountain Region. Rev. Reinfurt is a member of the Leadership Education Committee of Wyoming Valley Council of Churches and chairman of the annual drive of the Council of Churches in the Back Mountain area. He is chairman of the annual Hemelright Community Service Award in the Back Mountain Area and has been pastor of Dallas Methodist Church for six years.

## Hold Option On Herget Building May Open Dallas Department Store

Irving Karp and Irvin Steiner of Wilkes-Barre have taken an option to buy the Main street business building formerly occupied by Acme Market and owned by Walter C. Herget of Syracuse, N.Y.

While their plans are not definite they have been considering opening a department store there and have moved in some fixtures.

Mr. Karp now operates the Army and Navy Store on South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, and Mr. Steiner was formerly in a similar business.

## Merchants Plan Community Days Special Attractions June 16-17

The weekend of June 16 and 17 has been selected as Community Days for Dallas Borough merchants "Get Acquainted" promotion sales and demonstrations.

The dates were chosen at a largely attended meeting of Dallas Business Association Monday night at Bowman's Restaurant.

Robert Lewis, assistant general manager of American Stores Company in the Wilkes-Barre area, outlined plans for the event and offered the cooperation of his firm in preparing store signs and assisting with radio promotion.

Lawrence Updyke, head of the Community Days committee had charge of the program.

Cooperating merchants plan to offer special prices during the two-day event and also to have demonstrations and other novel entertainment features in their stores.

## Bake Sale Tomorrow

The Dallas Senior Women's Club will hold a Mother's Day Bake Sale on Saturday, May 13 at Boyd White's Appliance Store from 10 until 2. Mrs. Raymond Elston will be chairman assisted by Mrs. Francis Ambrose, Mrs. Robert Bachman, Mrs. William Carpenter and Mrs. Robert Bodycomb.

# RECORD VOTE EXPECTED ON TUESDAY

## Eyes Of Nation Focused On Duff's Bid For Power In Pennsylvania

## Shavertown To Have Mass Survey With New Mobile X-Ray Unit

Wyoming Valley Tuberculosis Society will hold a mass chest X-Ray survey in Shavertown early in June.

Miss Florence Frantz, health educational secretary of Wyoming Tuberculosis Society met with the local committee last week and outlined plans.

It is hoped that the response will be 100%, but it is not compulsory. The Society's new mobile unit, in charge of trained personnel will be stationed at Shavertown Fire Hall to take chest X-rays of residents from fifteen years upward from June 5 to June 9, inclusive. X-rays will be taken every afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. On Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5 to 9, the technicians will X-ray those unable to take advantage of the afternoon hours.

Cost of the X-ray pictures will be 50 cents per person and all reports will be confidential. Only the person involved and his physician will know what the report reveals. Top X-ray men in the Wyoming Valley area will read the X-ray films. Last year, Plains residents turned out 5,400 strong to check for symptoms of tuberculosis.

One June 17, Dr. Charles Myers will address all residents of the (Continued on Page Seven)

Pennsylvania's liveliest Republican primary is drawing to a close. The nation's eyes will be on this state next Tuesday when an expected record-breaking number of Republican voters go to the polls to settle some of the hottest political questions of the generation.

For weeks, campaigning has been at fever heat. Candidates have used every variety of approach, from the older types, such as handshaking, letter-writing and personal appearances down to the ultra-modern devices of sound-trucks, radio and television.

Key figure in this exciting situation is Governor James H. Duff, candidate for nomination for U.S. Senator. He is the man whom the voters next Tuesday will make or break. He will emerge as the biggest political "boss" since the Civil War—or as just another defeated candidate.

Governor Duff learned his politics in Pittsburgh, and it is notorious that politics is a rough game in the Smoky City. The bitter factional wars there, and the rule or ruin approach, have "made" many powerful individuals, but have wrecked Republican solidarity there almost beyond redemption.

For his four years as Chief Executive, Governor Duff has been preparing for the present tug of war. He has done what no other Pennsylvania Governor ever attempted—made full use of all the prestige and power of the Governorship to try to take personal command of the statewide Republican organization.

If he is successful, and if the voters at large endorse these methods in the General Election next November, he will become the first one-man political commander the state has ever known—even more powerful over Pennsylvania than, for example, "Boss" Crump in Tennessee, or Pendergast in Missouri, or Hague in North Jersey.

"The Party is me" Governor Duff has set out in this primary to "purge" and destroy all independent or opposing elements in the party. If these are crushed next Tuesday, the Governor will be able to imitate the words of the famous French king: "The Republican Party—it's me!"

The Governor's rival in this primary is Congressman John C. Kunkel, of Harrisburg, who plunged into the campaign for U.S. Senator "on his own", but has rallied behind him large segments of the Republican Party. From his original "under dog" position, the Congressman has gained ground steadily until political observers feel it is nip and tuck whether he has not already passed the Governor.

Congressman Kunkel has vigorously denounced the political schemes of Governor Duff. The Duff program is simple in design, bold in execution. He has brought the political power of the state payroll into partnership with a number of county political organizations—McClure's in Delaware County, and Fine's in Luzerne, for example, and those in Schuylkill, and part of Philadelphia.

Success of such a partnership, the Congressman has pointed out, would have the result of throwing the state government into the hands of the worst elements to be found in Pennsylvania politics.

Mr. Kunkel has been especially critical of Duff's runningmate for the Governorship, Judge John S. Fine. Governor Duff personally selected Fine, and jamed his indorsement through a closely controlled meeting of county chairmen at Hershey, in which most of those present were on the state payroll.

Judge Fine has long been a political hot potato because he has openly combined his activities as political boss over Luzerne County with service as a judge.

Judge Fine's opponent for nomination for Governor is Jay Cooke, war hero, former Republican leader of Philadelphia, whose home is in Montgomery County. Mr. Cooke has been warmly supported by all of the anti-Duff factions of the Republican Party, as well as by a considerable body of those who wanted to go along with Duff, but who drew the line at supporting Judge Fine.

Governor Duff has attempted to beat back this walk-out by those whose support he had been counting on, by his frequent and violent demand that all those who voted for him also support Judge Fine. There is evidence that this attempt to dictate the Governorship has backfired badly against Governor Duff.

Through most of the campaign, Cooke and Kunkel ran their campaigns independently, although they were fighting a common foe.

A widespread desire to confront the Duff-Fine ticket with a ticket representing the other elements in the Republican Party resulted in (Continued on Page Seven)

## Chorale To Present Musical Souvenirs



Dallas Woman's Club Chorale will present its second annual concert on Thursday, May 26th, at Dallas Township High School. This year's concert will be titled "Musical Souvenirs."

In the cast will be Mrs. Harold Brobst, Mrs. Philip Cheyney, Mrs. Charles Whitesell, Mrs. Alfred Bronson, Mrs. Roger Owens, Mrs. James Oliver, Mrs. George Flack, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Jack Mallin, Mrs. William Carpenter, Mrs. Edward Keller, Mrs. William Stewart, Mrs. David Williams, Mrs. H. Michael Strub, Jr., Mrs. Ralph Dixon, Mrs. Malcolm Borthwick, Mrs. Jaek Barnes, and Mrs. L. L. Richardson.

Members of the Chorale from left to right are Mrs. William Baker Sr., accompanist, Mrs. Leonard Harvey, Miss Mary Bennellack, Miss Rita Cummings, Mrs. Harry Bogart, Mrs. Fredrick Eck, Mrs. Bernard Whitney, Mrs. Lewis Reese, Mrs. Harold Payne, Mrs. Algert Antanaitis, Mrs. Robert Lewis, Mrs. Charles Mahler, Mrs. Peter Rekus, Mrs. William Purcell, Mrs. Norman Patton, director. Not present when picture was taken were Miss Peggy Crolius, Mrs. Howard Garris, Mrs. Robert Garris, Miss Claire Grose, Mrs. William Hanna, Mrs. James Huston, Mrs. James Keiper and Mrs. Lewis LeGrand, Jr.

## In State Chorus



EDWARD KRAFT

... a member of the senior Class of Dallas Township High School, Edward Kraft, son of Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Kraft of Noxen, will represent the northeastern district in the All State Chorus of the Pennsylvania Music Education Association at William Penn High School, Harrisburg, on May 18, 19, and 20. Edward is a second tenor and won a place in the All State Chorus at the district contest held recently at Clark's Summit High School. He has attended Dallas Township schools since his sophomore year. He expects to enter Muhlenberg College this fall.

## Colonel Frank Townend Says Jay Cooke Was Great Soldier

Back Mountain men who served with Jay Cooke or knew him during military service are enthusiastic in their praise of his courage, fortitude and steadfast adherence to the principles of independent Americanism.

Lt. Col. Frank Townend, commander of the 109th Field Artillery Battalion, said this week, "I knew Jay Cooke in combat and liked him a great deal. We went across on the same boat. He was inducted in February 1941 as a captain, and by the time we got to England was a Battalion Commander. He went into combat in France with the Third Battalion of the 110th Infantry, the regiment that was supported by our own 109th Field Artillery."

"Cooke was a quiet spoken man. To know him was to like him a lot. He held one of the most dangerous positions on the field during World War 1 it was said that the platoon leader, the second lieutenant, was in the most dangerous spot, but during World War II it was the Battalion Commander who held that distinction. Out of nine battalions in the 28th Division we lost nine commanders in the first two weeks of combat."

## Dallas A.C. Upsets Noxen In Bi-County Opener

Bi-County League was able to play its opening games Sunday, although the weather was more suited to kite flying than baseball. Results of the five games came as surprises with Dallas' 7-6 victory over Noxen a major upset. Noxen was the class of the league last year. Next was Carverton's 8-7 triumph over Beaumont; Fall's defeat of Shavertown 8-6 and Orange's 6-2 protested win over Vernon. East Dallas took the measure of Osterhout 11-4, as was expected although the game was close up to the eighth inning.

Dallas took an early 5-1 lead, and then staved off a last inning Noxen rally which saw the Noxen team scoring four runs, just one shy of the tying counter. Masterful pitching by Lefty Harry Grose kept Dallas in the lead all the way. Ken Grose and Dick Vanderbrock with three hits apiece sparked the Dallas attack followed by Glen Roberts with two. The two Taylor brothers and Art Blizard were the big guns for Noxen. Harold Brobst shone defensively with several difficult catches in left field.

Falls came from behind 4-4 in the middle innings to finally take an 8-5 lead in the eighth and emerge with an 8-6 victory. Hayward was the winning pitcher and also was the batting star with the longest hit of the game, a triple. Shavertown connected for plenty of hits, including three doubles, but the defense was loose, committing costly errors. Art Kitchen was the starting pitcher while Russ Hons finished up.

## Entomologist Visits Dallas

### C. J. Strutt Has Japanese Guest

Dr. Toshihumi Kojima, Forest Entomologist from University of Tokyo, had a reunion with schoolmates from the University of Munich when he spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Strutt, Heights, on Friday. Gilbert Schappert, instructor at G.A.R., a student with Strutt in Munich at the time Dr. Kojima was completing some graduate work, joined the party.

This is Dr. Kojima's first visit to America. When his itinerary was being planned in Japan, he specifically requested that his research into the gypsy moth question be carried out in Wilkes-Barre, so that he could renew former acquaintance. He is in the United States for three months studying various phases of forest entomology from coast to coast.

Dr. Kojima is a member of a group of Japanese educators who are in this country under travel orders from General MacArthur. The plan is known as "Interchange of Persons Program for National Leaders."

## Local Students In Competition

### Two Win Rating Of Excellent

Two ratings of excellent were awarded to local students in the Forensic and Music League Competition held in Pittsburgh May 4, 5, and 6. Patsy VanCampen, Dallas Township, rated excellent in twirling. Harry Trebilcock, Kingston Township, excellent in piano. Sylvia Jones, mezzo-soprano, Kingston Township, won a rating of good in vocal. Gloria Davis, Dallas Township, and Goldie Ide, Lehman, placed in the fourth class in twirling.

## Library Auction Starts Rolling

### Sara Scherer Names Committees

Solicitation committee for used goods for the Library Auction in July met at the Library Monday afternoon at the call of the chairman, Mrs. Joseph Scherer, to map out the campaign.

Flyers to acquaint residents of the Back Mountain area with the forthcoming campaign will be distributed in advance of actual solicitation for goods, eliminating return trips for the members of the district committees.

An effort is being made this year to wrap the entire solicitation in one package, approaching residents once and once only, but with a variety of subdivisions in mind. People who have used furniture may also sign up for contributing a cake to the Bake-Booth and a pound of candy to the candy table.

Flyers are being printed and will be ready for distribution next week. Heads of solicitation include in addition to the general chairman Mrs. Scherer: Mrs. Fred Howell, Mrs. A. D. Hutchison and Mrs. Howard Risley, co-chairmen of antiquities; Mrs. Ralph Dixon, candy counter; Mrs. James D. Hutchison, Mrs. Joseph B. Schooley, plants and produce; Mrs. Edgar Brace, Bake-Booth.

Mrs. Lewis LeGrand, head of a table displaying small household appliances, and Mrs. H. W. Peterson and Mrs. Raymon Hedden, co-chairmen of odds-and-ends table, all three on the general committee, do not appear in the roster of solicitation chairmen. They are dependant for their stock on articles weeded from other classifications.

## Parish Ponders Building School

### Gate of Heaven Will Decide Shortly

Gate of Heaven Parish is undecided whether to build an eight room grade school with auditorium where church services can be held temporarily or to construct a new church on its property on Macchell Avenue. Rev. J. J. O'Leary, pastor of St. Therese's Church, said this week.

While plans have not yet crystallized, Father O'Leary said he was confident that construction on a new church or school will get under way before fall.

The Gate of Heaven Parish will serve about 200 Catholic families in this area and proposals for construction have been considered for some time.

If and when building is started it will be the second church constructed in this area under Father O'Leary's supervision. St. Therese's being the first. Father O'Leary also supervised the completion of Our Lady of Victory Chapel at Harvey's Lake.

## KIDS! CHOOSE A NAME FOR DALLAS TEAM AND WIN A FIELDER'S MITT

The Dallas AC has opened its contest to select a nickname for the team. Entry blanks appeared in last week's Post and others will be distributed to the schools the early part of next week. The prize for the winning entry is a dandy Wilson Professional Ball Hawk Fielder's Glove.

The rules are simple. The contest being open to all local boys ages six to sixteen. No boxtops, tin can labels, or flour sacks are needed. Just fill out an official entry blank with a nickname and in 25 words or less state the reason for your choice. All entries should be mailed to the Sports Editor, Dallas Post.