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ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten and Twenty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

From The Issue Of December 30, 1949

Babson's Report calls for further decline in business in 1950, with suburban real estate holding its own and perhaps rising in value. Farm income will be less. The federal budget will be increased, and the dollar value in retailing will be lower.

Sweet Valley homes are blazing with Christmas lights, competing for \$100 in prizes offered by the business association.

Robert Coolbaugh, 86, Orange farmer, was buried in Fitch Cemetery at his native Lockville. Gertrude Smith, 66, died in Kunkle after a long illness.

Joe MacVeigh, Mrs. Lewis LeGrand, and Joe Ellicker will judge Dallas Christmas lighting tonight.

Margaret Mericle was married to Arthur B. Kitchen Tuesday evening in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Frederick Mook officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hontz, Shavertown, will celebrate their 30th anniversary December 31.

From The Issue Of December 29, 1939

Meningitis has taken twenty-four lives in Luzerne County since January 1, 1939.

Pennsylvania State Grange is asking the State to reimburse farmers for damage done to their crops by increasing herds of deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cease welcomed many old friends to the open house in Jackson in observance of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Andrew Race of Beaumont died on Christmas, two days after her infant daughter died.

Mrs. Helen Gilroy, 28, of Sweet Valley, died in Mercy Hospital on Sunday, of injuries received two days previous in a car crash, when a truck driven by her husband

John, skidded out of control. Also thrown out, but not seriously injured, was her daughter, five years old.

Dr. H. A. Spencer, native of Dallas, is fighting typhus in Finland. Mrs. Rebecca Monk, born 81 years ago on Christmas Eve, died on Christmas Day. She enjoyed her birthday, and the front-page feature story in the Dallas Post last week. Aunt Becky was greatly beloved by her Dallas neighbors. Stepsons are Earl Monk and Clyde Monk.

One-third of the properties to be sold for back taxes in Luzerne County are in the Dallas section. Delinquents can protect their properties by payment of taxes, up until noon on Saturday. Sheriff's sales will be held February 1. Involved are 3,000 parcels in this immediate section.

War dominated the international scene during 1939. The move to establish a community center looked like a good thing, but it faded away.

Babson says the first half of 1940 will be good, while the second half may bring a sickening crash. Farm incomes will be up 10 percent.

The Richard Horton summer home at Lake Silkworth was destroyed by fire when skaters broke in to get warm and built a big fire in the fireplace.

Ponds are frozen, skaters frolic, and the mercury touches zero.

A petition to bring house to house mail service for Dallas Borough is in the wind. Joe Ellicker is taking a publicity job in Nassau.

Miss Mary Cragle, Sweet Valley, is dead at 79.

Ponds and streams are low from the severe drought this summer. Harveys Lake is beginning to freeze at Alderson and Sunset.

Masons To Dine Wednesday Night

Dallas Lodge Will Mark St. John's Day

George M. Dallas Lodge 531, F. & AM, Dallas, will hold its annual St. John's Day dinner at Irem Temple Country Club Wednesday night, January 6, at 6:30.

Rev. Leon Webster Bouton, grand chaplain of New York State F. & AM, will be the speaker.

Vocal soloist will be Richard Oliver, Dallas. William James of Vernon, will lead group singing with William H. Lewis, accompanist.

John Sheehan, past master, will present the Past Master's Jewel to Robert Rave. Rev. Robert Yost will give the invocation and benediction. Elmer Major will be toastmaster.

Ted Wilson, dinner chairman, is assisted by a committee composed of Granville Sowden, Elmer Major, Edward Hartman, John Sheehan and Hayward Lancelo.

Lehman Fire Company Will Elect President

Lehman Fire Company, and all residents of Lehman, are asked by Russell Coolbaugh, president, to attend a special meeting Thursday evening January 7 at 8 in the Fire Hall, to elect a new fire-chief. Since the death of Herbert Kemmerer, fire-chief of long standing, the fire company has been without an official chief. Lee Wentzel, now visiting in Texas, assumed the responsibility in the interim. Someone, says Mr. Coolbaugh, must be found immediately.

Nesbitt Auxiliary To Hear Talk On Mine Subsidence

Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary will hear Dr. Ellis Roberts, president of Wilkes-Barre Business College, speak on the History of Mine Subsidence in Wyoming Valley, at its monthly meeting, scheduled for Friday, January 8, 1:30 p. m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church House. Mrs. Frederick Eck will preside. Mrs. Carl Kast is chairman of hostesses.

Assisting her will be Mesdames Joseph March, Arthur Mayo, Fred Malkemes, Joseph Maza, Austin Line, George Liddicot, J. Letts, W. Kunkle, Harvey Kitchen, Blanche Keller, Lillian Kratz, Henry Kann, D. J. Joseph, Harold Johnson, Sheldon Jones, Herbert Jenkins, Misses Myrtle Major, Ruth Lamoreux, Julia Knorr, and Nell Knight.

Ambulance Crew

Dallas Community Ambulance crew for the coming week: Don Bulford, captain; William Wright, William Berti, William Shaffer, Leonard Harvey, and Victor Cross.

Recent calls: to residence of Ludwig Albosta, 25 Parrish Street, to take Mr. Albosta's sister, a visitor, to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital for X-Rays of a leg injured when she fell on the ice December 26.

Walter Davis, medical, from 45 Davenport Street to Nesbitt. Crew on duty, Roth, Flack, Block, Farrell.

This Week AT THE COLLEGE

By PAM ROCH

College Misericordia will open the New Year (as far as the Juniors are concerned!) with the Junior Ring Ceremony, on Thursday, January 7. During the weekly assembly Father James Clarke will bless the rings and distribute them to the members of the Junior Class. This event has been long awaited!

On January 12 the Modern Language Club will hold a meeting. Mr. Vesche of Fordham University will speak.

Now I'd like to tell you a success story. Peggy Kerwin, senior at Misericordia, from Long Branch, New Jersey, was recently acclaimed the "most valuable student of the year in the New Jersey shore area" by the Elks Club. She was selected on the basis of her past and present activity in the fields of sports, scholarship, and civics. She is past president of the Red Cross of Monmouth County, and her parish Sodality.

Here at College Misericordia Peggy is majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry and German. She is past president of the Mendel Science and Pasteur Chemistry Clubs, the Sodality and MAA.

A few years ago Peggy had her own radio program, "Moments in Music," on which she sang semi-classical airs. Peggy is also a professional model. Her field is show-room modelling — for department stores, and fashion shows. She does a fine job as chairwoman of our Sodality's fashion shows.

Peggy has achieved her life-saving certificate and has placed in a golf tournament at Beacon Hill, Leonardo, N. J. She is an avid basketball fan. Her athletic ability is displayed well in intramural basketball during the winter.

A Dean's List student, Peggy plans to go on to medical school after graduation.

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands



Happy New Year

A strong feeling for symbolism, and a love for little children, inspired James Kozemchak to work out this appealing picture of a New Year baby is Frank Gordon Mathers, IV, taken on the day of his baptism at the White Church on the Hill.

Mrs. Lawrence Race Is Honored On Birthday

Mrs. Lawrence Race was guest at a birthday party given at her home on Tuesday evening when she celebrated her seventy-third birthday anniversary. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Cargill, Candy, Binghamton, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vancampen, Timmy, Endwell, N. Y., St. Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Cargill, Larry, Jerry, Iceland, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shoemaker, Judy, Sue, Susan, Kunkle, William Race, Binghamton, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Race and David, Noxen, Mr. Race and the guest of honor.

Home For Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. James Hummel, Claude Street, wish to thank their friends and neighbors for their many cards and kindnesses during Mr. Hummel's seven weeks in Veterans' Hospital. After submitting to surgery on December 11, Mr. Hummel was able to come home for Christmas. He returned to the hospital on Monday.

Bowling News

By DORIS MALLIN

Much improved games should go on record at Crown Imperial Lanes for the many people who received new bowling balls for Christmas. Also, some league bowlers got in a few extra practice games during the holidays and should come back after the first of the year ready to set new high averages.

At the halfway mark, it's Jackson A, Lehman A and Lehman B on top of BACK MT. FIREMEN'S League. Jackson A has compiled an amazing 38 wins against 4 losses; Lehman A has 36-6; with "Mr. Bowling" himself, A. Vanderhoff holding the league's high average of 186 for 42 games, single high of 253 and trio of 635. Lehman D is the dark horse of the league in fourth.

George Gaylord came out of a slump last week with evening high game of 240 and series of 569. Vanderhoff had 224-192-211 (627). Casterline Hauling forfeited 4

points to Mead's Garage who moved back into first place of GEORGE SHUPP League by 1/2 point. Sportsmen trail by 1/2 point as they won 3 points from Berti & Sons. A. Gultius with 256-563 led Sportsmen. T. Cadwalder, 536 and H. Koehler, 511 helped out. Berti had 4 men over 500 led by J. Sheman-ski with 200-212 (565); T. Hazinski, 203-207 (556); R. Fielding, 543; and S. Diction, 516.

Noxen VFW copped 3 points from St. Therese's Wreckers. Loomis chipped in with 213 for VFW; Trud-nak, 218-201 (563), and Amos, 557, were high for Wreckers.

St. Therese's Crusaders moved to within 1/2 point of 4th place Wreckers as they swept 4 from Dallas Lions. Jim Lohman with 225-179-226 (629), was the big roller for Crusaders while Ed Carey chipped in with 236 (511).

St. Therese's Raiders won 3 points from Crispell's as Chet Molley with

College Misericordia Presents Vienna On Parade



Shown above is the Deutschemeistana and New Jersey most like home. This famous group will appear at Irem Temple, Monday January 11, as the second presentation of Theatre 3 sponsored by College Misericordia.

Barnyard Notes

A good New Year resolution for all Back Mountain citizens would be a resolve to learn more about their community—its history, traditions, governmental functions, immediate and future problems.

The rapid influx of new families, and growth of population in the past decade has watered down the proportion of those in our community who have an intimate acquaintance with its history and geography and who, in the ordinary course of association might impart this information to others.

There is only a limited number of citizens who appreciate the problems of the immediate past, or the progress made during the past twenty years. Many new residents are prone to accept as fact much that is pure fiction, gossip, and unwarranted criticism.

There is no formal or informal group in this community that venerates the past to the extent that it is deliberately out to thwart what might be called progress. There is no business place, church, body of supervisors, school men, municipal officials or police who are not striving to give this community the best service within its means.

Our institutions are no bigger nor better than the support given to them by the community—and those citizens who take a cavalier attitude toward their local institutions, local problems, and local government because they are "used to something bigger," should begin to accept them as their own and assume responsibility for their improvement—if they expect this to become a better community with the conveniences they claim they enjoyed elsewhere.

For a moment let's stress some simple things about which there is almost complete ignorance!

Do you know why this is called the Back Mountain Region? You don't like it, but do you also know that frequent polls to coin a new name, have revealed no other acceptable to even a strong minority of opinion. Back Mountain has always received a big majority as first choice!

Why was Back Mountain ever used? Because our seven townships lie back of the Larksville Mountain and are reached through the Toby Creek gap at the old toll gate.

And that brings up another question. How many people know that there ever was a toll gate or that the highway from Hillside to Luzerne was once a turnpike?

Do you know that the American Legion Post in Dallas is not the Dallas Legion, as many of its members frequently refer to it, but is actually the Daddow-Isaacs Post of the American Legion, a combination of the names of the first two boys from this region who died in service during World War One.

Do you know that it is Back Mountain Memorial Library NOT Dallas Library—because it was organized by men and women representing EVERY community and not by people from Dallas alone? It also honors EVERY man and woman who served in all wars from these seven townships!

Do you know why the main highway from Trucksville to Harveys Lake is called Memorial Highway? Do you appreciate the efforts of Dallas Rotary Club to plant its length with memorial shade trees and to rename it "Memorial Highway" in memory of those who served in World War Two?

Would you believe that nobody likes the stench of Toby's Creek during hot summer days, but neither you nor anybody else, is willing to face the problem of a solution—because it will cost millions of dollars and touch your pocketbook! Are you aware that this problem has been thoroughly studied and that one of these days you are going to have to face it?

Do you know where Mt. Greenwood Road ends and Pioneer Avenue begins?

Do you have any idea how much it costs to maintain the streets and roads in your municipality?

You think your taxes are high! Do you know how they are arrived at?

Do you know for whom Dallas, Shavertown and Trucksville were named?

Do you know where Toby's, Leonard's Abraham's, Pike's and Harvey's Creeks are located—their historic significance?

Do you know for whom these fire companies were named: Dr. Henry M. Laing; Harry C. Smith; Daniel Roberts?

Don't you think it would be a good time for all of us to make that New Year's resolution?

224 (593) and Fred Bonfig with 210 led the way.

Pandas lead Teddys by 4 points in IDETOWN BEARS League. Teddys had high game last week of 894 and are determined to upset the top team and before the final games of the first half - Cubs, last place team, took 4 points from Polars and had high total pins of 2564. S. Andraszko with 203 and A. Raph with a 525 series led the men's scoring and Melba Webber topped the women with 170-462.

By taking 3 games from Crows while Hawks were losing 2 to Cardinals, Orioles nosed out Hawks for the tops place in ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN League standings for first half of the season.

Eagles had high total pins of 2560 and single game of 918. Orioles have 37 points, just 1 ahead of Hawks. Ambrose posted high series of 617 and Kromelbein scored 224 in one game. Whittaker hit 210-557; Gosart, 194-547; and Cortright, 201-537.

Only two more nights to go in COMMUNITY SERVICE League and any of the first five teams could take over. Guyette leads with 36; Besecker follows with 35; Orchard Farms, 31 1/2; Dallas 5 & 10, 30 1/2; Boyd White, 29; and LaBar, 18. Besecker's team posted high game last week of 934 and White's had 2619 total pins. Besecker's Captain Torr scored 248 and T. Gauntlett had 601 series.

Carderettes moved up into second place of NATONA GIRLS League by taking all 4 points from Fashionettes. Modernettes hold first place. Nationettes post high game of 625. Norma Smith led the scoring with 162-409; L. Crispell had 151.

Last week, Nationettes again scored with a 685 series and E. Dendler led the individual scoring with 169-428. L. Van Buskirk posted 156.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S League is topped by Opals with 35 1/2 points.

Opals had high scores of 684-2005, slightly lower than the previous week's which were 718-2039. Libby Cyphers had a 520 series and high game of 181.

Canaries lead DALLAS SR. WOMAN'S CLUB League with 36 points. Bluebirds really ruffled their feathers when they led team scoring with 674-1933. Gert Schneider scored again with a 454 series and M. Milne had a 165 game.

Plumbing and Heating is on top of WHITESELL BROTHERS League with 39 points and Construction is closing in with 37. Developers and Plumbing and Heating forfeited to Construction and Building Supplies Wednesday night when at least six men failed to show up. Come on, fellows! What kind of sportsmanship is this?

Paul Kamont was high scorer with 188-540; Construction led the team scoring with 771.

Flies To California

Pvt. Judy Rowlands has reported to the Marine Corps Base at San Diego, Calif., after spending a full week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rowlands, Main Road, Trucksville. She will do clerical work there.

Judy recently completed six weeks recruit training in General Office Procedure School at Parris Island, South Carolina. She was graduated from Westmoreland High School in June.

It Pays To Advertise

Ten calls the first day her ad appeared in the Trading Post, brought Mrs. Herman Thomas ready sale for her washing machine. The first couple who called, drove right over, paid cash on the barrelhead, and took off, while the phone was still ringing for the third and fourth applicants.