

In one of his recent syndicated columns, Frank R. Kent wrote, "If and when the story of the present era is calmly written it seems inevitable that the impartial historian should dwell most heavily upon the idiotic fiscal policy which, in defiance of reason and experience, the American government fatuously pursued while passing through its greatest crisis."

"This will indict not only its rulers, but the people of the country as well. For, primarily it is the fault of these that the Washington politicians have been permitted to undermine the Federal financial structure upon the strength of which depends our ability to defend ourselves in a situation where thoughtful men feel our greatest danger is from within rather than without."

As Mr. Kent also said, practically every one seems agreed that rigid reduction in non-defense spending and the elimination of all government waste are made essential by the incredibly expensive arms program. The President and most other top men in the government have said as much. So have all the leading economists. So have most of the newspapers. So have politicians of all kinds and degrees. Yet almost nothing has been done—so far, it's all been talk, and then more spending.

Here Mr. Kent brings the primary blame to the President. He observed, "Chief responsibility for this ghastly failure rests upon Mr. Truman. For, it is axiomatic that no real curtailment of expenditures or waste can be achieved by congress without White House leadership. Instead of providing that leadership the Truman weight has been used to frustrate congressional attempts at reduction. Publicly, he has urged his heads of bureaus and departments to cut down nondefense expenditures but privately he has permitted them to classify almost every activity as linked with defense."

There is no lack of detailed and authoritative blueprints for cutting the non-defense cost of government. Any number of organizations and individuals, from the Hoover Task Forces on down, have indicated the way in precise terms, not just generalities. In each case, they show how many billions of dollars can be pared without damaging any essential governmental function. It is true that some cuts have been made by a congress which was appalled by the size and scope of the President's proposed budget. But these cuts have been of a relatively minor nature. The big economy issues have been avoided.

Moreover, this is not a partisan fight. A Democrat, Senator Byrd, has long been the most consistent advocate of tough economy in government—no Republican has worked as hard in this direction. And lately, a comparative newcomer to the Democratic ranks of the Senate, Senator Douglas, has taken up the torch. As it happens, Senator Douglas subscribed almost completely to the late President Roosevelt's New Deal program, and he approves of much of President Truman's version of it. However, he abhors waste and extravagance in government and says so on every possible occasion. This, incidentally, has put both Senators Byrd and Douglas in the White House dog house. As Mr. Kent pointed out, the President "is bitterly hostile to both."

It is clear as day that the cost of government and the tremendous expansion in the size and power of the sprawling Federal bureaucracy will be one of the two big issues in the next national election, foreign policy being the other. Many commentators, such as Mr. Kent, obviously feel that only the strongest possible public protest, as measured at the polls, can correct an intolerable situation.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

Snowsuits are blossoming on the sewing machine again, the annual fall crop of junior modes for the small fry. This year there is a certain sameness about the appearance of all of them.

We said to the mothers of the young, "The kids are going to look like cinnamon bears this year, all of them, on account of we have eight yards of virgin wool in a camels-hair color, and we are not going to buy anything else. Moreover, the linings, buttons, zippers, and mercerized thread are strictly on you. We will contribute our labor, which in the evening has no commercial value."

Seeing how many garments can be evolved from eight yards of virgin wool is a challenge. It requires expert planning and cutting, with no one garment cut before all the rest are laid out, because of the necessity for utilizing every scrap to the best advantage. The sections for five helmets fit across one end of the material, the rounded back of one side-piece nesting snugly into the reverse curve of the front of the helmet next in line, but suppose we need that bit of length for somebody's pants leg? Sidetrack the helmets. They'll probably work themselves out of small sections hither and yon.

Now here is a poser. It develops that the heavy coating has a distinct nap, and that all pieces must be laid with the nap running down, to avoid a darker tone and an unpleasant feeling of roughness. This cancels out all chance of economical cutting, with diagonals taking up the slack of diagonals running in the opposite direction. With tailor's chalk we mark every piece after piece, identifying the separate patterns by colored crayon, slipping each pattern piece into its own envelope as we proceed. When working with eight yards of material you don't pin patterns as you go along unless you have a table measuring twenty-four feet. Each piece has to be marked with the name of the child and the garment.

We lay it out as thriftily as possible, but when we reach the last yard we still have a handful of pattern pieces left.

We unroll the yardage foot by foot and study the situation. That front facing. Any reason why it can't be pieced where the fold of

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Earl Monk Dies Of Heart Attack

Death Great Shock To Whole Community

Earl H. Monk died in the prime of life Tuesday evening at 6, when he collapsed from a sudden heart attack in his own home on Pine Crest Avenue, Dallas, just after finishing his supper. Dr. Malcolm Borthwick was called, and said that death had been instantaneous.

His death at 57 was a great shock to the community and the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he served on the official board as chairman of the property committee. He had been most active in the recent renovation and remodeling program, and had been looking forward to Sunday's rededication of the church.

Mr. Monk has been a plumbing contractor in Dallas for 37 years. He was a member of Dallas IOOF, and a Past Noble Grand of the Lodge. He was also a former member of Rotary Club.

Interested in sports of all kinds, especially baseball, he was getting ready to go to a baseball game at Artillery Park when stricken.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; children: Mrs. Andrew Denmon, Kingston; Mrs. Martin Quinn, White Haven; Mrs. John Mallin, Boston; Mrs. Tex Wilson, Dallas, and Robert, at home; a brother, Clyde Monk, in Pittston.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, a brief service from the home at 1:30, a public funeral from St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 2, with burial following in Warden Cemetery. Rev. Frederick Moock will officiate. Arrangements are by Richard Disque.

Bearers are: Harry Burkel, Charles Burkel, Harold Smaltz, Nelson Stockton, Harold Fritzes, and Clyde Monk, Jr.

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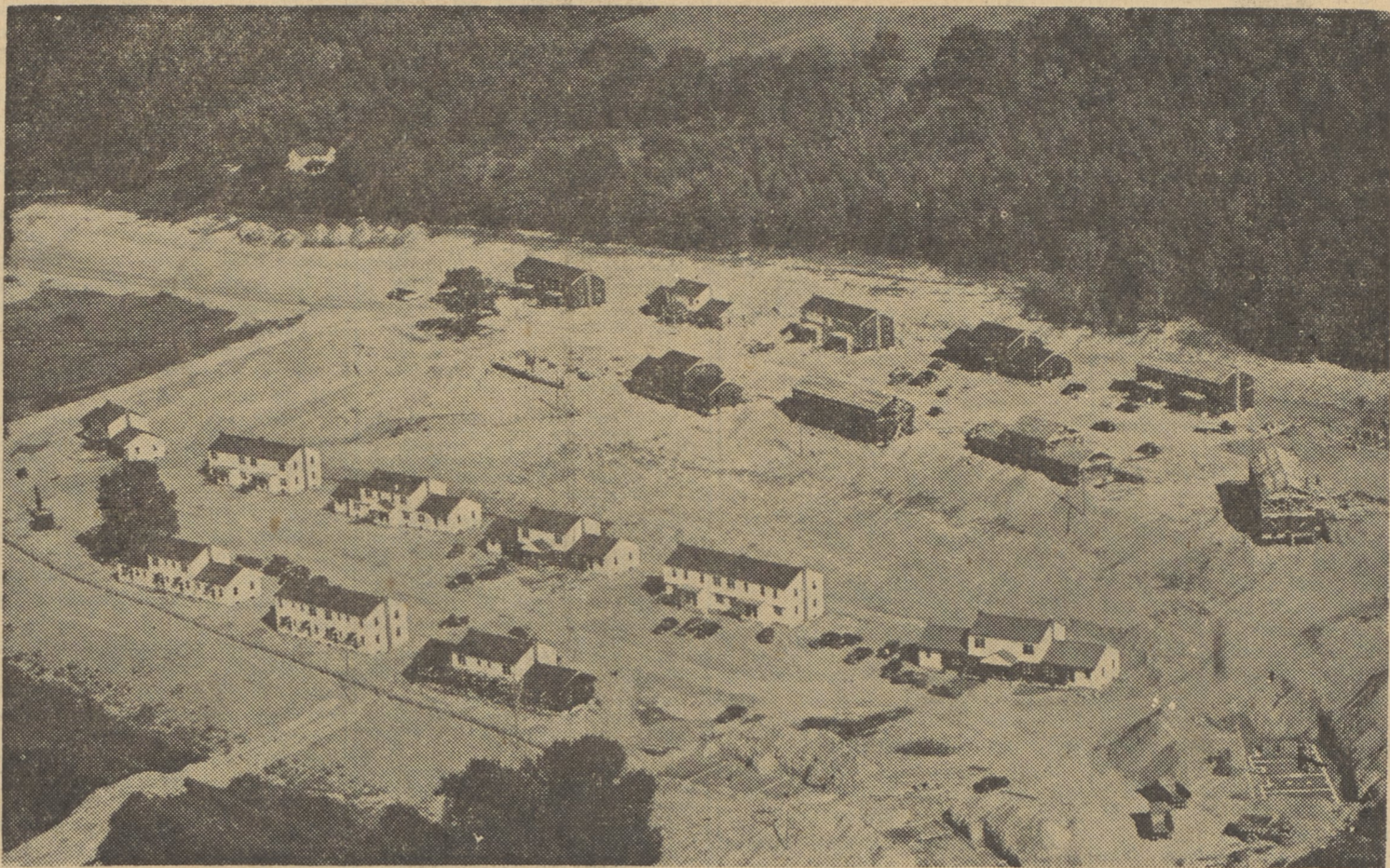
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BOX SCORE		
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious Accidents Since V-J Day		
TOWNSHIP	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	10	13
DALLAS TOWNSHIP	5	3
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	42	5
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	
LAKE TOWNSHIP	12	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	2
TOTAL	76	24

Meadowcrest Housing Project At Trucksville Approaching Completion



Shown here is a bird's eye view of the new Meadowcrest Housing Project being built just off Carver-

ton Road near Trucksville Gardens in Kingston Township by Luzerne County Housing Authority.

When completed sometime after the first of the year, the project will house 100 families.

A similar housing project is also being constructed at Mountain Top by the same authority.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church To Be Rededicated By Its First Pastor

St. Paul's Pastor

Sunday will be a "Red Letter Day" for St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown. A service of rededication will be held at 11 A.M.

The first pastor of the Church, Rev. G. Elson Ruff, Litt. D., will be guest preacher, using as his theme, "St. Paul's—Building and Growing with Christ."

Extensive alterations have been made to the entire Church building and grounds. Additions have been completed consisting of a cloak room, inside stairway, choir room, tiled lavatories, boiler room, outside cut stone steps with wrought iron hand railings, and enclosure of the kitchen. The building itself has been repainted and the grounds relandscaped. The basement has been redecorated and a new floor of asphalt tile laid.

A bulletin board on the corner of the Church property will also be dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William H. Monk.

At the conclusion of the service the congregation and its friends will be served a luncheon in the renovated basement room.

It is of interest to note that during Dr. Ruff's pastorate at St. Paul's, he also served as pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church at Harveys Lake.

On May 10, 1925, formal organization of the congregation took place. A constitution was adopted and a Church Council elected. The initial membership consisted of Albert Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Christianson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dressel, Mrs. Ralph Franklin, Mrs. Harold Ash, Mr. and Mrs. John Eck, Frederick Eck, Mrs. Floyd Katon, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Garinger, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman, Mrs. Fred Krommelbein, Mrs. Mildred Willauer, Gustav A. A. Kuehn, Mrs. K. G. Laycock, Mrs. Christian Malkemes, Frederick W. Malkemes, Raymond Malkemes, Mrs. Anna Pealer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rau, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. W. Templin and C. J. Zinn.

The first Church Council consisted of Albert Bush, vice-president; Charles Dressel, secretary; Jacob Rau, treasurer; R. J. W. Templin, C. J. Zinn, Delbert Garinger, Martin Christianson, John Eck and William Hoffman. At this meeting, on motion of John Eck, the official name of the congregation was voted to be St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Shavertown.

Rev. Ruff began his pastorate on June 13, 1925 and resigned January 17, 1937. During Dr. Ruff's pastorate great gains were made in membership and numerous improve-

Kiefer Has New Job

Fred M. Kiefer, Shrine View, Dallas, has been appointed assistant to the Director of Merchandising for radio and television with the National Broadcasting Company, New York City.

Kiefer moves from Hearst Publications where he was a member of the Trade Extension Division of The American Weekly.

Lake-Noxen PTA Finds 4 Grades Are Overcrowded

May Advise Board To Open Loyalville School Temporarily

Three hundred persons from Noxen and Lake Townships attending the jointure meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association Wednesday night to hear a report on the crowded condition of the Lake and Noxen school buildings.

Five parents who visited the buildings the past week reported that the first four grades had from forty to forty-four pupils in each room with but four instructors.

Their report led to a discussion on requesting the School Board to open the Loyalville School building until an addition can be built to the Lake school.

No decision was reached, but President Richard Williams asked parents to think it over for a week and then meet with him next Friday evening at the school to decide on a proper course.

Mrs. David Price talked on Teen-age drug addicts among school children. She explained how a "pusher" offers a youngster a "lift" and the curious youth tries it just once, but the "pusher" comes around the next day and the next until in from fourteen to thirty days the Teen-ager becomes an addict. Then in order to get more and more of the drug he becomes a "pusher". Mrs. Price explained that this habit could be curtailed by complete alertness of the public in seeing that the State drug laws were enforced.

Mesdames Culp, Garinger and Martin led a round table discussion on a new form of report card that the grade school faculty has worked two years to complete. These reports will be issued for the first time November 12 and thereafter four times a year. Instead of the usual grading of A, B, C, the report card offers a more detailed account of the pupil's interest or lack of interest in all studies.

Claire Moran, music teacher, presented a musical program which opened with the national anthem. Ninth grade girls entertained with vocal selections of "Pennsylvania" and "Moonlight Bay." Alice Schenk and Robert Lord offered vocal selections, and a tap dance was presented by Margaret Belles and Janet Bean.

Car Misses Turn, Driver Slightly Hurt

A Plymouth coupe coming out of Park Street onto Huntsville Road Tuesday morning at nine, failed to make the turn and struck a tree with extensive damage to radiator, grill and front.

Robert S. Johnston, on his way to work with Personal Products Company, sustained a deep gash on the top of his head when thrown violently against the top of the car. He returned to his home on 16 Park Street, picked up the other family car, and drove himself to Nesbitt Hospital for stitches in the wound.



REV. FREDERICK W. MOOCK, JR.

ments made upon the property. Mrs. Kathryn Lemke was the first new member to be received on June 20, 1926. During the first decade there was continuous growth and interest until by 1935 membership was 162.

The second pastor, Rev. H. E. Frankfort, was called on February 21, 1937. Due to the constant growth of St. Paul's, the Mission Board decided that there was sufficient work in and about Shavertown to require the undivided attention of a pastor; accordingly the Church of the Reformation at Harveys Lake was transferred to the Noxen parish.

The third pastor of the Church was Rev. John R. Taylor, called on April 13, 1947 and installed on June 29, 1947 by Rev. M. Luther Wahrmann, President of the Wilkes Barre Conference. Pastor Taylor resigned July 1, 1948.

The fourth and present pastor was called on October 3, 1948; he was installed by the Rev. Emil E. Fischer, D. D., President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania on January 30, 1949.

On May 8, 1949 a mortgage-burning ceremony was held in connection with the morning Worship Service. Rev. Roy L. Winters, Ph.D., Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions of the Ministerium, officiated, with representatives of the different organizations of the Church assisting.

The membership has increased steadily until there are now 331 confirmed members.

Finds Grouse Plentiful

Clinton Ide returned from a week end of grouse hunting in the Black River Valley of upper New York state where the season opened last Friday. His party composed of Guy Torbert and Art Currier, of New York State; Stanley Hart, New Britain, Conn., and Grant Scott, Cape May, N. J., obtained twenty-four birds.

It was the first time in twenty-seven years that Mr. Ide opened the hunting season without William Powell as companion.

Heads Training Program



Mrs. Calvin Hall

Mrs. Calvin Hall, Shavertown, has been appointed chairman of training on Dallas District Girl Scout Council. Both she and Mr. Hall are actively interested in youth work. Mr. Hall is executive secretary of Wyoming Valley Boy Scout Council.

Since coming to Shavertown from Lexington, Ky., two years ago, Mrs. Hall has contributed generously of her time and interest to local community life. She was captain of Shavertown Girl Scout Troop 66 for two years, and unit leader for Intermediate Girl Scouts at Camp Onawandah this past summer. A teacher in the Sunday School at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, she is also secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary. She participates each year in the Community Chest Drive, and is a member of Shavertown PTA.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall have four children, Alta Lou, Billy, Roy and Peggy. Mrs. Hall has assumed a new duty, that of Den Mother for the Shavertown Cubs. Her two sons, Billy and Roy, are Cubs.

After her education at Louisville Normal School and University of Kentucky, Mrs. Hall taught primary grades in Louisville Public Schools.

Following her marriage, she did war work in the Lexington hospitals, and organized five child study groups among the mothers of Lexington.

Dallas District Girl Scout Council believes that the addition of Mrs. Hall to its executive staff will add greatly to its usefulness and the continued growth of Girl Scouting in the Back Mountain.

Herman Kern To Lead Group Singing Oct. 31

Added feature of Back Mountain Hallowe'en Parade, October 31, will be group singing with Herman Kern, Harveys Lake, as leader, and Jack Titus as accompanist on the accordion.

Shavertown PTA is adding its sponsorship to other groups already listed as contributing to the Big Parade.

All Back Mountain children and students are invited to enter. There will be plenty of prizes, and candy for all marchers.

Directors Take Up Problems Of School Jointure

Dallas-Franklin And Monroe Township Will Meet Again Next Month

Directors of Dallas-Franklin and Monroe Township Schools met Tuesday night at Dallas Township High School for preliminary discussions of jointure between Dallas-Franklin and Monroe Township Schools.

Edwin H. Kehrl, superintendent of Wyoming County Schools also took part in the discussions.

Arch Austin, supervising principal of Monroe Township Schools gave a breakdown of enrollments in his schools and Raymond Kuhnert, supervising principal of Dallas Township schools presented the approximate costs of jointure and possible ways the two districts might be joined.

Mr. Austin and Mr. Kuhnert were instructed to prepare a tentative curriculum and program for jointure and to present it to each board for their consideration at the Monroe Township Board meeting on November 7 and at the Dallas-Franklin meeting on November 6, after which the combined boards will meet again to come to a decision.

It was brought out that Monroe now has an enrollment of 240 students, 110 of whom are in the seventh to twelfth grades. Monroe has ample accommodations for its grade school pupils with room to spare for additional grade pupils if its Junior-Senior High School students can be cared for elsewhere. The aim of Monroe schools, Mr. Austin said, is to have one teacher for every grade. There would be no necessity for any of its grade students to be transferred elsewhere. Grade school facilities at present are excellent.

There is need, however, for improvement in the high school where now only four instructors are employed.

It was brought out that Dallas-Franklin schools are not now in a position to accommodate all of Monroe's Junior-Senior High School students but that arrangements might be made to handle the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Grades.

Eventually additional classrooms would have to be provided to take care of the jointure.

The meeting was the first held by the three boards and was in the nature of an introduction to the problems and advantages of jointure.

Sands Recovering From Dislocated Hip

Herman Sands, Carverton, is able to get about with a cane after a traffic accident in Kansas which involved him and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sands, Atlantic City.

The accident occurred near Florence, 95 miles from Phillipsburg, Kansas, where the trio had been visiting relatives. All three were taken to the Lutheran Hospital in Florence for X-Rays and treatment.

Their new Chevrolet was a complete wreck, necessitating purchase of another car before the return trip, after four days in the hospital.

Herman has been home for about three weeks, but his dislocated hip will mean taking things easy for some time to come. His family, not knowing of the wreck, were astonished when Herman drove home in another new car.

Luzerne County Wins Chance At Apple Queen

Luzerne County is in the running for State Apple Queen, with Johanna Makavage, winner of the regional apple pan dowdy contest at Nescopeck, being groomed for the final contest at DuBois tomorrow. Eight picked winners from all over Pennsylvania, all members of Future Homemakers of America and vocational home-making students, will compete for the crown of Pennsylvania Apple Queen.

Johanna, 16, is a senior at Black Creek Township High School. She will be accompanied to DuBois by Mrs. Catherine Birth, Luzerne County Home Economics Adviser, and Mrs. Janet Walp, instructor of Home-Making at Black Creek.

Luzerne County apples will be used by the local entrant.

Start Library Grading

Hoover and Milbrodt started this week with power shovels, bulldozers and trucks to grade and landscape all of the property of Back Mountain Memorial Library between Main and Rice streets.