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Editorially Speaking:

BACK MOUNTAIN COUNTRY IS BIG COUNTRY

In presenting this issue of The Dallas Post during its sixty-fourth year of publication, no one could feel more humble than the publishers—or realize more deeply how far short we have fallen from what we had hoped to accomplish in these pages.

The Back Mountain country is big country; it is beautiful country; its history is extensive. It is old country and yet it is new country. Most of its families have lived here less than a generation—many of them less than ten years. No single issue of The Post could cover all of it—though that is what we had hoped to do when we set our sails.

In our work we were surprised how few old timers there were who could help us. So simple a question as "When did the Dallas Fair close?" brought forth a dozen different answers. We're still not sure we have the right one.

But if the pages of this issue stir the imagination of some reader or create within another a desire to record our history accurately for posterity—maybe we will have accomplished our purpose.

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

By MRS. T. M. B. HICKS

Thanksgiving is a state of mind, as well as a roast turkey crammed with stuffing. At this season of the year, when the word "thanks" is pinpointed in every advertisement, it is an excellent idea to do a bit of sober thinking about the happy providence which has ordained that we shall be born in these United States instead of in some other less favored countries of the world.

It has become the sophisticated thing to do, to decry our customs, our exuberant national youthfulness, to compare our straightforward citizens unfavorably with the suaver product of other lands.

The Readers Digest, for example, is dubbed a propaganda medium, in quotes: "It's theme song is that this is the best possible country in the best possible world of the best possible universe."

What's wrong with that kind of propaganda?

Don't we truly believe that this is the best country in the world? And if we don't, why are we living here and enjoying its benefits when we might be walking a chalk-line somewhere across the ocean?

And this world we are living in is the only one we have. Who says it isn't the best there is available? Pretty nice universe, too. Sun and moon and stars held together by a mysterious force more suns beyond human knowledge.

True, the conception of the world as one great happy family is a long way off. Even normal small family units have their frictions. Until the lion is able to lie down with the lamb without endangering the lamb, there will be world friction, plenty of it, while the world stumbles toward universal brotherhood.

Communities in the same area do not invariably see eye to eye. There is bickering over the back fence. Neighbors' dogs tear up the garden, and there are hard feelings.

On a larger scale, this spells war. People have to learn to get along together, but it takes time. Two thousand years ago was launched the first conception of a world where people were kind to each other instead of a world where an eye was demanded for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.

Family loyalty on a grand scale translates itself into patriotism.

Our family, our town, our state, our country—and our world.

We have so much to be thankful for in this vast country. There is enough land to feed us. If fields do not produce enough, our scientists know how to step them up to greater yield. We have fuel. We have rolling plains and virgin forests.

One look at the crowded highways, a glance into a farmhouse kitchen, and we know that we have luxury beyond the wildest dreams of other countries.

But what we do need, and need vitally, is an increasing sense of thankfulness that these things are so. Too many of us accept without a thought the product of our forefathers' labors and hardships, their incredible courage in the face of disaster. We forget that these things were bought with a price.

Thankfulness should not be sterile. As faith without works is dead, so thankfulness without fulfillment is dead.

Thanksgiving should be dynamic, not passive, leading to glad and capable acceptance of responsibility for keeping our own house in order and lending a willing hand to others.

Commonwealth Is Fourth In Size Among 150 Pennsylvania Firms

The merger of the Tioga County Bell Telephone Company, Wellsboro, with Commonwealth Telephone Company brings together two telephone companies that have worked closely together over the years.

With the addition of Tioga's 10 exchanges and approximately 6,000 telephones in parts of Lycoming and Tioga Counties, the Commonwealth Telephone Company will have 54 exchanges and almost 36,000 telephones serving parts of 10

Sweet Valley School To Be Ready Dec. 20

Pupils To Visit New Classrooms Before Holidays

Ross Township elementary pupils will not return to their one-room schools after Christmas, but will go directly to the new building in Sweet Valley. If the present schedule is maintained, with completion December 20, pupils will have a chance to acquaint themselves with their new quarters even before Christmas, perhaps on the last day of school before the holidays.

Raymond Hedden, contractor, sees no reason why opening should be delayed. Heating units are now in every room, and heat has been turned on for some time. Walls are tinted, two-tone, varying with every room. Asphalt tile floors are being laid. Furnishings are on the way, table and chair units, readily movable. Cafeteria appliances will be ready for the first regular session of school. An experienced cafeteria worker from the main school at Lehman will help get the two cafeteria workers started.

Children will take trays to their own classrooms at first, until the general purpose room is cleared of articles at present stored there. Cafeteria plans include installation of folding dining tables in this room.

Members of Ross Township School Board, and Supervising Principal Lester Squier and Lewis Ide, Lehman-Jackson-Ross Township jointure, met with Ross Township Authority Board, George Bronson, Basil Steele, Caleb Hoyt, Robert Gray, and McKinley Long, at the new school Monday night to inspect finished work and make plans for the official opening.

Teeners League To Dine On December 7

Players, managers, coaches and umpires of the Bi-County Teeners Baseball League will be honored guests at a dinner to be given Monday night, December 7 at 6:30 at Kunkle Community Hall.

All parents and friends are invited to attend. A silver offering will be taken.

There will be special entertainment and George Gay will show motion pictures.

Friends, parents and others interested in the welfare of boys are asked to contribute foodstuffs, hams, vegetables, coffee, sugar, etc., for the dinner. They may make their contribution by calling Victor Cross or Herman Kern.

counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Of the 150 independent telephone companies in Pennsylvania, Commonwealth now ranks fourth in number of telephones and 37th in size of the more than 5,000 independents in the nation.

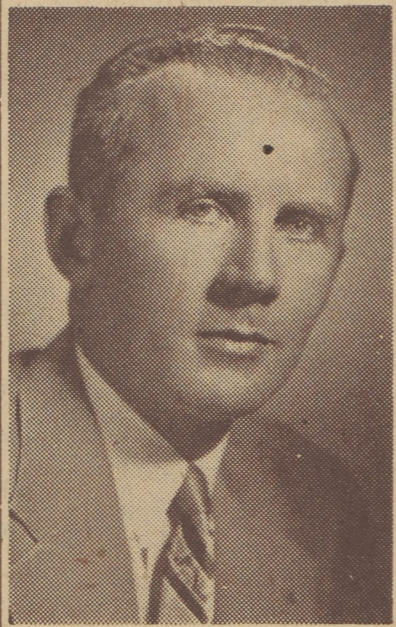
The former headquarters exchange at Wellsboro will become the seventh District Office of Commonwealth and Ross Kimball, former wire chief for Tioga, will be the new district manager.

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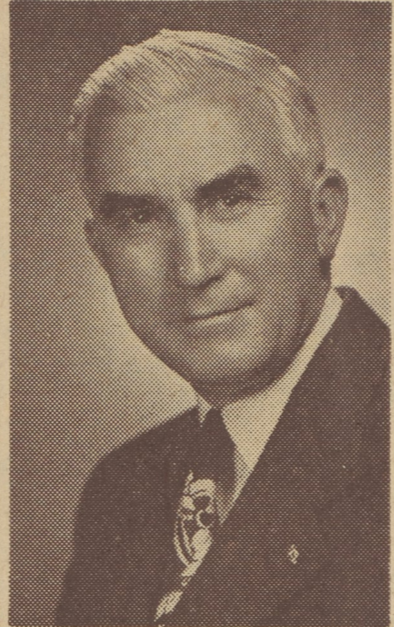
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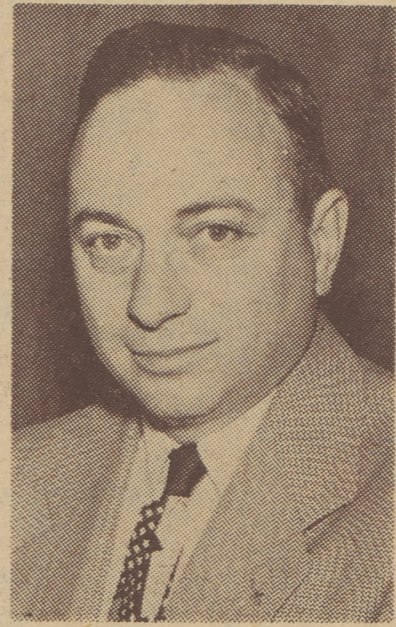
Four New Members Added To Bank's Advisory Committee



Thomas P. Garrity



Edward W. Hall



Howard Isaacs



L. L. Richardson

Announcement was made yesterday at a meeting of the Advisory Committee of Dallas Branch, Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, that four Back Mountain businessmen have been elected to that body.

They are: Thomas Garrity, Harveys Lake real estate man; Edward W. Hall, Shavertown druggist; Howard W. Isaacs, Trucksville Chrysler-Plymouth dealer, and L. L. Richardson, Dallas Dodge-Plymouth dealer.

The announcement followed the election Tuesday of the four men by the Board of Directors of Miners National Bank after their nomination had been presented by the Dallas Branch Advisory Committee.

All are active in the commercial and community life of the Back Mountain area. Their election gives wider representation to all sections of the Back Mountain area and increases the size of the Advisory Committee from seven to eleven members. Other members are: W. B. Jeter, vice president; Frederick J. Eck, assistant vice president; A. C. Devens, Clifford Space, Harold Titman, David Schooley, and Howard Risley.

Thomas Garrity is an outstanding young real estate and insurance man who has been active in the civic and fraternal life of the Harveys Lake community ever since his discharge from the Air Force at the conclusion of World War II.

The son of the late Patrick J. and Bernadine Williams Garrity, he is a member of an old Back Mountain family. His maternal great, great grandfather was one of the first school teachers in Lake Township. After the death of his parents, he was reared by his uncles, the late Fay and Lyman Williams.

He was graduated from Lake Township schools and took additional work at Pennsylvania State School of Aeronautics, and electrical engineering at Pennsylvania State Extension School.

During the war he was a lieutenant in the Eighth Air Force, seeing service in England and later piloted E-29s.

Mr. Garrity is Adjutant of the 9543 Volunteer Air Reserve Training Unit Squadron. He is a member of Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion and is Vice Commander of the new Harveys Lake Legion Post. He is trustee of Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company; vice president and director of Harveys Lake Lions Club; treasurer of Lake Township Ambulance Fund; chairman of the Board of Directors of Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club, and member of Greater Wilkes-Barre Real Estate Board.

His wife is the former Mary Delaney of Harveys Lake. He is a member of Lady of Victory Parish and a member of its Holy Name Society.

Edward Hall has been a practicing pharmacist since his graduation from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1917. He is past president of Luzerne County Pharmaceutical Association and is presently chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association.

He is vice president and director of Rural Building & Loan Association.

Born in Dickson City, he first entered the retail drug business in Forty Fort before coming to Shavertown in 1933. His present air-conditioned store is one of the most modern in Pennsylvania.

He and Mrs. Hall, the former Cordelia Weiland of Dickson City, have three children: Theodore, electrical engineer with General Electric at Pittsfield, Mass., Jack and Ann, in business with their father, at home.

Mr. Hall is a member of Forty Fort Methodist Church and all Masonic bodies.

Howard Isaacs is one of the leading young automobile dealers in Luzerne County, having been Chrysler-Plymouth dealer in Trucksville for the past nineteen years.

Driver Faces Serious Charge

Joseph Hogan Posts \$500 Bail For Court

Joseph Hogan, Lehigh Street, Wilkes-Barre, whose \$25.50 fine on a reckless driving charge was returned last week by Justice-of-the-Peace James Besecker after Judge W. Alfred Valentine and appeal taken on a technicality by Hogan's attorney, James L. Brown, was re-arrested Friday by Chief Russell Honeywell on a drunken driving charge.

Hogan, father of ten children, was driver of an automobile owned by Louis Banta which featured in a collision with an automobile owned by Viola Headman a week ago Sunday morning at the intersection of Route 115 and 309 near Casper's Restaurant.

When arrested on the new charge which carries a possible fine of \$100 and loss of driver's license, Hogan waived a hearing and posted \$500 bail to appear before Luzerne County Court.

L. L. Richardson who is serving his second term as member of Dallas Borough School Board, has been active in all phases of civic and commercial life of the Back Mountain area since 1938 when he established the Dodge-Plymouth Agency in Dallas. He is past president of the Dodge Dealers' Association of Pennsylvania and is a member of the Dodge Dealers' Advisory Conference of the New York region, an organization which promotes closer relationship between factory and dealer.

He is treasurer of Dallas Borough School Board, and of the Joint School District. He is past president of Rural Building & Loan Association and is a director of the Back Mountain Teeners Baseball League.

Born in Scranton, he graduated from the Johnson School. His wife is the former Grace Kane of Scranton. They have three boys, Tommy and Bobby, twins, outstanding athletes at Westmoreland High School, and Jimmy a pupil in Dallas Grade School.

Mr. Richardson is a member of Dallas Methodist Church, Dallas Rotary Club and all Masonic bodies.

Band Fund Drive Nets Over \$350

Canvass From Door To Door A Success

Westmoreland Band Parents Association, meeting Monday night at the High School, reported approximately \$350 collection from Saturday morning's membership drive. There will be a few extra memberships, as those residents in Dallas, Shavertown and Trucksville who were not at home when band members called, are contacted. The fund is \$150 over the amount collected last year by sale of membership tickets with no house to house canvass.

Westmoreland band members not all being available for Saturday morning soliciting, three boys not in the band but taking lessons from Lester Lewis, director, were pressed into service. Joey Peterson, Durrelle Scott, and Dickie Clark scoured their immediate neighborhood and turned in a sizeable amount.

Mrs. Don Clark and Mrs. Alton Sprout were in charge in Dallas, using their cars for band members. Mrs. William Strauser and Mrs. Donald Perrin handled Trucksville, and Harold Croom and Mrs. Nelson McDonald, Shavertown.

Mr. Croom, president, wishes to thank residents for their cooperation. The fund will be used to finance some bass horn equipment needed by the band, and to stage the annual spring banquet tendered band members.

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Schools Close Today, Open December First

Public schools in the Back Mountain will be closed for the first day of deer season, Monday, November 30. Students will have five days for the Thanksgiving recess, starting today (Wednesday) at 2 p.m.

Lehman-Jackson-Ross schools will be delayed fifteen minutes in closing, because of a matinee performance of the senior play, "Spring Night."

Dallas Borough-Kingston Township jointure, in making out its calendar, left a choice between Armistice Day and first day of deer season for a holiday. Students attended school on Armistice Day, along with the rest of the Back Mountain.

Poor Turnout

Francis Ambrose, chairman of the committee in charge of erecting Christmas lights in the borough, was the only member who reported at the Post Monday night for the first meeting of the season.

Back Mountain Police To Assist Mothers During March Of Dimes

The Back Mountain Region will be out to break all previous records for contributions to the March of Dimes when the Mothers' March gets underway Tuesday evening, January 26, under the chairmanship of Mrs. James Trebilcox of Trucksville.

The Mothers' March, successfully used in hundreds of other communities, has never been tried here before.

Mrs. Trebilcox explained this week that the Back Mountain Community has been divided into districts with the following District Chairmen in charge: Dallas Borough, Mrs. Harry Ohlman; Lehman, Mrs. Dorothy Major Baker; Huntsville, Mrs. D. L. Edwards, and Mrs. Harry Edwards; Harveys Lake, Mrs. Malcolm Nelson; Shavertown, Mrs. Frederick Eck; Trucksville, Mrs. Willard Garey and Mrs. Richard Staub; Kunkle, Mrs. Walter Elston; Jackson, Mrs. Russell Lamoreaux. Chairmen are still to be appointed for Carverton, Orange and Idetown.

Purpose of the Mothers' March, said Mrs. Trebilcox whose son Harry was stricken with polio last year, is to collect contributions from all homes in the Back Mountain area where porch lights are turned on during the evening of January 26.

Many women will be required to

THANKSGIVING ISSUE

A story of community progress in the Back Mountain region. We are proud to present this special paper.

Directors Vote To Stick With First Petition

State's OK Hinges On Monroe Release By Wyoming County

Fifteen Dallas-Franklin and Lake-Noxen school directors voted unanimously Friday night to stand by their previously submitted petition for school jointure.

This petition requests the County Board of Education to allow the formation of a separate school jointure to consist of Lake-Noxen, Dallas-Franklin Township and Monroe Township, if the latter is released from Wyoming County.

E. S. Teeter, county superintendent, has promised the boards that a request for a survey of the proposed jointure will be forwarded to the State Council of Education by the County Board. This is a reversal on the part of the county superintendent since he had previously stated that he would not recommend the petition of this separate jointure to the County Board.

The Dallas-Franklin, Lake-Noxen directors have asked that this survey start after December 3, at which time it is expected a decision concerning the release of Monroe Township will be handed down by the Wyoming County Board of Education.

The agreement to abide by this original plan to form a separate jointure, apart from one which would include Dallas Borough-Kingston Township, throws out the possibility of sitting in committee with members of this latter jointure as was suggested by Teeter at the November 12 meeting. These committees were, to have studied a larger jointure to include five townships plus the Borough.

According to Raymond Kuhnert, supervising principal at Dallas-Franklin Township, this action by the various boards does not, in any way, shut the door on a possible larger jointure, at some later date, with the Borough and Kingston Township.

Several of the school board members stated that it was their impression that Dallas Borough-Kingston Township boards were interested in a larger jointure but could not participate at this time in a building program. Consequently it was felt that, if crowded conditions at Dallas-Franklin and Lake-Noxen were to be relieved, the two joint boards would have to act independently.

Should Monroe Township be permitted to become a part of this new merger, by securing release from Wyoming County, the pupil enrollment of the proposed jointure will meet the State's standards for one administrative unit.

PTA Head At Meeting Charles Rineheimer, president of Dallas-Franklin Township Parent-Teachers Association, told the directors that the members of the association are anxious to be informed of the latest development and that he felt the group would back this present move.

A discussion of the new jointure will be on the agenda of the January Dallas-Franklin Township PTA meeting.

Few Apply For Postmaster Job

Tuesday Is Last Day To File Applications

Tuesday, December 1, is the last day applications will be accepted by the U. S. Civil Service Commission for the postmaster position in Trucksville.

According to an announcement by the Commission in Washington, D. C., the number of applications received so far has not been sufficient for adequate competition. The current examination was announced under new qualifications standards agreed upon by the Post Office Department and the Civil Service Commission. Officials of both of these agencies hope that the new examinations will attract a larger number of well-qualified applicants than has been obtained in the past.

Application forms and further information on the examination are available in the post office. The forms must be filed by the deadline with the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C.

Football Mothers

Football and Cheerleaders Mothers will meet at the home of Mrs. Robert Shottwell, Hillcrest Avenue, Shavertown, Monday evening at 8 p.m.