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## PILLAR TO POST

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What is that old motto, "Hitch your wagon to a star?" Nobody ever attains a goal without reaching for it unless he is one of the unfortunate few who have success handed to them on a platter. A man is unfortunate indeed if he never knows the joy of working for something, striving toward a goal, experiencing disappointment, and finally attaining his object. There is no thrill like attempting the impossible and accomplishing it. There is another old saying which is timely: "Do the deed, and you shall have the power."

The same thing applies to a community or an organization. A prominent church worker wondered why enthusiasm in the congregation was waning. A wise old man told him the reason. There was no goal. The mortgage had been paid off, the need for eager planning was over, and the congregation was resting upon its laurels. The instant a further program was proposed, a project which would require years of effort and hundreds of thousands of dollars, men flocked back to the standard. There was something worth working for.

A community which sets for itself a high goal is to be admired. It means that the residents have vision, and that they have faith in the future, that they are not defeatists, wrapping themselves in a cloak of complacency and acceptance. A high goal is worth working for. It takes people out of themselves and makes them forget pettiness.

Dallas and Dallas Township are to be congratulated on taking the plunge, forming an Ambulance Association, and setting their sights for a model which will do them credit. Too long this community has depended upon equipment from other areas, taking the easy way out.

Last year's tornadoes pointed up the necessity of having equipment and enough trained personnel to handle it. The Saturday Evening Post had a lengthy article about "The Black Warning of the Tornadoes," translating the experiences of Worcester, Mass., into a preview of what might easily happen in any community.

Purchase of an ambulance and training of personnel and drivers is a first and most important step in getting a civil defense program under way. The United States government is explicit in urging commu-

nities to form civil defense units and provide equipment which will make them independent of outside help in case of catastrophe.

## Aurand Given Lancaster Post

Lancaster School Board has named Dr. Orris H. Aurand to succeed July 5 Dr. Harvey A. Smith as superintendent of Lancaster city schools. Dr. Smith, who reaches the retirement age of 65, headed the Lancaster schools since 1938. Salary for the post is \$11,500 yearly.

Professor of education and chairman of the division of school administration at Pennsylvania State University since 1950, Dr. Aurand was superintendent of Steelton borough schools from 1935 to 1950. He went to Steelton December 2, 1934, as principal of the high school and was promoted to superintendent of schools in July, the following year.

Previous to going to Steelton he was superintendent of Burnham schools in Mifflin County. He began his educational career as principal of Lehman Township schools, from 1921 to 1930.

A native of Lewistown he received his academic degree at Susquehanna University in 1921 and did post graduate work at Susquehanna and at Columbia University. He received his doctor's degree at Columbia.

Dr. Aurand is the husband of the former Edna Woolbert of Dallas and a brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Titman. The Aurands have one daughter, Eloise.

## BACK MOUNTAIN RANKS THIRD IN MOTHERS MARCH ON POLIO

The Back Mountain Region contributed generously to the Mothers March on Polio, ranking third among Wyoming Valley Communities with its total of more than \$2,600 out of \$23,000 contributed by all communities served by Wyoming Valley Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

It was outranked only by Wilkes-Barre with \$4,823.58 and Kingston which gave \$2,868.59.

Mrs. James Trebilcock, Back Mountain chairman, who has felt the effects of polio in her own family, said the result exceeds her most optimistic expectations by more than \$1,600. "It was a wonderful example of community cooperation and it couldn't have been accomplished without the 100 percent cooperation of everybody, contributors, captains, workers and police departments."

Mrs. Trebilcock paid special tribute to all Back Mountain Police Departments whose officers helped to gather the returns from the captains in all districts and bring them to headquarters in Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Mrs. C. W. Bigelow, Chapter chairman of the Mothers March was equally appreciative of the generosity of Back Mountain givers and of the work done by captains and contact mothers.

She was thrilled when Chief Russell Honeywell, Officer Al Shafer, Lee Culver and Tommy Honeywell of Dallas, accompanied Jesse Cosslett of Kingston Township Police who brought the returns into headquarters at Wilkes-Barre after midnight Tuesday.

Total for seven Back Mountain communities were: Dallas Borough, \$421.94; Dallas Township \$447.68; Harveys Lake, \$124.29; Jackson, \$229.44; Kingston Twp., \$961.37; Lehman, \$283.57; Sweet Valley, \$76.85.

This made a grand total of \$2,545.14 but many captains reported late contributions which will raise the total to well beyond \$2,600. Additional cash on hand in Kingston Township may swell that district's contributions to well beyond \$1,000.

Chief of Police Russell Honeywell who with Back Mountain police chiefs had charge of the distribution and collection of counter coin cards in business places, said an additional \$300 was realized from this source in the Back Mountain area. This amount was not counted in

with the total of the Mothers' March.

## Woman's Club Plans Art Class

Five New Members Voted Into Club

Dallas Woman's Club will start an art class with Mrs. Harry F. Goeringer Jr., chairman. Details are still to be worked out, but the chairman announced at Monday evening's Board meeting in the Library Annex that ten members were already enthusiastic, and that more were expected to sign up. Sessions will be arranged for evenings, for the convenience of mothers with young children or women holding jobs.

New members voted upon and accepted for the club were Mrs. Paul Kautz, Mrs. Michael Vario, Mrs. Edward Ratcliffe, Mrs. J. Robert Graves and Mrs. David C. Jones.

The Chorale will hold its first rehearsal February 15. This group is planning a dinner February 8 at The Castle.

Board members were reminded of the dance, February 13, Irem Temple Country Club.

A Bake Sale will be held at the Value Shop on Friday, coinciding with the sale of winter merchandise. Mrs. Herman Thomas stressed the need for wider advertising, planning to employ TV and radio as well as newspaper publicity for the coming sale.

Incorporation of the club for protection was discussed, with Mrs. Charles W. Lee made chairman of inquiry.

Reports were received from Mrs. Fred Eck and Mrs. Arthur Culver. Mary Weir presided.

## To Hold Bake Sale

The B. V. M. Sodality of Gate of Heaven Church will hold a bake sale in the kindergarten room on Sunday. President Marian Elenchik requests all members to have baked goods at the church for sale after the 7:30 mass. Baked goods will be sold after all masses on Sunday.

## Ambulances Old And New On Display

Response To Drive Will Govern Type And Model Ordered

Two ambulances from the Wolfington Body Company were on display across Main street from the Back Mountain Memorial Library where forty members of Dallas Community Ambulance Association met Sunday afternoon. Both ambulances were of equal capacity and much alike in appearance. Both were Superior models, with Cadillac chassis, the new one the last of 800 vehicles put out in 1953, the other one a 1947 model. The 1954 model of Superior is expected to be on the market in April, permitting a substantial reduction for the 1953 ambulance from the original list price of \$8,500.

Willard Fitzgerald, representative of the Wolfington Body Company, said that in purchase of a new model, a certificate of exemption would automatically clip \$500 in taxes from the price, and that further allowances could be made, bringing the model to a rock bottom price of \$7,200. The used model could be had for \$2,500.

The members, with the meeting thrown open for discussion, felt that no commitment could be made at this time, because purchase price depends upon response to the drive, but that if it were possible to finance a new ambulance, much upkeep could be eliminated, and a firm foundation laid for keeping equipment up to date by yearly or bi-yearly trade-ins.

William Wright, in launching the drive, introduced chairmen of Borough and Township, Sanford Gale and Howard Johns, who distributed receipt books to block chairmen for use in soliciting and collecting funds. The drive was announced to start on Monday, and thirty-three posters advertising it were shown, ready for distribution to business houses, the work of Tommy Andrew's art class in Plymouth High School.

**First Aid Classes**  
H. W. Brown reported that first aid classes will begin February 1 at the Borough Building, a two-hour session each week starting at 7 p.m., Charles Davis, Wyoming Valley Red Cross, will be instructor. Following nine weeks of elementary instruction, a six weeks additional course will be given, mandatory for drivers, recommended for everybody expecting to serve in any capacity in the unit or to anybody over fourteen who is interested in civil defense. James Gansel is chairman for drivers.

**By-Laws**  
Atty. Robert Fleming reported on by-laws, and the meeting was thrown open for discussion by North Berti, president. Radius of service was defined as twenty-five miles, which would take in all nearby hospitals. Except in case of a State emergency or of catastrophe, the ambulance would not be expected to go farther afield, due to the volunteer character of drivers and personnel.

Service will be given to residents, visitors of residents, or victims of accidents. Reciprocal agreements with ambulance associations in other communities will be entered into to provide maximum coverage for the area. A doctor's call in medical cases would be necessary for using the ambulance, but in case of accident or emergency anybody could ask for it.

Much resentment was felt by members at a letter published in the Dallas Post of January 22. It was felt that whoever wrote the letter was misinformed and reacting entirely to hearsay, and that if he wanted to express himself he might well have attended some of the meetings and spoken in person.

**Father John Balberchak To Speak To Holy Name**

Rev. John Balberchak, St. John's Parish, Luzerne, will speak and show movies to the men of Gate of Heaven Holy Name Society Feb. 8, at the Gate of Heaven School.

Father Balberchak has traveled through the Holy Lands and has taken some wonderful pictures. He will also lecture on the Marian Year.

Victor Borzone and John Gallagher are chairmen of the program, assisted by the following committee: Joseph Simpson, Leo Rowland, Henry Mastalski, Paul Stoner Sr., Paul Stoner Jr., John Bogdon, Thomas McLaughlin.

All men of the parish are invited. Refreshments will be served.

## To Hold Bake Sale

Members of Huntsville Christian Church will hold a bake sale at Boyd White's Store, Main Street, Dallas, tomorrow morning.

## Leaves Active Service



U. S. S. Roanoke, Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 15.—Andrew Kozemchak, chief gunner's mate, U. S. Navy, receives a farewell handshake from Captain C. C. Burlingame, USN, commanding officer as he leaves the Roanoke after completing 20 years active naval service.

Chief Kozemchak plans to return

to his home town, Dallas, Pa., with his wife, the former Miss Olga Sisco, and their five-year-old daughter, Eva.

He is now being released into the Fleet Reserve organization, in which he will complete the 30 years service necessary for full retirement.

## Natona Mills Treats Wastes To Prevent Stream Pollution

In a release made this week, the Sanitary Water Board of the Pennsylvania Department of Health has the following to say concerning a Back Mountain industrial plant that has done an outstanding job in preventing stream pollution.

Natona Mills in Dallas Township, Luzerne County, manufacturers of material used in making undergarments and lace, is one of the larger industrial establishments in the northeastern section of the state which treat their wastes to abate pollution of streams, a requirement under the Clean Streams program which is directed by the Sanitary Water Board.

The waste waters from the manufacturing process, amounting to about 75,000 gallons a day, consist of bleaching, scouring, dyeing and rinsing wastes which also contain solids from the dyes, detergents, sizing, starches, graphite, fiber, etc.,

and are highly polluting. Because of the character of the wastes it is necessary to have an extensive treatment system.

The waste waters from the various sources in the mill are discharged to two holding or equalizing tanks, each having a capacity of 80,000 gallons. From there the wastes pass through units where they receive chemical treatment, then on to a flocculating chamber and from there to a primary clarifier where the solids are settled out. The sludge from that unit is pumped to a 5,000 gallon tank and the clear water is discharged to a pond where it is aerated over a prescribed period before going to To-by's Creek. The sludge is conveyed from the tank to farmland in a 10,000 gallon auto tank. Farmers value the sludge as a soil conditioner.

## Coal-O-Matic Introduces New Models At Sales Meeting



Shown here are but a few of the more than 100 New York and Pennsylvania dealers, representing more than 2,000 Coal-O-Matic heating plant installations, who saw the new Model 650 stoker for larger homes introduced Wednesday at the annual mid-winter dealers meeting of the Coal-O-Matic Company.

Paul Gross, head of the Trucks-ville firm; A. Hanford Eckman, superintendent; and William Bell, service manager, explained the functions of the 14 new models of

automatic heating equipment. These models ranged from the smallest room heaters to the largest available for apartments and industrial buildings in both coal and oil systems.

Wednesday evening the dealers were guests of the Coal-O-Matic Company at a dinner at Wyo-Inn, where Michael Moore of the sales department was toastmaster.

Mr. Gross said the display of automatic heating equipment which was set up especially for the dealer

## Plan Borough Parking Lot

Council and Bank Study Central Area

Borough Engineer John T. Jeter has been instructed to determine what can be done to open King Street between Norton and Machell Avenues and to prepare plans for a community parking lot for fifty or more automobiles back of the Borough Building and Dallas Branch of Miners Bank.

Parking problems in central Dallas were subject of discussion between a committee from the Bank and officials of Dallas Borough Monday night at a special meeting of Dallas Borough Council called at the Borough Building primarily to approve the current budget.

Representatives of the Bank were W. B. Jeter, L. L. Richardson and David Schooley. They informed Council that the Bank is eager to cooperate in any way to alleviate cluttered parking conditions along Main Street, including opening the rear of the Bank property adjoining borough lands to establish a community parking lot.

The immediate plan would be to remove some of the old buildings at the rear of the Borough Building and a house at the rear of the Bank property so that the area can be joined in one large paved parking lot. Entrance would be by way of the Bank's driveway to its Drive-In-Window and exit might be by way of King Street to either Norton or Machell Avenues.

At the conclusion of the discussion Council approved the tentative budget for the expenditure of \$34,051 for Borough services during the coming year.

## GROUNDHOG EXPECTED TO VIEW TERRITORY TUESDAY MORNING

Tuesday is Groundhog Day, that touchstone of the winter season when the porky-looking rodent issues from his burrow, stretches sleepily, and either dives back into his underground bed, pulling the leaves up over his ears, or decides to stay out and enjoy the mild cloudy weather. One gleam of sunshine is fatal, curling his whiskers with fright.

Considering last Wednesday's weather, when black clouds, bright sunshine, snow, hail, rain, rainbows and growing thunder staged a show in fifteen minutes elapsed time, it would be difficult to diagnose the condition of the groundhog's supersensitive antennae when he emerges to have a look around.

Who knows, maybe he is already disturbed enough to say the heck with it and go back to bed for another six weeks, insuring winter weather until the middle of March.

## Clewell Takes Henning's Place On School Board

Kingston Township Board Meets For Special Session



WILLIAM H. CLEWELL

William H. Clewell, Trucksville, was elected at a special session of Kingston Township school board, Friday night at Dallas Borough school office.

Mr. Clewell was one of thirty men considered to fill the vacancy created when Stanley R. Henning died of a heart attack a few days after being elected president of the board at the annual reorganization meeting on December 7. Thoughtful consideration was given to at least ten potential board members. Mr. Clewell did not seek the office.

According to section 315 in the Public School laws, a majority vote of the board elects a new member to hold office until the first Monday in December following a municipal election. Recent legislation amends this rule to read that a member so elected shall finish out the term of the board member so replaced, whether the vacancy was created by death, resignation, moving away from the community or for other reasons. If such election is not made within thirty days, the Court en Banc appoints a member to fill the vacancy. Mr. Henning's term would have expired in December 1955.

James Hutchison nominated Mr. Clewell, John Wardell seconding.

Upon election, Mr. Clewell was informed by telephone and a recess taken until his arrival from Trucks-ville Gardens. He was sworn in by Charles H. Manneer, acting president, and took the oath of office and loyalty.

Mr. Clewell spoke briefly upon taking office, and was welcomed by other board members.

**Reorganization**  
Mr. Manneer was elected president at reorganization, Mr. Clewell vice president, Mr. Hutchison taking the chair during presidential nomination.

Routine business was handled, including payment of a bank loan of \$1,500 to Dallas Branch of Miners National Bank.

James Martin, supervising principal, called attention to the course for school board members scheduled for January 25, February 1 and February 8 at 7:30 in the Deposit and Savings building, room 902, saying that approximately fifty members would attend, and that all members who found themselves free for those three evenings should go if possible. It was pointed out that February 1, the date of the second meeting, would coincide with that of the joint school board session.

Present were James Hutchison, Charles Manneer, Dan Shaver, John Wardell, Fred Anderson, James Martin, Atty. Lewis Chrisman, William Clewell. Visitors included Hub Pesavanto, Francis Youngblood, Mrs. Charles Manneer, Mrs. Fred Anderson.

## Martin Porter Again President

Of Kingston Twp. Ambulance Assoc.

All officers of Kingston Township Ambulance Association were re-elected at Sunday afternoon's annual meeting in Shavertown Fire Hall. Martin Porter retains the presidency, Hugh Ridall is first vice president, John Earl second, William Clewell is secretary, Thomas R. Morgan, treasurer.

Plans were laid for the membership drive, March 1 to March 6. Forty members attended. Reports show that 130 calls were made last year.

Photo by Kozemchak