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For every bit of progress there's a set-back, for every ointment a fly. With which bit of philosophy we preface an inquiry to good house-keepers of the area, a question which has been dogging our minds ever since we butchered a large sheet to make two contour sheets for a crib.

Contour sheets stay put, once you work the corners of the mattress into place. You can bounce a penny on the taut expanse of white, the standard of bed-making in the navy.

But how does anybody iron them?

Time was when we ran crib sheets through the ironing machine at a steady rate of one every thirty seconds, cut sheets, bunk sheets and double sheets taking proportionately longer.

But no more. There is absolutely no way of folding a sheet so that the mitered corners are smooth, unless you stand the length of the room away from the ironer, you can't hold the sheet so that the turned under portion does not skid and flatten out in a wide triangle.

It used to be so simple. Fold a large sheet into quarters, across the grain, and run it through the mangle with the top hem against the heated shoe, reverse and run through again, and there you were.

It is a lucky break that we stopped with contour crib sheets and contour bunk sheets instead of going modern and mitering everything in the linen closet. We'd be going crazy as a climax to going modern.

Of course we know why manufacturers invented those sheets. It's elementary.

Did the designer have any deep-rooted feeling for the harassed housewife who makes the beds?

Uh-uh. He designed that mitered atrocity purely and simply to save material. It takes far less muslin for a mitered sheet than for one that requires a workmanlike boxed corner and a good tuck-in at head and foot and both sides.

In these days of packaged products, cake-mixes, pie-mixes, potato-pancake-mixes, women now have to have packaged beds.

A generation is in the making that will produce girls who can't cook, can't sew, can't wash, can't sweep a floor, can't make a bed. And can't iron a contour sheet. Who can?

Our safest bet is that the laundries are doing a land-office business.

## Three Arrested For Passing Red Lights

Three drivers were arrested Sunday by Chief Russell Honeywell for passing red lights at the Main Street intersections. They were: Joseph J. Sistola, 114 Lake Street, Dunmore Robert Slaff, Wilkes-Barre, and Enrico Eincolani, 13 James Street, Plains. All were fined \$5 and costs.

## Crowds Attend Fiesta

Large crowds attended the Gate of Heaven Fiesta held Wednesday evening and last night on the church grounds.

## BI-COUNTY TEEN-AGE ALL-STARS TO PLAY IN NATIONAL PLAY-OFF

New directors, league officers and team managers of the Bi-County Teeners League met at Richardson's Showroom Tuesday night to choose the All-Star team for the National Teeners League play-offs at Artillery Park on August 15th.

Fourteen All-Star teams representing 14 Teeners Leagues throughout the country, will meet in this TeenAge World Series to decide the nation's champions.

The All-Stars from this league were chosen by a secret ballot submitted by the managers of each team.

The players chosen follow:  
Player Team  
Robert Richardson East Dallas  
Lee Eckart Westmoreland  
Martin Michaels W. Wyoming  
William Carter Tunk, Reeses  
John Johnson Westmoreland  
James Thomas East Dallas  
Thomas Richardson East Dallas  
Richard Reese Tunk, Reeses  
Frank Fosko W. Wyoming  
Raymond Dymond Westmoreland  
Arthur Bellas East Dallas  
Stephen Balut Westmoreland  
Charles Allabaugh East Dallas  
John Kukucka Tunk, Turrells  
John Siperko Tunk, Turrells  
Robert Coolbaugh East Dallas  
Paul Heslop Westmoreland  
Joseph Charney W. Wyoming  
Spencer Holmgren, East Dallas manager, was chosen to manage the All-Stars since it was his team which won the most games last season. Assisting him will be William Gaylord, Fred Clark and Ziba Martin.

## Back Mountain All Stars Out For State Title

### Fans Consider This Years Team The Best In League History

With a string of three smashing victories against stiff competition under its belt, Back Mountain Little League All Stars last night met Newport for the District 3 title at the Tripp Street diamond of Forty Fort Little League.

The winner of last night's tilt will meet Stroudsburg, District 4 finalists. Considered one of the best defensive teams in local Little League history, the All Stars also have the competitive spirit that makes them a fast, scrappy aggregation that can carry the battle to the best of them.

Coaches were at first concerned that the pitching staff might not be able to match up against the stiffer competition of All Star teams from the metropolitan area, but their fears have been allayed by the excellent defensive support of their team mates. The work of the pitching staff, too, has been everything the coaches could ask for.

In the North End game which the All Stars won 4 to 1, Don Stroud allowed only four hits. In the close 9 to 8 victory over Nanticoke, Barry Landmesser permitted only six hits, and in the semi-finals with Plains, Donald Goodwin held the losers to three hits giving the All Stars a 4 to 2 victory.

Delighted with the showing of the All Stars, Charles Steinhauer, president of Back Mountain Little League, none-the-less, had about him last night an air of cautious optimism. "I think we are as good as Newport, if the boys will just remain steady. Win or lose, I know it's the best team we've ever put on the field."

The winner of last night's game will play Stroudsburg. Mr. Steinhauer said, and the winner of the Stroudsburg game will play the winner Districts 1 and 2, comprising Little League teams of the Scranton and northern Pennsylvania area before playing for the State title at Williamsport.

He said that this has been Back Mountain Little League's most successful season with an average of 1,200 to 1,400 fans attending the local games. He also expressed his thanks to all citizens for their response of the League's door bell campaign which has brought in \$700 to date. This will be used to entertain the major leagues on a trip and to provide a picnic for major and minor leagues.

Barring unfavorable weather, the League will close on August 22.

## Commonwealth Mails 13,000 Directories

### Landis Cautions Changes In Lake And Valley Calls

Thirteen thousand new telephone directories are being mailed this weekend to Commonwealth Telephone Company subscribers in the Dallas, Tunkhannock and Shickshinny Districts.

They are part of 28,000 that will eventually be mailed to all subscribers served by the Commonwealth system.

John N. Landis, District Manager, said that the new directories should not be used before midnight, Saturday night, and called attention to several changes effecting local line subscribers at Harveys Lake and Wyoming Valley calls.

### Cautions Lake Subscribers

He especially cautions party line subscribers at Harveys Lake to be sure to read very carefully the instructions on page 16 of the new telephone directory, because the code number has been changed from 8 to 5. "To call another party on your own line," he said, "first listen for the dial tone, then dial 5 (not 8 as formerly) followed by the last digit of your telephone number, then the last digit of the telephone number you wish to reach. Next—hang up your receiver and wait for your bell to ring—which will continue—as will the bell of the called party until the telephone is answered—when your bell stops ringing the party will be ready to talk. If there is "no answer," just lift your own receiver and quickly replace it and the ringing will stop. Sounds a little complicated maybe, but if you will remember to start by dialing 5 instead of 8, you will experience no difficulty."

Mr. Landis also calls attention to all subscribers in the Dallas District that the Wilkes-Barre and Kingston listings appearing in the back of the new directory contain the new central office names for all telephone subscribers served by those exchanges—which include such boroughs as Forty Fort, Luzerne, Swoyerville, Edwardsville, Georgetown, Ashley and other adjacent locations. On and after midnight of Saturday, August 1st, all subscribers in the Dallas District should first consult the new directory for the desired number—then be sure to dial the operator and give her the exchange name then the newly added central office—followed by the telephone number. For example, Kingston, BUTLER 8-4070 and Wilkes-Barre, VALLEY 2-9182. There is a sticker, printed in red, on the outside front cover of your new directory to aid the subscriber—but this may get torn off in delivery and cause you delays and difficulties that may become irritating. If all customers will carefully follow the printed instruction in and on the new directory, everything will go along even better than before these changes were made.

## Break Ground For New Masonic Building



Surrounded by representative Masons from the Back Mountain Region and Wyoming Valley, John F. Sheehan, Master of George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, is here shown Monday evening with shovel break-

ing ground for the new Masonic Building on Main Street, Dallas. The services included a ritualistic reading by Mr. Sheehan and a prayer by Ralph Hazeltine, Past Master.

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## Seven French Students To Live With Local Families For A Month

Seven of ten French college students who will arrive in Wyoming Valley on Saturday will live for a month with families in the Back Mountain Region in an Experiment in International Living under the auspices of the Institute of International Relations in New York City.

The students, four young men and six young women, will spend a year in the United States attending a number of different colleges and universities, but they will first have a month's home stay with families in Wyoming Valley and the Back Mountain area.

Wyoming Valley was chosen for the home stay because of the close association with this area of Mrs. Elliott Spear, director, who formerly lived in Wilkes-Barre.

The families with whom the seven will spend a month are: Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Dana, Harveys Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mattes, Harveys Lake, Mr. and Mrs. William Evans, Harveys Lake; Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, Sutton Road, Trucksville; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davies Jr., Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Patterson, Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Alden Wagner, Huntsville. "The Experiment in International Living believes that 'the only way to learn to live together—is to live together,'" Miss Annette Evans, local chairman said. Other members of the local committee are: Mrs. John Doane, Mrs. George T. Bell, Mrs. Eugene Farley, Mrs. Leroy Bugbee, Mrs. Horace Kramer, Mrs. Bruce Payne, Marion Hogg, Ruth Campbell and Mrs. George Krauss.

## Demunds Picnic

Demunds Sunday School will hold a covered dish picnic supper beginning at 6 p.m. Wed. Aug. 5.

## Back Mountain Little League All - Stars



Win, lose or draw this is the finest aggregation of All Stars produced by Back Mountain Little League. It is also one of the smallest All Star teams in competition and that it one things that gives Back Mountain and rival fans a thrill when it rings up a victory. From left to right, front row: David Davis, pitcher; Harold Ochs, pitcher; Teddy Hontz, Roger Belles, Ben Weaver, Don Bellas, Victor Salansky, pitcher; back row: Donald Stroud, pitcher; William Steinhauer, Barry Landmesser, pitcher; Richard Cummings, Donald Good-

## Shavertown May Buy New Pumper With State Aid

### Firemen Had Plans Approved Before Expiration Date

Faced with the need for modern fire fighting equipment to replace its present antiquated apparatus, all residents of Shavertown have been invited to attend a community meeting, Monday night, August 10, at Shavertown Fire Hall, to discuss with Shavertown Fire Company a proposal to purchase a new Pirsch truck with Federal aid.

The Office of Civilian Defense has already approved the Pirsch specifications and will contribute \$5,600 toward the \$14,800 purchase price.

The equipment carries 1,000 gallons of water, has a 750 gallon-per-minute Hale pump and a 200 horse power motor. It is complete with additional discharge valve at the rear of the truck and carries a three-section 35-foot aluminum ladder.

The present equipment carries 1,200 gallons, has a 350 gallon-per-minute pump and 75 horse power motor.

The Pirsch Company located in Kenosha, Wisconsin, is one of the oldest in the country having been under the active management of one family for almost a century. It will observe its 100th anniversary in 1957.

Some weeks ago when firemen learned that the offer of Civilian Defense to assist local fire companies in the purchase of needed equipment would shortly expire, they asked the major manufacturers for specifications. Few responded in time to have their specifications presented to Civilian Defense for approval. The Pirsch specifications were complete and in detail and were the only ones approved. Had they not been, Shavertown would probably have lost the opportunity for Federal assistance.

Officials of the company said this week that if the community approves the purchase, additional funds will be raised by pledges to be paid over a two year period. They also said that they might borrow from the Relief Fund without interest. They believe that present equipment could be sold for about \$1,500.

## Shrine Ceremonial

Shrine Ceremonial Saturday at Irem Temple Country Club will attract hundreds of visiting Shriners.

## Contractors To Build 30-Unit Motel In Dallas

### Buys Snowdon Land At Intersection Of Routes 309 and 115

It was reliably reported yesterday in real estate circles that a new 25 to 30 unit motel, costing in the neighborhood of \$75,000 will be constructed before winter on land opposite Casper's Restaurant at the intersection of Route 309 and Memorial Highway in Dallas Borough.

The site is adjacent to Oliver's Used Car Lot on land recently owned by Harold Snowdon, Wyoming Valley Funeral Director, who has sold it to Morris Rosenthal and associates, Mr. Rosenthal, whose home is at N. Thomas Street, Kingstons, is the owner of S & S Construction Company.

Though Mr. Rosenthal was out of town at presstime, his attorney Joseph Serling who handled the transaction with George Huey, realtor, said the motel will be one of the most modern to be found anywhere. He said construction is expected to start almost immediately so that the building can be completed before winter.

The site has a frontage of 100 feet on Memorial Highway and a depth of 150 feet. During Mr. Snowdon's ownership Toby's Creek was relocated to the rear of the lot and the entire area brought up to grade.

## Laing Firemen Buy 2,000 Feet Government Hose

### Also Order Dozen Pairs Of Boots And Rubber Coats

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company has ordered 1,500 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose and 1,500 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose from the United States Government at a cost of \$600.

The hose is made available through the Office of Civilian Defense and would cost approximately \$2,000 if purchased directly from the manufacturer.

The fire company now has about 500 feet of each size but some of it is of no use because of age.

The company also ordered a dozen new rubber coats and pairs of boots on which it will receive a Government subsidy of \$103.

At its meeting Monday night at the Library Annex, it was decided to paint seventeen fire hydrants and three alarm boxes. The work will be done by volunteers from the company.

Henry W. Peterson announced that there are a number of outstanding pledges on the new fire equipment and that these should be paid immediately in order to take care of operating expenses. All members who have outstanding pledge cards in their possession are urged to hand them in to Robert Lewis, secretary.

The company authorized James Besecker, chief, to purchase a new storage battery for the auxiliary fire equipment which will be demonstrated this week to Glendale Fire Department who are in the market for this used equipment. The company has quoted a sale price of \$350 to the Glendale firemen.

Because the coal heater in the fire house is no longer of any use, the firemen asked that anyone who has a used heater available notify them. They will be glad to make arrangements to pick it up.

## Demunds Church School

Demunds Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10 A.M. Sheldon Frantz, superintendent.

## Power Rate Hike For Local Mills Is Suspended For Next Six Months

A proposed electric power rate boost that would have adversely affected Bloomsburg and Natona Mills, two of the Back Mountain Region's major industries, and 31 other industrial consumers of Luzerne Electric and Gas Division of U.G.I. was suspended this week by Public Utility Commission for six months until January 28.

Bloomsburg and Natona Mills along with five other West Side industries filed formal protest against the proposed rates that

would cost them thousands of dollars annually, contending that the new rates would place them at a competitive disadvantage with similar plants in other parts of the State and in the South.

Other protestants were: Liberty Throwing Co., Kingston Cake Co., Duplan Corporation, Fortune Fabrics, and Atwater Division of Hess Goldsmith Co.

Under the proposed increases 33 firms would be asked to pay \$272,000 annually.