

From Pillar To Post . . .

By MRS. T. M. B. HICKS, JR.

Christmas is for the forever young in heart, those who can carry with them throughout their lives the glory and the dream, who can forget the rush and press of today in the memory of a childhood when the stars came close and the full moon rose in the silent dusk, sailing majestically up a cloudless sky, and casting clear-cut shadows on the new-fallen snow.

A time when there was silence upon the earth, as mankind awaited breathlessly the birth of a King.

A time when there was leisure to reflect upon the hush of the Judean hills, the drowsing shepherds, the sleeping flocks, the blaze of glory, and the wondering journey to the Manger.

A time when the thought of majestic presences from the East, following the Star, and humbling themselves in adoration before a new-born Child, was sweeter and rarer than the gifts they laid before Him.

And such is the alchemy of childhood and its dreams, that children brought up in the confusion and ceaseless clamor of the present, will remember, as they near the close of life, that the moon rose upon a cloudless sky on Christmas Eve, that the stars powdered the vast and limitless sky with frosty light, that there was silence upon the earth as it waited, breathless, for the birth of the King.

RIPLEY INTERESTED IN BIRTH'S BIRTHS

Clyde Birth's Esso Station is about to receive national publicity because of its popularity with an impatient stork that has stopped there twice to deliver babies to expectant mothers on their way to hospitals.

This week Mr. Birth received a letter from Ripley's Believe It Or Not asking for details and whether the night flying stork might have become confused by the big neon sign advertising Births.

200 Greet Santa At Legion Party

Daddow-Isaacs Post Has Busy Yuletide

By TOM REESE

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 672, held its annual Christmas Party at Daddow-Isaacs Post Home on Thursday night.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served by the Committee.

Christmas carols were enjoyed by the group with Mrs. Fred Templin accompanying on the piano. Edward Buckley acted on behalf of Santa Claus in distributing gifts.

Mrs. Thomas Kepner, Gold Star Mother of the Post was presented with a poinsettia by Mrs. Thomas E. Reese, president on behalf of the Auxiliary.

Entertainment with a floor show by Eddie Wilk and his Happy Timers was well received by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kepner, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ferry, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallo, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wroblewski, Mr. and Mrs. John Handles, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carhuff, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lingetot, Mrs. Emma Henning, Mrs. Rachel Williams, Mrs. George Richards, Mrs. John Garbutt, Mrs. Joseph LaVelle, Mrs. Doris Mallin, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wesley Cave, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brobst, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harvey, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Templin.

The Legion Auxiliary visited the Veterans Hospital Friday, December 19 and distributed much enjoyed candy to one of the wards.

The Auxiliary also gave Christmas gifts for the gift shop, where patients go to pick out presents to send to their families free of charge. These gifts are wrapped and sent or the veterans give them personally.

The Children's Christmas Party was held at the Post Home, Saturday afternoon at 2. Santa Claus arrived by horse and carriage with Tom Templin doing the driving.

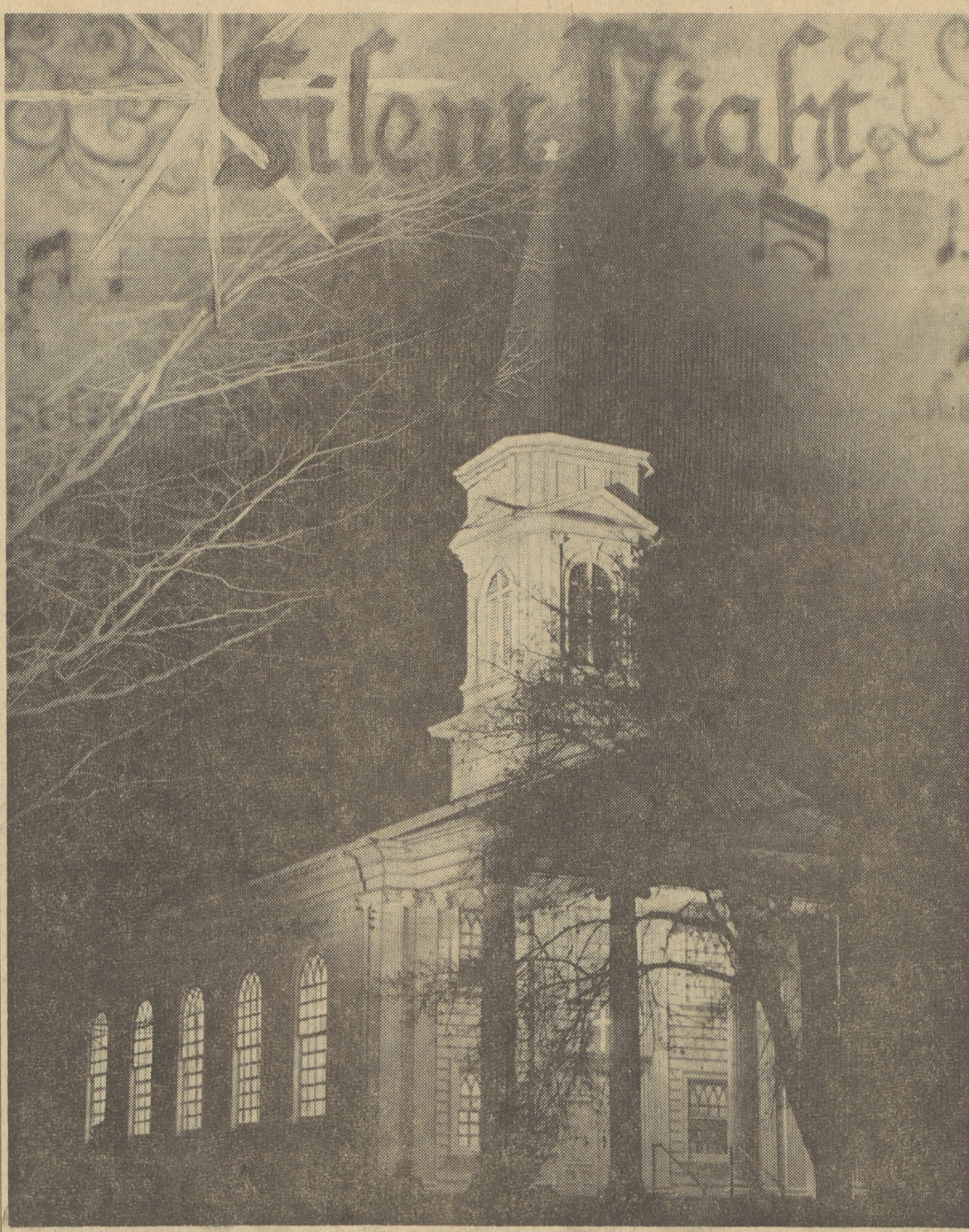
The children, over two hundred strong, enjoyed hot dogs and birch beer served by the Legion and Auxiliary members. Door prizes were awarded to thirty-eight lucky children.

The bicycles which were displayed at Boyd White's and the Legion Home were awarded to Elwood Swingle and Mr. Baur; trains went to William Moran and Jerry Dettmore; a doll and football went to J. H. Wicht of Wilkes-Barre.

Santa Claus gave each child a stocking on departure and wished them a Merry Christmas.

The Legion will close at 11:30 Christmas Eve and reopen as usual on December 26.

The Legion and its Auxiliary wish everyone A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Symbolic of churches throughout Christendom, Trunkville Methodist Church, nestled among the Back Mountain hillsides, extends its warm welcome to all to worship at the manger of the Babe of Bethlehem.

(Photo by Kozemchak)

Manger Scene In Ceramics



This manger scene, developed in ceramics by Mrs. Arthur Hontz, Shavertown, has attracted attention wherever it has been displayed. The eighteen pieces show the traditional scene, with the manger as a focus. It has been shown at Shavertown Methodist and at Huntsville Christian churches.

(Photo by Kozemchak)

Turner Family May Share In Xmas Windfall

\$250,000 Will Be Distributed To Missing Heirs

The estate of the late Attorney Arthur L. Turner of Dallas is named among the scores of Pennsylvania persons who will share in a Christmas windfall totalling \$254,600 according to a story in Sunday's Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Inquirer in cooperation with Tracers Company of America made the announcement in an effort to locate some 125 missing stockholders or their heirs who are being sought as claimants to "forgotten fortunes."

Atty. Turner was a former law partner of Atty. Mitchell Jenkins of Trunkville, and for many years when the Turner family lived at 85 Huntsville Road, Dallas, was Borough solicitor.

The sums to be distributed average about \$2,000 per person. The smallest amount to be distributed will be in the neighborhood of \$750 and the largest amount will be \$10,000.

Atty. Turner died in 1943 and at that time had offices in the Coal Exchange Building in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Mrs. Turner, the former Jean Trimmer of Wilkes-Barre died in 1945.

First knowledge that the Turner heirs are being sought came Sunday morning when Barry Furneaux, formerly of Dallas, called The Dallas Post in an effort to have them informed. They were reached on Sunday.

They are Alice, now Mrs. Ralph French of Catazqua whose husband is a designing engineer with the Fuller Co. Mrs. French has three children: Jean, deputy Clerk of Courts, Harrisburg. She is the widow of the late Ralph Evans and has two children, Ralph and Judy; and Chauncey, Green Lawn, L. I. now with the Grumman Aircraft Co. He has two daughters aged 9 and 7.

It is thought that the funds are from dividends and the principal of stock which was considered worthless during the 1929 market crash but which since has appreciated in value.

Two More Homes Entered Here

Police Establish 24-Hour Patrols

Apprehensive because no progress has been made in the solution of the series of continuing robberies that have demoralized the Back Mountain community since early summer, a delegation of citizens headed by Chester Butkiewicz prevailed upon Dallas Township Supervisors at their meeting Saturday afternoon to establish a night police patrol.

The patrol went into operation on Saturday night. Patrols are now functioning 24 hours a day in Dallas, Lake and Kingstons Townships as well as Dallas Borough.

The precaution, however, failed to deter daring intruders who entered two Birch Lane homes in Dallas Borough early Sunday evening.

Homes entered were those of Mrs. Mary Parkhurst and Mrs. Edith Corvine. Although both were ransacked, Mrs. Parkhurst said nothing of value was taken from her apartment.

Police were unable to determine whether anything of value was taken from the Corvine home since Mrs. Corvine has been away for two weeks. Chief of Police Russell Honeywell, Officer Alvin Shaffer, and State Police investigated.

On Friday night four homes were entered. They were the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hughes, Tunkhannock Highway, \$500 taken; Mr. and Mrs. George Bauman, Grandview Avenue, \$10 taken; Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Foss, Country Club Road, West Dallas, diamond ring stolen and Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Flugel, Country Club Road, four diamond rings, minimum value \$100 each.

Skating Good In This Area

Many Shallow Ponds Abound For Children

Frigid weather and winds that have cleared large areas of snow have made this one of the best seasons for skaters in years.

Most popular skating places in the Back Mountain region are: Misericordia Pond, Lake Street, Dallas, shallow; Estock's Pond, Overbrook Avenue, shallow; Sacred Heart Pool, Fernbrook, supervised; Posten's Pond, off Sutton Road, rather deep but safe; Sosic's Pond, Center Street, Shavertown, shallow; Shady Side Lake, Route 309, deep but safe; Sgarlat Lake, Carpenter Road, Harveys Lake, shallow; Irem Temple Country Club Pond, small, shallow; Huntsville Dam, skating not permitted.

Christmas Bird Count

Christmas Bird-Count sponsored by Audubon Society will be made Saturday, December 27.

Martin Given Year Extension Of Contract

Board Urged To Plan For School Large Enough

Two important things happened at the special meeting of the Dallas School Board Friday night, extension of supervising principal James Martin's contract for another year, and decision to accept the basic plan for the new High School building, going ahead with the building plan without subsidy for the present.

Extension of Mr. Martin's contract was opposed to policy adopted at the formation of the five-way jointure.

It was reaffirmed last July, when members of the new Union District again set the same age limit at 65.

An election was held in executive session at the regular board meeting December 9, but Atty. Jonathan Valentine's decision was that it must be held again in open meeting.

Atty. Frank Townend brought up the matter Friday night, after Dr. Edwin Cruttenden, educational adviser for Kidder Peabody, was on his feet after an introduction by president Charles Manneer. Dr. Cruttenden graciously relinquished the floor.

Mr. Townend, stating that he was not in favor of the motion, but understood that a motion must be affirmative instead of negative, moved that Mr. Martin's contract be extended for one year.

The motion was put to the vote, and extension of Mr. Martin's contract passed, nine to five.

Mr. Townend contested this result, holding that a majority of all the directors was necessary to give a contract. Atty. Valentine ruled that a majority of those present was sufficient, that this was not a new contract, but an extension of an old one.

A brisk interchange between Mr. Townend and Francis Ambrose, both former presidents of the Board, characterized the discussion preceding the vote. Mr. Townend stating that he considered Mr. Martin's poor administration and responsibility for delay in getting the building program under way. Mr. Ambrose laying the matter squarely in the lap of the directorate itself, which had been stymied by conflicting factors and had delayed in giving Mr. Martin the green light. It is time to close ranks and make some progress, he said.

The New School

Dr. Cruttenden, urged wasting no more time in getting the building program underway, with or without subsidy from the State, pointed out that a quarter million dollars could have been saved if decks had been cleared for action three years ago.

The district, he said, would do well to consider tapping other tax resources at once. Since formation of a Union District, the Dallas School District is now a third class district, with more leeway to levy taxes.

Reassessment of property is now underway in Luzerne County, with probability of more revenue for the school district, but not to be expected until 1960.

Dr. Cruttenden asked if water supply or sewage disposal had been discussed.

Be sure that the school will be big enough over a number of years, he said, and recommended pushing up the ceiling on the estimated number of students. In his opinion, 650 might be a more realistic figure than 590.

Many schools which have inaugurated a building program are already faced with problems of needed expansion, before the new buildings are in use.

School housing is becoming acute in the State. Some districts will go on half session next year, and need buildings desperately. It is possible that the State may hurdle normal progression of processing the requests for building, and decide on the basis of immediate need in these cases.

Dallas, he said, ought to take its place among the 150 school districts which have already decided to go ahead without subsidy, to avoid wasting any more time. Dallas has in common with these districts, ability to swing the project financially.

Mr. Davis, Kingstons Township, asked if subsidy had ever been refused, once a building program was inaugurated. The answer to that was no, with a further remark that governor-elect Lawrence was committed to continuance of the school building program.

The Site

Atty. Valentine announced that a compromise had been reached with Hulme Daron, by which 8.2 acres under condemnation by the school district have been released, and a plot of 6.8 acres will be purchased from him at a cost of \$1,000 per acre.

Fire Damages Home

Fire Saturday morning slightly damaged the Richard Williams home on Warren Avenue. Three fire companies responded to the alarm.

Misericordia College Student Chosen St. Croix Fete Queen

Miss Lynn La Bega, a junior enrolled at Misericordia College, has been chosen queen of the seventh annual Christmas Festival held on St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

The coronation of Miss La Bega, who is the daughter of Mrs. Sylvia Schanjig of St. Croix, will take place Tuesday evening, December 23 at

the Christmas Festival Village in Christiansted and will be followed by a dance. These events will signal the start of a fun-filled two weeks during which visitors to St. Croix will enjoy a varied schedule of music and dance offerings, parades and fireworks displays.

Dr. G. K. Swartz Dies In Florida Following A Tooth Extraction

Word has been received here of the death of Dr. George K. Swartz at the Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, Florida, on Saturday morning at 1. He was 62 last April.

A former resident of Dallas where he practiced from 1924 to 1943, Dr. Swartz was a native of State College where the funeral will be held Tuesday from Koch Funeral Home with interment in Center County Memorial Park. He was the son of the late Charles and Emma Krumrine Swartz.

The family moved from St. Louis, Mo., to Fort Meyers shortly before Thanksgiving Day where he was making slow recovery from a stroke suffered about two years ago. His death followed the extraction of an abscessed tooth. He never regained consciousness after the extraction.

A graduate of Susquehanna University and University of Pennsylvania Medical School, he took advanced work at Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, and interned at Geisinger Hospital, Danville, before starting general practice in Dallas, establishing his first office in the former Albertson property on Church Street. Later he had offices in the Lundy building before purchasing the former Rice property now owned by Dr. Robert Bodycomb.

Dr. Swartz left Dallas in 1943 to specialize in neuro psychiatry. He was assigned by the United States Public Health service to veterans' hospitals in Coatesville, Norristown, Texas and Delaware. Later

he was neuro psychiatrist at Battle Creek Sanatorium in Michigan, before becoming a member of the staff of Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

He was a captain in the army during World War II.

He was an amateur painter of considerable ability having been encouraged to follow it as a hobby by the late Mrs. Charles Ashley.

Dr. Swartz was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas Rotary Club and George M. Dallas Lodge until he transferred his Masonic membership to St. Louis some years ago.

Besides his wife, the former Clementa Miller, he leaves a son, Attorney George Swartz, 26, Fort Myers, and a daughter, Nancy, now Mrs. Lewis Haughey, of Toledo, Ohio; two granddaughters and a grandson, the children of Mrs. Haughey. He also leaves a brother, William, Elyria, Ohio; and two sisters, Margaret Swartz, on the faculty of Penn State University, and Mrs. Bernice Burns, Miami Shores, Florida.

Lions Erect Tree

Harveys Lake Lions Club has erected a beautifully ornamented twenty-foot Christmas tree in the traffic island at Sunset.

Schools Reopen Jan. 5

Local schools will reopen the Monday after New Year's, January 5.

Coach George Dombek Looks Over His Material



Here Westmoreland's novice wrestlers work out on the mats at Dallas Borough School gymnasium. This is the first year for wrestling at Westmoreland and Coach George Dombek has a tough schedule ahead in the fastest league in the valley. Last week his wrestlers made only three points against Plymouth High School's veterans, but nobody was downhearted about that for Plymouth's grapplers were all three-year men while Westmoreland's were all taking part in their first matches.

Here are the meets ahead: Hanover, here, Thursday, January 7 at 7:30; Wilkes-Barre YMCA Novice Meet, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, January 8, 9, 10; mornings and afternoons; Northwest, here, Monday, January 12, at 7:30; Coughlin High School, away, Saturday, January 17 at 7:30; Fort Fort, here, Thursday, January 22, at 7; Lehman, here, Thursday, January 29 at 7:30; Lehman, away,

Thursday, February 5, at 7:30; Tunkhannock, here, Thursday, January 12, at 7:30; Tunkhannock, away, Thursday, January 19 at 7:30.

All home meets are now scheduled to be held in the Borough school but may be shifted to the Junior High School if crowds warrant.

Shown above standing, Thomas Jenkins, faculty manager; George Dombek, coach; James Eckerd, David James, Victor Widman, and Charles Condon. On the mats from left to right (back row): Peter Lawson, Lynn McCarty; Harley Mission, Charles Malkemes, Gerald Richards, Jeffrey Tomkin, Connie Hislop.

Middle row: David Williams, David Kimball, Thomas Bloomer, Ralph Walp, Harold Smith, Carl Ide, Durelle Scott, John Dzuris.

Front row: Garey Mathers, George Jacobs, Gordon Lorentz, Robert Taylor, Fred Newman and Fred Houlihan.

Mrs. J. B. Huston Heads Book Club

Succeeds Retiring President Mrs. Frantz

Mrs. James B. Huston, Sr. was elected president of the Book Club at the Christmas tea last Wednesday in Back Mountain Memorial Library Annex. Elected also were Mrs. A. G. Rutherford, vice president; Mrs. J. H. D. Ferguson, secretary; Mrs. George Montgomery, treasurer. The slate of officers, presented by Mrs. Lloyd Kear, chairman of the nominating committee to president Mrs. Charles Frantz, was accepted unanimously.

Mrs. J. H. D. Ferguson read "Stars Over Bethlehem" by Oval Wheeler. The reading was heightened in its enjoyment by interspersing of carols, ending with Adeste Fidelis. Mrs. George B. Schooley sang, accompanied by Mrs. Raymond Parsons.

Mrs. J. D. Hutchison was responsible for decoration of the holiday tea table, with its traditional Santa Claus and sleigh nested in Christmas greenery.

Mrs. Frantz and Mrs. Huston poured for Mesdames Sheldon Evans, Russell Frantz, Harold Titman, W. B. Jeter, Paul L. Gross, John S. Wilson, Edgar Brace, J. D. Hutchison, George Jenkins, Dana Crump, J. Stanley Rinehimer, Thomas A. Cope, John S. Phillips, Peter D. Clark, G. C. Faust, R. S. Ferguson, George B. Schooley, J. H. D. Ferguson, Raymond Parsons, Fred B. Howell, Lloyd Kear, Arthur H. Ross, Ralph G. Lewis, Misses Miriam Lathrop, Frances Dorrance, and Mary Jane Faust.

Police Decorate Trees

Daniel C. Roberts Fire House at Harveys Lake presented a colorful holiday appearance with the evergreen trees in front of the building decorated for Christmas by Harveys Lake Police force.

Santa Gets 90 Calls Per Hour

Santa Claus is having a busy time answering his calls from youngsters in the Back Mountain region, according to official of Commonwealth Telephone Company who said yesterday that calls are coming in at the rate of 90 per hour.

Officials are unable to estimate the number of attempts made to reach OR 4-8141 but they do know that many children in their enthusiasm to reach Santa are dialing the wrong numbers. Many subscribers who have similar numbers are frequently pinch hitting for the old fellow. Parents are asked to assist by supervising when their smallest children are dialing.

Runs Into Creek

John S. Fine Jr., 18-year-old son of former Governor John S. Fine, Dallas RD 2, received lacerations about the face and lip early Sunday morning when he dozed at the wheel of his 1957 sedan and went off the highway at Trunkville.

The car dropped 18 feet, landing right side up in Toby's Creek. Fine cut his lip when his head bumped the windshield. Climbing out of the car he waded through frigid water and climbed the bank where he flagged a motorist, waiting in the motorist's car until his father took him to Nesbitt Hospital where his lip was sutured.

Natona Has Yule Party At Irem

Entertainment Follows Dinner Program at 6:30

Employees of Natona Mills held their annual Christmas Party Saturday night in a festive setting at Irem Temple Country Club, which was termed the best party in years. Dinner at 6:30 was followed by entertainment and dancing to the music of Arty Miller's orchestra.

Seated at the speakers' table were William Flopp, Herman Weisler, Leo Levin, Elliott Sutter, Marcel Noe, Vincent Dula, Robert Pickett, Renford Wilce and James J. Gallagher who acted as toastmaster.

Jack Rogers was song leader accompanied by Eddie Ellman, pianist. Ernest Wolfe played several well received selections on the bones.

Remarks on the progress of the lace industry were made by Leo Lavin, treasurer and Herman Weisler, vice president and director of plant operations, both of Native Laces & Textiles, parent organization for Natona Mills, Inc.

Greetings to all employees and guests were extended by William Flopp, plant manager. Robert Pickett, president and Renford Wilce, vice president of Levers Auxiliary Section Executive Committee, and Vincent Dula, president of Levers Auxiliary Branch A-23, Dallas.

Mrs. Harriett Thompson, Betty Blackman and Jay Alexander with departmental supervisors made up the committee in charge of the affair.