

Everyone Has A Good Time At The Library Auction



Top left: The refreshment stand and a thriving business under the chairmanship of Mrs. John M. Rogers.
Everell V. Chadwick, Luzerne County Farm Agent, breathed new life into the Plants and Produce Booth when he took over the chairmanship only a few days before the Auction opened.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones purchase a package of Caroline Capoon. All the popcorn products were

given to the Auction by George Arzente of Huntsville, founder of the Chocolate Popcorn Company.
Members of the Antiques committee, Mrs. George Shallenberger, Mrs. Raymon Hedden, Mrs. Charlotte Cardon, Mr. W. H. Pierce and Mrs. Frank Slaff and Mrs. Janet Jenkins supervise the table beneath the cherry trees.
Top left center: this is one of the best shots of a late afternoon auc-

tion crowd ever taken.
Judge Harold Flannery in bearskin hat sells a Confederate gun given to the Auction by Myron Baker at his right.
Master Chef Andrew J. Sordoni receives a certificate and life membership in Daddow-Isaacs Post American Legion at the Ox Roast from Past Commander Thomas Reese and Edward Buckley while Howard Risley, Myron Baker, Hugh Carr, William O'Brien, Commander

elect and Wayne King look on. Probably no man has contributed more to the economic development of the Back Mountain Region than Senator Sordoni whose Commonwealth Telephone Company has its headquarters in Dallas.
Center Top: No one enjoyed the Auction more than Fred Jennings and his family of daughters. You'll have to look twice to spot Mrs. Jennings.
Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks poses for a

picture by Artist Gregory Beisel whose Right Bank Booth, an innovation this year, was popular with art students.
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis LeGrand have a choice seat in the front row. The Book Club which Mrs. LeGrand established among her neighbors was the forerunner of Back Mountain Memorial Library. With them is a pretty Auction fan, Mrs. Joseph LeGrand of Philadelphia.
Right Center Top: Part of the

thing that attended the Ox Roast on Thursday evening.
Atty. Mitchell Jenkins sells the prize baby lamb of the Auction as it is held by Howard Risley who rediscovered his old coonskin hat, a relic of the first auction, just a few hours before the fourteenth began. That's John Butler on the right smiling at the crowd.
Robert Bachman, president of the library, assisted by Robert Laux on his right and Dr. Lester Jordan on

his left sells a popular mode of transportation for the youngest set. Dr. Jordan will be Auction chairman next year.
Right Top: Mary Weir, veteran of the first Auction fourteen years ago, counts the pennies as Pat Reynolds looks over her shoulder at the ticket wagon. Another Mary Weir (Mrs. Walter) helps with the sales.
Ralph Hazeltine, bought the batter jar that stands here at one end of the antiques table.

The Auction has no more enthusiastic boosters than Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slaff and their son, Lyle. Here they are ready to bid from the first row in front of the block.
This might be a scene from Macbeth for trees moved at the Auction especially the beauties contributed by Bucky Edwards of Huntsville Nursery. A flowering plum which Bucky sells for less than \$5. brought \$17 over the block.
—Photo by Kozemchak

Alphabet Is Out So Far As New Telephone Numbers Go

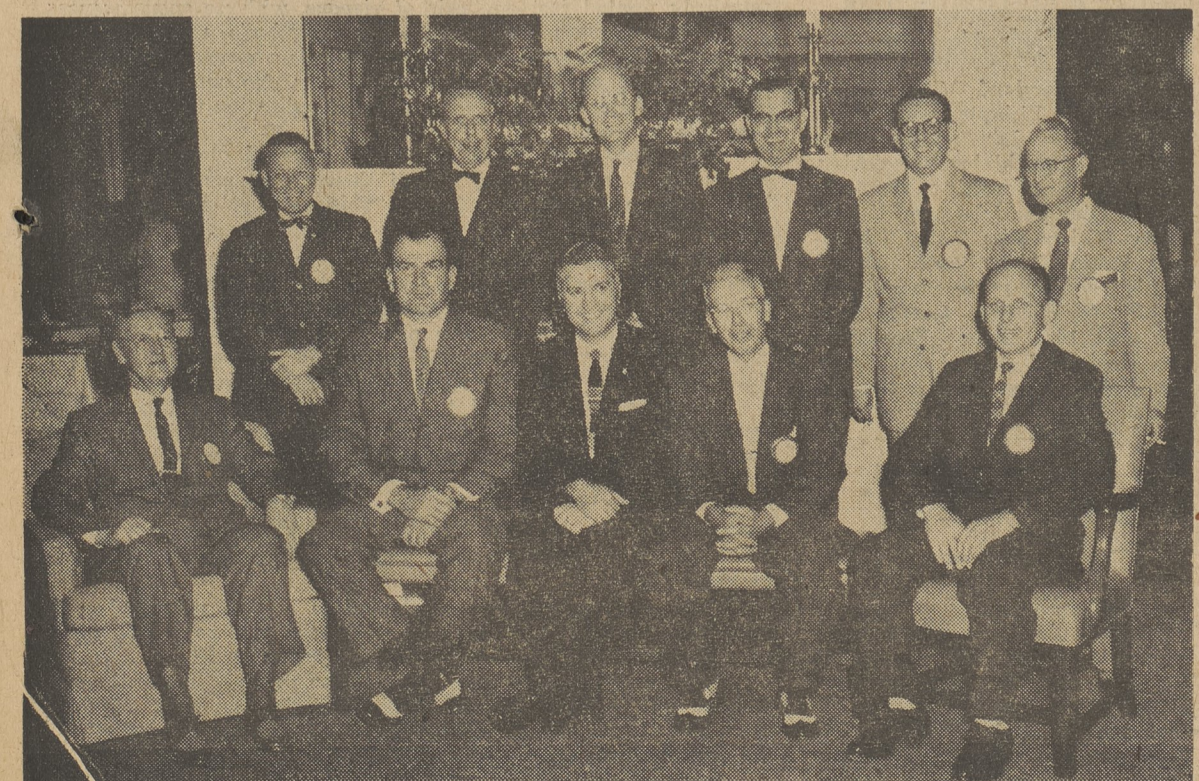
Harding exchange of Commonwealth Telephone Company will be converted to All Number Calling on September 19 with each telephone number being composed of seven digits, J. N. Landis, district manager, announced today.
Mr. Landis' announcement was made to caution all business concerns to contact the telephone company's business office before ordering new stationery, calendars and the like. These items usually bear the firm's telephone number and it will definitely be changed in Sep-

tember. A call to the business office will confirm what the correct number will be.
Until now, 2-5 numbering was employed to all an exchange's participation in the nationwide toll dialing network. Under this plan, exchanges were given exchange name designations such as ANDrew plus a five digit number. The number would call for dialing AN and the five digits.
In September, Harding numbers will have seven digits. The first three digits, Landis said, will be 388.

For example, a typical Harding number will be listed 388-2xxx. The new numbers will make Commonwealth's Harding exchange a part of the nationwide network.
The truth of the matter is Landis explained, the nation's telephone system is doing away with the alphabet. Peculiar as it may seem, the reason is that the telephone people are running out of—of all things, phone numbers.
Since 1950 nearly 24 million have been added in this country. Each one needed a number with a word prefix that people could understand, like Orchard, Neptune or Evergreen. The problem of finding such prefixes was getting tougher all the time. After a lot of study, the experts concluded that there was only one

thing to do to still give folks the service they want: Change the system.
So, eventually phone numbers won't be partly letters and partly numbers, like Andrew 54321 but all digits: 265-4321. (Actually, as far as the phone system is concerned, you're really dialing numbers when you dial letters).
"All numerals can be remembered for a short time just as easily as letter-number combinations," Landis observed.
"That's how most numbers are used: You look it up in the book and remember it just long enough to dial. It takes a while longer to remember the all-number ones permanently, but most people remember only a few, anyway."
Manager Landis went on to explain about the alphabet. There are only 540 combinations to two letters which form words easily understood and distinguished, and which also will work out in telephone switching equipment. (Try the 9-5 combination, for instance, Xkalibur? Yling?)
To add more digits to present numbers would make them harder to remember. (Utopia 8-973621). So it was decided to do away with the pesky prefixes and use simply number combinations. This means telephone customers will have the same total number of digits to remember—there will simply be no name as a prefix. In a given area, the plan will give the phone companies a much greater number of dial combinations.

Dallas Rotary Club Seats New Officers



New officers of Dallas Rotary Club pose with District Governor Joseph Greco in front of the fireplace at Irem Temple Country Club.
Back row, left to right; Directors

John Landis, Myron Baker, Herman Otto, sergeant-at-arms; Directors Daniel Chapman, Walter Mohr and Leslie Warhola, secretary.

Front row: W. B. Jeter, treasurer; Joseph Sekera, president; Mr. Greco; Arthur Ross, retiring president; James Alexander, vice president.

Jess Hann Improved

Jesse Hann, Sweet Valley strawberry grower and former member of the Ross Township school board, is up and around again after suffering a heart attack.

1961 Auction Head



DR. L. E. JORDAN

Dr. L. E. Jordan will be general chairman of Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction for 1961, moving up from co-chairman of the 1960 Auction.
Myron Baker, general chairman for 1960, steering the most successful Library Auction in fourteen years to a triumphant conclusion Monday night, made the announcement from the Auction block.
Dr. Jordan, Trucksville, is extremely active in the community. Each year, the increasingly important Library Auction is headed by a key man of the area, who selects as his successor a man of equal calibre.

Next year will be Back Mountain Library's fifteenth auction.
At Farmer's Market
Farmers Market has finished with strawberry sales, and is now receiving peas and string beans. Strawberry crop was excellent.

Full Moon At Auction

Did you see that full moon rising above the treetops the nights of the Library Auction?
Robert Moore reporting for the police committee said nineteen arrests were made for traffic violations involving passing red lights, driving too fast for conditions and reckless driving. Speed traps are producing results in cutting down excess speed and will be continued.
Councilman Wilbur Davis with the assistance of engineers from U. G. I. is making survey of street

Council Passes New Realty Transfer Tax At First Reading Tuesday Night

The new realty transfer tax for Dallas Borough was read and passed for the first reading Tuesday night at the July meeting of Dallas Borough Council.
The second reading will be at an adjourned meeting on Tuesday, July 26, and the final reading will be at the August meeting on August 8.
A one percent tax will be levied on all property sold.
A resolution was passed authorizing the President and Secretary to meet with the Supervisors of Kings-ton and Dallas Townships on Monday night, July 25, to enter into a proposed contract with Roy Weston Associates Inc., of Newtown Square for a feasibility survey of the area for sewage disposal purposes.
The Secretary Robert Brown was authorized to order new speed signs for Huntsville Road where the speed limit will be set at 25 miles per hour. He was also authorized to check all defaced and missing stop signs and have them replaced.
The Secretary was also authorized to advertise for bids for a new truck for the Street Department.
Councilman Robert Post reported that the storeroom in the Borough Building by the State Liquor Control Board needs some interior painting and roof repairs. He was given authority to negotiate a new lease and seek a 5 percent increase in rental.
Building permits in the amount of \$27,000 were approved. They include two new dwellings one for Robert Warner on Pinecrest Avenue and one for Herbert Dreher on Elizabeth Street.

lighting with a view to moving or improving some of those now in place.
Burgess Tom Morgan and Grace Cave head of the Sanitation Committee were urged to "get tough" with chronic violators of the Borough's septic tank ordinances.
Council adjourned at 9:30. All members were present.

Rural Carriers Safe Drivers

Rural carriers have completed almost 47,000 miles of driving during the past year without accident.
The total for all vehicles out of the Dallas office is close to 54,000 accident-free miles.
Carriers and the mileage driven follows: No. 1 Lewis J. Reese, 11,688.70 miles; No. 2 Sheldon D. Drake, 11,840.80; No. 3 John J. Juris, 11,111.20; No. 4. A. J. Bellas, 12,347.75 for a total for all carriers of 49,988.45.
The city delivery and parcel post truck was driven 6,656 miles by the following drivers Joseph Lavelle, Edward Labatch, Edward McDade and Edward Buckley for a grand total of 53,644.45 miles.

County Fires, Hires

A Harveys Lake woman was hired, and a Dallas RD 1 man fired, in the continuing shake-up of Luzerne County employees last week.
Louella Gosart was returned to the county payroll after several years absence, taking a clerk typist position at \$3,042.96 in the assessor's office.
Paul M. Mahler, Dallas RD 1 lost his job in the Road and Bridge Department.

Upping Salaries Essential To Decent Living

Mellman Proposes Merit System As Teacher Incentive

Dr. Robert A. Mellman, stating flatly Tuesday night that he did not see how some of the employees of Dallas School District lived on their present salaries, recommended to the directors that a ten month schedule be adopted, and that along with mandatory increases, bait should be offered which would make higher standards of performance a challenge.
This system is approved in better school districts throughout Pennsylvania, he added. By initiating a merit system, with salaries which could be expected to exceed the specified rate as a bonus for heightened performance, Dr. Mellman said he hoped to encourage faculty members to work toward master teacher ratings.

This attainment, he further stated, could be expected only if teachers remained in school after the children left, and arrived earlier than the students, to give adequate time for preparation.

He expressed himself as aghast at the low rate offered to home bound teachers, explaining that such instruction is of a highly specialized kind, must be tailored to fit the individual child, and requires an enormous amount of preparation. A rate of \$4 an hour is the least that should be offered.
Salary increases cannot be made until transfers from the recently adopted budget are in effect. Ninety days must elapse between adoption of budget and legal OK for transfer of items. The board deferred action on Mr. Mellman's recommendations until legally recognized steps could be taken, when the motion would be