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SAFETY VALVE . . .

DOG LICENSES

Dear Editor:
There were 30,000 people who licensed their dogs in Luzerne County in 1957. When you buy a license for your car and pay taxes on your gasoline you get good roads to drive on, police protection, and other benefits. The benefit you get from licensing your dog is negative. It merely keeps your dog from being shot if he hasn't got one. What becomes of the 30,000 odd dollars taken in is not known. It definitely does not go for the good of the dogs, or their owners.

If everyone who licenses his or her dog in 1958 would send \$1, or better still \$2, to the newly organized S.P.C.A. of Luzerne County we could maintain the best organized and finest society for humane work in the United States.

If your dog is lost we will return it to you.

If your dog is hurt we will send our ambulance for it, care for it, and notify you.

If you have a dog you cannot care for we will take it without charge, find a home for it, or have it mercifully destroyed at the Shelter if you so desire. We will investigate and prosecute all cases of neglect and cruelty to any animal.

But we must have support for all this. We must have money to build and maintain our Shelter; money to purchase an ambulance, to pay a man to drive it, to keep trained personnel in the Shelter, care for the injured, buy food for the dogs, and supplies for our little hospital; to keep records of all dogs brought in and sent out, of all donations and expenses. In other words to run an efficient and helpful organization.

We appeal, not only to you who license your dogs, but to all who love animals to help us in this serious work which will be a service to the entire community. Aside from the benefit to the dogs themselves the removal of stray and injured animals from the highway will prevent many a serious accident to motorists and be a source of relief to all kind hearted people.

Those Who Care

To become a permanent member of this organization dues are as follows:

- Associate \$2
- Active \$5 to \$10
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- Junior Membership 50¢

Your contribution may be sent to SPCA, Box 68, Wilkes-Barre. A receipt and membership card will be forwarded.

Sign in a gas station—"Use Our Easy Credit Plan—100 percent down; Nothing Each Month."

CHIVALRY IS NOT DEAD

To the Dallas Post:

Having read in a recent issue of your paper of the difficulties of a woman driver, who made a trip to Nanticoke to pay her respects to a departed relative, and upon coming out of the funeral home couldn't get her car to start, and when it did start getting it caught in a snow drift, and of the dozens of passing males no one offered assistance, in fact all to whom she appealed seemed to have no time to help or simply gave her a rude "no", I would like to tell about my experience this past week, the morning the fresh snow fell, again making driving rather difficult.

I started to work that morning, wearing dungarees under my uniform, and also wearing my "Puss in boots" galoshes. I dressed so as to be ready to get out and shovel cinders if I should become stuck, for I leave for work rather early and the snow plows had not been through yet.

On my way down toward West Nanticoke, just below Casetown, I passed a station wagon, driven by a gentleman, with two other gentlemen passengers.

Before I reached West Nanticoke I noticed the road was nearly bare, and knew I would have no trouble getting through. The snow falls down that way. I decided to pull off the road and pull off my dungarees before going any farther, for I hated to show up at work wearing overalls under a white uniform, and didn't want to remove them at the parking lot near the hospital where I work. I made my mistake when I tried to pull them off without first removing my boots, for no matter how hard I struggled they simply wouldn't come off. While I was engaged in the battle of the boots, the station wagon with the three gentlemen passed, went down around the bend in the road and turned around and came back, stopping on the opposite side of the road from where I was parked. One of the men got out and came across the road to see if I was having trouble of any kind. Yes, I sure was having trouble, but nothing he could help me with. You can imagine how red my face must have been as I stammered "Oh, no, thank you, I'm just waiting here for my brother to come along, I promised him I would wait for him."

So you see, there are some well meaning, kind hearted, thoughtful men in the world. The trouble is, they don't show up when you really need them. Or should I say they come around just when you DON'T need them. R. T.

FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES

SINCE JANUARY 1, 1957

	Hospitalized	Killed
Dallas	1	1
Dallas Twp.	6	2
Franklin Twp.	3	
Lake	3	1
Kingston Twp.	2	1
Monroe	1	1
Noxen		
Ross	1	
Total	17	6

MOTOR LAW VIOLATIONS

	Arrests	Convictions
Dallas		
Dallas Twp.		
Franklin Twp.		
Kingston Twp.		
Lake		
Monroe		
Noxen		
Ross		
Total		

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance	4-2121
Fire	4-2121
State Police	BU 7-2185

Looking at T-V

With GEORGE A. and EDITH ANN BURKE

SHIRLEY TEMPLE'S STORYBOOK

feature of March 23 is the rags-to-riches story of "Dick Whittington and His Cat." It is the orphan boy who went to London to seek his fortune and lived to become Lord Mayor of London for three terms.

Although only 21 years old, Jack Dimond, who plays the role of Dick Whittington has made nearly 800 television appearances. In his role of Dick Whittington, he is supposed to be an enterprising young fellow with an eye for business. No less so is the real-life Dimond, who has turned a hobby of making mosaics into a paying business. His mosaic tables and wall hangings have been so popular he will open a shop to sell them shortly in the Hollywood area.

ASHLEY COWAN, who has the role of Gooley, the merchant's villainous apprentice in "Dick Whittington and His Cat," has played in 60 feature films and TV roles since his acting debut in 1941. He has never worn modern street clothes for a role. He has always been garbed in period costumes or uniforms. In this telecast he wears traditional 12th Century English garb.

LITTLE MOON OF ALBAN, an original television play by James Costigan to be telecast by "Hallmark of Fame" on NBC-TV Monday, (9:30-11 p.m., EST), with Julie Harris, Christopher Plummer, Barry Jones, Frank Conroy and George Peppard co-starred, gets its title from a line in an earlier set-in-Ireland drama.

In J. M. Synge's "Dierdre of the Sorrows," Dierdre's young man is killed and she is left standing beside his open grave, and she says, "I see the trees naked and bare, and the moon shining, Little moon, little moon of Alban, it's lonesome you'll be this night and long nights after . . ."

The new Costigan play is set in Dublin in the time of "The Troubles," the Irish Rebellion of 1916-21. It is the story of a deeply-religious young woman, Bridget Mary—to be played by Julie Harris—whose faith is shaken by the deaths of her father, her brother and her lover. It deals with her struggle to regain her faith, her search for peace of mind, and the test to which her devotion is put when she is sent as nurse to an enemy hospital.

OSCAR-WINNING songs of the past will be sung by Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Mae West, Tony Martin, Jane Russell, John Raitt and Mitzi Gaynor as the opening feature of the 30th annual Awards ceremony of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Wednesday, March 26 (NBC-TV, 10:30 p.m.—12:15 a.m., EST).

ROCK 'N' ROLL hits Fort Baxter. Opportunity seems forever destined to knock at the door of Sgt. Ernie Bilko, and when rock 'n' roll singer Elvin Pelvin is inducted into the Army and sent to Fort Baxter, Sgt. Bilko is waiting for "opportunity" with both arms. (CBS-TV, Friday, 9 p.m. EST)

PAUL TAUBMAN, musical director of "Dough Re Mi" was the successful bidder last week for one of the most famous stamp collections based on music. Taubman purchased at an auction the Theodore E. Steinway "Music in Philately" Collection, which has been exhibited in many major cities of the U. S.

Included in the collection are a Jan Paderewski stamp, with a photograph of the pianist, as well as his signature; the Richard Wagner stamp, with the original title page (in Wagner's own handwriting) of "The Grand Festival March for the Opening of the Centennial Celebration of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of North America"; a Chopin stamp and a Franz Liszt stamp.

Rambling Around
By THE OLDTIMER

At the junction of two branches of Tobys Creek in the middle of town on the eastern side of Mill Street stood the old grist mill which was one of the busy places in earlier times and may have been one of the reasons a town grew up here. Within the writer's period of knowledge it was owned by Hay and Honeywell, then by Gregory and Heitsman, later Charles D. Gregory father of barber Charles B. Gregory, Mrs. Ruth Gregg, Mrs. Claude Shaver, and others. Mr. Gregory came to Dallas as a young man and lived on Cemetery Street where Frank Barry lives or maybe it was next door. Later he moved to the Rice house adjoining the mill barn where Charles Gregory now lives and where the family has resided for a long time, it must be sixty years.

About fifty-five years ago the mill burned one night, but the writer completely missed the fire. In those nights of kerosene lamps and no electricity no one stayed up half the night listening to the radio, looking at TV, or reading books and magazines. Night was the accepted time for sleeping and there were no sirens to wake anyone up. Mr. Gregory was active in many local enterprises and kept the papers in his mill office and safe. Among the papers burned were all the records of Dallas Borough School District of which he was secretary at the time. He rebuilt the mill which is the present building across the street from A. C. Devens' office.

A couple of years later occurred the most spectacular fire Dallas ever had. The Highland House, a large three-story wood structure which stood on top of the hill across the road from Dallas Township School was completely destroyed one Saturday night. This stood on one of the highest points between Chestnut Ridge and Kingston Mountain, the night was clear, and the fire could be seen for miles in every direction. No comment was made among the spectators about any loss of life and dim recollection leads me to believe the fire was not in the busy summer season. Next day the cellar wall stood half filled with ashes, old pipes and radiators, iron beds, hardware, fused glassware and kitchen utensils and dishes some of which surprisingly enough were unbroken. The building was never rebuilt but the spring of mineral water which was one of the major attractions was open to passersby for years. When last tasted by this writer it was exceedingly bitter, maybe more so than in normal times from long disuse.

A vigorous fire was seen when the old farmhouse last occupied by Edward Hunter on one of the early Wardan farms burned perhaps ten years later. This was located at the foot of the Werdan Hill on the College Farm and was unoccupied at the time if my recollection is correct. The College had already acquired the property or did shortly thereafter and never rebuilt the house. Like the Highland House the farmhouse was built of wood throughout, probably native pine for which the region was noted, and both buildings burned like kindling wood.

Another fire which the writer did not witness was the Davis home on the lower side of Main Street below Brickets, a few houses up the street from where Pete Roushey now lives. The elderly Widow Davis was burned to death. A middle aged son, Caleb, had left in early morning to his work in the valley. He subsequently left town.

There was no fire protection in town at the time of the above fires. The Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company was organized at a meeting called by Council President Roland Stevens in the old Raub Hotel which his father owned about thirty years ago, or a little more.

Probably everyone remembers the fire at the American Legion Home on Huntsville Street which occurred in fairly recent years as well as the historic home fire in the Fernbrook area when one of the neighborhood women would not surrender the use of the telephone long enough to have the fire company called.

SUCCESSFUL INVESTING . . .

by ROGER E. SPEAR
Investment Advisor and Analyst

READER IS ADVISED ON SOME GROWTH INVESTMENTS FOR A SMALL GRANDSON
Q. J. H., Pennsylvania, writes: We wish to invest \$1000 for our one-year old grandson. What do you think of Canada Dry which seems to be popular at this time. Naturally we want a growth stock. We have invested in Standard Oil of New Jersey, American Brake Shoe, Sinclair Oil and Philadelphia Electric. We would appreciate your opinion of these stocks.

A. As an income producer and as a stock that generally turns in a good defensive performance, I like Canada Dry. The market likes it too, for the same reasons and has recently pushed the shares up moderately to new 1957-58 highs. I don't feel, however, and here the market is also in agreement, that there is any real growth trend to be found in a stock of this character. The high recently registered looks good but it exactly matches the high for 1955-56 and is below the peak levels of ten years ago. The fiercely com-

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ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten and Twenty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

From The Issue of March 19, 1948

Cancer Fund drive will start April 1, with Joseph MacVeigh, W. B. Jeter, and Mrs. Fred Howell heading the campaign.

February book circulation, reports Miriam Lathrop, Back Mountain Librarian, is at the highest level since the library was opened three years ago, with college and high school students making good use of reference works.

Rotary elects unanimously these officers: Charles Wheaton Lee, president; Oswald Griffiths, vice president; Dan G. Robinhold, treasurer; Donovan Ide, secretary.

Jackson Volunteer firemen collect pledge cards amounting to \$1,973.

Louis Banta, wounded veteran of World War I, is appointed police officer by Kingston Township, to guard the Centre Street intersection in Shavertown.

An apartment above Salansky's store at Harveys Lake suffers \$700 damage when an over-heated stove ignites furnishings.

Harveys Lake Women's Service Club celebrates its first birthday with a dinner at the Rex Dining-room, and initiation of twenty-two members.

Ricky Harrison, in the second grade at Lehman, has the part of Pud in Wilkes-Barre Little Theatre's presentation of "On Borrowed Time."

Millard Kocher, Dallas, and Ferris Fuller, also of Dallas, waive hearings and will appear in court to answer charges of reckless driving.

Charles Long prepares for his second big auction sale of used farm machinery, to take place next Saturday.

John Fowler Sr. of Orange, wins awards for his bantams at New York Poultry Exposition.

Dallas Junior Woman's Club installs new officers: Peggy Davis, president; Mrs. Alva Eggleston, vice president; Mrs. Cummings Jewell, secretary; Rita Cummings, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Garris, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Jestie Schoonover, Center Moreland, is honored on her eighty-fourth birthday by a gathering of friends at Center Moreland Methodist Church.

Book Club welcomes thirteen new members. Florence Jackson, Center Moreland, is married to J. S. Greenley of Tunkhannock RD 2.

Howard Rinker's home in Sweet Valley is badly damaged by fire starting on the second floor from a defective chimney.

P. M. Malkemes is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Kingston Township school board, caused by resignation of Thomas Ayre, who has moved to Gettysburg.

From The Issue of March 17, 1938

A two-story annex is planned for Dallas Borough School, to take the place of the old frame building which was built sixty years ago as a private school, in protest against the inadequacy of public schools of the area. Dallas Borough came into being on the question of better education for children of what was at that time called McClellansville.

Parents felt that their children should have something better than a backwoods schooling, and underlined their convictions with cash to finance a school, building it practically next door to the township schoolhouse which had superseded the original log structure. When 90% of the pupils were attending the private school, leaving only a handful in the school which was still being supported by the tax-payers, the break was made with the Township, and the foundation laid for a bitter feud which persists to this day.

Incorporators of the Dallas High School Association were: Leonard Machell, James Garrahan, Ira D. Shaver, William J. Honeywell, Theodore F. Ryman, Chester White, Joseph Atherholt, William Snyder, Joseph Shaver, Jacob Rice, James G. Laing, C. A. Spencer, A. Raub, George W. Kirkendall, and William P. Kirkendall.

No protest is voiced by Borough Council against Wilkes-Barre Transit Company's proposal to abandon trolley tracks and substitute buses between Harveys Lake and the city.

A barrel of cider extinguishes a fire in the Albert Ruff home in Noxen, when water runs low in the Harveys Lake fire department apparatus.

Local farmers will attend a meeting at Lehman to discuss the current 1938 farm program on conservation.

Mrs. Frances Finch, Main Street, Dallas, celebrates her eightieth birthday.

Three stores change location in Shavertown: Charles Gosart, Main Street, purchases the Acme Store location; Acme will open a store in the building now occupied by Isaac Brace; Mr. Brace will build a new store and gas station on property originally used for the Quoit Club.

Kingston Township High School receives the football trophy in recognition of Back Mountain championship. Kingston Township school board collects \$46,900 insurance on the grade school building in Trucksville, burned several months ago. No action is yet taken on construction of a new building.

From

Pillar To Post . . .

by Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks

This is National Library Week.

There are a number of things about our own local library which may interest newcomers to the Back Mountain, questions which are often asked.

Where is the library?

The library is on Main Street in Dallas, housed in two gracious frame buildings with wide porches and lawns.

Is it the Dallas Library?

No, it is not the Dallas Library. It is the Back Mountain Memorial Library, serving the entire area from Sweet Valley to Center Moreland, and Trucksville to Noxen.

Is it free?

Yes, it is free to any resident of the area.

How does one join the library?

Miss Miriam Lathrop, librarian, will make out a card for any responsible person.

How many books may be drawn at a time?

Any number from one thin volume to an armful.

Is there any exception to this?

Yes. Members of the Book Club, who contribute to purchase new books, have a shelf of their own which is closed to borrowers who do not support the Book Club. Books on this shelf are transferred to the regular shelves and available to all borrowers after members of the Book Club have had a chance to read them.

What is the Book Club?

The Book Club is a group of men and women who are interested in books. It meets in the Library Annex every third Wednesday at 2 p.m. for a program and tea.

Is Book Club membership open to anybody?

Yes, anyone may join the Book Club by payment of the yearly dues. Miss Lathrop has information at the Library.

Do Book Club members have to attend the meetings?

Many Book Club members do not attend meetings at all. They join because it is worth \$3 a year to them to have access to the latest books. But the meetings are very interesting, and for newcomers in the area a fine way of making friends who have similar interests.

Are children welcome in the Library?

Yes, indeed. Miss Lathrop has a marvelous assortment of children's books. Some of them are on shelves, and some of them on low tables for easy browsing. The children's section is right in the front of the main building. Children from the nearest school have regular library hours. They go to the library under guidance of their teachers. This is a big help when they reach high school age where reference work is required, because they are taught how to use the library from the second grade up.

What is the Memorial section?

Many people feel that a beautiful book for the Library, inscribed in memory of a loved one, is a better tribute than flowers which fade after two or three days. Memorial books are carefully selected in accordance with the tastes of the deceased, and are inscribed with the name of the donor. Some exceptionally valuable volumes are for use only in the library, and cannot be taken out.

How is the library supported?

The Annual Library Auction contributes the main body of the support. It is the high spot of the summer in Dallas, attracting visitors from many states. Without it the library could not exist.

Does the State or the County contribute to support?

No. This library is supported by its many friends.

How can I help keep up the library?

By joining Friends of the Library, and by helping with the Auction. It costs \$1 a year to belong to Friends of the Library. There is no limit to the amount. Many friends contribute much more annually. This covers membership in the Library Association and entitles the subscriber to vote in the annual election in January.

The Auction is where you meet everybody in the area. Ask to be put on a committee. It is more fun to work for it than it is just to bid on an article that attracts you. But everybody who works, also bids. It is impossible to resist.

When was the library founded?

It was founded in 1945. It has grown by leaps and bounds. It started in the main building, but soon had to expand to a building next door, to provide a meeting place for organizations and extra space for books.

Is there plenty of room now in the library?

It is bulging at the seams, and expansion is again indicated. Is there parking space?

Plenty of parking space behind the library, reached by way of Huntsville Road and Rice Street. It is not yet hard-surfaced, and at this time of year it is smart to park on Main Street. Heavy snows have left the red ash pretty soft.

The library belongs to everybody in the Back Mountain. Come and see what it offers.

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