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**Editorially Speaking:**

**United Effort Needed**

Back Mountain business and professional men, aware of the rapid development of their community, are hampered in meeting their own and community problems by lack of a strong businessmen's association.

Such matters as establishing uniform store hours, controlling credit, and putting on community-wide promotions are handicapped by lack of leadership and definite programs.

In days past, attempts were made to establish a businessmen's association in Dallas Borough; but it petered out because the membership was small and its scope was limited by being confined entirely to businesses in Dallas Borough.

Within the past year, prompted by the opening of Back Mountain Shopping Center, another Businessmen's Association has been formed in Shavertown; but this, too, is limited in scope and effectiveness as evidenced by its failure to procure decent street lighting in the heart of the community.

By themselves, these small associations can accomplish little in spite of the enthusiasm of their members. What is needed is one Businessmen's Association that will encompass the entire Back Mountain Region, for the problems in one area are pretty much the problems in the entire area. A larger association might work through committees on problems that are peculiar to any one community.

At least we'd like to see it tried! The place to start is with an enlargement of the Shavertown Association to include business and professional members from the entire community!

**Another Christmas Rush**

Coming, as it does, at the height of the Christmas mail rush, the Postoffice Department couldn't have selected a more confusing time for its announcement of far reaching changes in mail delivery in Shavertown and Trucksville.

While city carrier service is appreciated—and any improvement in mail delivery will be welcomed—most postoffice patrons are confused by the suddenness of the announcement and are completely unprepared for street delivery of mail.

It takes some little time to number homes and erect mail boxes—and further time to learn where to purchase stamps, money orders and mail packages.

The confusing three-day advance announcement by Postmaster William W. Davis was about as clear as the regulations in the Postal Guide—or the complicated instructions on an income Tax form.

In spite of all the blah and confusion about being a branch of Wilkes-Barre Postoffice, Shavertown is still Shavertown and Trucksville is still Trucksville—and mail will be addressed that way!

**ONLY YESTERDAY**

Ten and Twenty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

**It Happened 30 Years Ago:**

The Thanksgiving issue was pretty thin. Space on the front page was devoted to articles on the joys of rabbit hunting, and to a reprint of an article on the Gettysburg Address, lifted from Publishers Auxiliary. Newspaper editors, in reporting the address, missed the boat. One is quoted as saying "We pass over the silly remarks of the President; we are willing that the veil of oblivion should be dropped over them."

Charles Humpleby has opened a nine-hole miniature golf course in Shavertown.

Chloe Evans of Vernon, a high school student, was married on Thanksgiving to Joseph Faux of Wyoming.

**It Happened 20 Years Ago:**

The State Planning Board, will help Dallas Borough with its new zoning ordinance, which has been under discussion for several months. Joe MacVeigh is chairman of the committee.

Many land-owners, resentful of doe season, have posted their land against all hunting. Deer, both bucks and does, will be in season on Monday. There is excellent tracking snow, and the kill is expected to be large. Game wardens state that the herds must be reduced, for there is not enough forage to carry the present number through the winter.

Community Welfare Drive is a success in the Back Mountain.

Fifteen members of the Shut-In Society in this area received baskets of cheer from Mrs. Paul Bedford, founder of the Society.

Lewis Reese, stationed in Hawaii, says you step out of one shower into another, and the place is full of rainbows. Rain is called liquid sunshine. He is at Hickam Field.

History of the 109th Regiment shows its founding 165 years ago.

Several solid citizens of Dallas Borough have offered to join in buying six band uniforms for the new band.

On the train to Schofield Barracks, in the center of Oahu Island in Hawaii, Gilbert Huey, enlisted man from Dallas, saw Roy LeFrance from Trucksville waving at him from the station platform. Small world.

WPA, the Army, and the Relief organization, have decimated the number of men and boys willing to shovel snow. During this week's heavy storm, you couldn't find anybody to lift a shovel.

Borough Council is meeting with State Highway engineers to discuss relocation of Mill Street, cut in half by progress of the new spur highway.

Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, cut an artery in his wrist with a broken watch crystal. He was folding a small chair when it hit the crystal.

New curbing on Lehman Avenue, with underground conduits to drain off surface water, has been constructed by Dallas Borough in conjunction with the NYA.

**And ten Years Ago:**

A heavy Northeaster, the worst in years, struck this area over the Thanksgiving weekend, felling many trees, moving down telephone wires and leaving many homes without electric service. Harry Ohlman lost twelve huge pines, Goodleigh Farm milked by candle-light, and by hand.

Russ Honeywell had his second lung operation at Barton Memorial, and is doing well.

Edward W. Hall is "Druggist of the Year" an honor bestowed by Luzerne County Pharmaceutical Association.

Mrs. Charlotte Robbins, Staub Road, 76, died the day after Thanksgiving, the immediate cause a fall in her home. She had been in poor health for two years.

Francis Quare was able to be at home for a few days over the holiday weekend. He is now able to get about with his spine in a brace.

**Rambling Around**

By The Oldtimer—D. A. Waters

Our mailman stepping briskly along with a loaded pack, up hills and down, and up steps and down, shows that walking has not been completely discontinued in this area, but it certainly is not practiced as it was in the days before automobiles.

One of my ancestors is said to have walked from the vicinity of Easton to Wyoming Valley, a distance of perhaps sixty miles over poor roads, in a single day.

Abram Ryman, at the age of fifteen about 1832 walked to White Haven to secure a job, on a dam being constructed there, at eleven dollars a month and after being let out as too young after a week, walked back. A few years later, he and his brother Richard had their mother cook a breakfast at midnight, then walked to Kingston and bought the Pettesbone farm before daylight, on the walk back passing others who were on their way down to buy it. This was the location of the sawmill along the creek opposite Orchard Farm for about a hundred years.

When Reese D. Isaacs a widower of Plymouth with some growing children, married Jennie Norton of Dallas, his boys walked over the mountain from Plymouth to Dallas and thought nothing of it.

The late William K. Goss was noted as a walker. Even in the days of trains and street cars he would hike to Wilkes-Barre and decline rides on the way on the grounds he was in a hurry. After completing his business he would walk back, then repeat in the evening the chores he had done in the

morning before starting. About fifty years ago, my father, who was then fifty years old or a little more, who served a rural mail route of twenty-five miles with a horse and wagon, one day walked his route carrying first class mail and papers. He admitted he cut a few corners to save mileage and he never tried it again.

There are still people living in Dallas and vicinity who walked several miles a day attending old Dallas High School. The same applies to former rural schools. I once knew a teenager who walked about three miles to school and had the best record for regularity and promptness of any pupil in her room. After her return walk of three miles she pitched in to help with the family work, and kept her home work up to the highest level.

Walking was the accepted form of transportation for most people in and around towns, and not unknown in the rural area and between towns. Thoreau said it took less time to walk a certain distance he specified than to go by train, as the work time required to earn the fare exceeded the walking time required. Many gatherings and church meetings were attended mostly by walking. Even circuit preachers walked sometimes between preaching points.

And as the oriental said, when a New Yorker showed him how to save six minutes by changing from a local to an express subway train, "What do we do with the time we save?"

**From**

**Pillar To Post . . .**

by HIX

Thanksgiving ran according to form.

The station wagon honked in the driveway promptly at noon, half an hour before it could possibly have arrived, catching the hostess flat-footed, her hair standing wildly erect from an indiscreet shampoo, arrayed in a garment which had been slated to hit the ragbag the last time it was worn and found wanting.

The turkey was in the oven; but it had not yet been stuffed. (Smart folks get the thing stuffed the night before).

And the reason it was in the oven, unstuffed, was because, in spite of twenty-fours spent in the kitchen at room temperature, the cavernous interior was still a block of ice.

Delivering the neck and the plump package of giblets through the unyielding orifice, took a great deal of doing. Obviously, the turkey (a twenty-one pounder) would have to relax a trifle before it could be stuffed.

So there sat the big blue bowl of stuffing on the sidelines, while the turkey thawed out in the oven.

There was going to be time to state a letter to an absent member of the family before the arrival of the car from Virginia . . . a swoop toward the typewriter. Must allow time to rush upstairs and run a comb through the mop, also change the dress. Better do that right now, and tackle the typewriter in the spare time left while waiting for the station wagon.

The car honked, as in paragraph two.

Custom decrees that the instant the car makes the turn into the drive and starts blowing its brains out, that very instant must see Nonnie on the kitchen steps waving a tea towel and wretched in a welcoming smile.

And here they come, five enthusiastic young, hungry as hounds. One of the twins hangs back, walking carefully, balancing a large box on his outstretched arms.

"Oh NO, Howie, not AGAIN!" Howie beams. "Well, now, we couldn't leave them behind, could we? They're too young."

The Mamma cat, tail fluffed, makes for the flowerbed and is recaptured, after a suitable interval.

"These kittens," states Barbie firmly, "are accustomed to having their box in the kitchen."

"These kittens," states Nonnie with equal firmness, stemming from recollection of the happy occasion on which a litter of kittens paid a visit to Pioneer Avenue five years ago, "are about to become accustomed to having their box in the basement. Downstairs, kids."

"They aren't going to LIKE it."

"They are going to LOVE it. Just think of all the space down there alongside the wood pile, not to mention the lovely sawdust on the floor. Get going."

And that was that. The turkey got itself stuffed by some miracle of maneuvering, while everybody had a spot of lunch.

"What time is dinner?" was the hopeful inquiry. "You've had plenty of lunch. You can hold out nicely until six o'clock, which you may remember was the hour announced well in advance. But, you can all have a piece of pie. Pumpkin or mince?"

Ah yes, it was all according to form, including the friz turkey and the litter of kittens.

**Postmaster Gives Dates And Hours For Christmas Mailing**

Postmaster, Joseph Polack, Dallas, urges patrons to mail greeting cards for local delivery not later than December 16 and to deposit their mailings for distant states in advance of December 10 to assure delivery before Christmas day. If 4 cent first class postage is used on cards they will be forwarded, or returned, if necessary, provided you place your name and address on the envelope.

Patron cooperation is again asked concerning the depositing of mail in the drop slots inside the post office. Please deposit only mail intended for Dallas in the "local slot." Also, please deposit all airmail in the "airmail slot."

Parcel post parcels may be marked "DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS" and the combination service which permits written enclosures in parcels may be used, provided you state that such enclosures are contained therein to the clerks, and additional payment is made. It is suggested that when you are preparing your parcel for mailing you place inside the parcel a sheet of paper with the sender's address and the address to whom the parcel is mailed.

Beginning December 17 to December 24, both dates inclusive, windows in the Dallas Post Office will be open to the public from 8 a. m.

to 6 p. m. The post office will not be open on Sundays. On Monday, December 26, the post office will be closed and no service will be rendered.

**Lake Legion Plans Children's Party**

Santa will be on hand to greet children up to 12 years of age, Sunday, December 11, from 2 to 4, at Lake-Noxen School when Harveys Lake Post, American Legion, holds its Children's Christmas party.

Committees named by Kenneth Jackson, Commander, are: tickets, Lee Wodaski, chairman, Calvin Strohl, co-chairman; prizes, William Jones, Basil Frantz, Herbert Goodwin, Howard Engelman, Ise Pennington, Arthur Wagner and Herman Brislin.

The Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Mildred Jackson, will assist. Entertainment, by Kathleen Sweeney.

**Birch For Fireplace**

If you want handsome little birch logs for your holiday fireplace fires or to stack in your copper fireside kettle, call Warren Major. Find his number in the Trading Post.

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**Ground Broken For New YWCA Many Area Women At Ceremonies**

Present at ground-breaking ceremonies yesterday for the new YWCA building adjoining the Central YMCA in Wilkes-Barre were a number of Back Mountain women, who have loyally supported the YWCA as volunteers and on the staff, among them Mrs. Arch Hutchison and Mrs. Emil Bauman, both of the Building Committee; Mrs. Henry Ward, Mrs. Jack Stanley, and Mrs. William Krimmel, of the staff; and Mrs. Harry Carson, Mrs. Foster Hall Rogers, Mrs. Ruth Darbie, Mrs. Ray W. Turner, and Mrs. Clarence Kester, of the Board.

The new building designed by Eyerman Associates, will supplement the present YWCA building to give expanded facilities to both organizations, permitting use of the pool and of a large auditorium to both memberships.

A large lobby and a modern kitchen are features of the ground floor. On a sub-level is a playroom with all facilities for care of children. Locker rooms for women lead directly to the pool by a stairway, which also gives on the gymnasium. Above the lobby-level will be the health education department.

The auditorium will seat 499 persons, giving space for concerts, dances, banquets, and other civic activities.

The former YWCA building on North Franklin Street has been outgrown for some years. Joining forces will mean less upkeep and heightened usefulness for both YWCA and YMCA.

**Citizens Attend Hearing On Road**

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use the highway daily and felt that a highway divided by Toby's Creek would be best from every point of view.

A. Harden Coon, gave his plan for two divided lanes in the Narrows area and read a report on why such construction would be to the best interests of all.

Andy Roan, representing Shavertown Businessmen's Association, approved Mr. Coon's plan but objected to any high dividers in the business sections of the community.

Ross Williams favored the elimination of all curves, but said that high dividers would put his Sunoco Station out of business.

Marty Walsh praised Congressman Daniel Flood and Atty. James L. Brown for their work toward obtaining a new highway.

Engineer Eugene York explained that high dividers between lanes will be used as far as Hillside, but low singing medial dividers will be used from that point to Dallas.

Robert Casselberry of UGI spoke of the necessity of maintaining power lines along the highway in the vicinity of Blaze's Stone House.

A representative of Blaze's Stone House said he favored the construction plan suggested by Mr. Coon.

Mrs. George Flack, Trucksville, asked how residents of Trucksville would be able to cross a four-lane

highway. Morton Connelly of Reliable Auto Parts, spoke of the number of wrecks he has picked up over the years along the highway and said that he would cooperate in every way to help bring the new highway into being.

Atty. George Fenner, Jr., endorsed Mr. Coon's plan and thought it would make possible a free flow of traffic during construction.

A young man, whose home is

along the proposed road, said that moving out of a home to make way for construction is rough but that he favors progress. The present highway might, he said, be all right if people didn't drive too fast.

Among other Back Mountain citizens at the hearing were: William Krimmel, Thomas Hillyer, Paul Gross, Arch Hutchison, Mrs. Ross Williams, Bowden Northrup, Marty Walsh, Edward Hall, Edward Humphreys and Gordon Mathers.

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