

Editorially Speaking:

The Basic Issue In Dallas Township

There is a mistaken impression in some quarters concerning the issues in the forthcoming elections for School Board nominations. It would be well to clear up that point at the outset. The question of "jointure" is no longer an issue regardless of baseless propaganda to the contrary.

The basic issue is whether we want clear-sighted and public spirited leadership to guide the destiny of our children or whether we are content to leave control-education in the hands of a confused group whose outstanding characteristic is fear of cultural progress and change.

A year ago the idea of joint school districts had not been very thoroughly explored by Back Mountain School Directors. Today six Boards have made agreements, forming three joint districts. As a result of public pressure, even the Dallas Township Board has become aware of the financial advantages of such a move. But in matters affecting the interests of school children, Board Officials are not expected to shrink from responsibility and leadership.

A good leader is a man who knows where to turn for information, who examines all sides of each question impartially and is capable of making a clean-cut decision. The record shows no leadership of this calibre in the Dallas Township School Board members who are asked to be reelected. If there is any doubt on this point, it can be removed by a reading of the official board minutes by any one familiar with the events of the recent past.

Good decisions are based on the best available information. Good decisions concerning the future of Dallas Township children can only be based on a complete and thorough going educational survey of the Back Mountain community as a whole. There are numerous qualified agencies available to make this survey. Money is available for the purpose. Practically everyone agrees that a survey is needed. So, why hasn't one been started?

The answer is obvious: *Poor Leadership!*

In March, 1950, the Dallas Township School Board voted unanimously to request the Luzerne County Superintendent of Schools to conduct a survey of seven school districts. After a short period of buck-passing, the entire project was shelved. Fourteen months have passed and those responsible for the shelving apparently would like the entire matter to be forgotten. While it would be interesting to search into the motives for this lack of interest in vital information, the main point is that on a matter of great importance to the township, no move has been made to translate words into action. Fourteen months have elapsed and a resolution passed unanimously by the Dallas Township School Board remains pigeon-holed for lack of leadership!

Parents now have the opportunity to change all this. If they want to keep faith with their children and with their fellow citizens they will nominate capable leaders to School Board membership.

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FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

The great man-hunt on Tuesday was carried out without the frantic undertones of the search last winter, when three-year-old Nancy Davis wandered off at sundown and was discovered dropping off to sleep on the porch of the deserted house in the Bird Sanctuary.

There, time was of the essence, with the cold deepening by the moment, and stars pricking through the dusk.

On Tuesday there was no weather hazard. Not much could happen to a small boy when the sun shone and the birds sang, and noonday lunch was in the air. After all, we comforted ourselves, he was probably in somebody's kitchen, looking wistful, and about to get a handout.

The trouble was, this four-year-old was a stranger to the community, probably did not know even the last name of his grandmother he was visiting, having always hailed her affectionately as Nanny.

Parked on the Borough school playground with his two brothers, he had been expected to stay there. Nobody saw him leave unobtrusively and start for home. Nobody saw him weigh directions and turn toward the left instead of to the right. Nobody saw him disappear over the hill on Machell avenue and start down that long winding road toward Huntsville Reservoir. Nobody saw him at all, that forlorn little figure drooping along, his bright head drooping from weariness, his red sweater held carefully over his arm, his blue sneakers scuffing the roadside dust.

The search widened. Small boys in the community were alerted. Officer Metzger, on duty at the crossroads, was informed. Peg Weaver inquired of her children if any strange little boy had accompanied them to the woods back of the house. Grocery stores were investigated.

Every back yard near the school playground was visited. A telephone search was instituted, with neighbor passing the news to neighbor.

Leslie Barstow, mowing his front lawn on Center Hill Road, dropped his work to assist, offering to comb the territory within his area. Caddie LaBar offered to keep look-out; workmen at the Commonwealth Telephone Building and the Gate of Heaven School said that no such child had passed, but that they would notice.

Just a plain little boy, we explained, with red hair and probably wearing a red sweater, though he might have abandoned that in the growing heat of the day and mounting distress. Not a little boy that anybody would dream of kidnapping, just a little boy with freckles, and legs and arms a bit

too thin. He wouldn't be crying, because he had dignity, but with the passage of time he might look bewildered.

Just a plain little boy. Somebody had seen a little boy with a red sweater, heading down Center Hill Road toward the railroad tracks. That false scent dissipated when somebody else remembered that this little boy carried a fishing rod.

The Dallas Post became a clearing house of misinformation. Howard Risley visited some likely spots in his car. Bob Bachman dropped his work and joined the search. Mrs. Hicks preempted the station wagon and abandoned the typewriter. After all, it was her grandson who was missing.

Two hours passed. Everybody converged on the Dallas Post, flat with failure.

And then the miracle happened. Ed Cundiff lifted a small boy in a red sweater out of his car, and Todd's mother, swallowing back her emotions, said, "You're a little late for lunch. Let's go home and eat."

Ed Cundiff explained. Todd had passed Mrs. Harry Decker's house just after emerging from that long walk through the deep woods, three miles from Dallas. A little farther on, realizing that it was hopeless, he had turned back to retrace his steps. Feeling very lonesome, he had stopped to speak to Mrs. Decker's dog, and Mrs. Decker had realized that something was amiss.

He said yes, he was very tired, leaning his head against her apron. He said yes, he was probably lost. Asked where he lived, he said "Virginia," and gave his name as Todd Harding.

This, explained Ed, was a poser. But he loaded the little boy into his car and started retracing the route. When the car neared Dallas, Ed went directly to Officer Metzger, and Officer Metzger said to take him to the Dallas Post.

And that, said Ed, was that, letting in the clutch and driving off.

Todd waved goodbye, and turned to his mother with shining eyes.

Sunday School Picnic

Representatives of Sunday Schools of the Back Mountain District will meet at Trucksville Church, Monday evening at 8 to make plans for their annual Sunday school picnic.

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BOX SCORE
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious Accidents Since V-J Day

DALLAS	Hospitalized		Killed
	10	18	
DALLAS TOWNSHIP	5	3	3
LEHMAN	1	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	42	6	6
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2		
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1	
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2		
LAKE TOWNSHIP	12	1	
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP			
TOTAL	76	26	26

Trucksville Staging Powerful Bid For League Leadership



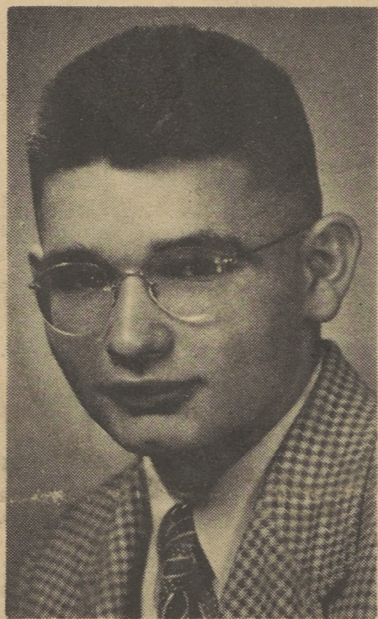
Trucksville's Little League Team, sponsored by Duke Isaacs, is on the comeback trail and out, not only to worry but, to defeat the League leaders. It did just that when it toppled powerful Shavertown for its first defeat of the season, after itself going down to defeat before Dallas, Carverton and Jackson in early season games.

Trucksville has also defeated a good Fernbrook team on its comeback trail.

Here's the outfit that may win the Little League pennant: Back row, left to right, Tom Evans, coach; Dick Mathers, assistant coach; Bill White, right field; Dan Federici, pitcher; Ray Dymond, short stop; Vance Johnson, third

base; Billy Strausser, left field; Ray Demko, first base; Harry Owens, manager; Bob Williams assistant coach; Front row: Joe Ikonavitch, catcher; Jack Pritchard, first base; Jim Eustice, catcher; Dick Cleasby, center field; Lee Evans, second base; Bob Wancho, pitcher.

Wins Scholarship



Ronald Schlittler

Muhlenberg College has informed Ronald Schlittler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlittler, Midland Drive, that he has been awarded a \$400 scholarship. The award is renewable annually upon maintenance of a B average.

The scholarship is one of a number that Muhlenberg gives to boys with high scholastic averages. Ronald graduated from Dallas Township High School with this year's class. He ranked in the upper one-sixth of his class.

He took a leading part in extra curricular activities and was president of his class during Junior and Senior years; served as head manager of baseball, basketball and football squads for these years and was sports editor of the Dallas-Township, school yearbook, and *Micronophone*, school newspaper.

He served as interlocutor of the all-school minstrel in April and was active in the Program Club. He was elected temporary president of Hi-Y at its inception in April and helped guide the first projects of that group.

At Commencement, he was awarded the American Legion Award Citation and medal for citizenship and the Dallas Township citizenship award.

He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and has been employed at Forty Fort Ice Cream Store at Fernbrook.

He will take the Bachelor of Arts course and intends to become a teacher of social studies. He came here from Leighton three years ago. His father is a lace weaver at Natona Mills.

Mrs. Callie Parrish, Surprised

At Her "80 Plus" Birthday Party

Mrs. Callie Parrish of Beaumont was recently surprised by a group of friends who dropped in to wish her happy "eighty some" birthday. Mrs. Parrish, who has spent almost her entire life in Beaumont, is in excellent health and chock full of the joy of living. When she isn't pottering around the house, for she lives alone except when her niece, Miss Florence Frear, practical nurse, is home, she is starting or caring for her unusual collection of African violets and glonoxias. She likes nothing better than to start slips for friends, "starting", meaning to stick a leaf in sand, cover with a glass jar, and care for the young sprout tenderly.

Plant And Vegetable Booth To Be Big Auction Feature

Olivers Employ Enlarged Staff

Plant To Erect New Building Shortly

With the announcement that Oliver Motors Inc., has sold its lease on the building at 431 Market street, Kingston, to Lee Tire and Rubber Company, Dallas will once more become the headquarters of the automobile sales and service business established here by the late James Oliver who built one of the outstanding inland automobile agencies in the State.

Since his death the Oliver interests have operated a Hudson distributorship in Kingston under the firm name of Oliver Motors, Inc., and a local sales and service agency in Dallas under the firm name of James R. Oliver Inc.

Some months ago the Hudson Motor Co., changed its distribution policy, leaving Oliver Motors Inc., with only a local sales agency in Kingston.

Since the transfer of all operations to Dallas many former Kingston employees are now employed here. The combined staff is composed of Kenneth Oliver, president; James Oliver, vice president; Calvin McHose, sales manager; Guy Dunham, service manager; Mrs. Peyton Lee, office manager; Ray Elston and Tiny Gould, used car department; Arthur Gassner, parts manager; Richard Oliver, floor salesman; Mrs. Barbara Oliver, office; and Ray Carterline, salesman. In the mechanical department are William Trimble, Harry Chestnut, David Gassner, James Wharton, Owen Taylor, body work; Walter Rice, service; Clarence LaBar, painting, and Ernest Whipper who has been with the firm for twenty-nine years since it was founded by Mr. Oliver.

With such a large organization and with a rapidly expanding business the firm finds even its large present quarters cramped, and has plans for the erection of a new and larger sales room and service department to be erected shortly on its property at the intersection of the Tunkhannock and Harveys Lake highways.

One of the big features of the 1951 Library Auction will be a greatly expanded plant and produce booth under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ralph Davis.

A relatively new feature this booth has grown steadily in popularity since its introduction two years ago by Mrs. James Hutchison, who this year is acting as co-chairman with Mrs. Davis.

Other members of the committee are Mrs. Warren Unger, Mrs. Ralph Pastornie, Mrs. Donald Evans, Mrs. Willard Parsons, Mrs. Joseph Schooley, Mrs. Ray Finney, Mrs. Stanley Henning and Mrs. William Roeske.

Mrs. Davis urges everybody to keep the booth in mind and to call her at Dallas 117-R-3 if they have anything they would like to furnish for the booth. Any of the committee members will also be glad to take calls and Mrs. Davis will call for and store items until the auction.

Needed are potted ivy, African violets, geraniums, coleus and all house plants. The committee suggests that now is the time to pot perennials. In popular demand are chrysanthemums, lupinus, shasta daisies, lily of the valley, pachysandra, myrtle, hen and chicks and rock garden plants.

Crocks, flower pots and containers will be welcome. Plants can, however, be potted in coffee cans, cheese and ice cream containers. The container is not important.

Also needed are annuals in flats, bulbs and tubers, rhubarb and asparagus roots, strawberry plants, raspberry canes, evergreens, red maples, herbs of all kinds, horse radish roots, fruits and vegetables.

Last year the booth sold several crates of strawberries, squash, watermelons, raspberries, cherries, plums, apples, gooseberries and bananas.

Canned goods, fresh eggs, jams and jellies are also in demand. The booth will be increased in size this year and plants and vegetables will be placed on display the night before the auction so that blue ribbons can be awarded by James Hutchison County farm agent.

Attendants will this year also be in costume.

Groff Entertains Seniors At Big League Ball Game

Verne Groff of Dallas Outdoor Theatre entertained five of his boys, who are members of this year's graduating class at Dallas Township High School, Tuesday at the Athletic-Cincinnati baseball game in Philadelphia.

Making the trip were: Calvin Miers, Loren Sutton, John Lancio, James Gansel and William Eckert. It was a good game, a swell trip and every body got home at 4 AM Wednesday morning.

Athletic Teams Are Asked For Schedules

Any teams or organizations wishing to use the Dallas Township baseball field for games or practice should submit their schedules to Raymond E. Kuhner, supervising principal. A listing of the dates available for each organization will be posted at the main gate as soon as the schedules are approved.

Air Force Calls Dr. R.E. Crompton Area Regrets Loss Of Young Doctor

Dr. Richard E. Crompton, Trucksville, member of the Reserve since September with the rank of First Lieutenant, has been called into active service by the Air Force. He will close his office June 16, leave for McGuire Air Base, New Jersey, June 30.

Dr. Crompton has already served two years during his medical training in Syracuse, graduating in 1947. Preliminary education was obtained in Kingston Township where his father, Rev. J. Rolland Crompton, served as Methodist minister; West Pittston, and Kingston; American University, Washington, Bucknell, and Syracuse Medical school. He interned at Nesbitt Hospital.

Associated with Dr. C. L. Howell, prominent Trucksville physician, Dr. Crompton, upon Dr. Howell's death, established offices on the main highway, Trucksville two and a half years ago. He has built up a good practice and has been well received by the community.

His wife is the former Amelia Hawkins, Mountain Top. The couple have recently purchased a home on Carverton Road.

Dallas Kiwanis Club, Organized Twenty Years

Dallas Kiwanis Club observed its twenty-fourth anniversary Wednesday night with a dinner party at Brokenshire's Harveys Lake Hotel.

Clyde Cooper, president, welcomed members and their guests. Kenneth Rice, program chairman, introduced Robert Haines, humorist, who entertained.

David Joseph was song leader. A blue and gold cake, baked by Mrs. Kenneth Rice, formed an attractive centerpiece.

Individual corsages were given to the ladies. Dancing followed dinner.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rice, John Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. John Churry, Mr. and Mrs. David Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fredric Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Werner, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Arnold, Warren Evans, Jessie Trimble, James Graham, Polly Lou Cooper, Budd Mathers, William Guyette, Wesley Cave, George Montgomery, Mr. Straley, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Atty. and Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellum.

American Legion Awards For Reinfurt and Stair

Winners of American Legion Awards for eighth grade students were inadvertently omitted from Dallas Borough High School graduation story last week. This award is one of the most important offered to students being given for integrity, leadership, courage, and character as well as scholarship.

Charlyn Reinfurt, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Reinfurt, active in Girl Scouts as well as in school affairs, was awarded the certificate and medal for girls.

Ernest Stair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stair, main street, outstanding in school activities and a member of the band, was given the boy's award.

William Sugden, Aged Eighty, Visits Elder Brother and Sister In England

William Sugden, Wilkes-Barre, eighty-year-old infant in a family of nine, is visiting his family in Rochdale, England. He writes his daughter, Mrs. Frank Werner of Druid Hills, that he is having a marvelous time visiting Nellie, 89, and Herbert, 84, but that he regrets having missed seeing his eldest brother James, who passed away at the age of ninety, two weeks before he arrived in April.

There is another family of nine, half brothers and sisters, in their seventies. The tribal patriarch, long since gathered to his reward, towered above his fellow men from a height of six feet four inches, and is remembered thereabouts for his great strength and endurance.

Mr. Sugden, a local boy who made good, is enjoying a round entertainment ranging from informal parties in the family to a banquet tendered him by the Mayor of Rochdale and the Council.

The stone house in which he was born and spent his boyhood has been torn down and reassembled

Township To Have 20-unit Modern Motel

Ground Broken This Week On Triangle Opposite High School

The first modern up-to-the-minute motel in northeastern Pennsylvania for the convenience of the travelling public will be erected within the next few months on the triangular 5½-acre piece of land opposite Dallas Township High School.

Ground for the structure was broken this week by excavating contractors for Donald Hughes, Luzerne, who is associated with others in the venture.

The twenty-unit, California styled, u-shaped building will be 185 feet from end to end and will face the Tunkhannock highway.

Except for a 25 x 50 foot central section which will house the reception-recreation room, the building will be one story. The central section will be two stories with apartments on the second floor for the owner-operator, and with a basement for the heating plant.

The building will be completely fireproof of concrete block construction with brick, stone and stucco trim. The flat concrete roof will have a six-foot projection in the front and a four-foot projection in the rear, giving the general impression of southern California Spanish mission architecture.

All rooms will have radiant floor heating and be complete with tile showers. Furnishings will be the most modern, with wall to wall carpeting. Two of the units will have two rooms, bedroom and kitchenette, for guests who wish to remain over longer periods.

A wide hardsurfaced driveway will extend from Tunkhannock highway to the motel and around the interior of the U. in front each unit. It will be sufficiently wide so that guests can park their cars in front of their own unit without blocking the entrance or exit of other guests. Within the driveway circle will be a flower garden.

Grounds will be completely landscaped, and the owners will move several large trees to the site to provide shade.

Construction is expected to be completed by early September.

Discussing the project, Mr. Hughes said, "we have travelled all over the eastern United States and in California to talk with the owners of motels and to observe their architecture and construction. We are really going to give this community something of which to be proud.

Evans Family Spends Sunny Monday On Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Don Evans, and son Terry, Church street, made a circle tour of the Pennsylvania Dutch country around Lewisburg and Winfield on Monday, ending up with brother Daniel in Danville on Monday. Don says in his family nobody ever has sense enough to go home and that their return at 3 A. M. set no records.

John Davies, Graduated From Princeton Tuesday

John Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davies of Parsonage street was among the 711 seniors graduated from Princeton University at the 204th Annual Commencement Exercises on Tuesday. John is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary.

led in the park, as the oldest example of that type of architecture in the area. He remembers that he and his brothers and sisters used to sneak the family pony up the shallow steps into their bedrooms.

Mr. Sugden appreciates the strides which have been made in alleviating the lot of the laborer, for at the age of ten, he entered the mill, working a twelve hour shift six days a week.

He had been ill this past winter, and uncertain of his ability to make the trip, but made a good comeback, and took passage for England the middle of April. He will return during the first week in July.

Mr. Sugden says it is cold there, and in spite of warm winter woolies he is none too comfortable. A person misses central heating, he says. But cold or no cold, he is going to stick it out, for this might possibly be the last trip he will make to England.