

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

Stockings hanging limply on the chimney breast, star-trimmed Christmas tree, three camels marching across the mantel piece above the leaping flames, the scent of pine and balsam in the air, the crackle of tissue paper, the soft gleam of tinsel, scarlet holly berries, the waxy pearls of mistletoe, the bayberry candles in the window, the yellow square of light on the fresh fallen snow—

Christmas again. Christmas with its cheer, Christmas from the belfries, Christmas in the hearts of little children, Christmas in the love of happy families, Christmas in happy remembrance of vanished childhood.

We remember when Christmas was a leisureed time, when gifts were less pretentious and confined to members of the immediate family; when the stocking was the focus of attention. It was when the stocking began to overflow, we think, that Christmas lost some of its peculiar essence.

Mamma was never too hurried on Christmas Eve to sit quietly on the edge of the bed and draw a word picture of the Babe in the Manger. She spoke softly of the weary Mother and her anxious husband. Her voice trembled when she said that there was no room at the inn.

The warm breath of the stable enveloped us as Joseph guided the Virgin Mary across the hard packed floor to a remote corner beyond the drowsing cattle and found clean straw for her bed. We drew a sigh of relief when we knew that she could rest and that the Holy Child would have a manger for His bed.

Always we were afraid that the darling little Child would be born too soon, before the safe harbor of the stable was reached. We followed the little family on its journey through the night with bated breath, knowing that the blazing star would end our fear, but yet fearing.

When the shepherds saw the great light and were sore afraid, we knew that all was well. The Child was born. The shepherds would kneel again before the manger, bringing their simple gifts.

The Wise Men, barbaric in their splendid trappings of gold and precious stones, would offer their riches to the King.

And Herod would search for Him, but in vain.

The Holy Child was in good hands. His father and His mother would take care of Him, just as our father and mother took care of us.

We drifted off to sleep, secure in love.

Hold Christmas Party

The Youth Temperance Council of Luzerne County held its monthly meeting as a Christmas Party held in the Luzerne Methodist Church. There was singing of Christmas Carols, games and a lunch served afterwards. The girls exchanged gifts among the girls, and the boys among the boys.

Those attending were: Ron Lamoreux, Spencer Holmgren, Billy Weidner, Don Weidner, Bob Achuff, Shirley Baroody, Harold Carini, Harold Gramly, Mrs. Samuels, Alberta Nichols, Mrs. Loren Keller.

Lorraine Keller, Roxie Hoover, William Naugle, Frank S. Prutzman, Lloyd Smith, Mrs. Ralph Gramley, Mrs. J. La Mas, Beverly Hampton, Nancy Rex, Marylou Rambus, Jan McLaughlin, James Rex, Dan Yanchums, Richard Hampton, Beatrice Thomas, Wm. H. Davies, Doris Stroud, Shirley Bloom.

Jane McElwee, Wilma Clark, Shirley Welsh, Dorothy Meade, David Whitney, Elaine Gramley, Connie Engler, Mrs. H. Schroder, Maurice Lamoreux, William Cease.

Move To West Dallas

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Rineheimer, and son Robert Jr. have moved into their recently completed ranch house in West Dallas.

Shavertown Police Injured Within Forty-Eight Hours Of Each Other

Kingston Township Supervisor I. R. Elston is guarding the Center Street intersection with the main highway in Shavertown, having assumed duties Monday morning in the absence, by injury, of the two officers normally assigned to Shavertown police duty.

Charles Metzger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Metzger, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, who had carried the load since Louis Banta's injury on Friday, struck a telephone pole head on after a skid on the ice at Birch Grove, and was admitted to the Nesbitt Hospital Sunday night at 8.

Constable Louis Banta broke his left wrist Friday evening at 6:30 while assisting a motorist to get his car out of a ditch. Dr. Charles Perkins drove Banta to the Nesbitt for X-Rays and treatment.

Metzger, thrown from his car by the impact, was rushed to the hospital by a passing motorist. Examination showed several broken ribs, lacerations of the face, and injury to one leg with possible frac-

Moving Ahead



BOB GROSE

Bob Grose, Main St. Dallas, who played professional baseball for the past three years in the Class D, Mountain States League has been drafted by the West Palm Beach Club of the Class B Florida-International League. This move represents a bang advancement for Bob as the Florida International is one of the top Class B. leagues in the country.

Bob has been due for an advance for three years as he played top flight ball in his first year when he broke into organized ball with the Penington "Miners" in the Mountain States League.

Bob batted .310 in his first season and was chosen on the league's All-Star team. Although numerous offers were made Penington wished to keep its valuable shortstop and for the second year in a row Bob made the league's All-Star nine. It was this year that he broke the standing league record by obtaining 121 walks in one season.

Last year Bob again played outstanding ball, batting .277 and turning in his usually shary game afield. For the third straight year he was chosen on the All-Star squad, Bob, a shortstop, is under a working agreement with the Philadelphia Athletics.

Bob was signed up in 1948 while playing in an All-Star game in Artillery Park, Kingston. He was a member of the championship Dallas Legion team at the time. Bob is a graduate of Dallas Borough High School where he starred in both basketball and baseball. Bob is keeping in shape in the off season by playing basketball as player-manager of the Huntsville Christian team in the Back Mountain Church-Community League.

Wins Appeal On Fine

A. J. Cadwalder, Truckville, RD 1, a railroad, convicted and fined \$100 by a Swoyersville Justice of the Peace for a Game Law violation committed in Sullivan County, won an appeal in Luzerne County Court this week. He claimed the Justice refused to hear testimony in his behalf. Judge John J. Aponick allowed the appeal.

Legion Kid's Party

All children of the community are invited to attend the Christmas Party at Daddow Isaacs Post home Saturday between 6:30 and 8. There will be favors and refreshments.

His parents hope that he will be home for Christmas. Banta is really crippled from his injury, for it was the left hand he depended upon, the right one having been seriously injured during service in World War II.

With neither hand in good condition, he is stymied in his project of painting children's toys for distribution at Christmas. The weather, requiring the services of volunteers from the Rod and Gun Club to assist State Police in patrolling the highways, is another handicap. Members have volunteered to paint toys in their spare time, but now it appears that nobody has any.

But, Banta says, the toys will get painted and repaired somehow or other, though folks will have to take them home to work on, as the former Hall drugstore building where they are being collected is unheated.

Lou says it's lucky he got his buck while hunting on Thursday, as he was in no shape to try for a doe on Saturday.

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BOX SCORE

| DALLAS | Hospitalized | | Killed |
|-------------------|--------------|----|--------|
| | 10 | 13 | |
| DALLAS TOWNSHIP | 5 | 8 | |
| LEHMAN | 1 | 1 | |
| KINGSTON TOWNSHIP | 42 | 5 | |
| JACKSON TOWNSHIP | 2 | 1 | |
| MOORE TOWNSHIP | 3 | 1 | |
| ROSS TOWNSHIP | 2 | 1 | |
| LAKE TOWNSHIP | 12 | 1 | |
| FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP | 2 | 1 | |
| TOTAL | 76 | 30 | |

John E. Vavrek Listed As POW

Reported Missing Over A Year Ago

Mrs. Alma Vavrek, Demunds, was given a wonderful Christmas present late Wednesday night when she learned that her son, Corp. John F. Vavrek, missing in Korean action since November 30, 1950, is a prisoner of the Reds instead of dead.

For over a year she has lived from day to day, hoping for news. When prisoner of war lists were released, her son's name was among ten regional boys held prisoner, some of them formerly reported as dead.

Jack Vavrek dropped out of Dallas Township School at the beginning of his junior year in 1949, enlisting almost immediately. He had been a member of the football squad and was among the cheerleaders, according to Raymond Kuhnert, Supervising Principal.

A. A. Moore brought the news to Mrs. Vavrek. Jack has two sisters, Betty Ann and Barbara, and a brother, Carl.

Tuesday's Storm Slows Business

Highway Traffic Brought To Standstill

Tuesday's storm, bringing traffic in the Back Mountain to a virtual standstill, was a prelude of winter. Coupled with the zero weather of Saturday and Sunday nights, it was an indication of what January and February have in store, in spite of woolly bears' prediction of a mild winter.

Harter's Dairy Made its deliveries, but many of them late. Snow started about one hour after the trucks left, increasing in violence. Milk, received in the main from Sweet Valley and Beaumont over main traveled highways, came to the plant without too much delay. The new Dodge truck, enclosed, kept most of the milk from freezing while en route.

Mrs. Boyd Dodson, on her way to drive a car for a Kingston funeral, set up an all-time record of three hours from Huntsville Corners to Hillside, putting on chains at Hillside and starting for home again.

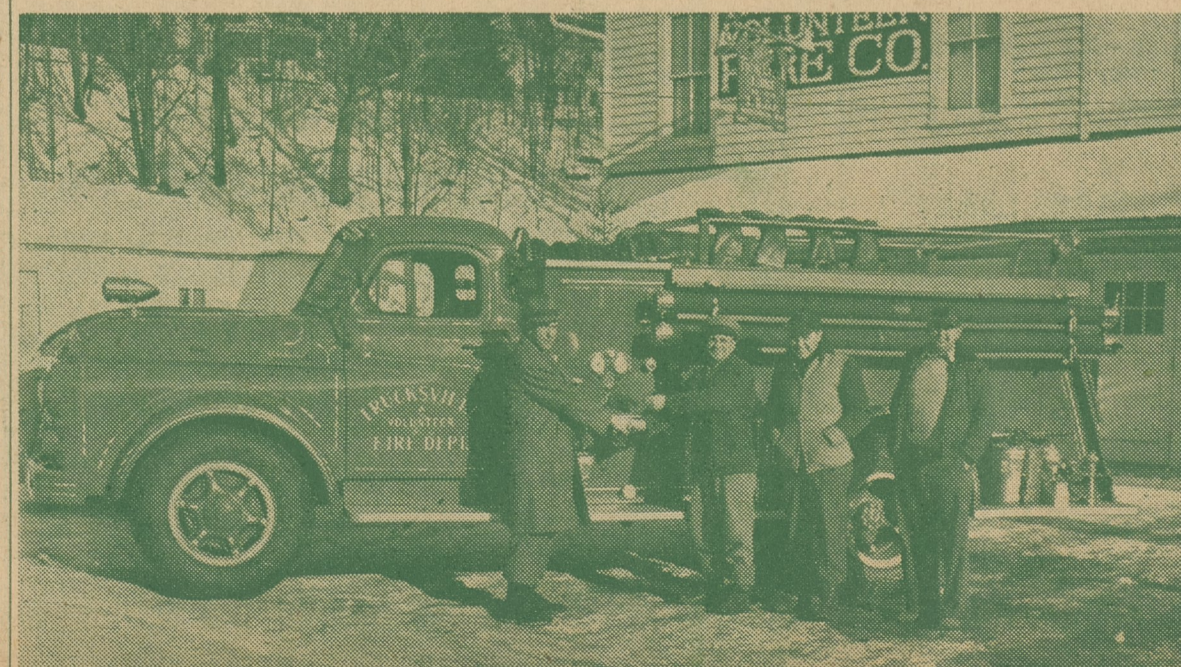
Huntsville hill was lined with cars unable to make the grade. Rev. Frederick Mook drove to Scranton Tuesday afternoon and reported many cars off the road. His own car was making heavy weather, but with chains he had no real trouble.

Goodeigh Farm sent its Fordson tractor out to plow the road at 11:30 Tuesday night and again at 4:30 Wednesday morning, so that a truckload of Guernsey milk might get through to the Dallas Dairy for processing on schedule. Mary Weir, farm manager, reported eighteen inches in most places, twenty-four in the drifted spots. Said she was glad no cow freshened during that night, as the maternity barn was separated from the house by over-the-boot drifts.

Trouble-shooters for the Commonwealth Telephone Company report no trouble from the heavy snowfall, but a number of frost-breaks due to zero weather earlier in the week. Service trucks, heavy and equipped with chains, had no trouble making the rounds. House-bound folks, however, caused a traffic jam on the wires by making call after call.

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Fire Chief Vought Long Takes Delivery of New Fire Truck



Reading from left to right: L. L. Richardson shaking hands with Vought Long, Truckville Volunteer Fire Company Chief; Edward Johnson, and Harry Owens.

Photo by Kozemchak

Newly Renovated and Furnished Second Grade Room At Dallas Township



Kozemchak

Firemen Get New Fire Truck

Truckville Company Will Hold Big Dinner

Truckville Fire house is sheltering the latest thing in fire trucks for rural communities.

The new fire truck, ordered in August, was delivered on Sunday afternoon, bringing in its 500 gallon tank a full load of St. Lawrence River water to mingle with that of Toby's Creek.

Scheduled to arrive on Saturday from Clayton, N. Y., it ran into a blizzard near Syracuse, and the driver, Robert Phillips, broke the icy trip in Binghamton.

Upon arrival it was inspected by Vought Long, Truckville Fire Chief; Bob Williams, assistant; Don Finney, president of the fire company; Edward Johnson, engineer; and Jack Richardson, who supplied the chassis at cost.

Tested before leaving Elmira, it delivered 500 gallons per minute without pushing, 957 under 800 pounds pressure per square inch.

Tested upon arrival in Truckville under zero conditions, the pumper was found up to specifications, delivering a normal volume of 500 gallons per minute.

At low pressure the tank of 500 gallons is equal to 5,000 at high pressure and will last for half an hour.

The American-Marsh pump is four stage, with pressure varying on demand. A supplementary portable booster pump is carried in the rear, for use in the event of steep creek banks or to draw lake water. There is additional space for extra containers of water. The ladder is a twenty-four foot extension.

The chassis was equipped by the W. J. Lawless Company, Elmira, dealers for the American Fire Apparatus Company in Clayton.

Vought Long, Fire Chief, drove the chassis to Clayton in September for outfitting.

The truck is all paid for except for \$1600 still outstanding but covered by pledges. Total cost was \$10,000.

The original fire truck, a 1931 Dodge, which cost \$3,300, has been stationed in the Kingston Township Supervisors Garage, within easy reach of Truckville Gardens, Bun-

Primary Grade Rooms At Township Are Refurnished In Modern Manner

Lt. Guthrie Conyngham Has Leave From Hospital

Lt. Guthrie Conyngham is home for the holidays on a thirty day leave from the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia. His mother, Mrs. William Conyngham, of Hillside Farms and 130 S. River Street, expected him home by ambulance on Wednesday, but due to condition of the roads following Tuesday's storm, the trip was made by sleeper, with a local ambulance meeting the train on Thursday at 1 A. M.

Guthrie, seriously injured in Korea, has his leg in a cast. He will return to the Naval Hospital for further treatment at the expiration of his leave.

His brother, Jack, who narrowly missed seeing him in Korea, is still at the fighting front.

Pic. Franklin Malkemes Is Buried On Monday

Funeral services were held Monday morning for Pfc. Franklin C. Malkemes Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin C. Malkemes Sr. of Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Frank and his family are former residents of Shavertown.

He was killed in action in Korea September 11, 1951 while serving with the U. S. Marines.

On Radio Committee

R. E. Wright, RD 2; Sheldon Mosier 1, and Ralph Hosler, Berwick, have been appointed to the Rural Radio Network's advisory committee which keeps the farmer-owned broadcasting system informed on ways to improve its service.

ker Hill, and the new housing development.

A dinner is planned for January 4 in the Fire Hall, with Vought Long guest of honor. Two hundred guests are expected, including chiefs and assistants of all local fire companies, and in addition those from Wilkes-Barre and Kingston; members of the Truckville Fire Company; and officers of the Back Mountain Fire Company Association.

Plans for progressive modernization of classrooms in Dallas Township School, which were voted upon by the school directors four years ago, have become a reality with the completion of four primary classrooms. Installation of beautiful, up-to-date chairs and desks for the four classrooms was completed last week-end.

Modern fluorescent lighting, designed by General Electric, was installed last summer, and the walls and wood-work of all rooms are done in a pastel shade of light green for ceilings and walls, in contrast with dark green for the woodwork.

The new furniture was purchased from Kurtz Brothers, Clearfield, who were low bidders. It is blond in color, and of sturdy construction.

In the years prior to jointure with Franklin Township, the School Board achieved many of its goals; chief among them the establishment of a cafeteria, the second in operation in the Back Mountain; erection of a large dining-room for students and faculty; purchase of tables and benches for the room; installation of new boys' and girls' showers and locker rooms; a storage room for cafeteria foods; and purchase of metal chairs for auditorium and installation of wire fence around the athletic field.

Under joint-board operation, funds have been made available to start a program of modernizing classrooms. It is hoped that more classrooms can be modernized next summer. In addition, a program for establishing a play area with latest playground equipment, has been carried out by the directors working jointly with the PTA.

The playground adjacent to the school parking area has been in operation since late summer. Two separate purchases of playground equipment have been made, and have been installed in addition to equipment transferred from the athletic field. Next spring and summer, there will be a program of supervised play for children of all ages, and a playground instructor will be employed.

Members of Dallas-Franklin Township Joint School Board are: Donald J. Evans, president; John W. Perry, vice president; George V. Dymond, secretary; Stephen N. Davis, Thomas Earl, Floyd Chamberlain, Daniel R. Richards, Harold Lewis, Thomas S. Moore and Russell Race. Raymond E. Kuhnert is supervising principal, and Jonathan C. Valentine is solicitor.

Ronald Doll Wins Degree At Columbia

Ronald C. Doll, son of H. Stanley Doll, Dallas, has won his doctorate in Education at Columbia University, specializing in school supervision and curriculum development.

A former principal of Dallas Borough and Dallas Township, he is at present administrative assistant in West Orange schools, in charge of curriculum and guidance.

He is a member of part-time teaching staff at New York University, and is coordinator of the West Orange curriculum project sponsored by the Horace Mann-Lincoln Institute of School Experimentation, Teachers College, Columbia.

A graduate of Wyoming Seminary and holder of three degrees at Columbia, he has taught courses in education at Hunter and Ursula.

Holiday Mail Sets Record

Volume Larger Than Last Year

Dallas Postmaster, Joseph Polacky, reports that both incoming and outgoing mail this holiday season are heavier than last year's record load. He attributes this mainly to increase in population of widespread rural carrier routes.

With three regular and two Star Route carriers on the job, mail still stacks up. Tuesday's storm further delayed deliveries, with carriers unable to cover part of the territory.

A large room at the rear of Dixon's Market, quarters formerly occupied by the Country Dress Shop, has been set up with pigeon holes for the use of rural carriers in sorting mail, a measure which eases congestion in the main post-office. Mail has to be carried back and forth across the alley in corrugated boxes, an inefficient plan.

Mr. Polacky says that Dallas postoffice is rated a high second class, but that with the opening of the new Commonwealth Telephone Building and consequent increase in mail receipts, it will be well over the line into first class rating. Sales of stamps have been far in excess of those of last holiday season.

With expanded facilities, the postmaster says, the holiday load could be handled without trouble.

What we need, says Mr. Polacky, is a new postoffice building, one large enough to care for the needs of a steadily expanding community.

He adds that much time could be saved if residents on rural routes would impress upon their correspondents the necessity of including route number in the address. Most letters and many packages, he says, come to the office addressed to Dallas, with no identifying number.

Area Schools Closed Early In Tuesday's Storm

School buses were not as much delayed by Tuesday's storm as supervising principals expected. All schools were dismissed early, with Dallas Borough Kindergarten sessions cancelled by telephone for the afternoon.

Dallas Township reported not much delay in delivery of pupils except on the back roads such as Lake Catalpa. Students got to school Wednesday morning on time, in the main, with the bus from Carverton Grange area half an hour late. Intersections were the only difficulty, says Raymond Kuhnert, Supervising Principal, with not enough snow removed to permit swinging of a long school bus.

Dallas Borough, Kingston Township schools dismissed at 1:30, with no difficulty experienced. Lehman-Jackson dismissed at 2, with buses encountering no difficulties, and all students on time Wednesday morning.

Beaumont had more trouble from Monday's zero weather than from Tuesday's storm, with one bus refusing to start and students transported in private cars.

Lake-Noxen dismissed at 2 PM Tuesday, cancelled school sessions for Wednesday.

Harveys Lake Freezes Over Wednesday Night

Harveys Lake, according to reports of residents, including Frank Jackson and Fred Swanson, is frozen over for the first time this year, with only a few open spots in the middle.

"Lucky it froze after instead of before the big storm", somebody said.

"We're going to have plenty of snow on the new ice anyhow. It's white right now", replied Chief Swanson.

That was on Thursday at press time, with the snow coming down again, harder and harder.

Community Tree Planted By Mrs. Amanda Yapple

The beautiful blue spruce tree used for the community Christmas tree in the center of Dallas was planted by Mrs. Amanda Yapple in the yard of her home, now Roy Verfaillie's home, on Church street, eighteen years ago.

The tree, along with three others that still stand in the yard, was a mail order job that cost 10c.

The trees, now full grown, were so crowded that Roy offered one to the village as a gift from the American Legion.

Election Postponed

Tuesday's storm forced the postponement of the annual Meeting and election of officers of Prince of Peace Auxiliary.