

THE HEADACHE LINGERS ON—

The Ides of March are past, but the national headache that occurs each March 15 when the income tax falls due lingers on. At the present time, even the smallest taxpayers (in the under-\$2,000 bracket—must pay more than a fifth of their taxable income to the federal government. In the rarified air of over-\$200,000 the federal tax begins taking a whopping 92 per cent. And you don't have to be rich to be in the group that pays half its income to the federal treasury—the 62 per cent rate is reached when your taxable earnings pass \$20,000 and it goes up exceedingly fast from there. The many state income taxes take a slice of what's left in addition to property taxes.

This fiscal year the federal tax take is expected to total almost \$69,000,000,000, of which half will come from individuals and the rest from corporations and indirect sources. A great many of us are wondering just where all that money goes.

U. S. News & World Report supplied this information in its issue of March 20. Here is what happens to each tax dollar: Armed forces, 58c; interest on the debt, 8.7c; foreign aid 7.7c; to veterans, 6c; social welfare, 3.4c; stockpiling and related security activities, 2.9c; public works, 2.9c; atomic energy, 2.7c; to farmers, 2.6c; other purposes, 5.1c.

These, of course, are general classifications. U. S. News went on to show in more detail how our federal tax dollars are spent. For instance, the government payroll is \$18,700,000,000 a year, with civilian workers accounting for a little more than half of it. The states are given grants of \$1,300,000,000 as part of the public-assistance program. The Post Office Department is currently spending \$666,000,000 more than it takes in. The Navy is getting some new ships—bill, \$900,000,000. Military airplanes are a much bigger item—\$7,400,000,000 this year. Collecting taxes is a costly business in itself—the Bureau of Internal Revenue's budget is \$273,000,000. Crime is another substantial expense to you, the taxpayer—the federal prisons cost \$29,200,000 and the FBI \$70,300,000.

The Eisenhower Administration is committed to going over all of these expenses with a fine-tooth comb, and reducing them whenever possible. It must pare billions just to balance the budget, much less to start slicing it. It's a whale of a job—but a job that practically everyone is convinced must be done.

It is likely that fairly substantial reductions will be made in the public payroll—there seem to be a great many cases where two or more people are now doing work suitable for one. Some water will probably be squeezed out of the public assistance set-up—various investigations indicate there has been much waste here. There will be a paring of work which can be abandoned or postponed, or which can be done by local government or private enterprise, such as electrical power projects.

Spending for the armed forces, which accounts for much more than half of your tax dollar, will be scrutinized with extreme care. This doesn't mean that there will be blanket cuts—reports indicate that the President feels that outlays for certain military purposes must be increased rather than decreased. But it is believed that the forces have gone in for some extremely expensive and unnecessary frills. It is also believed that there has been some bad management in the Pentagon. As an example, Congress was strongly upset by General Van Fleet's report that there had been ammunition shortages during the whole time he commanded in Korea.

The overall goal is to balance the budget, and then to start working on tax reduction.

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Easter Egg Hunters Beat Downpour By Slim Margin, Escape Ducking

Saturday's rain held off until after the Easter Egg Hunt, giving 2,000 children an opportunity to find the hidden eggs, receive their prizes, and get home again dry-shod. It was a break that the hunt had been scheduled for 9:30 instead of later in the day.

Ninety dozen brightly dyed eggs were hidden by Boy and Girl Scouts under direction of Obed Hontz, who started work at 6 a. m. It was Obed who, under the noses of the Scouts, hid the 205 white eggs bearing numbers entitling the finder to a prize. These special eggs were boiled at Shavertown Fire Hall by a committee of the Fire Auxiliary. Theodore Poad and Arthur Smith, active in previous egg hunts, distributed prizes in front of the Shavertown Postoffice, seeing that every child received a chocolate egg, and that eggs bearing numbers were matched with corresponding prizes.

With distribution of the last prize and the last chocolate egg, rain sluiced down and the children scampered off with their loot.

Pre-school and kindergarten children hunted to the right of the school. Grades 1-3 hunted in the direction of the football field, and grades 4-6 were assigned the more difficult wooded area along the steep slope below Westmoreland.

Prizes displayed at Hall's Drug Store for several days before the hunt included some elaborate items, record players, radios, etc. Merchants who did not donate prizes contributed money for the choco-

late egg fund. Police personnel from Kingston Township and Dallas, with Jesse Coslett, chairman, collected eggs in advance, and contacted merchants as well as pivoting the hunt and directing diverted traffic.

Carol Malkemes made posters.

Wages Burned In Kunkle Fire

Pollack Home Is Totally Destroyed

Having left his home for only a few minutes Saturday evening, Martin Pollack, R. D. 1, Dallas, was amazed when a State Highway Patrolman told him his house was on fire.

The fire presumably started from a defective pipe in the kitchen range. Motorists on Route 309 noticed the blaze and called Harry S. Smith Fire Company. The Kunkle firemen arrived in five minutes but the fire was beyond control.

Because of favorable wind and a good dousing with water, the home of Shirley Martin, next door, was undamaged.

Pollack, who works for Goodleigh Farm, had that evening cashed a paycheck of approximately \$100.00. He said \$97.00 in cash remained in the pocket of his suit which hung in the closet of the home. All of his clothes as well as the money were lost.

Fire Chief Fred Dodson directed the fire fighting and found it necessary to have a number of the firemen form a bucket brigade from a nearby well to the pumper because the 500-gallon capacity of the truck was soon exhausted. The small home of wooden construction with asbestos siding burned too quickly and fiercely for the fire fighters to save it. Pollack rented the home from Charles Martin of Kunkle.

Dallas-Kingston Evaluation Set For Next March

Board To Discuss Jointure Progress At Dinner Session

Evaluation of Dallas Borough-Kingston Township Joint Schools has been approved by Harrisburg and will take place next March, according to a report read at Wednesday night's meeting of the joint board. In preparation for evaluation, teachers' meetings will be arranged for every second Friday, with school dismissed half an hour early to give added time.

Letters have been received from Carbondale and Kingston, expressing sincere thanks for the high quality of service rendered by James Martin and Charles James while serving on evaluation committees for those two schools during March.

A cafeteria dinner was suggested at Westmoreland, for discussion of the jointure, unalloyed with business. It seems desirable both to James Martin, supervising principal, and Frederic Anderson, president of the board, to assay progress, map out the future, take into consideration the aims of Pennsylvania educational system in promoting and encouraging larger jointures, compare progress with that of other districts, and in general see where the jointure is heading and why.

A suitable date will be arranged, and the cafeteria staff will prepare and serve the dinner.

Bids for coal are consistently higher than they were last year, varying as much as \$2 per ton. The present contractor, R. A. Williams, offered the lowest bid. The matter of a contract for coal and for supplies for Science, Art, Shop, and Health classes was referred to the finance committee.

Large quantities of surplus commodities have been received, including 350 pounds of butter during March, turkeys and boned hams earlier in the winter, honey, eggs, etc. Subsidies are expected to stop May 1, throwing the entire burden upon the school. Price for lunches remains at 20 cents, with 9 cents per lunch reimbursement from the Federal lunch program. The largest item of expense is labor.

Silver Burdett has offered to send a representative to demonstrate an approved music plan to Shavertown Elementary School on April 16. All elementary schools in the district will be closed at 11 a. m., extending the lunch period to two hours, to permit elementary teachers to witness the demonstration by Miss Edna Doll.

Westmoreland High School Band will take part in the Sweet Valley Memorial Day Parade. The Fire Company sponsoring the parade offers \$25 to each band participating, plus an additional \$10 for transportation.

Roberts College, by arrangement of Rev. Herbert D. Olver, will have the use of Westmoreland auditorium Saturday evening for an A Capella choir concert.

A gift of six albums of records presented by Shavertown PTA for use of Shavertown Grade School was accepted by the Board.

Erection of a fence between Trucksville grade school playground and adjoining property owned by Earl Gregory was referred to the Property Committee.

Permission was granted to the YMCA to use a vacant room in the Shavertown building in case of possible overflow at the May 2 card party, sponsored by wives of directors in collaboration with Y's Menettes to raise funds for further YMCA work in the Back Mountain.

Present were Frederic Anderson, Lewis LeGrand, Dr. Robert Bodycomb, Daniel M. Shaver, James Hutchison, Harry Ohlman, James Martin, Charles James, Mrs. Eleanor Jones, W. Frank Trimble.

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It's a lovely spot—On all sides sun-kissed mountain crests stand guard—noise sleeps—peace abides. At every turn sweeping stretches of scenic splendor scintillate, delight the eye, and thrill the heart with homeland love and pride.

Editorial note: The writer wishes to remain anonymous. Within the past two years he has grown to love these hills and valleys. He leaves with regret, giving a lingering backward look at the wide panorama of greening pastures and budding trees.

Enthusiastic Alumni Plan Fifth Annual Dinner



Final plans for what promises to be the finest alumni dinner ever held at Dallas-Franklin High School are here being worked in the school library by members of the committee.

The dinner will be held Saturday night, April 25 at the High School and everyone is being made to encourage all Alumni to attend.

Seated left to right are: Carrie

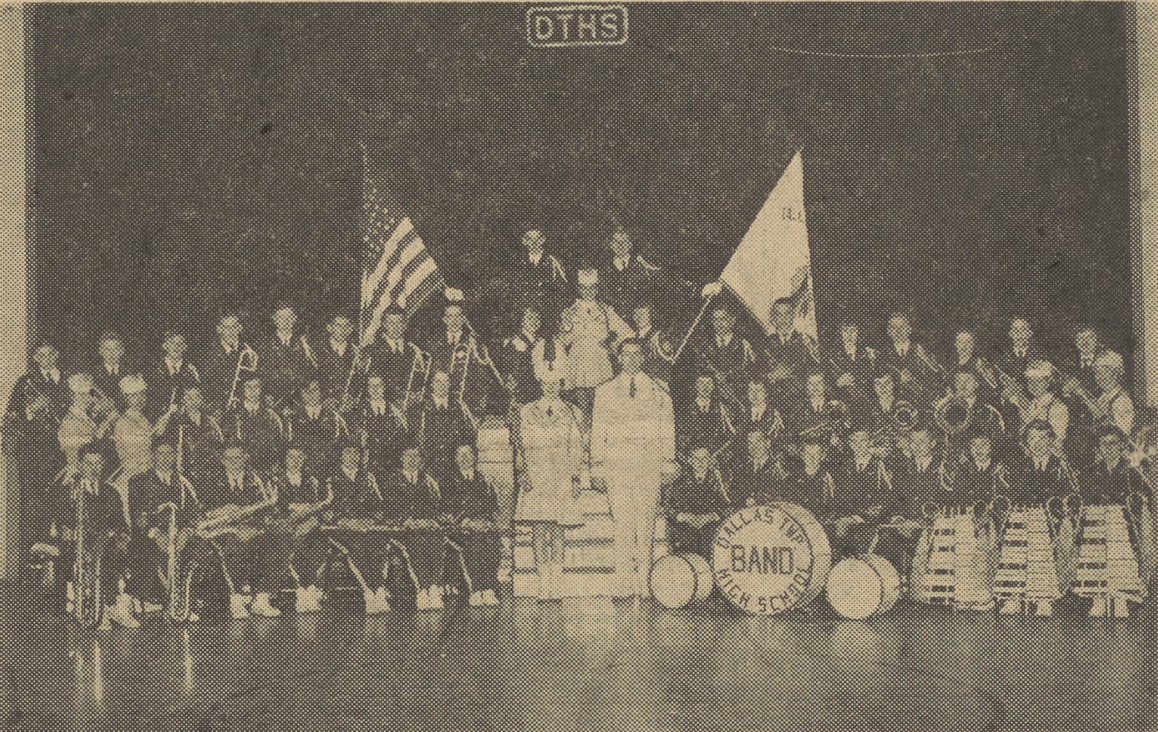
Footo, Decorations Chairman; Mrs. Bruce Davies, Reservations Chairman; Mrs. Edward Sidorek, Alumni President; Mrs. Stephen Glova, Dinner Chairman; Mrs. James J. Knecht, Publicity Chairman; Mrs. L. H. Tinsley, Decorations; Mrs. Harold Elston, Hospitality Chairman;

Standing: Dean Ide, Program Chairman; Louise Brzyski, Decora-

tions; Roannah Shoemaker and Larry Brace, Reservations Committee.

Unable to attend the meeting and not included in the picture were: Edwin Lumley, Vice President of the Association; Marilyn Rogers, Reservations; Phyllis Kunkle, Printing; Robert Stair, Program; Theresa Polachek and Mrs. Walter Gosart, Decorations.

Dallas-Franklin Township Band Prepares For April 17 Concert



T. Edison James, Dallas-Franklin Township high school's new band director, is not shown in the picture. Reese Pelton, former director, has the central place of honor. Mr. James promises to have a picture taken shortly.

Feature attractions of next Friday night's concert will be chorus work, and a trumpet trio, Robert Rice, Jessie Carey, and Betsy Bunney.

Tickets may be obtained from any band member or at the door.

Flag-bearers are David Carey and Thomas Schmiedle.

First row, left to right: Delmar Shupp, David Pellam, Dale Wagner, Marilyn Welsh, Dianna Bowman, Rowena Sedler, Sue Parsons, Deanne Townsend, Reese Pelton, Elwood Misson, Louis Katchko, Barry Landmesser, Lee Lamoreux, Kenneth Sedler, Bertha Dickson, Dorothy Race, Priscilla Moore.

Second row: Gloria Davis, Evelyn Roberts, Anne Woickowski, Sylvia Trewern, Dorothy Stash, Marilyn

Mosier, Gladys Wilson, Annjane Layaou, Jane Owens, Barbara Vavrek, Jean Mead, Sandra Baird, Marion Flenchik, Joanne Lewin.

Third row: William Weidner, Spencer Holmgren, Allen Mosier, Carl Gries, Paul Balshaw, Donald Weidner, Shepherd Moore, Richard Berlew, Nancy Congdon, Rose Ann Patner, Ellen Shively, William Hartman, Karl Landmesser, Jessie Carey, Robert Rice, Betsy Bunney, Thomas Evans, Janet Moore.

Routine Matters Occupy Council

Instruct Solicitor Regarding Sidewalks

Dallas Borough Council was involved with a variety of detail matters incident to the management of the Borough at its meeting Tuesday night.

After approving the budget for street maintenance from the State Motor Tax Fund which contributes \$537.46 quarterly, Council set date for Clean-Up Week as Thursday, April 16.

The Borough truck and Street Department employees will make the rounds on that day to cart off the winter's accumulation of junk and rubbish placed in containers along the streets by householders.

Council voted to follow the lead of Wilkes-Barre in establishing Daylight Saving Time.

It approved installation of a drainage pipe underneath the street on Maplewood Heights. It also received releases from property owners living along Joseph and Sunset Streets in anticipation of these streets being taken over by the Borough.

Council instructed Solicitor Burt B. Lewis to look into the ordinance pertaining to the construction of sidewalks along Church Street. Many complaints have been registered because there is no sidewalk adjacent to the Acme Market parking lot.

Chairman Raymon Hedden of the new Borough Building Committee reported that Architect James Lacy will have tentative sketches shortly and that the committee will meet next week.

Heads YMCA Drive



The 1953 financial effort of Back Mountain Branch Town and County YMCA will be led by R. E. Neal, of Goss Manor. In business life Mr. Neal, better known as "Pop," is the Manager of the Wilkes-Barre Neisner's Store and is well known in business circles as an enthusiastic worker.

L. W. LeGrand, chairman of the Back Mountain YMCA Board of Management says, "We are fortunate to have a busy man like Mr. Neal, head the campaign this year with his tremendous enthusiasm and drive. I am sure that under his capable leadership, the modest budget, to support the Back Mountain YMCA, will be quickly realized."

Mr. Neal is active in Dallas Kiwanis Club, Dallas Methodist Church and is a member of the

Rotary Women Plan Card Party

Annual Benefit For Wheel-Chairs

Women of Rotary plan a card party Monday evening at 8:30, at The Castle. Receipts to go to the Wheel Chair Fund, of which Mrs. Harold Titman is chairman, succeeding Mrs. A. N. Garinger and Mrs. Paul Mulcey. Wheel chairs, more than twenty of them, are in circulation most of the time. They are lent free of charge to anybody who needs a wheelchair in the Back Mountain. There are also eight or nine walkers more popular and comfortable than crutches for home use.

Mrs. Dan Robinhold is general chairman; Mrs. Arthur Ross, tickets; Mrs. Harry Edwards, refreshments; Mrs. Paul Mulcey, tallies; Mrs. Dale Parry, prizes; and Mrs. A. N. Garinger, publicity.

Hostesses are headed by the president, Mrs. Dan Robinhold, with Mrs. Raymon Hedden, Mrs. Harold Titman, Mrs. Charles Lee, and Mrs. Harry Smith.

Back Mountain YMCA Board of Management.

The Drive, this year, will get underway with a Kick-off meeting at Shavertown YMCA Headquarters Building on Monday, April 13 at 8 p. m. The theme for this Drive is in the form of big league baseball competition. Teams competing are the Phillies, White Sox, Tigers, Yankees, Dodgers, and Cardinals. Mr. Neal will announce his full complement of workers shortly.

Board Accepts Chamberlain's Resignation

Township Director Has Served 1 1/2 Years Of Six-Year Term

Floyd W. Chamberlain, long-time school director, tendered his resignation to Thomas Moore, president of Dallas Township School Board at Tuesday night's meeting.

Chamberlain, who was secretary of the Dallas Township Board, had served one six-year term and was re-elected for a second term. He has served 1 1/2 years of his present tenure and his resignation leaves a vacancy to be filled for the remaining 4 1/2 years.

The resignation came as a surprise to other members of the board and, though it was unanimously accepted, there was no discussion on the appointment of a new director to take his place. Chamberlain's resignation becomes effective at the close of business on the last day of June.

Chamberlain said that the press of business in his new position as Executive Vice-president of the Susquehanna Savings & Loan Association in Wilkes-Barre made it impossible to devote as much time to his work as School Director as he felt the job demanded.

Chamberlain was one of the protagonists in the dispute over the annexation of Natona Mills by Dallas Borough and stated that he had held up his resignation until this time because he wanted to see this case settled.

Attorney Gets \$1,000

Attorney Jonathan Valentine, solicitor for the board, submitted a bill for \$1,000 in attorney fees for his 4 years of work on the Natona Mills case. Payment was unanimously approved.

At its meeting, prior to the joint meeting with Franklin Township directors, Dallas Township directors approved a tentative 1953-54 budget of approximately \$135,000. The tentative budget for the joint schools was set at approximately \$143,000. Both budgets must be finally adopted during May.

Teacher Resigns

Mrs. Mildred Hart Stauffer, teacher of general science and girl's physical education submitted her resignation, effective at the end of the school term. Raymond Kuhnert, supervising principal, stated that he expects at least three teaching positions will have to be filled before the start of the new term.

Two important issues facing the joint board in the coming year were brought up by director Chamberlain. One is the possible 20% cut in State appropriation which may come soon; the other is the great need for expanded building facilities. In order to build a new building it will be necessary to effect further consolidation with other school districts. Several such consolidation proposals are under discussion at the present time.

All members of both boards were present except Chamberlain, who asked to be excused from the joint meeting in order to prepare for a trip to Miami, Florida, where he will attend his son's marriage this Saturday.

Improvement Association Meets At Shavertown

Kingston Township Improvement Association met Tuesday night at Shavertown Fire Hall with Odie "Bill" Moore presiding in the absence of Earl Henwood, president.

Pertinent matters were discussed and committees on water system, clean up, highway billboards, streets and schools will be appointed at the next meeting which will be held May 5 at Mountain Grange Hall, Carverton.

The committee on the charter will also report at that time.

Solicits Bids

Postmaster Joseph Polackey will receive bids for an automobile to be used for parcel post and mail collections for the fiscal year July 1, 1953 to July 1, 1954.

Taxpayers To Meet

Glendon Moore, chairman of Sweet Valley Taxpayers Association, announces a meeting in the Fire Hall Monday night at 8.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Antonio Monast wish to thank friends and neighbors who expressed sympathy, sent flowers, lent cars and rendered personal service at the time of their great bereavement.

Four Local Men Trod Hot Sands

Among the seventy-five candidates inducted into the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Tuesday night at the Spring Ceremonial in Irem Temple were four Back Mountain men; Warren S. Unger, Trucksville; Robert E. Rearick, Dallas; Bruce C. Moen, Dallas, and Franklin J. Gager, Dallas.