

## Footprints On The Sands Of Time

### Review of 1956 in Brief

**From The Issue Of December 30, 1956, New Years Issue**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Bulford observe Golden Wedding on New Year's Day.  
Frank Perry is able to be out of doors after major surgery in August.  
Babson forecasts second best business year in history for 1956.  
Picture section for the year features demolition of the Old Goss School; Lehman Little League champs; Library Auction; retirement of Fred Youngblood from Dallas Post-Office; Mrs. Bertha Jenkins posing as Whistler's Mother; Mrs. Elizabeth Deihl Knell, six months past the century mark; breaking of ground for Jackson Institution; St. Paul's expansion; Westmoreland football champs; Library Auction; neighbors building a new barn for Joe Zosh after his cattle barn is destroyed by lightning.  
Nancy Brader becomes the bride of Dr. J. B. Marshall, Jr.  
Anna Simons weds Walter Watkins.  
Carol Thompson marries William Waters.  
James Devlin, Dallas RD 1, dies at 64.  
Mrs. Grace Kintz dies in Athens, Pa.  
Michael Torme, Harveys Lake, dies at 82.  
**From The Issue of January 6, 1956**  
Joseph MacVeigh again heads Dallas Borough Council, Robert Brown replaces James Beseker, long-time secretary.  
Anna Devlin dies eight days after her husband James, postal clerk in Kingston and Wilkes-Barre, dies at Demunds.  
Sue Cassidy Wright repels robbers at her home on Carverton Road, scaring the young law-breakers into flight.  
New addition to St. Paul's Lutheran Church nears completion.  
Ralph Sands is reelected president of Kingston Township supervisors, John Richards replaces David Schooley as auditor.  
Ethel Farley Spackman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Farley marries Walter L. Douglass, Jr.  
Nancy Dickson becomes the bride of Thomas Schmiedle.  
John Tibus' skating rink attracts star performers from the area.  
Alderson leads Church League with three successive wins.  
Mrs. Mildred C. Pintard, Kingston, mother of former Shavertown resident Mrs. Donald Harris, is fatally burned when her night clothing catches fire from a book of paper matches.  
Lenora Brace, 58, Hunlock Creek, dies of heart failure.  
Mrs. Fred Handley, 48, has a fatal heart attack at her home in Shavertown.  
Mrs. Maude Stevens, 85, Dallas, dies at a nursing home in Scranton.  
Henry A. Kunkle, 61, former Noxon resident, dies in Oregon.  
**January 13, 1956**  
Walter Mohr, science instructor at Westmoreland, takes job of assistant secretary at Wilkes-Barre Junior Chamber of Commerce.  
Hillside bull goes senior grand champion at Harrisburg show.  
James Beseker resigns as Dallas Fire Chief, Fire Company is stunned by action.  
Youths who broke into Mrs. Thomas Wright's house last week are captured in Florida five days later.  
Harold Freeman, Sweet Valley, is injured in a car crash on icy roads en route to Buffalo.  
William Amos, formerly of Dallas Township, marks ninetieth birthday.  
Philip Cheney is unanimously elected to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Harry Schooley Jr. on Dallas Township school board.  
L. E. Jordan, Charles R. Nuss Jr. and James C. Edwards join directorate of local YMCA, R. E. Neal president.  
Circular saw leaps and badly lacerates Carl Rood's face at Sweet Valley.  
Mrs. Marcus Ide, Jr. is convalescing at Goss Manor after a car crash near Lancaster which drove her head through the windshield.  
George Prater is replaced by Glen Howell as secretary of Dallas Township supervisors.  
George Smith, formerly of Harveys Lake, dies at 78 in Lewistown.  
Paul Balshaw and Zelva Moore represent the Township band in Northeast conference.  
William T. Meeker, 80, is buried at Broadway.  
Mrs. Kate Moore, 80, dies of Leukemia at Geisinger Hospital.  
Mrs. Paul Kostenbauder, Fort Devens, dies at 24, of duodenal abscess.  
Robins seen at Lake.  
Granville Sowden heads Rural Building and Loan.  
David Vann promotes a Moustache Hop at Wilkes.  
**January 20, 1956**  
Banks adopt service charges, followed by loud squawks from customers.  
Back Mountain green tomato growers who annually go to Florida to plant a winter crop, are bedeviled by frost. Wiped out by July hail last summer, Heitsman, London, Dymond and Sutliff families run smudge pots to save the crop.  
Five school boards agree on need for a new Senior High School.  
Donald Smith, West Dallas, is elected vice president of Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers.  
Eleanor Rodriguez is Sweetheart of Blue Ridge FFA.  
George Yurko, Lester Lynn, and Rafael Rodriguez win Keystone awards at Farm Show in Harrisburg.  
Harveys Lake American Legion purchases a plot of land on Baird Street for construction of a Legion Home.  
Kingston Township orders new 1956 Cadillac ambulance.  
Noxen forms ambulance association, elects Julius Kopchko president.  
Mrs. Frank Wright, Idetown, celebrates 86th birthday.  
Mrs. Lloyd Kear assumes presidency of Book Club.  
Dean Shaver heads Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club, Dick Williams is chairman of board.  
Lehman wrestlers win in Novice Meet at YMCA.  
Alderson loses grip on fifteen-win streak when Prince of Peace trounces Lake team. East Dallas wins narrowly over Shavertown.  
Winfield Parsons is assistant cashier of Wyoming National Bank.  
Mrs. Calvin Hall heads Prince of Peace Auxiliary.  
Ralston Purina gives citation to Jim Huston.  
Misericordia establishes one-way traffic.  
Welcome Wagon receives new Plymouth from Duke Isaacs.  
Driver training program at Westmoreland uses new Dodge supplied by L. L. Richardson.  
**January 27, 1956**  
Dallas-Franklin-Monroe school board approves a seven district school jointure including Lake and Noxen.  
D. A. Waters says big school jointures are not necessarily the best thing for this area because of sparsely settled areas.  
Nortti Berti is elected chief of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company.  
Ralph Eipper, retired Borough Street Commissioner, watches Al Sauffer wrestle with icy roads.  
Mrs. Francis Ambrose heads the Mothers' March on Polio.  
Stuart P. Marks becomes personnel manager of Air Products Inc. Game Commission guards black bear hibernating at Beth Run.  
Sands Holsteins capture fifteen places at Farm Show.  
Thomas Patton, 74, dies in his sleep at Noxen.  
Mrs. Ethel Oliver, 80, Mt. Greenwood Road, dies of pneumonia in Monongahela.  
William G. McMichael, 70, dies at Fernbrook after long illness.  
Mrs. May Ide dies in Toledo, aged 82.  
Joan Buza, Hillside, weds John P. Evanka, Luzerne.  
Nancy Beryl Traver marries Larry Crispell, Noxen.  
**February 3, 1956**  
Ground hog fails to see shadow.  
Hurray for spring, but button up your overcoat.  
Mitchell Jenkins is elected president of Library Board.  
Scarlet fever at Lehman schools.  
George E. Schlager is secretary of local YMCA.  
John C. Zosh, 74, dies at Meeker.  
David Evans, Grandview Avenue, dies of heart failure.  
John S. Clarke, 82, dies at Hayfield Farms in his sleep.  
Lydia Spencer, Noxen native, dies at 59 in West Davenport, N. Y.  
Michael Begley, Davenport Street, dies at 82.  
Mrs. Blanche A. Krainz, Demunds Road, dies in Hamburg Sanitarium.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lord, Sweet Valley, lose a newborn son.  
Mrs. Addie Austin, 91, suffers a severe stroke.  
Lois K. Jones, Courtdale, weds Harry J. Johnson, Trucksville.  
Alderson and Shavertown tie in Church League.  
**February 10, 1956**  
Mrs. Harry Ohlman is elected president of Dallas Womens Club.  
Big high school for all ten Back Mountain school districts is suggested by several school boards.  
Dallas Borough millage remains at 22. Budget of \$38, 831 is adopted.  
Frank Policare, Pittston, will operate Lundy's as Club Francois.  
Charles Rinehimer, formerly of Natona Mills, goes to Emmaus, parent plant of Air Products Inc.  
Mrs. Roscoe Smith heads Kiwanis women.  
James Hutchison, retired Luzerne County Farm Agent, starts program of farm news over radio station WLK.  
Howard Piatt is appointed Harveys Lake Roadmaster.  
Mrs. Addie Austin, Arch Austin's mother, dies at 91 after hard stroke.  
Mrs. Rhoda Kitchen, Ruggles, dies at 62.  
Morgan W. Ruch, East Dallas, dies aged 65 at the American Oncological Hospital in Philadelphia.

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## Foundation Poured For First Jackson Building



Forms are poured for the first building—a warehouse—that will be erected at the new State institution for Mental Delinquents in Jackson Township. The building is located high above the surrounding countryside. Actual construction is not expected until March after all blasting and rough grading is completed. —Photo by Kozemchak

## Judges Find Reindeer And Sleigh On Many Roofs In Outdoor Contest

Judges making the rounds of entries in the Back Mountain Lighting Contest Thursday night, found themselves in difficulties, both because of the icy roads, and because of the wide variety of decorations.  
All the entries were lovely, but none of them could be compared one with the other. Judges parked by the road and worked out a set of essentials. The entry must have a focus which would draw the attention immediately, was considered the prime requisite. There must be unity, without too much to distract the attention from the main display.  
This automatically disqualified a number of exhibits which added a great deal to the festive appearance of Back Mountain neighborhoods.  
First prize in picture windows went to Mrs. Willis Ide, Oak Hill, who had developed a decoration which looked like lace paper or Christmas wrapping, utilizing every tiny pane in her big window. It was unique and very effective, depending not on the interior glimpsed through the decorations, but on the window itself.  
June McClosky, New Goss Manor, took first prize in exterior decoration, with a very simple display built around her entrance, spotlighted by hidden lights, suggestive of a Christmas card. She worked out a definite plan for her display, with good focus and complete harmony, no trailing ends, and nothing superfluous.  
Mrs. Ralph Hazeltine, Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, took second place in outdoor decorations with her display of snowmen. Here again, there was nothing to distract the eye, and the arrangement was unified.  
Mrs. Sterling Schmoltz, Oak Hill, placed third with a genuine old sleigh which was silhouetted on a blank wall by spotlights.  
Leonard Harvey, Woodlawn Drive, with a muted picture window showing shepherds and a star, organ pipes on one side balanced by NOEL on the other, took second place in windows.  
The Harry Ritts window on Church Street, which added greatly to the outdoor scheme of decoration for that part of Dallas, dropped to third place because the revolving tree was actually an interior instead of a window decoration, though clearly visible through the window and beautifully decorated. Technically speaking, it did not qualify.  
Two displays which were otherwise very lovely were disqualified because of the presence of a cross, signifying Easter, instead of a star, which by tradition belongs to Christmas.  
Doyle Campbell's display on the road near Keller's greenhouse, was very effective, with its huge star on the peak of the roof, its manger scene and Santa Claus beneath on the ground. In this case, there were too many points of interest, too widely spaced to afford the compact unified effect which had been decided upon as the criterion.  
Successive herds of reindeer, mounted on roof tops and porches, cavorting across snowy lawns, killed each other off. Many of these exhibits must have taken hours to erect, and they were all very jolly.  
Honorable mention went to: Doyle Campbell, West Dallas; Kunkle Fire Department; St. Paul's Lutheran Church for its manger and its replica of a stained glass window; Gerald Murray, Druid Hills, Shavertown, for his carol singers and

## Marketing Agent For Nine Counties To Have Office With Extension Association

Aubrey D. Vose, formerly assistant county agent in Berks County, has assumed a new position as extension marketing agent in nine Northeastern Pennsylvania counties, including Luzerne County, according to County Agent E. V. Chadwick.  
His headquarters will be in Luzerne County Agricultural Extension office in the courthouse annex, 5 Water Street, Wilkes-Barre. His territory will embrace the counties of Luzerne, Lackawanna, Sullivan, Wyoming, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Carbon.  
A native of Bradford County where he grew up on a farm near LeRayville, Vose is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Vose, now of Rome, that county. He was graduated from LeRayville High School and in 1951 received his degree in agriculture from the Pennsylvania State University where he majored in agricultural economics. In college he was a member of the Agricultural Economics Club and the Dairy Science Club, and worked on the Penn State poultry farm to help finance his college education.  
From 1951 to 1954 he was with the State Bureau of Markets, Harrisburg, working in the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection service. In 1954 he transferred to the University as coordinator of a potato marketing survey conducted jointly by the University and the State.  
On April 11, 1955, he joined the Penn State agricultural extension staff as assistant county agent and was assigned to Berks County. In his new position, he continues as a member of the university staff. His transfer, effective December 1, was announced by Dr. Herbert R. Albrecht, extension director. Vose will be stationed in the Northeastern Pennsylvania extension region of which Ralph C. Blaney, assistant director of agricultural and home economics extension, has charge.

## Out On Bail, Charged With Assault And Battery

Andy Malak, Huntsville, is out on bail of \$500 for assault and battery on his wife Dorothy and fourteen year old son Edward, and will answer to charges during the January term of criminal court.

## House Guest of Sanford's Admitted To Nesbitt

Kingston Township ambulance staffed by Theodore Poad and William Purcell took a house guest of the Allan W. Sanford family, Pioneer Avenue, to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Thursday morning at 9. Miss Beatrice Peletier, Massachusetts, seized with violent abdominal pain during the night, was ordered to the hospital by Dr. S. M. Davenport, Dallas Community Ambulance was answering another call at the time.

## Mrs. Edwards, 51 Dies Following Cardiac Attack

### Her Untimely Death New Years Eve Is Shock To Community

Mrs. D. L. Edwards, 51, died New Years Eve at General Hospital where she was admitted early Christmas morning following a heart attack at her home, Deerfield Farm, in Jackson Township.  
In frail health for more than a year—she was hospitalized from a similar attack during the holidays last year—she was apparently making steady progress toward recovery when she was stricken.  
On Saturday night she had attended a Christmas party with old friends who were delighted with her light-hearted spirit and apparently restored health.  
Mrs. Edwards was the wife of the late Dana LaRue Edwards, head of the D. L. Edwards Insurance Agency, who died two years ago in September.  
Born in Kingston, the daughter of the late William H. and Margaret Evans Bradbury, she spent her young womanhood in Kingston where she was graduated from Kingston High School and Wyoming Seminary. For a number of years prior to her marriage she was a secretary to the late Norman Johnstone, secretary-manager of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, who often referred to her as "the best secretary I have ever known."  
After her marriage to Mr. Edwards on September 10, 1930, the young couple established their home in their new house on Davis Street, Trucksville.  
There she welcomed her two children Dana Barry, now a petty officer in the Seabees, USN, with the Antarctic Expedition, Operation Deep Freeze, and Faith Elaine, now a freshman at Pennsylvania State University.  
She was a member of Shavertown Methodist Church and its W.S.C.S., Wyoming Valley Woman's Club, and recently served in the Wyoming Valley Beautification Committee. She was a member of Back Mountain Memorial Library Association and its Book Club and served as solicitation chairman for the Library Auction in 1955.  
Devoted to her home and family—she was an excellent cook and homemaker—she was always among the first to arrive at a home where tragedy or illness struck, with a basket of home-made foodstuffs or a flower. She never forgot the little things—a kind word or deed—that made life more worth living.  
Funeral services were conducted by her pastor Rev. Robert D. Yost, Thursday morning from Snowdon Funeral Home in Kingston. Interment was in the family plot beside her husband at Fern Knoll.  
Beside her son and daughter, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Reuben Morrish, Harrisburg; brothers Henry W. Bradbury, Springfield, N. J., and David Bradbury, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Pallbearers were: Jack Trethaway, Otto Weyand, Robert Edwards, Alfred D'Anca, Thomas Graham and Dr. Irvin Evans.  
**Requiescat in pace.**

## Supervisors To Leave 35-Mile Signs In Place

### Kingston Township Raises Wages Of Police and Laborers

Kingston Township Supervisors at their reorganization meeting Wednesday night instructed Police Commissioner Arthur F. Smith not to remove the thirty-five mile-an-hour speed limit signs recently erected along Route 309.  
"We expect to fight this thing to the finish" was the comment of one supervisor following the meeting, "or at least until the State contributes something practical toward the elimination of traffic accidents on this road."  
Ralph Sands was reelected president of the Supervisors, and Arthur F. Smith, was reelected secretary-treasurer and Police Commissioner. Harry Bogart is the minority supervisor. Atty. Donald O. Coughlin was reelected solicitor.  
There was a general increase in wages for Township employees. Salaries of police were increased \$20 per month and wages of supervisory employees and laborers were raised 15c per hour.

## Andrew Pleased With No Deaths

### Hopes 1957 Will See None On Local Roads

Thomas Andrew, president, has announced that there will be an important meeting of Back Mountain Citizens Safety Committee on Monday night January 14 at 8 at Dallas Borough School. All interested citizens are invited to recognize their personal responsibility for highway safety and attend.  
In making the announcement Mr. Andrew said he and the Citizens Committee on Safety are especially pleased with the safety record made on Back Mountain highways over the holiday period.  
"Our goal now," he said, "is to prevent any fatal accidents on Back Mountain highways during 1957. Only the common sense of every driver can help us to achieve this objective. We need public support in our efforts. That's why we want everyone to attend the January 14 meeting."

## Chance To Burn Christmas Trees At Skating Rink

Christmas trees may be burned on the bonfire at John Tibus' skating rink in mid-Dallas on Saturday night, the night before Twelfth Night. Mr. Tibus promises safety for the children, and says trees will not be fed onto the flames in too great numbers.  
Trees may be delivered ahead of time if desired.

## Benefit Dance For Irwin Coolbaugh

A square dance for the benefit of Irwin Coolbaugh of Kunkle who suffered a heart attack several weeks ago and has been confined to his home since his return from the hospital, will be held Wednesday night, January 16, at Kunkle Community Hall.  
The dance is sponsored by Dallas Township Police Force of which Mr. Coolbaugh was a member. Those who may wish to sell or buy tickets may obtain them from Chief of Police James Gansel.

## David Jenkins Named Eastern Sales Manager

David Jenkins, formerly of Dallas but more recently of Lorraine, Ohio, has been named New England sales manager of Tew Show Company with offices at 500 Fifth Avenue, New York City.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and daughters Dianne, a student at Kent College, and Gale, a Lorraine High School student, spent the holidays with Mr. Jenkins' father Ben L. Jenkins of Wilkes-Barre.  
They expect to move to the New York area shortly.

## New Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest King, Dallas R. D. 2 announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara, their second child, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital on December 17.

## To Hold Hobby Show

Lady Toby Rebekah Lodge, 514, Trucksville, will hold a Hobby Show at the Trucksville Methodist Church, January 25, Matilda Croom is chairman, and Dorothy Williams, Co-chairman.

## Ohlman In Hospital

### Suffering From Stroke

Harry Ohlman, president of Dallas Area Schools, is a patient at Wyoming Valley Hospital where he was taken Wednesday morning following a heart attack at his home on Machell Avenue.  
John Thomas, Old Fair Ground road, was admitted to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital yesterday morning, suffering from a stroke. Dr. Charles Perkins summoned Dallas Community ambulance, staffed by Ray Titus, Nortti Berti, and Henry Evans.

## Arthur Kushke Remains On Nesbitt Critical List

Arthur Kushke, Elmorest, remains on the critical list at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. In and out of the oxygen tent, and still very ill, he is not receiving visitors. He was admitted by ambulance before the Christmas holidays.

## David Howell Goes To Nesbitt By Ambulance

David Howell, Birch Grove, who retired some time ago from employment at the Woodward Collieries because of silicosis, entered Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Thursday morning on order of Dr. Charles Perkins. In answering the call, Kingston Township ambulance staffed by Marvin Yeust and Theodore Poad, crossed the bridge at Birch Grove which had been repaired by Mr. Howell during his retirement.

## Three Local Men At Convention

### Dolbear, Marchakitus, Hughes, at State PSEA

Three local educators attended the Pennsylvania State Education Association annual meeting in Harrisburg during the holidays, December 27-29, joining 850 delegates who represent 65,000 teachers of Pennsylvania. Attendance of teachers other than delegates brought the numbers up to nearly 4,000.  
Edgar Hughes, Jr., president of Area 6; and Robert Dolbear, former president, now representing Area 6 for Luzerne County, are from Dallas-Franklin-Monroe Township schools. Anthony Marchakitus is principal of Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School, and former president of the School Educators' Association.