

Editorially Speaking:

More Light Than Heat

Every parent who is sincerely interested in the educational welfare of his child should find some way to attend the meetings of The Back Mountain Committee for Better Schools.

He will learn there through an interchange of ideas with his neighbors in his own and neighboring townships that nothing is wrong with our schools that cannot be overcome by sincere study and understanding of the problems of our school boards and of those charged with the administration of our schools.

If there is a single slogan that could be applied to the Back Mountain Committee it is "Let there be more light than heat" in the solution of our common school problems.

Through the generous use of sub committees on which many members will serve, the Committee hopes to learn in the weeks ahead more about our own schools and what is needed to make them better.

It is not starting out with any pet peeves, but is reaching its conclusions scientifically after all of the evidence is in. There will be times when its accomplishments will seem slow, when some will become impatient for action, but good hard sense will prevail and the conclusions of the committee will be respected by parents, taxpayers, school administrators and school boards alike.

If you are genuinely interested in your child, your school and your community, you will put your shoulder to the wheel and push.

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

A familiar voice came over the wire, and Bess Klinetob was on the line. It has been some time since Miss Klinetob has gleaned local items from Sweet Valley, but no sooner did she return from Afton, N. Y., than she sharpened her pencil and started the Sweet Valley roundup.

We passed the time of day, and started to take notes. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long entertained—, said—

the disembodied voice at the other end, then the line started buzzing. I hung up and returned to deciphering hieroglyphics scratched hastily upon a pad in response to a former phone call.

The phone rang, and there was Miss Klinetob. "Now did you get that whole item about the Longs before somebody cut us off?" she inquired.

"I got as far as Mr. and Mrs. Long, and that's all."

"Well, I'll give it to you again. Got a pencil? Must be something wrong with this phone. Every time I start talking to somebody, I get cut off. Didn't use to be that way. I could give you six pages of Sweet Valley notes and nobody ever thought of cutting in."

"It's the new dial system. It cuts you off after seven minutes."

"Seven minutes? I wasn't talking more than three minutes that time. I just got started telling you about Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long entertaining—"

This time there was a brief interval employed in answering the other telephone. Then the first telephone rang again.

"Well, isn't that the limit? How does the phone company think anybody can get items to the paper? Now that automatic cut-off is O.K. for some of the long winded people on the circuit, but when it is a matter of business, it's different."

"Uh-huh, I was trying to get some dope on the school directors' meeting one day, with an obituary on the side and a spot of Lake Silkworth Water Carnival, and it took three connections to wind up the business."

"Well, that's the way it goes. Got your pencil? Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long entertained—"

This time there was no interval at all before the other desk phone jingled. The receiver emitted blue sparks. When these had faded to a pale lavender, I adjusted the ear-piece, one eye on the clock, one on the pad of paper.

"Well, you probably got all that information on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long before we got cut off, didn't you?"

It seemed too cruel to suggest that the information had been fed into an empty wire, so we started on Rev. and Mrs. Ira Button, and worked through the Alfred Bronsons before the familiar warning signal was heard. Miss Klinetob speeded up. "Now be sure to get this relationship right," she warned, "last time the paper said it was her brother-in-law, but it isn't her brother-in-law, it's his sister-in-law, and you mustn't mix up the families that way. Families are touchy. So here it is. Mr. and Mrs.—"

The wire was dead again, and my evening transportation stood in the doorway, suggesting that it was five fifteen.

I assayed the meager stack of notes on Sweet Valley. "There'll be a lot more, you'd better empty some wastebaskets."

The phone rang. "You know," said Miss Klinetob, "This would set me crazy. You get your thought all organized and then you have to speed up before you get cut off. Don't know why they ever installed this system anyway. Must set business people wild. You'd be giving an order to the grocery store and get halfway through the (Continued on Page Six)

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Booster Day Surges Ahead

Center Board Hears Heartening Reports

Preparations for Back Mountain Community Booster Day are on schedule, according to reports made by committees to the Executive Board on Tuesday evening.

James Gansel, announced chairman for each parade division: M. J. Brown, parade marshal; Ord Trumbower, Dwight Fisher, Harry Bittenbender, horses; Joe Schuler and Dave Schooley, fire companies; Jim Gansel, State and local police; Norman Smith, bands; Calvin McHose, civic organizations; John Nash, American Legion; Ken Rice, farmers; Al Bowman, businessmen.

Police will send two white cars and enough men so that local officers can walk in the parade without guarding the intersections. To eliminate tying up the main highway, the parade will make a circuit of Church Street, Lake Street, and Center Hill Road, passing through the parking lot at the Acme, the parade forming and disbanding at Dallas Township school.

Little girls under ten in the doll parade will march a limited distance with their elders and be transported the remaining distance in cars, dropping out or joining the parade en route according to later instructions. They will have their own parade on the athletic field at 2 P. M. This feature is being sponsored by Dallas Woman's Club, with Mrs. Gus Condoras as chairman.

Vic Cross has arranged two baseball games. Little-League All-Star teams selected from Dallas, Trucksville and Shavertown teams, and an adult game between winning teams of Back Mountain League.

White elephant booth will be in charge of Mrs. Floyd Chamber-Rotary; fish pond, Dorothy Dodson, Kunkle Silver-Leaf Club; baked goods, Mrs. David Joseph, Kiwanis; refreshment tent, Senior Girl Scouts, Dallas; Mike Godek, pony rides.

Mrs. Guy Dunham is chairman of the Turkey Supper which will be served cafeteria style in the school dining room. The menu now contemplated is roast turkey, seasonal vegetables, mashed potato, hot biscuits, gravy, ice cream and cake. Dinner will start at 5 P. M. and continue until all are served.

The evening dance, sponsored by Dallas Junior Woman's Club, will feature both square and modern dancing, with Al Hudak and his orchestra and the Black Bow Trio furnishing dance music.

Replacements on the Executive Committee are: Fred Swanson, taking the place of Mrs. Robert Payne; Mrs. Ross Lewin, replacing Ted Wilson for Dallas Township; Mrs. William James replacing William Storey, Mrs. Carl Sicker replacing Mrs. Clarence Besteder for Centermoreland.

Floyd Chamberlain, Dallas Township school director, reported a discrepancy between the asking price of \$28,000 for twenty acres of the Van Horn Estate, and the \$10,000 offered by the school board in proposed condemnation proceedings. Location for the Community Center may depend upon closing the gap between the two figures, as the proposed location is a portion of the land under discussion. An alternate location on the town side of the Dallas Township school building was suggested by Mr. Chamberlain.

Present at the meeting were: Norman Smith, president; Mary Weir, secretary; Leonard Bruce, Mrs. Arthur Newman, Dr. Bud F. Schooley, Floyd Chamberlain, Mrs. Ross Lewin, Mrs. Alva Eggleston, Mrs. William James, Mrs. Guy Dunham, James Gansel, Hub Pesa-vento, Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks.

Two Octogenarians Celebrate Birthdays

Mrs. Allie Morris, Franklin Street, and William Cairl, Cemetery Street, celebrated their birthdays on Monday. It was Mrs. Morris' eighty-sixth, Mr. Cairl's eighty-second.

Mrs. Morris, because of recent bereavement in the family, did not have a party, but received many gifts of flowers and many cards, with friends calling throughout the day to wish her well.

Mr. Cairl also celebrated his birthday quietly at home, with gifts from friends and relatives to mark the occasion. Mrs. Cairl will mark her eighty-second birthday in November. The couple recently entertained at their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

GOLFER STUNG BY HORNET COLLAPSES ON 15TH, SPENDS NIGHT UNDER OXYGEN TENT

It happens every once in so often that somebody is allergic to bees, or wasps, or hornets, or anything which generates formic acid. When these unfortunates meet up with the business end of an insect, they suffer.

Henry W. Davis, Kingston, stung on the hand by a hornet at Irem Temple Country Club Sunday afternoon, has recovered almost as suddenly as he collapsed between the 14th and 15th hole, but it took a trip to Nesbitt Hospital and twenty-four hours under an oxygen tent to pull him through.

Dr. Edward Shafer, Kingston who gave first aid on the scene and sent the patient to the hospital, gave it as his opinion that the hornet had selected a vein for his puncture, and that the entire load of formic acid was delivered to the heart.

Lehman-Jackson Starts Thursday

Cafeteria To Serve On Opening Day

Lehman-Jackson Township schools will open on Thursday, adhering to regular daily schedule governing classes and cafeteria.

Lester Squier, in discussing the Thursday opening said that the two preliminary days get new pupils in the habit of working and eating together, and that by Monday of the following week it is a matter of routine.

Lehman schools have a novel arrangement for cafeteria service. Classes are dismissed for lunch as a unit, load their trays, and return to their home-rooms, where their teacher eats with them. This permits closer supervision of eating habits, and allows a teacher to note whether any of the few pupils who bring their lunches from home are getting enough food. State Aid cares for under-nourished children by providing the hot lunch necessary for good health and attention to school work.

Last year 92% of the pupils patronized the cafeteria.

Mrs. Frances Honeywell To Be 88 On Wednesday

Mrs. Frances Honeywell will celebrate her eight-eighth birthday anniversary with a family dinner on Wednesday.

Moving to Shaver avenue, Shavertown, twenty-six years ago after the death of her husband, the late N. Curt Honeywell, Luzerne undertaker, she resided there alone until two years ago. She now lives with her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Montz, 55 N. River street, Wilkes-Barre, though she spends a great deal of time travelling from one daughter to another.

Thoroughly enjoying life, she still runs circles around her children and thinks nothing of making the trip to Fredericksburg, Va., in a day. She is a faithful reader of the Dallas Post and an ardent radio fan.

She has four daughters, Mrs. Montz, Mrs. Charles Jones of Philadelphia, Mrs. Harold Shappelle of Trucksville and Mrs. Lewis Jones of Fredericksburg; also seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

While living in Shavertown, she was an active member of Shavertown Methodist Church.

Jackson Firemen Plan Social, Square Dance

Jackson firemen will hold a combination Ice Cream social and Farmer Dance Friday evening, September 8 at Conyngham's Coach Barn, Hillside Farm.

The firemen will serve ice cream made right on the spot, home-made cake with soda, coffee and frankfurts.

Firemen will meet Tuesday, September 5 instead of Labor Day. All firemen are urged to be present to make final plans for Friday night at the Conyngham Farm and to lay plans for the annual Fall Festival, Trucksville Fire House, October 21.

Picnic For Husbands

Dallas Junior Woman's Club will entertain husbands and friends at Harveys Lake picnic grounds Saturday night, September 9 at 7. All members are asked to bring a covered dish, corn, hot dogs, buns, and table settings.

Machine Lands On 17th Green

Four Young People Have Narrow Escape

Four prominent young people had a narrow escape from serious injury Sunday night at 8:30 when their Chevrolet sedan was crowded off the highway and went over an embankment at the seventeenth green at Irem Temple Country Club.

Shaken up were John and Alice Daw and Mike and Nancy Wood all of Harveys Lake. They were treated by Dr. W. J. Daw who was summoned from Harveys Lake and who took them home. They received x-ray examination at a hospital the following day.

The party was driving toward the Country Club from the West Dallas entrance when they were crowded off the State maintained road by another machine which failed to stop. The right rear wheel left the highway but, Wood who was driving, was able to keep the front wheels on the road for a distance of thirty feet. Then the machine went down over a thirty foot drop striking a tree which clipped the right top side and continued fourteen to sixteen feet before the front end hit a pine tree at the edge of the seventeenth green which prevented the car from toppling over.

The highway at that point has a narrow two-foot shoulder and no guard rails.

Sails Aug. 23 On S. S. Washington

Mrs. Jacob Anderes Visits Homeland

Mrs. Jacob Anderes, Center Hill road, Dallas, sailed for Germany, August 23 on the United States Liner S. S. Washington, for the first visit to the land of her birth since 1928. She plans to visit friends and relatives in Upper Bavaria, and also family and friends of Mrs. John Dreher, Trucksville, a native of Schwaaben.

Mrs. Anderes has timed her visit to coincide with the presentation of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, a pageant of world-wide interest given every ten years. Her sailing schedule allows her to reach the home of her brother in Oberammergau with plenty of time to spare.

She is accompanied by two former girlhood friends, the Misses Bertha and Louise Bauman, of Philadelphia. The trio will land at Le Havre, thence go by train to Paris en route to Munich.

Mrs. Anderes will return early in December.

Martin Sets 7th For Opening

Kingston Township Schools will open Thursday. All students living in Trucksville, Shavertown, and Jackson Township bus pupils will report to their respective school buildings at 9:30 a. m. These pupils will be dismissed by noon.

Kingston Township elementary school pupils will be picked up along their routes starting at 8:30 A. M.

Kingston Township school buses will start on their routes at 12:30 that day. All students expecting to come to school by bus will report to the high school by 1 o'clock where they will be sent to their respective rooms.

Elementary school pupils who come by bus will be assigned to Shavertown and Trucksville schools so that each classroom will have an equal number of pupils.

A beginner must have been born on or before January 31, 1949 and must present a vaccination certificate and a birth certificate at the time of registration. Students transferring from other school districts must present a record of birth, vaccination, and of previous school grades.

The high school cafeteria will serve lunch on Friday. The elementary schools will serve milk on Friday. High school students wishing to be served at the cafeteria will bring 15 cents on Thursday, for Friday's lunch, and 75 cents on Friday for the following week's lunches. All elementary school pupils wishing to secure milk for their lunches will bring 3 cents on Thursday for Friday's milk and 15 cents on Friday for the following week's milk.

There will be a meeting of all teachers on Wednesday, September 6, at 10 in the high school library.

Church Festival Runs All Week

Favorable Location Attracts Motorists

Five hundred attended the opening Monday night of Prince of Peace Festival sponsored by the Men's Club. The festival, which will continue through tomorrow night, is located in the triangle between Route 309 and Memorial Highway, with unlimited space for parking and easy exit.

The Goddard brothers have a concession for hot buttered home-grown corn, there are the classic hot dogs and hamburgs, pizza is featured, and soft drinks and coffee. Acres of home-made huckleberry pie have been served whole and by the piece.

Tommy Andrews serves rabbit-burgers, a novelty for most motorists, scarcely distinguishable from chicken.

The bell, recently removed from the Goss School and destined to hang in the bell tower of the church, is now hanging from a stout iron standard on the festival grounds with a chest beneath it to hold donations to the building fund. Each donor is allowed one pull at the bell rope and one tap of the bell.

The Bingo game offers as prizes baskets of groceries with a bag of sugar on top and a cake of soap buried inside, a greater lure than the customary kewpie doll. Ground prizes, determined by ticket stubs, are awarded each evening. A purchase from any contributing merchant of Wyoming Valley or Back Mountain nets a ticket.

For the children there are swings and games, Si Davis of Forty Fort has the concessions for the festival.

General Chairman is Ralph Davis, co-chairman J. Sheldon Cave; Arlean Bowman, refreshments, assisted by women of the Auxiliary; Charles W. Lee, Grounds; Elwood Hudson and Donald Evans, publicity; Donald Clark and H. Weaver, entertainment and prizes; Tommy Andrews, posters; Howard Young and Bob Considine, booths.

Dallas Schools Open Wednesday

Township Cafeteria To Serve September 6

Dallas Borough and Dallas Township schools will open on Wednesday, September 6. Both schools have had desks revarnished, gymnasium floors refinished and a good bit of interior decoration.

Both schools will open at the usual hour on Wednesday, Dallas Township will dismiss at 2 p. m. The cafeteria will be in operation on Wednesday.

Playground apparatus purchased by the P.T.A. late in the spring will be installed at Dallas Borough school shortly after the opening. The home economics room has been redecorated.

The dining room adjacent to the cafeteria at Dallas Township has been finished. It was used last year, but several things remained to be done. Prior to that, students took their trays from the cafeteria to their own home rooms.

Grading of a hillock north of the school is furnishing dirt for a fill necessary in the athletic field, and resulting in enlarged level ground which may be used eventually as a parking lot or a small children's playground.

Dallas Borough will have two replacements on the faculty, both for teachers on leave. Eugene W. Groff replaces P. E. Reithoffer who is taking his Masters degree at University of Florida; Mrs. Mary C. Morgan replaces Mrs. Margaret Gafris, teaching fifth and sixth grades.

Dallas Township has two replacements in the secondary school, with one vacancy not yet filled, that of Home Economics instructor. Miss Mildred Hart, Kingston, a graduate of East Strudsburg State Teachers' College will replace Miss Mary Mulderig as instructor in Physical Education for girls; Robert Thomas, Plymout, graduate of Bucknell, will take over Science and Coaching, succeeding Thomas Edwards. In the elementary school, Miss Betty Stubbs, Wilkes-Barre, will take the fourth grade post left vacant by the resignation of Miss Mary O'Neill.

To Meet Wednesday

Back Mountain Volunteer Firemen Association will hold an outdoor meeting with substantial refreshments at the Trucksville Fire Hall on Wednesday Evening, September 6, at 8 p. m. All firemen are invited. Joseph Schuler, president, will preside.

Jordan Heads Committee To Study Schools

Paul Gross Elected Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Yeager, Secretary

Dr. Lester Jordan, was elected chairman; Paul Gross, vice chairman and Mrs. Mary Yeager, secretary of Back Mountain Citizens' Committee for Better Public Schools at a well attended meeting Monday night at The Dallas Post Building.

They immediately took office replacing temporary officers, Francis Ambrose, chairman; C. M. Brooke, vice chairman, and Paul Mulcey, secretary.

The meeting started promptly at 8 and closed shortly after 10, a policy established by Dr. Jordan for all following meetings.

For the most part the meeting was concerned with a report of a survey of school health facilities made by Mrs. John J. Welker and Mrs. J. W. Gross in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township Schools.

They presented a series of questions to the three high school principals who could answer them "yes" or "no". Some of the questions were as follows:

Do you have hot and cold running water in all of your lavatories every day? All answered "yes";

Do you have bubbling water in the drinking fountains all day? All answered "yes", qualified by "poor water pressure sometimes retards the flow";

Do you have soap in lavatories? Two answered "yes". The third said teachers have soap in their desks for children who want it.

Are there plenty of paper towels and tissue? Three answered, "yes".

Do you have good drainage to septic tanks? Three replied "yes". Are there air filters in the ventilating system? All said they didn't know, but wondered if they were required with univent system.

Do teachers conduct daily health inspection? Two replied "yes" in elementary grades. Third said, "that is for school nurse to decide."

Does the school nurse take sick children home? Two principals said they would take elementary children home, or have a high school pupil accompanied by teacher or another student. Third said he never takes children home and there is no State law to require it.

Do teachers have first aid training? First, said he didn't think so. Other two said, "some may."

Does school nurse have any other work? All three answered "nothing but her own work."

Does nurse check absentees? Two replied, "no". Third said, "yes, if principal tells her she makes visit."

Does nurse have any classes? Two replied "no", one replied, "six hours a week."

Does ill child go home alone? Two replied "no", third replied that he does not take ill children home.

Do you have periods when building is completely ventilated all replied in the negative suggesting that thermostatically controlled heating systems take care of ventilation problems.

Mrs. Welker's report contained many other questions and answers giving the committee a rather complete picture of health provisions for children in all three schools.

Dr. Jordan than asked Francis Ambrose to explain a consolidated report of enrollment figures for the five school districts, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Franklin Township, Kingston and Jackson Townships.

Copies of these figures, as well as a summary of the previous meeting were available for all present. Dr. Jordan advised members of the committee to keep individual letter files containing these reports which will be supplemented at every meeting with new reports made by various sub committees on some phase of school activity.

Because many more persons are showing interest at each meeting in the Back Mountain Citizens' Committee, it was suggested that the next meeting be held in Trucksville Fire Hall. It was also voted to have all general meetings of the committee held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Inspector Resigns

James Besecker has resigned as Dallas Borough Building Inspector. The position is being filled temporarily by Fred Welsh who will probably be appointed permanently at the next meeting of Borough Council on Tuesday night.