Editorially Speaking:

What Price Carelessness?

Tuesday, September 11, marks the first anniversary of the tragic troop train wreck which saddened the entire area served by the 109th Field Artillery and brought death to the doors of two Back Mountain homes.

The Harding home in Trucksville was doubly bereaved, with Clyde Harding and his young nephew Donny Zeiker both crushed beneath the grinding wheels of the monstrous Diesel. Larry Luzenski was the third young boy to pay the frightful cost of war in the making.

Injured were the Daubert twins, Dal and Dean; Francis Quare, who spent painful weeks in hospital with an injured back; and Karl Metzger, less seriously wounded.

A moment's carelessness, a moment's inattention to signals, a moment's blankness of mind on the part of the engineer, and the horrible nightmare was reality. Out of the morning mist roared the flyer, rushing upon the stalled troop train.

One moment the countryside was at peace, an instant later a shambles of twisted wreckage and broken bodies, the morning air shrieking with blood and agony.

The dreadful price of one moment of irresponsibility on the part of one man was the life's blood of thirty-three fine young men and the empty hearts of their loved ones.

$FROM_{-}$

PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. HICKS, JR.

We know now why a weeping willow is so named, and it has nothing to do with the long sweeping twigs. Our weeping willow really weeps not in visible droplets but in a sticky mist which coats the clothesline and contaminates the sheets.

Anyhow, it wept until last Saturday. Since the weekend, we are fresh out of weeping willows.

Girl Scouts

Need Leaders

Nineteen Troops

Include Four New

Girl Scout leaders, assistant

eaders, and committee women are

needed in the Dallas District, it

was announced at Tuesday night's

district meeting at the home of

A new leader is needed for Dal-

las Brownies, upon resignation of

leader, who has been appointed

chairman of the Service Committee

the District. Two Brownie

Danas needs an assistant leader

for the Senior troop headed by

Mrs. Stefan Hellersperk and a

leader for Mrs. Jack Barnes' inter-

Hall, Shavertown's Intermediate

ert Williams, assisted by Mrs. Low-

ther Brown and Mrs. Clayton John-

Idetown, the intermediates headed

by Mrs. J. Calkins, Brownies by

New Carverton Senior Troop is

Rising Phoenix-like out of the

ashes of its Borough slate which

last week was all but consumed by

mass withdrawals, the Democratic

Party will present a full slate of

candidates for Borough office in

This week the Executive Com-

mittee of the party approved the

following new slate: for Council

John E. Roberts, Dallas dairyman

and former councilman; William

Watchulonis, S & S Clothing co.,

machinist; Frank McGarry, truck-

er; Robert Brown, First National

For school director it approved

Commenting on the slate Robert

Brown said, "in spite of obstacles

placed in our way by the County

Republican organization, we are

going to give voters an opportunity

to choose between two groups of

opposed to dictatorship whether

from the Republican Party organi-

There are fifty to sixty registered

Kingston Township

In Kingston Township the Coun-

tions for School Director.

Roberts for School Director.

zation or from other groups.'

Donald Clark, cement salesman

and Richard Ash, adjutant Daddow

Isaacs Post American Legion.

the November election.

Bank teller.

candidates.

led by Mrs. Edgar Sutton.

Democrats Make

With resignation of Mrs. Calvin

committees are needed.

oops are contemplated.

mediate Troop 149.

Ethel Ide.

The kind of aphis that infest weeping willows runs to a rich magenta bloodstream. Crush one of the small black pests, and you get red-inked. They drop down your neck and move briefly and ticklishly before dissolving. Bring in the wash, and you bring in a horde of tiny black bugs which cement themselves to the sheets when exposed to the heat of the ironing machine. Thus cemented, they never wash off again, and your housekeeping is questioned with raised eyebrows.

Maybe those aphis are some poor Mr. Harris Haycox, chairman. relation of the fabulous Cochineal, worth its weight in gold for its rich crimson dye. When we were a small child, we drew upon us the hoots of our fifth grade classmates by remarking that Mamma colored candy red with bugs. It was the teacher who saved the day by explaining about Cochineal, but we were regarded with averted eyes for a long time, and our offers of home-made candy greeted Mrs. Charles Flack, last year's with shudders.

We no longer have the weeping

But we still have the aphis. We asked Bill Robbins, when he dropped around Sunday afternoon to deliver the current Fin, Fur and Feather column, what would happen to the aphis, and if they would

eventually die of starvation. Not at all, said Bill, they would simply get off the cut branches and riddled leaves, and go elsewhere, either on the lilac bushes

ing lilac. Some of the aphis, however, are gone forever. Those are the ones that sizzled briefly in the trash burner on a load of cut twigs when the tree first came down. Those that escaped are wandering around the yard, climbing as high as possible on the willow stump and the bird feeder fastened atop, and waving their feelers in a frustrated

fashion. But at least they aren't overhead any longer, and are within cozy shooting distance of the spray Up A New Slate any longer, and are within cozy

The corner of the house looks a bit bare, and cutting down the tree reveals a few spots we missed when painting, but we no longer feel drizzly when we go into the back yard. And the kitchen is loads lighter.

We never did like weeping wil-We think the proper place for a willow to weep is along the edge of a small creek, there the

aphis can float downstream. Bill asked if we ever saw ants herding the aphis, and we said not exactly, but that we had observed with unbelief a large ant milking an aphis. This was on the Pacific Coast where anything can

be expected to happen. The stalk of the Century Plant was covered with green aphis, and large black ants were present in numbers. One ant started stroking an aphis, his gestures soothing though expectant. The aphis relaxed all over under the massage, and a crystal drop began to form. When the drop grew to drinking size, the ant lapped it up and settled down to stroke another

I saw it, but I still don't really believe it.

Local Poet Composes Semi-Sacred Song

Mother Virginia, head of Trucksville Convalescent Home, has recently published words and music throw its full weight behind the Mrs. W. E. McQuilkin; parent eduto a semi-sacred song which is candidacies of Martin Bilbow for cation, Mrs. Louise Colwell; public- which about twenty percent are John Bugbee, Christy Shafer, Marwell into its third printing and is the six-year term and Ted Hinkle ity, Mrs. L. L. Richardson; ways from the Back Mountain area. All shall Nunlist, Fred Kirkendall, going well in the music stores. She for the four-year term as Supervi- and means, Mrs. Michael Strub; grades except the eighth have two Shavertown. plans to have a recording made of sors. Its two other write-in candi- program, Mrs. Victor Cross; legis-The words are nostalgic, the music Mannear received both nomina- W. E. McQuilkin. simple and effective.

Many of her poems are in the soon be published.

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Local Students May Compete

In Poem, Essay, For Pennsylvania Week

High School students of the area will have opportunity to enter a Pennsylvania Week contest, submitting an essay on "Pennsylvania's poem, limited to four stanzas, on Pennsylvania.'

Contestants must have material ready by October 11. Faculty of nigh schools will select one essay and one poem to submit to final udges from Wilkes and King's

There will be cash awards for first, second and third prize winners, and presentations will be made at graduation time.

County Federation of Women's Clubs is working in collaboration vith Colonel Thomas Atherton, chairman of Pennsylvania Week.

Specifications and rules have been placed with supervising principals, George Taylor, Lake-Noxen Schools; James Martin, Dallas Borough-Kingston Township; Lester B. Squier, Lehman-Jackson; and Raymond E. Kuhnert, Dallas-Franklin Townships.

Daddow-Isaacs Post Sponsors Oratory

Executive Committee, Daddow Isaacs Post, American Legion, met at the Legion Home Monday for the first time under the new Commander Robert A. Williams.

With rapid growth of population Others of the committee present in the area four new troops formed during the past year, bringing the iam Baker, Jr., 2nd Vice-Comnumber to 19. There is need for mander Harold LaBar, Adjutant added personnel to handle expan-Richard Ash, Service Officer Frank Ferry, Chaplain Paul Shaver, His-All committees need additional torian Thomas E. Reese, and Acti members, and two entire new troop vities Chairman Edward Buckley

dances to be held weekly.

It was further decided to prompt students of the Back Mountain Region to participate in the American Legion National Oratorical Contest for high school students in the 9th, to 12th grades. Robert Moore will handle arrangements with

Medals and certificates will be given winners for each school as well as to the final winner in the Troop 66 leader, replacement is Back Mountain Area, who in turn will compete for Luzerne County In Trucksville, a large Brownie District championship. The Nationor the grape vines. So maybe we have invented a new bush, a weep-two, the second led by Mrs. Rob-two, the second led by Mrs. Rob-two at the second led by Mrs.

Mother of Local Men Dies At Eighty-One

Mrs. Sallie Kitchin Wagner, 81, lied Tuesday at Nesbitt Hospital. Mrs. Wagner, widow of the late George Wagner, County Clerk of Courts, is believed to have been the first woman to hold State or County office in the United States. Mrs. Wagner was appointed to fill the unexpired term of her husband by the late Gov. William Sproul, thirteen days after the final passage of the woman's suffrage amendment.

Born in White Haven, she lived in Wilkes-Barre until her death. She leaves the following children: Mrs. Gerald N. Saunders, duties on Monday. Kingston; J. Lear Wagner, Shavereral's Office; Charles W. Wagner, to succeed him. Dallas RFD, engineer with Glen

Borough Township PTA To Meet Monday Night

First meeting of Dallas Boroughheld in the Borough Building auditorium Monday evening at 8 candidates in this election. We think that is the American way as

President Leslie Barstow will conbuilding in order that parents may Democrats in the Borough, and see improvements made during the there will be more next time if we summer and get acquainted with can continue to give them good the teachers.

Committee heads appointed: hosty Democratic organization will book, Mrs. Alfred Gibbs; circulation, enrolled.

Dallas-Kingston Have No Under-Age Bank Will Open Children, Beaumont, Tentative Ten Friday Evenings

All Back Mountain Supervising Lake Township has taken four Principals have viewed Harris- children who have passed the tests burg's ruling on permission to ac- given by Dr. Inez Husted, and may feelings. They realize that a line a registration of fifty first-graders drawn between one child born on out of the 640 student body, there a certain day, and another on the is a crowded condition which will day following, works a seeming be dealt with after Friday night's Contribution to Freedom," or a hardship on both child and parents. school board meeting. But they also realize that the line that a trend to accept younger pupils will necessarily lower stan- and that the trend should dards of education.

All principals have warned parplacing too-young children with an sible before the opening of school, munity.

Raymond Kuhnert, Supervising cipal interviewed has deplored. Principal of Dallas-Township, has accepted three children under the new ruling. All three passed psychological tests given by Dr. Inez Husted at the Luzerne County Office. Four others who were permitted to take the tests did not pass them, so were ineligible. Charles James and James Martin.

Dallas Borough-Kingston Township joint schools, studied the situation and decided that no under-age children should be considered, and the school board passed a vote to that effect.

Lester Squier, Lehman-Jackson schools, is considering one child whose application has recently been eceived, but has discouraged several parents who discussed the matter with him, leaving them with included 1st Vice-Commander Wil- the conviction that their children were better off with one more year of added experiences and playtime before beginning school,

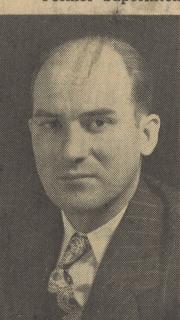
cept under-age children with mixed | consider two or three more. With

All principals concur in believing must be drawn some where, and that the current trend to lower the age of admission is dangerous, rather to make it higher. The directive, issued at so late a date ents of the dangers involved in that its proper study was not posolder age group. They have all has worked hardship on parents used their best discretion in the and needless distress to children matter, interpreting the word who have been incapable of pas-'May" in the directive as seems sing an examination. It has repest for their particular com- sulted in frustration and hurt feelings, a condition which every prin-

At Beaumont, William A. Austin has tentatively accepted ten children of under the usual age, and expects a visit from the school psychologist of Wyoming County by the end of September. He feels that of the ten, there will be some who will remain, and that it would handicap these children to thrust them into strange surroundings after the rest of the first grade had settled down to work.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Austin state that though there will be stumbling blocks in putting the ruling into smooth action, there are compensating features. The bright side of the coin is that children of legal admission age who are not of even five year mentality, may now be refused admission as beginners until their mental age has caught up with their bodies. They both view the directive with equanimity, though they concur with the other At Noxen, one child who had a schools that too young a child will summer examination of mental ap- inevitably become a follower intitude in advance of the directive, stead of a leader, and suggest that Program for the coming year was discussed, including a series of ten plicants will take psychological bility with their eyes fully open.

Former Superintendent and Successor



JOHN D. GRIFFITH John D. Griffith, superintendent of Fernbrook Park Plant of Bloomsourg Mills since its opening three years ago, has been made superintendent of the parent plant at Bloomsburg. He started his new

Otis L. Moore, a native of Gastown, attache in the Auditor Gen- tonia, N. C., has been appointed

Both Mr. and Mrs. Griffith and Alden Coal Co., John M. Wagner, daughter, Dianne have made many Shavertown, Hudson Coal Co. fore- friends here since establishing man; G. Harold Wagner, formerly their home on Franklin Street, of Dallas, now Bear Creek Village, Shavertown, who will wish them former Auditor General and State well in their new location. Both Treasurer, and Dorothy A. Wagner have been active in community

Mr. Moore, a textile engineer, has a background of experience with Marshall Field and Co., Burlington Mills Corporation and Robbins Mills Inc. He is a graduate of North Carolina State College for a covered dish supper and bus-Kingston Township P. T. A. will be with a B. S. in Textile Manufactur- iness meeting.



OTIS L. MOORE

ing. He also studied at Wake Forest College and Johns Hopkins Un-Mrs. Moore, who is the former

Margaret Ellis, was born in Matsyama, Japan, the daughter of medical missionaries. She was reared in Tabriz, Iran, and attended school in Geneva, Switzerland. She is a graduate of Wooster College and Columbia University. They have two children, John Franklin, 5, and Kathleen McNiece, 3.

The community joins in extending a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Moore and their family.

Plans Tuesday Supper

Executive Board, Dallas Junior Woman's Club, will meet Tuesday evening at 6:30 at the home of Mrs. Sherman Harter, Trucksville,

Forty-Four Dallas Area Students duct the business meeting after which there will be a tour of the Enrolled At Seminary Day School

Showing a twenty percent in- Paget, Dolores Lundy, Dallas. crease in enrollment over last year

sections and the average section Teach Me To Say the Rosary". dates Daniel Shaver and William lature, Walter Black; playground, is composed of thirteen students.

Since this is the first meeting Jessie Guthrie Conyngham, Chase; Liza Harvey, Jane and Mary Dod-In Dallas Township, the Party of the new school year, all parents David Hall, Shrine View; Cathy son, Faith Edwards, Huntsville. hands of the New York publishers, will not present a slate but will are urged to attend. Refreshments Horn, Carol Durkin, Eddie Durkin, and a book of collected work will support the candidacy of Charles will be served by sixth grade par- Jimmy, John and Becky Uhl, Pat- Lehman; Mariellen Daw, Harveys doni Enterprises, owned by Senasy Sanders, Butch Reese, Douglas Lake.

Susan, Barbara and Marjorie in its pre-primary and intermediate Smith, Dale Roddy, Shrine View departments, Wyoming Seminary Edward and Herbert Atkins, Detess, Mrs. D. Robertson; member- Day School opened this week with Munds Road; Richard and Fred ship, Mrs. Harold Smith; procedure | forty-four Back Mountain students | Ruggles, Penny Ruggles, Kathleen, Caddy and Scott Brooks, Barney Enrollment yesterday was 213 of Schooley, James Davies, Idetown

> Tommy and Jane Graham, Sharon Hunt, Robert Baker, Greg Har-Enrolled from this area are: ris, Julie VanBlarcom, Trucksville;

Susanne Tvede, Nancy Valentine,

Daily Hours Will Be 8 A. M. Until 2 P. M.

Starting October 1 First National Bank of Dallas will be open Monday through Friday from 8 A. M. until 2 P. M. and on Friday evenings from 5 P. M. until 8 P. M. The Bank will not be open on Saturdays.

This decision was taken Wednesday at a meeting of Board of Directors who have felt for sometime that many persons whose occupations are in Wyoming Valley would like to do their banking be fore leaving for work. The Bank has formerly opened at 9 A. M. The new banking hours on Friday evening will also be of greater conveniences to customers who are now unable to do their banking until after closing hours.

The decision to remain closed on Saturdays is in keeping with the policy of all other area banks. The directors also voted for the second year to pay their quota of \$488 to the Community Welfare Federation Campaign which opens shortly. The quota is based upon a percentage of deposits at the

close of the previous bank year.

Engler Boys Get Leave Before Station Transfer

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Engler, Davenport Street, Dallas, both in the Transportation Corps, US Army, are in the news this

William, a sergeant, recently stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, is home on a 20-day leave before being transferred to Fort Lawton, Washngton. William was in Europe during World War II.

John L. Engler, who has been n Greenland connected with the building of the mammoth airfield, is expected home shortly for leave. He is already en route.

Mrs. Charles Nuss To Report October 1

Mrs. Charles Nuss, Lehman, will report on her trip to Camp Edith Macy, Girl Scout International Friendship Conference, at Dallas District Council Meeting, October 1, 8 P.M., in Carverton Methodist

Mrs. Nuss wil lintroduce new songs and games to the Council. Carverton Troop Committee will

Shavertown PTA To Hear Guest Speaker Monday

Shavertown PTA will have as guest speaker for the opening meeting Monday evening, Elfed (Vid) Jones, principal of the Boyd Dodson school in Wilkes-Barre. Meeting will start promptly at 8. with newly elected president Charles Eberle Jr. in the chair.

Art Exhibit At Penn Power And Light

For information of the art-minded in the Back Mountain, Penn Power and Light Company is sponsoring an art exhibit and tea on Sunday 2-5, in its Wilkes-Barre building, 36 N. Main Street.

The exhibit comes from Lehigh Art Alliance, Allentown and Bethlehem, and includes oils and water colors in modernistic, surrealistic, contemporary, and primitive pic-

Joint School Has 1,459

Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine students are now enrolled in Tunkhannock Joint Schools. Fourteen of these are in special classes. The Joint School does not admit children to the first grade who will not be six years of age on Feb-uary 1, 1952.

Condition Serious

Former State Senator Cyrus B Tyler of Meshoppen is in serious condition at Tyler Memorial Hospital following a stroke suffered at his home last Saturday night.

Install New Engine

A new \$8,500 six-cylinder 200 horsepower Diesel engine has been installed at the John Sheehan well being drilled at Mehoopany.

Buys Another Hotel

Andrew J. Sordoni, president of Sterling Hotels System, has announced the purchase of the Hamilton Hotel in Allentown. The Hamilton is the sixth hotel in the Sterling System, which is one of 14 organizations comprising Sortor Sordoni.

Wyoming County Green Pasture Best In State

BOX SCORE

Back Mountain Highway Deathe and

DALLAS TOWNSHIE

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Hospitalized Killed

Frank Brown's 23 Acres Furnish Grass For 27 Cattle

The 1951 Pennslyvania Green Pastures Contest was won by Frank Brown, Wyoming County farmer, living near Tunkhannock His championship pasture of 23 acres is furnishing abundant grazing for his dairy herd of 27 cattle.

Upon returning from the service, Mr. Brown purchased his farm which was in a rather run-down condition. By following the best farming practices and assistance of the Veteran's Training and the Agriculture Conservation Program, he developed his farm into one of the garden spots in his area. Technical assistance and other valuable information was given by the Soil Conservation Service and the County Extension Agent. Part of his pasture was seeded with a mixture of 1 pound of Ladino and 6 pounds orchard grass. The remainder was seeded to 10 pounds alfalfa, 10 pounds brome grass, and 1 pound of Ladino clover. Two tons of lime per acre were thoroughly mixed with the soil in preparing the seedbed. 400 to 600 per acre of 0-14-7 and 0-14-14 fertilizer were applied to the nurse crops and the pasture mixture at time of seeding. In order to maintain this high-producing pasture he has been applying a ton of lime per acre every four years and 600 pounds of 0-14-14 fertilizer each year. The excess pasture during the flush period has been used for grass silage.

In order properly to maintain his pasture and keep it producing a high quality of grasses and legumes, the pasture plots are divided into four areas. Each area is clipped immediately after moving the cattle on to a new area.

The judges who selected this pasture as the winner of the 1951 con-

were: Ralph Graham, Member of the New Hampshire State PMA Committee; Joseph Blandford, Chairman of the Maryland State PMA Committee; Robert Howard, Chairman of the New York State PMA

The judges' comment regarding this prize-winning pasture was that it was an outstanding example of proper land treatment, pasture management and fine results that are obtained from making use of assistance such as that given under the Agriculture Conservation

Supervisors Complete **New Meeting Room**

Kingston Township Supervisors have completed their new office in the Township Building on Carverton Road and will henceforth hold all of their meetings there. Regular meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month.

Supervisors ordered eighty 35-mile speed limit signs which will be posted on the Township's five miles of highways, including all State Highways and Memorial Highway. Arthur F. Smith, secretary, said the Supervisors have instructed all police officers to enforce strictly the 35-mile limits just as soon as the signs are erected.

At their meeting last week the

HOUSEHOLDERS ARE ASKED TO NUMBER THEIR HOUSES

The long forgotten idea of street delivery of mail has come to the fore again and Borough Secretary James Besecker advises all Borough householders to have their homes numbered at once.

Those who do not know, or have no numbers for their houses, may obtain this information by calling Borough Engineer John Jeter evenings

Some months ago the Postoffice Department gave every indication that street delivery of mail would start within a few weeks in Dallas Borough and parts of Dallas Township. Since that time the idea has bogged down somewhere between here and Washington but is now being discussed again

Within a few weeks Borough Council is expected to have new street signs erected on all Borough streets so that if and when the Postoffice Department decides to act the Borough will be ready.