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Weather prognosticators, goose-bone prophets, fur and feather feelers, the United States Meteorological survey, and the woolly bears, all seem to have slipped a cog this year. With pussy-willows clustering grey and plushy on their stems, robins reported in droves, yellow crocuses in sight, and daffodils budded late in February, there's something wrong with the season.

For our money, venturing a spot of prophecy on our own, we are going to pay for this balmy weather by wading through a blizzard in March, and those hardy souls who always plant peas, come St. Patrick's Day, will penetrate the frozen soil by means of a blow-torch.

We'd like nothing better than to be proved wrong. Lilacs on the first of April would suit us fine. We'd like to think that the apple buds could emerge from their protecting sheathes prematurely without danger of nipping. But what we're really hoping for, before the spring is too far advanced, is enough cold weather, now when it can do no damage, to offer some slight hope of no killing frost after the buds have set.

It's been fine to smell spring in the air coming up Franklin Street hill every morning. We've welcomed with open arms hales about the first robin, the second, and finally a yard full, but it's time to cut it out. Any robin that comes north before the middle of March deserves to be a trifle frost-bitten, to teach him judgment in the years to come.

A message to the robins should include fair warning that the thermometer has been known to drop to zero on March 1, with snow every day thereafter until roads are choked and folks extend a shovel on which the mail-carrier may place their mail when conditions prevent him from reaching the box.

Robins should know these things before they leave lush feeding grounds in the south and chance the changeable weather in these latitudes. A March snowbank is no place to bring up a family. We've seen snow piled almost to the top of the lilac bush, and within a foot of a nest where a robin was attempting to keep her eggs warm in the teeth of a north wind that threatened to shiver her timbers. And on the other hand we've noted a temperature of eighty-five on March 20, and have gone swimming in Virginia on St. Patrick's Day, with a movie film to prove it. We've been warmer after the ducking.

But come cold, come snow, come high March wind, come rain, sun, or cyclone, spring is on the way, and it won't be long now.

That dormant mosquito, reviving in the warm air of the kitchen after being routed out of his winter quarters in a crack behind the sink by an exploring paint-brush last night, didn't wait an instant. "Hurray, here comes food," he sang, burying his fangs in an ankle which at the moment was guiltless of hosiery. He drank deep three times before being slapped down. You can't fool the insects. Most any day now we'll find a moth in our fox collar, if we can lay it aside long enough for a moth to lay an egg on it.

And then we'll know that spring has come.

### Mrs. Benjamin Jones Stricken In Dallas

The sympathy of the entire Back Mountain area is extended to Judge Benjamin R. Jones and his sons, Benjamin and Morgan, whose wife and mother, Dorothy Richards Jones, was stricken Saturday evening while visiting at the home of Atty. and Mrs. John Phillips of Huntsville Road.

Mrs. Jones was taken immediately to General Hospital where she died Sunday morning.

Judge and Mrs. Jones recently purchased the Fred Kiefer home at Shrine View and they had been here Sunday afternoon inspecting the redecoration and renovation prior to moving.

Mrs. Jones had been in delicate health for some months and had undergone a serious major operation just prior to Judge Jones' elevation to the Bench. She had improved and was apparently on the road to recovery and in good spirits when she was stricken.

Largely attended funeral services were held from the family home in Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday.

### Mrs. Ross Lewin To Manage Shop

Mrs. Ross Lewin will assume management of "Cards and Stuff" gift shop, Main Street, Dallas, March 23. Ruth says she saw the ad in the Dallas Post, interviewed the owner that same afternoon, and had the job the following morning.

### FFA Officers Meet Thursday

#### Dallas-Franklin Host To Two Counties

Officers of Dallas-Franklin Township FFA were hosts last Thursday to forty other officers of Future Farmers in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties. It was an all-day session, with lunch served by the cafeteria staff.

Lehman-Jackson, West Hazleton, Newton-Ransom, and Scott Township sent delegates. Howard Newcomer, Luzerne and Lackawanna County Advisor, opening the morning session, explained Parliamentary procedure according to Roberts' Rules of Order, followed by Frank Wilson, Montrose, State president of FFA, who talked on the project program.

Following lunch, Frank Parrish, Scott Township, who won the award for outstanding poultryman of Pennsylvania among FFA members at the State Farm Show, talked about poultry raising. He traced his career from the starting point of 200 baby chicks while in seventh grade, to his present enormous flock of thousands of broilers and egg producers, his turkeys, and his \$8,000 poultry house, recently financed from profits from poultry and dairy cattle. He graduated last June, is now giving full time to farming on his father's sixty acres.

An oral quiz on FFA followed the talk. Donald Weidner is president of Dallas-Franklin FFA; John Godek, vice president; Roy Carr, treasurer; Sam Fowler, secretary; Carl Gries, public relations; Sheldon Mosier, supervisor of agriculture, advisor. Officers present from Lehman-Jackson were: Daryl Major, president; Barry Edwards, vice president; Frank Roginski, secretary; Edmund Castellani, reporter; Larry Drabick, supervisor of agriculture, advisor.

### Lewis LeGrand Heads YMCA

#### Fleming, Jenkins, Churry, Neal, Elected

Lewis LeGrand chairman; Atty. Mitchell Jenkins, vice chairman; and Atty. Robert Fleming, treasurer, were re-elected to office at Monday night's meeting of Back Mountain YMCA. John Churry is recording secretary; Roy E. Neal, finance secretary.

Reports of activities indicate present and future healthy operation. Letters of thanks were authorized to Dallas Rotary Club for financial assistance in sending four Tri-Hi-Y girls to Harrisburg to the model UN Assembly, and to Musician's Union for supplying music for the canteen dance.

### Slaff Home Is Entered Monday

#### Burned Matches Are Strewn Everywhere

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slaff, Pioneer Avenue, Trucksville, was ransacked sometime Monday evening by an unknown intruder.

When Mr. and Mrs. Slaff, who had been absent since noon, arrived home about midnight, they found a bathroom window on the lower floor open.

Investigation showed that every drawer and cupboard in the house had been opened and ransacked, but nothing of value appeared to be missing. Burned wooden matches were strewn about the floors and a hole was burned in the carpeting in an upstairs bedroom.

The intruder made his exit through an upstairs hall window. State and Kingston Township police are investigating.

### Another Big Television

Mother Virginia, Convalescent Home, Trucksville, has recently installed a twenty-seven inch screen television set for entertainment of the patients. Guyette handled installation.

### Back Mountain Area Captains For Red Cross Fund Drive



Seated, left to right: Mrs. Charles Beech, Mrs. Charles Frantz, Mrs. John Conyngham, Mrs. Harry Ohlman, Mrs. Lloyd Kear, Mrs. Arthur Ross, Mrs. Charles Brooke, Mrs. Byron Kester, Mrs. Stanley Davies, Mrs. Arlene Deeter, and Mrs. Irvin Marvel.

### Civic Group To Obtain Charter

#### Earl Henwood, Jr., Elected President

An interesting discussion of community problems marked the second meeting of Kingston Township Civic Association Thursday night at Trucksville Fire Hall.

Forty persons attended, took part in the discussion, and elected permanent officers: Earl Henwood, Jr., president; Odie Moore, vice president; Mrs. Jack Weber, secretary and Esther Saxe, treasurer.

Named to a committee to obtain a charter and write constitution and by-laws were: Atty. Mitchell Jenkins, Rev. Robert Yost, Leon Wazeter, Theodore Poad, Esther Saxe, Jack Thornton and Rev. Robert Webster.

It was voted to hold meetings the first Tuesday of each month, with the next meeting at Shavertown Fire House on April 7.

Membership dues were set at \$1. per year.

One of the first projects of the group will be to obtain a traffic light at the intersection of Route 309 and Carverton Road. Other projects discussed were elimination of dumping and garbage disposal along the highways, removal of unsightly bill boards and general beautification and improvement of the community.

Proper steps to be taken toward having all homes numbered were touched upon. The membership expressed a desire to have all sections of Kingston Township represented in the group and hoped that meetings on alternate months at Carverton, Shavertown and Trucksville can stimulate that interest.

Harold Flack, representative from the Sixth Legislative District, explained that he was willing to cooperate with group in its efforts to obtain a traffic light.

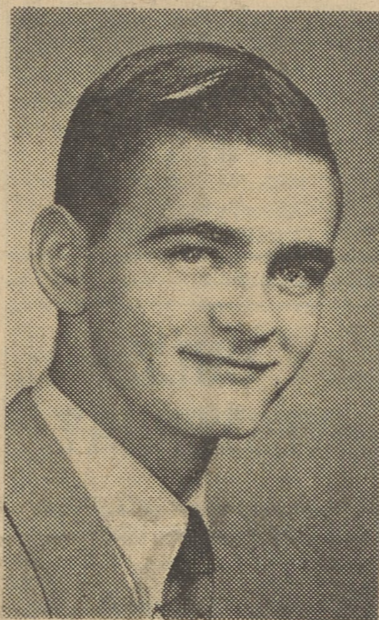
Among those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Wilson Case, Herbert Williams, Rev. Robert Webster, Rev. Robert Yost, Odie Moore, Natalie Kennan, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Henwood, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weber, Florence Finney, Jack Thornton, Don Finney, Ted Poad, Mrs. G. L. Howell, Mrs. Justin Bergman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Vincent McGuire, Esther Saxe, Leon Wazeter, Edward Harbold, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lloyd, Harold Flack, Howard Risley, Hilda Finney, Robert Anderson, William Hewitt, Mrs. James Bottoms, Ted Hinkle, Ben Post, and Mrs. J. J. Howell.

### Kozemchack's Picture Used By Nation's Press

A picture of Allen S. Haywood taken by James Kozemchack just a few moments before the vice president of the C.I.O. dropped dead at an Installation Dinner Saturday night at Hotel Redington, was purchased immediately by the Associated Press and has been carried by newspapers throughout the United States.

Mr. Kozemchack was so upset by the tragedy that he failed to continue snapping pictures during the sequence of events after Mr. Haywood was stricken. The sequence would have been in great demand from news magazines and newspapers.

### Senior Boy of the Month



KYLE GENE CUNDIFF

Kyle Gene Cundiff, popularly known as "Gene," is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle E. Cundiff of Maplewood Avenue, Dallas.

Gene was a Dallas Borough student for ten years, and has been a Westmoreland student for the past two years. He is an active member of school sports, with one year of football, one year of basketball, and three years of baseball listed under his extra-curricular activities. He is vice president of the Senior Class, and was treasurer of his Freshman Class. He is also a member of the Letterman's Club. As a member of the Naval Reserves, he has hopes of studying mechanics in his future years with the Navy.

Gene was elected Senior Boy of the Month unanimously by the Senior Class.

### Pictures Of Africa To Be Seen At Orange

"The Gospel according to Africa," pictures taken by Dorothy Gilbert now a missionary in Africa, will be shown at Orange Church, Sunday night March 8, by her father Rev. Charles Gilbert, former pastor on Three-Point Charge, now of Maine, N. Y.

The pictures have been acclaimed as "Beautiful, they make missions real."

### Four To Attend Model Assembly

#### Local Girls Will Represent Argentina

Jean Ide and Eunice Traver, representing Lake-Noxen Senior Tri Hi-Y Club, together with Helen Skopic and Grace Major representing the Lehman-Jackson Tri Hi-Y Club are the four lucky girls who have been selected to represent Tri Hi-Y Clubs of the Back Mountain Town and Country Branch YMCA at Harrisburg for the Model United Nations Assembly on March 27 and 28.

These four girls, together with one representative of the Tri Hi-Y Club of Tunkhannock, who is chairman of the group, will represent Argentina.

Sixteen proposals for discussion and action are to be presented at the Assembly. These have been worked out previously at Tri Hi-Y Clubs in the State. The girls will be dressed in native costume and will speak for Argentina on all the proposals that will be presented at this Model Assembly.

Sixty nations will be represented by 300 girls from the YMCA's Tri Hi-Y program throughout Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ennis Wood of Australia will be the key-note speaker.

Delegates will be housed at the Penn Harris and Harrisburger Hotels and the sessions will be held in the Forum. One bus load of girls will represent Northeast Pennsylvania, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shike will accompany the group.

### Boxing Exhibition Has To Be Postponed

Jackson Volunteer Firemen had to postpone their Boxing Exhibition scheduled for Wednesday night when the promoters were unable to get the ring from a Pitston Building. The ring had been offered for transportation to the Firemen's Hall at Chase, but when workmen went to get it they found it was too large to take out of the building.

### Kingston Township Citizens Form Civic Association



Here are a few of the Kingston Township citizens who gathered last Thursday night at Trucksville Fire Hall to form a Civic Association. (See story on this page.) PHOTO BY KOZEMOCHAK

Have A Heart  
GIVE TO THE HEART FUND  
And  
Save A Heart

### Back Mountain Red Cross Fund Captains Named

\$3,225 Goal Is Ten Percent Above That Raised Last Year

Captains who will serve in the Back Mountain Division of the 1953 Red Cross Fund Campaign of the Wyoming Valley Chapter have been announced by the division's co-chairmen, Mrs. Robert R. Evans, Idetown, and Mrs. John N. Conyngham, Shavertown.

Captains in the following areas are:

Dallas Borough: Captain, Mrs. Lloyd B. Kear; co-captain, Mrs. Irvin Marvel.

Dallas Township: Captain, Mrs. Stanley S. Davies; co-captain, Mrs. Floyd W. Chamberlain.

Franklin Township: Captain, Mrs. Byron Kester.

Jackson Township: Captain, Mrs. Charles S. Frantz.

Lehman Township: Captain, Mrs. Ornan K. Lamb; co-captain, Mrs. Wintthrop Sargent.

Lake Township: Captain, Mrs. Fred H. Kroll; co-captain, Mrs. William E. Evans, Jr.

Shavertown: Captain, Mrs. Gilbert D. Austin; co-captain, Mrs. Charles K. Beech.

Trucksville: Captain, Mrs. Charles Brooke; co-captain, Mrs. Sam B. Dilcer.

Dallas Organizations: Captain, Mrs. Arlene Deeter; co-captain, Mrs. Arthur H. Ross.

Final plans for the March first launching of the house-to-house campaign were discussed by the captains and their co-chairman at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Robert R. Evans, The Back Mountain's share of Wyoming Valley's \$145,378 quota for the 1953 Red Cross Fund will be \$3,225.

This quota represents a 10% increase over 1952 to help absorb the heavy financial demands of the gamma globulin program. Gamma globulin, a derivative of blood is the newest, and most effective weapon against paralysis by polio.

In addition to its job of collecting blood for Korean wounded, civilian hospitals, and the national defense plasma program, the Red Cross must enlarge its blood-collecting facilities in order to meet the urgent need of an estimated 2,000-3,000 children in polio epidemic areas next summer.

Distribution of gamma globulin will be made through an agency chosen by the Office of Defense Mobilization. The Red Cross requires an additional \$7,000,000 this year for the collection and processing of blood for this purpose.

The Back Mountain Division holds the distinguished record of always meeting its financial quota as well as giving its generous support to the volunteer and blood program of the local chapter.

### Stray Dog Bites Child's Fingers

#### Head Sent To Lab For Examination

Head of a stray dog which bit a little girl on Carverton Road two weeks previously, was sent to Harrisburg for examination on Monday by Dr. George Flack, Trucksville. No report has been received.

The child, daughter of Louis Mazalin, Carverton Road, was bitten on the fingers. A child specialist from Wilkes-Barre ordered the dog tied for fourteen days, an order carried out by supervisor Arthur Smith and Francis Youngblood.

On Saturday, the day before he was to have been released, he refused food and growled when approached. On Sunday, he died.

### Shavertown Gets 382 Lock Boxes

#### Two Postal Employees Serve 1,600 Patrons

Service at Shavertown Postoffice where Irvin C. Davis has been Postmaster for the past nineteen years, was greatly improved and speeded up this week with the installation of 350 new lock boxes and thirty-two larger second-hand lock boxes. There are also thirty-two call boxes. The rest of the mail will be delivered at the general delivery window.

Until the installation of the lock boxes, the 1,600 patrons of the office were served from 241 call boxes and at the general delivery window.

There are no rural routes out of the Shavertown office where two regular workers, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Jean Glehn, clerk, sort, distribute and dispatch all mail and parcel post. Mrs. Grace McGuire assists occasionally as substitute clerk.

To further speed up the work and provide greater patron convenience, the office has been extended nine feet in depth providing a total floor space of about 459 square feet. One fourth of the area is used as lobby.

The office has also been rearranged so that lock boxes run the length of the building rather than across it.

### Bake Sale Tomorrow

Women of Prince of Peace Church will conduct a bake sale at Boyd White's store starting Saturday morning at 10.