

BOX SCORE		
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious Accidents Since V-J Day		
	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	6	11
DALLAS TOWNSHIP	1	1
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	28	5
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	1
MONROE TOWNSHIP	5	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	12	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	2
TOTAL	64	22

The Family Reunion

Guest Editorial—By Joseph E. Pooley
Harveys Lake

This is the time of year when families elect to get together—For the most part they are a conglomeration of people who by blood or marriage have a common lot. They exemplify and tend to preserve that greatest of intimate cementings of that great body of Americans. Families are the most fundamental social unit.

Units may be Sewing Circles or Lions, Missionary Societies or Elks, Junior Leagues or Rotary Clubs, most excellent expressions of man's sense of gregariousness; but nothing can supplant the solidity of The Family. "Blood is thicker than water".

In fact, one of the greatest differences between the systems of Communism and Democracy is the very emphasis laid upon the evolution of the monogamous concept of the Family—"He was a Hickenlooper"; "She was a Searfoss"; "He was a Campbell"; "She was a Whitesell"—each of these statements has fundamental meaning.

Our Mayflowers III and IV have brought the Somanisks, the Chimolowicz, the Vittorios and the Cacavellis these too are perpetuating their lines and taking pride in the stock that has flourished in good American soil.

A family reunion—ah! A Reunion—To be sure the chief activity is eating and renewing bloodships; but—"Have you had any of Aunt Cora's fried chicken? She came from Maryland, y'know, where all the secrets of frying chicken have been preempted for generations."

"Oh yes! But have some of Cousin Priscilla's real Boston Bake—How did she get down here in Wolfe's Grove?" "Why she married a Sorber when he was stationed at New London. She's a good cook and baker and she does something to beans that Mr. Heinz ought to find out."

"Stella, your cole-slaw is lovely. How do you make it?" "Well, I put plain cabbage in it with common salt, pepper, sugar, and celery seed. Of course my recipe calls for a pint of rich half soured cream."

And so it goes. Good food, good company, fond memories and recollections, sympathetic hearings of major operations and minor ills. Once in a while a tale of stark tragedy, quietly, even slyly told, lest it dampen the spirits of the day.

The Family, the undergirding of our democracy linked together with the hot rivets and the hoops of steel of common origin and blood relationship sets itself apart for specific identification at the "Family Reunion".

Others Find Way To Consolidate

Announcement was made this week that five townships and Tunkhannock Borough in Wyoming County have formed a joint school board.

Districts involved are Washington, Eaton, Northmoreland, Lemon and Tunkhannock Townships and Tunkhannock Borough.

For the present all school buildings in operation in the respective districts will be used but ultimate plans call for a twenty-classroom addition to Tunkhannock High School and construction of a twelve to fourteen-room elementary building.

The districts involved lie within an approximate ten-mile radius of Tunkhannock with Lemon on the north and Centermoreland at the south at the farthest distance.

The jointure was effected easily and without serious opposition at a meeting of directors and interested parents on Monday night.

Apparently Wyoming County School Directors and parents are more interested in the educational welfare of their children than they are in maintaining fictitious township and borough lines or in perpetuating their own tenure.

The ease with which the jointure was brought about contrasts sharply with the progress made toward consolidation in our own area where there is considerably less distance between most of the schools.

Here we are not so concerned about education as we are in winning a point or in perpetuating old prejudices at the expense of our own and our neighbors' children.

But there are good signs in the offing. If our elected directors are unable to provide the leadership to bring better schools about, the people can.

Paul Mulvey and David Williams, of the Rotary Club's Committee for Better Schools, point the way in this week's Safety Valve. Shortly their committee will spearhead a movement to form a local committee of parents and citizens to become affiliated with the National Citizens' Commission for Better Public Schools.

This Citizens Committee which will exclude from its membership those professionally connected with education, religion and politics, can go a long way toward building up public support for better schools. There are enough unselfish citizens and parents in this area to make their weight felt once they are organized. From this group will come the leadership and the direction to give us better schools. There are still more people in the Back Mountain area interested in their children than they are in politics and prejudice.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

Three moves is supposed to be the equivalent of a fire. Fifteen moves applying that standard, adds up to an earthquake, a volcanic explosion, or an atomic bomb, with very little of the original dunnage surviving the experience.

It is astonishing, however, how much dunnage replaces the treasured objects collected away back when rushing in to fill the gaps on the principle that nature and householders abhor a vacuum. A solemn resolution never to replace a single outworn piece of furniture, never to accumulate letters from the family, never to buy another pretty remnant of chintz, comes to absolute zero in the face of a library auction.

That crib we fell for. We didn't actually need another crib, but there it was, hair mattress and all, waiting hopefully on the block in (Continued on Page Five)

Camp Arranges Sportsmen Show

Marksmanship And Casting Events Listed

A fall sportsmen's show with competitive shooting, fly casting demonstration, marksmanship exhibitions and displays of sporting goods by national manufacturers is being planned for September by Harveys Lake Camp United Sportsmen.

The show will be held on the Sportsmen's camp grounds at Alderson. Plans for the event were discussed Monday night at a well attended meeting presided over by John Hewitt, president, at Herman Kern's Tavern.

The Club also discussed its annual Outing to be held at the Camp Grounds on August 27. Plans are under way to purchase the sixteen acre camp grounds on the Congdon Farm at Alderson which the club now has under five-year lease with option to buy.

As soon as the transaction is complete the Club plans to build a club house and install all kinds of traps and moving targets for the use of its membership.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Charles Gavanonis, president of the head camp, who spoke on the possibility of establishing a Federal Fish Hatchery in this area. One of the chief requirements, he said is a flow of 3,300 gallons of water a minute at an average temperature of 55 to 60 degrees.

He suggested that this temperature could be obtained near Ricketts or at Stull by sinking artesian wells to supplement the other water supply. Bass and trout would be the fish raised in the hatchery.

It was also brought out at the meeting that this area is now without a game protector since the resignation of Protector Latimer to enter business after serving here only a matter of weeks.

Lehman Band To Practice

All Members Urged To Come Thursday

All members of Lehman School Band, including those who graduated in June, are requested by Lester Squier, supervising principal, to come to the school building Thursday evening, August 10, at 7:30, to practice for the band's performance at the Lake Silkworth Water Carnival, August 20th. There will be another practice on Thursday of the following week, August 17, and a third session, date to be announced.

Field Day Draws Supper Crowd

Shavertown Fire Company's 20th annual Field Day got under way last night with a meat-loaf supper served by the Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Russell Cease president and supper chairman.

The three-day affair, will feature bingo, and refreshments will be on sale. Back Mountain Band, director John Miles will be the attraction Saturday night.

Story Book Characters Will Ride Floats In Fifth Water Carnival

Plans are going forward for Lake Silkworth's fifth annual water carnival and Lake Silkworth Day, Sunday, August 20, for the benefit of Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Company.

The water carnival depicting scenes from Storyland will get underway at 3:15 with fifty entries expected. Last year more than 12,000 persons witnessed the carnival which then had thirty-five entries mounted on floats depicting scenes from the "Months of the Year." Winners were: March, a St. Patrick's Day scene; November "Over the river and through the Wood," a horse and sleigh scene; "Goose that Laid the Golden Egg" and "Mary Quite Contrary."

Floats were mounted on rafts built on row boats or on navy rafts. Last year for the first time, others than cottagers entered floats. Sweet Valley Firemen had one. This year the committee will welcome commercial floats as well as floats from other resorts and communities.

In addition the carnival will include motor boat races and a water ballet in which many Lehman High

Crispells Meet Many Former Noxen Friends On Trip West

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crispell and his father, Elmer Crispell, all of Noxen, have returned after a six and one-half week's trip to the West Coast during which they visited twenty-six states and Mexico.

The trip was in observance of Earl and Helen's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and included along the route stops for chats with many former Noxen boys and girls.

On the trip out which was over the Southern route through Louisiana and Texas with a side trip to Mexico, they visited at Brownsville, Texas, with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Goba. Mrs. Goba is the former Elba Jones, daughter of Fred "Peg" Jones, well-known Noxen sportsman and mason. Elba has three children. Her husband manages several citrus groves.

In Redwood City, California, the Crispells visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hastings, Walter Dendler and Edward Dendler. Mrs. Hastings is the former Bina Dendler a sister of Walter and Edward, all the children of Mrs. Albert Dendler

of Noxen. Mr. Hastings is employed in the aircraft industry and Bina is supervisor of Nurses at Redwood City Hospital. Both Walter and Edward are in the restaurant business.

At Spokane, Washington, they met Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blizzard. Harry is parts manager in an automobile agency and has two fine boys. He is the son of Walter Blizzard of Noxen.

At Headquarters, Idaho, center of the lumbering industry, they met George Rauch, son of the Mrs. Rauch and the late Dr. George H. Rauch of Noxen. George has five children and is a graduate forester with the U. S. Forestry Service. George and Lawrence May, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert May of Noxen are also located at Headquarters. Lawrence has two sons and is district manager for Standard Oil Company, and George who has a little daughter is in the lumber industry at nearby Potlatch.

The return home was over the northern route with stops in Chicago and other points of interest along the way.

New Fire Engine Gets Work-Out

Responds To Alarm Of Two Blazing Barns

Kunkle's new fire engine, the result of concerted effort by everybody in the community, got its first work-out last Friday when a severe electric storm set fire to two barns in quick succession.

The Harry S. Smith Fire Company was hampered in its services by delay in notification of the barn blaze at Denmans, Beaumont. The Denman telephone was knocked out by the bolt of lightning, making necessary a trip to Beaumont to notify the fire company, while the blaze made headway. From Haas' store in Beaumont the telephone line to Kunkle was still out of order, but connections were made through Fred Swanson, Harveys Lake Fire Chief.

The Harry S. Smith fire truck, Fred Dodson at the wheel, thundered to the scene, picking up twenty volunteers en route, only to find that the barn was now beyond salvation. Damage was estimated at \$2,000. Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company joined in the futile fight. It was while the fire engines were operating at Denman's that the call came to battle a barn blaze in Buckwheat Hollow, on the road leading from Sterling Farm to Noxen.

Kunkle and Harveys Lake Fire Companies collaborated at the Perry Patton farm in an attempt to save a huge barn which had just received its last load of hay from the fields. Ordinarily accommodating sixteen head of cattle, the barn was empty, except for one cow, which was saved. The barn was a total loss, estimated at \$15,000, part of it covered by insurance.

No Firemen's Meeting

Back Mountain Volunteer Firemen's Association will hold no meeting during August. The next meeting will be the fall meeting at Trucksville Fire House in September.

Dallas Indians Find A Sponsor

Harris Haycox Will Furnish Equipment

Through the good offices of Harris Haycox who is a Little League Fan, Lazarus Department Store in Wilkes-Barre will sponsor the Dallas Indians baseball team in the Little League.

The store will furnish T-shirts and caps as well as a catcher's breast protector for the team this year, this being all the equipment the local League teams are using this season. Next season they expect to have complete outfits.

The Indians defeated Trucksville on Monday night before a crowd of 200 spectators on the Devens Diamond on Lake street.

The Indian publicity agent, "Billy" Shaver had this to say of the game. In a thrilling contest Monday night, the Indians defeated Trucksville Tigers 5 to 4. Trailing 4 to 1 coming into the sixth inning, Dallas came up with 4 big runs to go on to win.

"We urge every one to come out and watch us play. We'll really show you how it is done. Under the management of James Durkin, Dallas hopes to go all the way including to Williamsport. The Indians have a good start with two wins one loss."

The Indians team is composed of Billy Shaver, third base; Burt Berrettini, first base and pitcher; Jimmy Thomas, catcher; Chuck Allabaugh, pitcher, and third base; Danny Richards, second base; Jack Yaple, short stop; Bob Piznar, center field; Lee Ohlman, left field and Dick Vanderbrook, right field. At a meeting Saturday night in Trucksville Fire House Charles Steinhauer of Trucksville was elected League Commissioner and Albert Gibbs, Dallas, was elected president.

Two other teams are being organized at Fernbrook and Lehman. Other officers are: Merton Coolbaugh, vice president; William Thomas, secretary and Verne Pritchard, treasurer.

This Saturday night there will be a meeting of all team members officials, parents and others interested at Trucksville Fire House at 8. Three motion pictures will be shown: "The Little League", "International Air Races" and "Soap Box Derby". The public is invited.

1950 Ford Meets Ornamental Fence

Hearing a crash across Harveys Lake while examining Judge Thomas Lewis' boathouse at noon on Tuesday for clues to a breaking and entering, Chief of Police Fred Swanson got into his car and ran around the Lake to the home of Mrs. Stanley Freeman, where he found her 1950 Ford smashed against the ornamental iron fence at the foot of the lawn. The car had slipped its brakes and started down the gentle grade, gathering speed as it went. Headlights and fenders were damaged.

Lions Club To Hear Sgt. Robert Letteer

Sgt. Robert Letteer, of Troop B, Third Squadron State Police, will explain the duties of a State Policeman at the dinner meeting of Old Toll Gate Lion's Club on Tuesday night.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Prohibition Rally Draws Large Crowd

Blews and Crispell Urge Voters Not To Become Discouraged

Dr. Richard R. Blews, Prohibition nominee for Governor of Pennsylvania spoke at a largely attended mass meeting at the Dallas Free Methodist Camp Grounds on Saturday afternoon. Dr. Blews was introduced by Rev. H. D. Olver, Jr., district superintendent of the Free Methodist Church.

Dr. Blews spoke of the two greatest advances in moral legislation made by the United States. "After the question of Slavery had been left unsolved by the framers of the Constitution, the people rose to great moral height when President Lincoln issued his immortal Emancipation Proclamation

Nominee For Governor



RICHARD R. BLEWS

and the Congress of the United States and the States approved the Emancipation Amendment. Once again the people of the United States rose to great, Moral height in the overwhelming approval of the Prohibition Amendment. It was approved by forty-six states, Rhode Island and Connecticut being the only two that did not ratify."

Dr. Blews emphasized that moral legislation without honest enforcement is insufficient. "We must have honest enforcement. We need an administration that is pledged to Prohibition and that will wipe out the greatest curse in America today." Dr. Blews stated that there are one million alcoholics in America. "There are from four to five million hard drinkers." Dr. Blews, if elected Governor on November 7, wishes to emancipate the people of Pennsylvania from the curse of liquor.

Others who spoke were Mrs. Edward Keen, president of Luzerne County Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Francis A. Smith, chairman Luzerne County Prohibition Committee; and Albert J. Crispell, Prohibition Party nominee for Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Crispell urged the people to take a long range view and not to be discouraged if on November 7 Prohibition candidates are not elected. "I am personally looking forward to the year 1960 when our Party may be able to elect its first National Candidate to office," said Mr. Crispell. "It was just 100 years previous to that date when the new Republican party elected its first Presidential candidate, Abraham Lincoln."

Mr. Crispell urged the people to think of their vote cast for Prohibition candidates as a monument erected to the ideals in which they believe. He expressed the hope that between now and 1960 the Party may be able to develop the necessary organization and leadership required to carry out the principles of the Prohibition Platform.

Pet Parade To Offer Prizes

Every dog in town will have a chance to be a hero to his master Wednesday, August 23, when Dallas Business Association sponsors a Pard Pet Parade to be judged at the Acme Parking lot.

Pedigreed pooches and "just plain dogs" will walk side by side and will have an equal chance at a long list of awards. The only qualifications are that the dog be accompanied by his master, and that he be properly entered in the parade. Entry blanks and rules for the parade may be obtained from Dallas merchants.

Court Rejects Mill Ordinance

Luzerne County Court en banc yesterday handed down a decision finding the ordinance illegal that would bring Natona Mills into Dallas Borough.

The case was tried some months ago before Judge Frank Pinola and argued before the court en banc composed of Judges Pinola, Apocik, Lewis and Flannery on June 8.

In handing down its decision the court found that "the map of the Borough showing the boundary after the annexation is not a correct representation of the description because the beginning point is incorrectly located on the southerly side of the State highway."

"The point of beginning of Parcel 1 of the land described in the ordinance, to wit, 'the intersection of the northerly side of Car Avenue and Warden Street as laid out in the plot of lots allotted by Inman Realty Company' is not 'on the southerly side of the State Highway from Dallas to Harveys Lake' but is 7.22 feet distant therefrom."

The court found that the area annexed contains narrow strips of land owned by Wilkes-Barre Railway Company and Howard Warden. Since Dale Realty Company is but one of the free holders the petition does not represent a majority of the freeholders.

Atty. Jonathan Valentine representing Dallas Township School Board, had challenged the legality and propriety of the Borough's ordinance.

The court ruled that the petition for annexation being "signed by but one of the freeholders whose property is included in the description and the map relieves us of the necessity of passing on the property of the ordinance."

William Young Buried Saturday

As surely a casualty of World War II as if he had died in prison camp or fallen on the rocks of Corregidor, William H. Young, 45, late of Tunkhannock, passed away Thursday morning at 2, at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre where he had been a patient for the past month.

He is buried in quiet Overfield cemetery at Meshoppen, in sight of the river he had dreamed about while in a Japanese prison camp for an interminable three years and three months, first at Santo Tomas and later at Los Banos in the Philippines. An enthusiastic fisherman, he had a summer cottage near Meshoppen.

Associated with the Far Eastern Division of National City Bank for twenty-five years, Mr. Young had held posts in Singapore, Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Dairen, South Manchuria, and Manila. It was during the attack on Manila that he was taken prisoner at Corregidor. During his internment, he was chosen by popular vote to administer the prisoners' affairs. Malnutrition and hardship at this time laid the foundation for future ill health.

Rescued in 1945, and returned to the United States on leave, in 1945, he returned to Manila at the termination of the war at the specific request of General MacArthur, to assist in reopening the National City Bank and restoration of stable currency. Taken gravely ill at this time he came home on a freighter, accompanied by his wife, the former Martha Shepherd of Goss Manor, who had flown out on the first Clipper after being informed of the situation.

Hospitalized in San Francisco, Mr. Young eventually came east by train, and the couple made their home for a year with Mrs. George Shepherd, Goss Manor, later purchasing a home in Tunkhannock after retirement from business.

Mrs. Young had lived in Manila prior to hostilities, but the bank had evacuated all dependents to safety in America before war actually struck the Philippines.

Mr. Young, a native of Schenectady, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Young, attended Union College and Harvard International Law School. Mrs. Young is a graduate of Goucher.

Residents of Dallas were saddened by the news of his grave illness and death. Prayers were offered at Prince of Peace Chapel on Sunday, at the request of Charles Flack.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; his father, John W. Young, Lake Carey and St. Louis; an aunt, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted from the funeral Chapel in Tunkhannock Saturday afternoon at 2, Rev. William D. Schmidgall, Episcopalian rector, and Rev. William Jones of the Presbyterian Church, officiating.