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**WARNING**  
Keep Your Dog On Leash  
Don't let him run or you  
Pay The Penalty

FROM

## PILLAR TO POST

By MRS. T. M. B. HICKS

A short month ago the overhanging rocks were sheathed in frost, a fringe of slender icicles giving back the light of approaching cars. Winter was everywhere upon the land. Today the same rocks drip moisture, and there is that heavenly scent of damp fresh earth, the promise of blossoms yet to come, the feeling of quickening life and rising sap. Bare branches are not so clearly etched against the sky. There is a softening of contours.

Crocuses in protected spots are already in bloom, and Easter bouquets are ready, at the merest hint of warm wind and sunshine, to throw their banners wide. The forsythia is budded, pussy willows have shed their soft grey fur.

And the peepers are peeping like mad in the swamps. Legend has it that peepers freeze out three times before spring is actually here. We have seen them liquefy in a driving rain, their bodies transparent jelly, their embryonic legs dissolving, their shapeless forms sinking into the earth. The rains cease, and the jelly shows signs of life. Five more minutes and the tiny frog takes shape, distends his throat, and pipes his nostalgic plaint.

Twice the peepers have joined in a full-throated chorus this year. Once more, and spring is an accepted fact.

It's not only the swamps that are peeping, it's the Post-office. Back of the mailboxes there are cardboard pullmans for peeps, each pullman crowded with fluffy yellow chickens, all of them vocal and inquiring about the brooder and the chick mash. It is a happy sound. They are not really hungry, just interested. There is nothing urgent in their voices, purely conversational. They have enough contained egg yolk for another twenty-four hours, and they will not be feeling desperate for forty-eight.

There's a cardinal on top of the maple tree, his feathers ruby red in the light of the setting sun. He has been singing off and on for the past month, but in a subdued cadence. This evening there is a lilt to his song, and he throws back his head with abandon. There is an answering whistle down in the oak tree.

Robins bustle about in the flowerbeds, and there's a sudden flurry of bees about an opening crocus. A threatening cloud veils the sun, and there is a brief snow shower.

Nothing can stop it now—no searching wind, no unseasonable backlash of snow.

Spring is here.

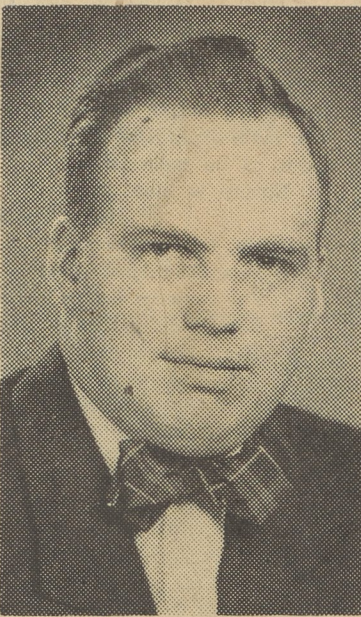
### Helped Take "Old Baldy"

With the 2nd Infantry Div. in Korea—John L. Bronson, son of Mrs. Beulah Bronson, Route 1, Harveys Lake, was recently promoted to sergeant first class while serving with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

The 2nd Division captured "Heart-break Ridge" in October 1951 and took "Old Baldy" last July.

Sfc Bronson, an assistant platoon sergeant in Company F of the division's 23rd Regiment, has served

### Heads Cancer Crusade



J. HOUSTON DAY

J. Houston Day has accepted the job of general chairman of the Cancer Crusade for the Back Mountain area, it was announced by Mrs. Harry Ohlman, area commander. During this weekend, 2,000 letters will be sent out from Back Mountain Cancer Information Center. Typing, filling and mailing the letters was accomplished by the Center volunteers assisted by a group of Girl Scouts.

April has been designated by an Act of Congress as Cancer Crusade month, Mr. Day pointed out. "The Back Mountain, which has never failed to respond to the appeals of humanity, must contribute its quota of \$2,500 to the County goal of 40,000 if local cancer work is to continue."

Mrs. Ohlman emphasized that the American Cancer Society is the only voluntary health agency which sponsors a program of service, education and research, with the bulk of funds spent for service.

Mr. Day, 50 Terrace Drive, Shavertown, is married and the father of three small children. He has contributed time and effort to several Red Cross and Community Chest drives, as well as serving as treasurer of Georgetown Settlement and in various activities of Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club. Mrs. Day has been active in local Cancer work since moving to the Valley. She is chairman of dressings for the Back Mountain Center, organizing and supervising several dressings groups.

Mrs. William Thomas, Center chairman, has announced that the Center will not be open Good Friday. Regular hours will be resumed Tuesday.

in Korea since last July. He attended Mansfield State Teachers College, before entering the Army in October 1951.

### Girl Scouts Do Their Part To Aid Cancer Campaign



Girl Scouts of Back Mountain Troops are here shown inserting letters in envelopes for the current Cancer Campaign. Sitting at the table in Back Mountain Memorial Library are

(from left to right): Jean Franklin, Mary Evans, Barbara Hileman, Carol Rudy, Zephia Carter, Lynn Schöffhauser, Betty Long, Beatrice Ell, Nancy Jones, Patty Hemenway, Carol Thomas Sally Hetrick.

### Blood Donor Day At Misericordia Nets 138 Pints

#### Students And Sisters Contribute In First Of Semi-Annual Days

Blood Donor Day at College Misericordia last Wednesday netted 138 pints, collected by a staff of twenty-nine, working from 1 to 8:45 P.M. College students from freshmen to seniors contributed, with parental permission. Fifteen sisters also donated.

According to Sister Annunciata, Blood Donor Day will be a semi-annual feature of student life, with even more impressive results to be expected. Many students who had planned to contribute were disqualified because of spring colds.

The staff from Wilkes-Barre, Grey Ladies and assistants from the Back Mountain, were served meals in a private dining room in relays, that donations might proceed uninterrupted.

College Misericordia was prevented from participating in the February 2 Dallas Blood Donor Day in honor of Dr. Sherman Schooley, by students' absence during mid-year recess. At that time, arrangements were made for a later donation, with the Bloodmobile going directly to the school.

### Heart Campaign Goes Over Top

#### Goal Exceeded, Twice Last Year's

Results of the recent Heart Drive were announced Thursday night at a dinner held at Hotel Redington. Chairmen for Back Mountain area, Mrs. Robert Maturi and Mrs. Harold Flack, announced that more than double the amount raised in 1952 was collected, with the goal of \$500 exceeded by \$229, bringing the total to \$729.

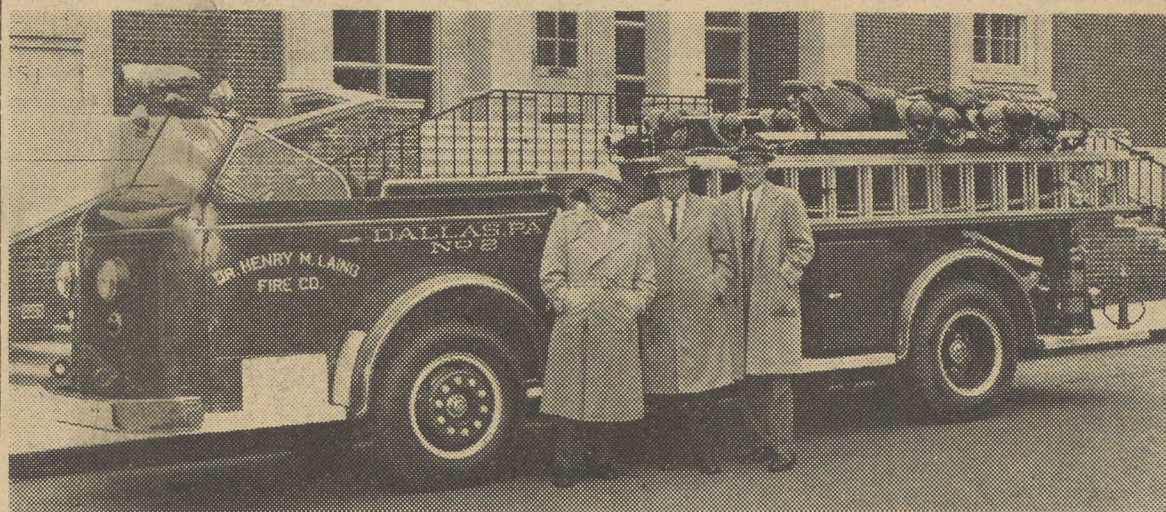
Winners, milk bottle envelope collection, were Jack Evans, Dallas Dairy, \$75.90, and Edwin Shoemaker, Shadyside, \$60.85. War Bond, \$25, went to Evans. War Stamps, \$10, to Shoemaker. This method of collecting, by tags attached to milk bottles, was new this year. Collection totalled \$288.12

Committee members were Mrs. A. Harden Coon Jr., Mrs. Woodworth B. Allan, Mrs. William R. Wright, Mrs. James Gates, Mrs. Sheldon Evans, Mrs. Thomas Shelbourne, Mrs. Jonathan Valentine.

### Back Mountain Lumber Constructing Addition

Back Mountain Lumber & Coal Company this week broke ground for a 25 x 50 foot two-story addition to its store in Shavertown.

### Laing Firemen Delighted With New Equipment



Among the many who expressed their delight this week with Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company's new American LaFrance pumper was State Secretary of Commerce Andrew J. Sordoni, largest single cash contributor to the pumper fund. Here Mr. Sordoni is shown just before his departure for a ten-day trip to England. With him in front of the new Commonweath Building is his son, Jack, and Fire Chief James Beseker.

The beautiful new pumper which has made the hearts of every fireman beat just a little bit faster, got its first baptism of fire Sunday afternoon when it answered a call to extinguish a grass fire at Shrine View. Driven by assistant chief Nort Bert, accompanied by Drivers Donald Bulford and Al Shafer, the

pumper headed a procession of volunteer fire fighters who were anxious to see the new equipment in action.

Most of them knew, for representatives of the Middle Atlantic Fire Underwriters had given it an exhaustive three-hour test at Harveys Lake on Friday and pronounced it tops. In one half-hour test at 150-pound pressure the engine pumped 854 gallons per minute though it is rated at only 750 gallons per minute. It was also run at 200 and 250 pounds pressure for half hour intervals and developed 783 gallons per minute. Fog nozzles were tested at 750 pounds pressure.

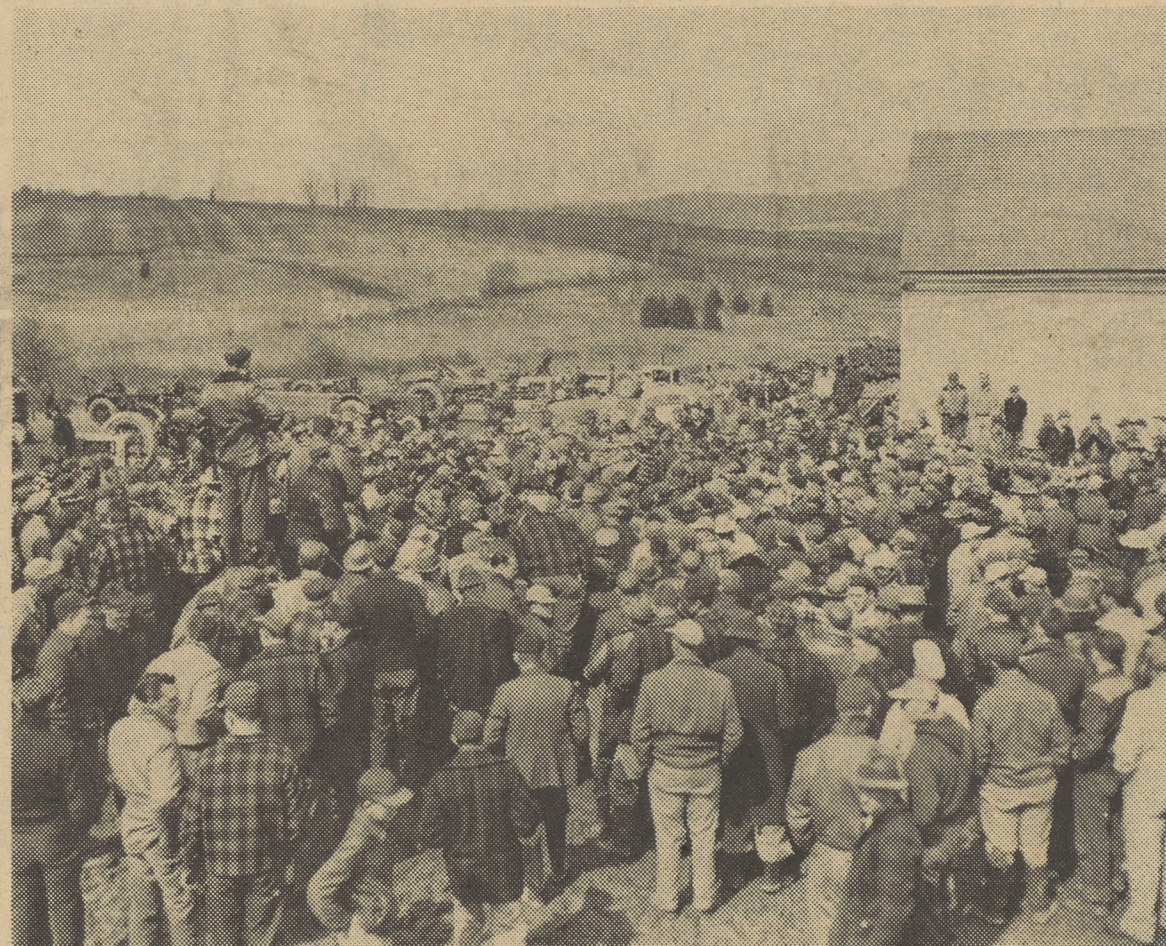
Interested observers at the test were: Daniel Richards, president of the company; Harry L. Ohlman, past president; Henry Peterson,

treasurer; Donald Bulford and Chief Beseker.

All of the drivers have expressed their complete satisfaction with the way the equipment handles in tight places, and with the operation of the pump. Drivers are James Gansel, Howard Johns, Donald Bulford, Alvin Shafer, Nort Bert and James Beseker.

Shortly after the equipment was officially placed in service Friday night Chief Beseker announced that both pieces of apparatus, the new pumper designated No. 2, and the old truck designated No. 1, will respond to all alarms in Dallas Borough and Township. For all out-of-town calls, only the new pumper will respond with truck No. 1, standing by in Dallas for home emergencies.

### Big Crowds Attend Charles H. Long's Farm Auction



So famous have Charles Long's annual auctions become that no matter what the weather large

numbers of farmers come from all parts of northeastern Pennsylvania. Shown here is a part of the throng

PHOTO BY HUDSON that attended last Saturday's event.

### Sweet Valley Implement Auction Brings Crowd From Far And Wide

Farmers and dealers from as far afield as Harrisburg, Lancaster, Williamsport, and Binghamton, as well as those from the Back Mountain comprised the largest crowd ever seen at Charles Long's annual auction of farm machinery on Saturday. Perfect weather, combined with farmers' inability to get onto the wet fields, brought out buyers and spectators, Ladies Aid of First Christian Church did a land-office business in refreshments, clearing over \$400 from a gross of \$780.

The swing is toward heavy machinery, states Charles Long, with more and more farmers realizing the advantage of green forage cutting as a means of making silage at the peak of vitamin and protein content, without the hazard of bad weather to delay haying. To a question as to whether such machinery was within the means of the average farmer, Mr. Long said that long term payments were usually arranged, and the savings in labor cost as well as improved feed were notable. In many instances, he went on, a large scale farmer would finance equipment, and smaller scale farmers would make use of his machinery at stated times, either paying for such service or trading work for it.

The auction itself is a big thing. For seven years it has been held annually toward the end of March or the first of April, though the first auction was in 1943, ten years ago. Used equipment is handled,

machinery that has been turned in as down payment on new, or brought by farmers for sale in order to raise money for replacements. Cultivators, plows, seeders, tractors, go over the block to the highest bidder.

### Easter Egg Hunt Tomorrow For Dallas Borough-Kingston Twp.

Children of Dallas Borough and Kingston Township, pre-school and up to and including the sixth grade, will have an Easter egg hunt on Westmoreland school grounds tomorrow at 9:30. Children are asked to assemble on the football field in advance of starting time, but not to go to the front of the school until the hunt starts.

Boy and Girl Scouts will mark and hide eggs provided by mothers and friends, boiled and colored in advance. The hunt is sponsored by Kingston Township and Dallas Borough police departments.

Special prizes will be given at Shavertown Honor Roll at 11.

Buses will cover their regular routes at 9 A.M. Two Buses will leave Dallas Borough school at 9 A.M. Transportation will be provided by C. L. Myers, I. L. Coulsen, Donald Platt, and Leon Emmanuel. Parents or friends of the children

### Sterling Barnes Gives Up Grocery Business

Sterling Barnes, Huntsville merchant for the past eight years, is liquidating his stock and has joined his father, Ernest Barnes and his brother, Charles of Lehman as brick masons with the William Heck Company in Wilkes-Barre. He started work three weeks ago. The store will remain open until the stock is sold.

### No Change In Personnel

Under terms of the purchase there will be no change in the personnel of First National Bank. Mr. Jeter while remaining administrative head of the bank, will also become a director and vice president of Miners National Bank. Frederick J. Eck, cashier, will become assistant vice president of Miners Bank while continuing in his executive position in Dallas. The present Board of Directors will compose the advisory committee of the Dallas Bank.

Members of the cooperating police forces are: Arthur Smith, director of Kingston Township police; Jesse Coslett, patrolman, general manager of the hunt, Evan Evans, Herbert Jenkins, Joseph Layaou, Herbert Updyke, Kingston Township patrolmen; Russell Honeywell, Dallas Chief of police, and Lester Fiske, assistant.

Businessmen, contacted by police officers, contributed enough money so that each child is assured a small prize. Bill Guyette is arranging for a loud speaker system as his contribution.

### Dallas Bank Purchased By Miners Bank

#### Sale Has Been Under Consideration For Two Years

Announcement was made yesterday that purchase of First National Bank of Dallas by the Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre has been approved by the directors of both institutions.

The announcement was not a complete surprise in financial and business circles for the purchase has been under consideration since April 1951 when a similar agreement was negotiated but failed later to win the full approval of the Dallas Board of Directors.

The sale is now subject only to the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency and the stockholders of First National Bank of Dallas. Consummation of the transaction is believed to have been hastened by the announcement that Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre is seeking approval of the Comptroller of the Currency for the establishment of a branch bank in Shavertown.

In making the announcement W. B. Jeter, president of the First National Bank of Dallas said:

#### President's Statement

"I am pleased to be able to announce that at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Dallas, held March 31, 1953, it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the stockholders the consolidation of the First National Bank of Dallas with the Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, subject of course to the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency.

"Inasmuch as a similar agreement for the consolidation has already been passed by the Board of Directors of the Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Dallas is being called for April 20, 1953 to vote on this resolution.

"As you know, our two banks have been in negotiation regarding such a merger for the past two years and it is a source of great satisfaction to all the officers and directors of the First National Bank of Dallas that the arrangements have now been consummated.

"I am sure that with our increased facilities we can give our friends in the Back Mountain Area even greater service than in the past."

#### Largest Shareholder Approves

A. C. Devens, vice president, and largest single shareholder, in the Dallas institution, said:

"I have been associated with the First National Bank of Dallas for very many years. Its welfare and the service it can render to our friends in the Back Mountain Area have always been a matter of deep personal concern to me.

"I am entirely in favor of the consolidation with the Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre because I know that this way we may draw on a greatly increased loan capacity to care for the rapidly growing needs of our Back Mountain community.

"I should like to make it very clear that the character of our bank here in Dallas will in no way be changed. The same personnel will continue to render the same friendly and personal service to our neighbors but with increased financial facilities."

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#### Established 1906

First National Bank of Dallas was chartered April 16, 1906 and opened for business on August 27 of that year in its new building now the Harveys Lake Light Co. on Church Street. It was then capitalized at \$25,000 with a surplus of \$6,250. In January 1932 it moved into its present quarters on Main Street. It has grown steadily with the development of the Back Mountain

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