

| BOX SCORE | | |
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| Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious Accidents Since V-J Day | | |
| | Hospitalized | Killed |
| DALLAS | 10 | 13 |
| DALLAS TOWNSHIP | 3 | 2 |
| LEHMAN | 1 | 1 |
| KINGSTON TOWNSHIP | 40 | 5 |
| JACKSON TOWNSHIP | 2 | |
| MONROE TOWNSHIP | 3 | 1 |
| ROSS TOWNSHIP | 2 | |
| LAKE TOWNSHIP | 12 | 1 |
| FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP | 2 | |
| TOTAL | 75 | 25 |

Bringing Zoning Ordinances To Modern Standards

Since the enactment of the State's first zoning legislation in 1919 many Pennsylvania communities have taken advantage of the powers conferred on them to protect their residential and business areas, to improve their appearance and to assure the stability of their land values. Zoning has proved itself in Pennsylvania in hundreds of localities, which would not under any circumstances, now give up this protection. Many other communities have failed to adopt zoning ordinances and are now experiencing serious difficulties as a consequence.

Even where ordinances were adopted a decade or more ago and have since been enforced it would be advisable to re-examine the community's growths and needs. The now universal use of the automobile, changes in types of business and industry and the development of neighborhood shopping centers are among the influences which have gradually but often drastically changed our land-use pattern. Our present ordinances have frequently failed to keep abreast of these varying influences.

In modern ordinances the lack of space on our streets for automobile parking has been dealt with by requiring off-street parking for all new buildings other than single family residences. Most of the communities in Pennsylvania have traffic congestion. Are they taking advantage of this long-range solution of the problem?

Population density, or the number of families per acre, bears a close relationship to the facilities which a community must provide, such as schools, parks, sewer and water mains and fire and police protection. Density regulations have been omitted in most of our local ordinances.

To develop a community into convenient "neighborhoods," the zoning ordinance must be flexible enough to provide the varying types of dwellings and uses needed in such units. How many of our ordinances are based on a community plan designed to guide the development of satisfactory neighborhoods? How many provide for the inclusive of such uses by special exception or by proper amendment proceedings?

The theory that industrial districts need no protection, and are a "catch-all" for all types of uses, has been adopted too many times in the past.

To prevent future blight and to maintain existing property values, the most progressive ordinances prohibit the erection of new dwellings in industrial districts. Philadelphia is among the communities that recognize this need, and on January 5, 1950, amended its ordinance to give industrial districts the same protection that has been extended to residential areas.

Of the three hundred or more zoning ordinances in effect in Pennsylvania communities, there are many that are in dire need of immediate and comprehensive revision. Is your town ordinance one of these?

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

By T. M. B. Hicks, Jr.

Too many parents these days are not willing to allow pets in their children. This is the expressed opinion that pets are a nuisance and not worth the trouble. There is the feeling that upholstered furniture will take a beating, that the rug will suffer, that cat hairs will cling to the best suit, that a kitten will claw the table legs, that a puppy will require an excursion late at night.

All these things will happen. Balance them off against the ecstasy of the child when he first holds that warm wiggling bundle of fun against his face, the happy hours that the pair will spend in wholesome rough and tumble play, the pure bliss of a sleeping companion on the foot of the bed at night when the lights go out and the bedroom door is closed against an adult world.

A kitten on the foot of the bed? How dreadful, how unsanitary, how unthinkable!

Nonsense. A kitten or a puppy on the foot of the bed won't do the child a particle of damage. A live pet will overcome the inherited atavistic fear of the dark better than any stuffed rabbit or doll. Suppose the kitten climbs up to the child's neck or face while he sleeps? Well, suppose it does? It is comforting to have something warm and cuddly close at hand, something that can be touched as reassurance against bad dreams.

Kittens like to be clean. A good powder such as Pulvex, dusted lightly into the fur once a week, will keep them acceptable to society, vermin-free. There are dry shampoos to keep them spotless. Many people have found that a kitten can be laundered in a wash-basin, wrapped snugly in a towel until the fur is completely dry and fluffy. Your veterinarian can advise you on vermifuges.

Kittens are easily trained to a sand box, to shredded newspapers, or to mewing at the door when they feel the urge. Puppies are more difficult to train but they are worth it.

You can't bring up children without some wear and tear on the furniture. Make up your mind to this, accept it gracefully, then add a kitten or a puppy to your calculations.

A happy home means a home where every member has some individual freedom, where the children are considered people and not small monsters to be warned off the davenport and routed through the kitchen.

Postpone that extra-special davenport and those Persian rugs until the children are beyond the stage where they like to sprawl in dungarees with a puppy. They'll be grown up before you know it. You'll have years in which to bask in the orderliness of a quite household.

And once you have the puppy or the kitten, don't banish it to the

cellar. The only way you can train a pet is to have it under your watchful eye the first few days. Use a rolled newspaper for discipline, but don't be too hard on the pet. He is doing his best to please you, and will cooperate as soon as he knows what you want him to do.

Folks who spend sleepless nights planning finances for a college education fifteen years in advance, yet fail to assure Johnny of a happy childhood here and now, are lacking in a sense of proportion. It is the present that we have. Who knows in this changing world what the future may bring?

If your child wants a pet, let him have it. And don't be cross when the inevitable happens. Take it in your stride. There'll be some cleaning up to do, and who says you can't do it, holding your tongue firmly between your teeth while and preserving a pleasant smile for Johnny? No nagging. Johnny will remember that his Mom was always equal to anything.

Community Carols Program Announced

Program for the Christmas Community Carol Service on Sunday at 3 P. M. in the Acme parking lot includes greetings from Arlean Bowman, president of the Businessmen's Association, introductions and announcements by Dr. Robert Bodycomb, Master of Ceremonies, a five minute talk by Rev. William Williams, rector of Prince of Peace, and benediction by Rev. Fred Reinfurt, Dallas Methodist Church.

The Girls Glee Club, Dallas Borough High School, will sing a chorale, "Deck the Halls," directed by Lester Lewis, who will also lead the community singing. A brass quartette from the High School band will accompany all selections.

Community singing will feature well known and universally loved Christmas carols, "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful," "Joy To The World," "Hark The Herald Angels Sing," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," and the finale, "Silent Night."

Entertain Husbands

Women of Dallas Rotary entertained their husbands at a dinner dance at the Irem Country Club last night.

School Jointure Discussion Held Tuesday Evening

Committee Makes Notable Strides Toward Its Goal

With fifty interested people attending the Tuesday night meeting of the Citizens Committee For Better Schools, Dr. L. E. Jordan, president, and Frances Ambrose, Committee member, feel that public acceptance of eventual school district jointure is several steps nearer realization.

Mr. Ambrose, in reporting for Lake Township, stated that the School Board is ready at any time to study the advantages of jointure with members of the Citizens Committee, that it feels public funds could be saved by such jointure, and better facilities offered its students. A date, Saturday morning, has been set for the discussion.

Paul Mulcey reported that Kingston Township and Dallas Borough Boards would meet the following night, Wednesday, to try to work out a jointure plan acceptable to both communities.

Thomas Shelburne spoke on jointure in general, pointing out substantial savings to be made in taxpayers' money, coupled with sound educational advantages which would accrue with forces instead of spread thin over too great a territory.

Charles Brooks, representing Kingston Township, brought to the attention of the committee the requirements of government housing plans which allow no government funds to be used to support schools lacking in certain minimum educational requirements. There is a one-hundred unit housing project in the wind. Children from this project would be necessarily accommodated at Back Mountain schools, but there would be no taxes turned to the school district unless requirements in facilities and teaching standards should be met.

Robert Currie, president of Kingston Township School Board, placed himself on record approving popular vote on jointure.

Franklin Township, which now sends its pupils to Dallas Township under a tuition arrangement, is reportedly in possession of a surplus, whereas under the old arrangement of maintaining its own schools it operated with a school district deficit.

Estimates indicate that Dallas Township, under jointure, would operate on a budget of \$114,446 as against a present budget of \$132,000; Dallas Borough \$51,121 as opposed to the present \$56,000.

Our boys, pointed out Mr. Ambrose, are all in it together in Korea, defending the idea of a thirty-eighth parallel. There is a parallel much nearer home which deserves the studied attention of taxpayers who support the schools and parents who have children in the schools.

Crash Victims Recovering

Hospital Lists Condition Fair

Three of the six young people admitted to Nesbitt Hospital following the traffic accident early Saturday evening on Harveys Lake Highway which cost the life of Dorothy Kreidler, are listed as still in only fair condition. All of them are improving.

Arlene Smith, Exeter, seriously injured, is beginning to recover. Vincent Shea and Robert Fushon, both of Pittston, are listed as fair.

Charlotte Homschek of Pittston has been discharged.

William Stevens, driver of the car which skidded on a patch of ice and crashed headlong into a car coming from the opposite direction, was treated for cuts and abrasions and discharged as not needing hospitalization. According to James Gansel, Township constable, who appeared before Justice of the Peace Thomas Robinson with Stevens, the driver will answer charges of involuntary manslaughter.

Passes State Exam

Mrs. Catherine R. Harding, widow of Pfc. Clyde P. Harding of Trucksville, victim of 109th Field Artillery train crash, has received notice that she passed her State Board examinations for certification as a registered nurse. She is engaged in private duty nursing.

Glazed Highway Causes Death

Ira Pifer Thrown From Cinder Truck

Ira Pifer, 58, resident of Idetown and State Highway Department employee, died at Nesbitt Hospital Monday night, twenty-four hours after being catapulted from the rear of a cinder truck.

The truck, driven by Russell A. Rogers, had completed cindering the west-bound lane of the highway between Dallas and Harveys Lake and had reached Natona Mills eastbound, when a car driven by John Robertson, Luzerne, crashed into the rear of the truck. Pifer thrown heavily from his stance at the rear, was rushed to Nesbitt Hospital by John Roman, Sweet Valley, a passing motorist.

Mr. Pifer regained consciousness during the trip to the hospital, was able to give himself some assistance in getting into the wheelchair that met the car at the ramp. Though X-Rays revealed a fracture, death was unexpected. He was operated upon Monday afternoon.

This is the second time that death has struck the family in the past two weeks. Mrs. Pifer's father, Jacob Johnson, who lived in the home next door, was buried on Saturday, November 25.

Mr. Pifer had been in the employ of the State Highway Department for the past five years, a resident of Idetown for twenty-five. It is Mr. Pifer who made and sold the special Christmas wreaths so widely distributed through the region.

He was a native of Shickshinny. Survivors are his widow, Blanche; a daughter, Mrs. Emma Houseknecht, Wilkes-Barre; a sister, Mrs. Warren Killian, Shickshinny; and a brother, Charles, Benton.

Five Dallas Couples Married For Fifty Years Are Honored

Five Dallas couples who have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversaries were honored guests at a dinner attended by their friends and neighbors Wednesday evening at Dallas Methodist Church.

The affair was sponsored by the W. S. C. S. and marred only by the absence of Mr. and Mrs. William Cairl who were to have been the sixth honored couple. Mr. Cairl was stricken suddenly ill Wednesday afternoon while performing his duties as church sexton and placed under the care of a physician.

After they had marched down the aisle to "Here Comes The Bride," the ten honored guests were seated with Rev. Frederick W. Reinfurt at a special table, while others sat at nearby tables, beautifully decorated with huge bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums and golden candles.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Line, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Whipp, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mintzer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Rood, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dennis.

Mrs. Raymond Kuhnert was master of ceremonies, and Mrs. Edgar Brace was Quizz Master. Mrs.

Robbers Enter Dallas Floral Through Window

Loot Includes Television Set Valued At \$400

William Guyette, Trucksville Radio Shop, lost \$1100 worth of television and radio models Tuesday night when burglars broke into Dallas Floral Shop on Harveys Lake Highway and stole a \$400 R.C.A. console television set, snatching up additional small stock, before making their getaway.

The thieves entered through a plate glass window facing the driveway which separates Dallas Floral Shop from Dallas Portable Welding Company next door, presumably at 9:30 P. M. when Mrs. Walter Rowett, who lives directly across the highway, heard a crash and looked out of her window to see if it indicated an auto accident. A few minutes later she saw a black torpedo-stern sedan drive away.

The robbers lifted pieces of plate glass from the frame to make removal of merchandise easier, and left some good fingerprints, which together with tire tracks and distinctive foot-prints are being investigated by the State Police.

Toasters, electric mixers, electric irons, and sweepers, in addition to the television set and small radios, formed part of the loot. The burglarly was not discovered until Sam Ashley opened his shop Wednesday morning. Lester Fiske and Charles Metzger, Dallas Borough officers, made a preliminary investigation, and summoned State Police.

Signs indicate that there were at least two men, one rather heavy and with large feet, one lighter.

Directors Give Green Light To Plan For Joint District

Kingston Township And Dallas Borough To Be One District By Next September

JUDGES OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTING WILL TOUR AREA DECEMBER 23

Dallas Businessmen are again sponsoring a Back Mountain Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest, with prizes of \$15, \$10, and \$5. The entry fee will be fifty cents, payable to Eugene Sick, secretary.

Decorations will be judged the Saturday before Christmas, after dark. Lights must be on.

The house that won the first prize last year was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Kozemchak, Huntsville. Decorations were simple, but extraordinarily effective, a front door dressed like a Christmas package, flanked by enormous candy canes.

It is not elaboration that counts, but suitability and decorative value.

Borough Teams Beat Beaumont

Teams Look Good In Opening Games

Dallas Borough cagers, under the leadership of coach Bernard Rockovich, put in a definite bid as one of the teams to beat for the Back Mountain League championship by trouncing Beaumont 67-47 Tuesday night. Arch Austin's Bulldogs were completely outclassed but never gave up and came back with a strong second half finish to overcome a 21-4 first quarter lead. Dallas used its entire team with the first string playing only a limited time.

Frank Pavlick was the top man for the Blue and Gold but had plenty of able assistance from pivot-man "long John" Piznar, Dave Evans and freshman stand-out Gene Brobst. Cross and Patton were outstanding for the visiting Beaumont five.

In the preliminary game, Dallas girls walked all over the Beaumont lassies to take a run-away 31-8 triumph. The Dallas girls were hit from all over the floor with Carolyn Shaffer leading the parade with eight field goals for sixteen points. Rose Ann Pavlick scored four, Nancy Schooley nine and K. Lavelle two points to wind up the Dallas scoring. R. Smith was high for Beaumont with four points while Kresge, Myers and Nimm scored the remaining four points between them. Shaffer alone doubled the entire Beaumont score, and Schooley also topped the combined scoring of the visiting squad. The play of the Dallas varsity guards, Roberts, Moore and Tibus was outstanding.

Mother and Child Thrown from Car

Mrs. Wickham Goes To Hospital

Mrs. Geraldine Wickham, Center Street Shavertown, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital in Woolbert's ambulance Tuesday afternoon after being thrown from the car in which she and her two-year-old son Paul were passengers.

The accident occurred at 2:30 in front of Woodland Inn. A dump truck driven by William Sgarlet, Forty Fort, crashed into the rear of the Chevrolet which Olin Wickham was driving, forcing it against the guard rail. The door flew open, and mother and son were thrown almost under the wheels of the truck.

The victims were taken to Dr. Richard E. Crompton's office, Trucksville, where Paul was treated for bruises and abrasions and Mrs. Wickham, in hourly expectation of becoming a mother, was rushed to the hospital by ambulance.

Write To This Boy

Sgt. Robert Kemmerer, seriously wounded in Korea, has been transferred from Oakland Naval Hospital to Ward 6C Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., where he will be glad to receive letters and cards from friends. He is learning to talk again, and walk without a cane.

In an enlightened and farsighted effort to give Back Mountain boys and girls a better education, directors of Kingston Township and Dallas Borough School Boards met informally Wednesday night at Kingston Township High School and voiced approval of a tentative plan for jointure presented by Supervising Principals Charles A. James of Dallas, and James Martin of Kingston Township.

Only two directors were absent, Harry Ohlman, president of Dallas Borough Board, who was out of town on business, and James Hutchison of Kingston Township who has been a hospital patient. Both directors have previously expressed their approval of plans to bring the two school districts together.

Both Boards met on common ground, stating that their "primary interest is a better and vastly improved educational program" and that their secondary interest is "improvement of school finances."

When polled individually the directors said they believe jointure is a wise step ahead and urged its adoption as quickly as possible. While there are still many details to be worked out and plans will have to be approved by the State Department of Education it was the consensus of opinion among those present that this can be accomplished with a minimum of difficulty because of the cooperative spirit of the directors of the districts.

The Directors expressed regret that there had been insufficient time to ask the Jackson Township School Board to be present since Jackson Township elementary pupils are now tuition students in Kingston Township schools. A meeting has been set for January 3 when the Jackson Board can be present to give its views on the plan.

If jointure between Kingston Township and Dallas Borough comes about, and there is every indication now that it will become a reality before next September, it is not unlikely that other districts will want to join with them to give their children the advantages of a larger school system.

"There will be room for them if they want to come along," a spokesman for one of the districts said after the meeting. "Before our plans can be complete, however, we must talk with the Jackson Board whom we hope will go along with us, as far as elementary students are concerned."

The jointure plan as presented by the two supervising principals, will require no new building program for at least the next three years and will bring about great advantages in the school curriculum at lowering costs. It is likely that all Dallas Borough High School students will take their work in Kingston Township High School and Dallas Borough school will be devoted entirely to elementary classes.

The program calls for expanded industrial arts and home economics departments, more emphasis on instrumental and vocal music, more art instruction and a combined health program for both high school and elementary pupils.

Storm Supplies Community Tree

Girl Scouts Trim Beautiful Spruce

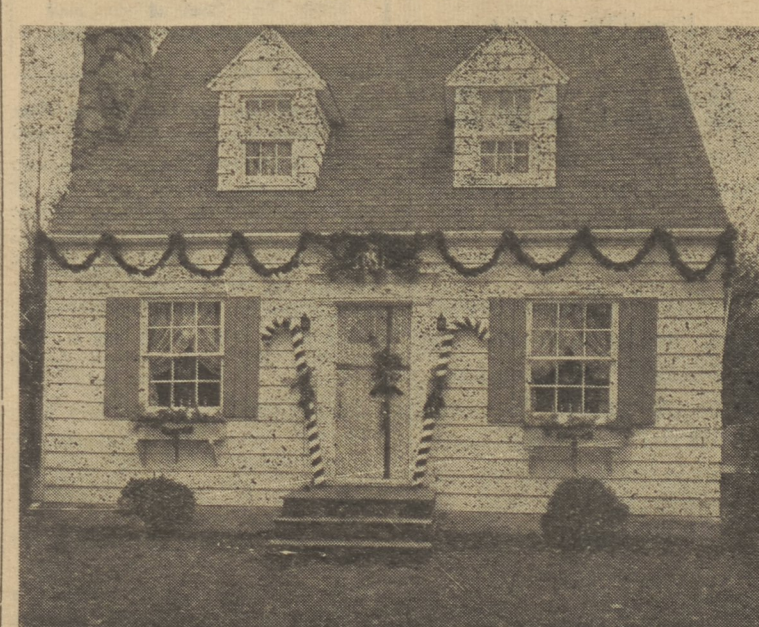
The Community Christmas tree this year will be a beautiful blue spruce, a casualty of the recent northeast storm. It comes from Arlean Bowman's yard. It will be located in the usual place near the war memorial, hauled and erected by the Borough.

Materials for decorations, also financed by the Borough, were made up into stars and garlands last night as Dallas Methodist Church by mothers of the three Girl Scout troops, 54, 149, and the Senior group. Waterproof metallic paper forms the bulk of the decorations.

Girl Scouts plan to trim the tree on Thursday. Upon completion of the trimming, they will sing carols, and will then be entertained at the home of Mrs. Stanley Davies.

Heads Advisory Board

Durelle Scott, Jr. succeeds Reed Travis as head of the Advisory Board for the Salvation Army. He was elected at the annual Christmas party on Monday.



This is the home of James Kozemchak at Huntsville, which last year won the top award in Dallas Business Association's Home Lighting Contest.

Those who plan to enter the contest this year should fill out the blank below, enclose 50c entry fee, and mail it to Eugene Sick, Secretary of the Association, Dallas, Pa.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____