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Special Adult Classes

Adult classes in advanced mathematics and conversational German, announced to start in December but postponed until January, will meet Monday night, 7 to 9:30, in the Dallas Junior High School building.

Classes already in operation will meet tonight as usual at designated places.

For information on the new classes, call Alfred M. Camp, or register at the school Monday night.

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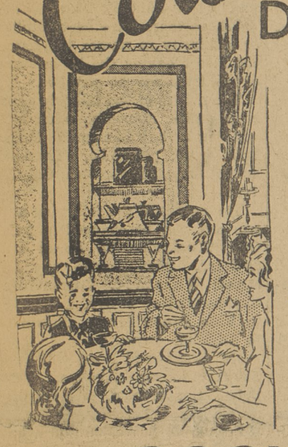

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Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

The family name "Santee" is best remembered in Dallas history as applied to Rev. Elijah L. Santee (1848-1934) a native of Fermount Township, first pastor assigned by the Wyoming Conference to the newly organized Dallas Charge in 1882. He served one year in the charge which at that time included Trucksville and Kunkle. Compared to the present, his reports show that the church has changed considerably in the interval. He reported one hundred and forty-nine members and thirty-four probationers. Five adults and one child were baptized. Two Sunday Schools were operated with twenty-nine officers and teachers and one hundred and fifty-six scholars. These figures may, or may not, have included Trucksville and Kunkle.

The old church building at the corner of Lake Street and Center Hill Road was still in service, probably one of the oldest and best known buildings in town. It is now called Rosary Hall. Rev. Santee served fifty-eight years in the ministry at a total of thirteen charges, four of them twice, which may be a record.

Unlike many old families who trace descent from a specific pioneer who arrived on a certain date at a certain point, sometimes in a certain ship, the Santee family was scattered and had many members before anyone started to look it up. Preparation of the genealogy was started by Elijah M. Santee, believed by this writer to be the father of Rev. Elijah Santee, but this may not be correct. It was completed by Ellis M. Santee, M. D., a grandson of Elijah M. Santee, and published in 1927. It included then about 7500 names, and a whole generation has been born since, perhaps in some families two. Santee decendants, mostly bearing other surnames, were then scattered all over the country and in some foreign places. About two hundred fifty lived then in this part of Pennsylvania. Of these roughly a hundred were in the Wyoming and Lackawanna Valleys, another hundred along the Susquehanna from Hunlock Creek down, and nearby points with large groups up the river at and near Towanda, and other points along the river and in the rural areas.

Earliest known residents of the family lived in America in the 1700's. Like many old families there was wide variation in the spelling, at least nine different spellings being recorded. There is a tradition of French origin, unproved, although a Chateau Sante existed in France, and the word "Sante" in French means "health." This is thought to be the reason for the name applied to a river in South Carolina and a plantation in Virginia. There was a wooden sailing ship "Santee" in the U. S. Navy at the beginning of the Civil War, continued as a training ship at Annapolis until 1912.

All the Santee family of record are belived to be descended from Elias Santee, who lived in Northampton County.

In Dallas, Huldah Santee, wife of John Norton, was a daughter of Peter Santee, one of the signers of the borough petition in 1879, and the eighth generation from the original Elias. Her children were: Robert, who died young; Nellie, who married Philip Ritter and still lives here; and George, deceased, who married Josephine Brodmarkle, who survives him. There may be other descendants of Peter Santee living in the vicinity.

Charles D. Gregory, business man in Dallas at the turn of the century, was also an eighth generation descendent of the original Elias Santee. He married Lydia Winters and they had a large family including the following: Harry, who died in infancy; Claude, married to Mary Mahon with a son, Gerald; Ruth, the present Mrs. Ruth Gregg of Pinecrest Avenue; Laura, deceased, first wife of Paul Shaver leaving children Claudia and Paul; Charles B. the Barber) married to Althea Garinger with daughters Lois, Thelma, and Marion, deceased; Mary, wife of Claude Shaver with children, Naomi, Carol, and Robert; John, married to Mary Matlack having children, Ann, Jean, John. John has resided many years in the Philadelphia area. Several of the above are married and have children now.

There are numerous descendants of the Santee family in the rural area between here and Williamsport.

ONLY YESTERDAY

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

IT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO:

Inland Utilities, owner of Dallas, Shavertown, and Tunkhannock water companies, is in the hands of equity receivers, climaxing a year of financial disaster. Liabilities exceed 3 million. The company took over the local companies over a year ago, and has made extensive surveys and improvements.

Local sportsmen are distributing grain for wild birds, to combat hardship caused by heavy snows. Feed is furnished by the Game Commission.

Eighty needy families in this area received assistance at Christmas time.

Fifty private planters in Luzerne County have received 172,000 forest seedlings, red and white pine predominating. Local men who received seedlings include John M. Elenchick and Charles Macravitz, Trucksville, 1,000 apiece; William Major, Lehman, 1,000; Jacob Rebennack, Dallas RD, 4,000; E. E. Wagner, Hunlock Creek, 3,000.

Kingston Township chief of police Avery regretfully announces that he has orders to shoot stray dogs. State Department of Animal Industry says a number of roaming dogs have been bitten by a dog that had rabies.

Local farmers are urged to go along with the plan for lessened acreage, heightened production per acre, lessened production over-all, which should bring higher prices.

An editorial says 1930 has been hard. Business has been slack, money hard to collect, credits curtailed, spending less, more people out of work than at any time since the last great depression in 1921.

Gay-Murray advertises heavy duty batteries for $1.85 or $2.50; ice poles for $2.10, and ice tongs for $2.15. Ice cutting is in full swing.

IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO:

The best business volume in history is predicted by Babson for 1941, whether this country goes to war or not.

No trace has yet been found of the hit-run motorist who two weeks ago struck down John Kuchta at Alderson. The victim is at Nesbitt with a broken pelvis.

Tax collections show big gains over last year. Delinquent totals are only half those of 1939.

Richard Davies, 43, Shavertown, is semiconscious at General Hospital after being struck by a car operated by an Askam driver.

Dallas Borough Council is considering erection of street signs.

Jack Sheehan's car was completely demolished at the curve near Harter's Dairy when forced off the road by a Buick which kept on its way after the crash.

Harveys Lake chief Ira Stevenson, following a lead to a Bennett Street home in Luzerne, has recovered many antiques stolen from lake cottages six years ago, including two heirloom woven wool bedspreads belonging to Rose Troxell. Thirty-five cottages were robbed, and the old traction company depot at Harveys Lake furnished with the loot.

Dr. H. A. Brown of Lehman delivered two New Years babies within less than an hour, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Snyderite of Pikes Creek at 5:15 a. m. and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Price of Outlet at 6

Dallas Borough high school band and Dallas M. E. Church carol singers led community singing on Christmas Eve, outdoors at the Christmas tree.

John N. Moore, lifelong resident of Sweet Valley died at 78.

Mrs. Margaret Evans died at her home in Carverton.

The marriage of Mrs. Alice Hier of Harveys Lake to Willard Race of Dallas has been announced.

Catherine M. Rice of Trucksville, became the bride of Howard Mordan, Millville, on Christmas Eve.

Jack D. Honeywell of Dallas, and Allen Ockenhouse of Shavertown, are drawn for the draft, to report January 16 at the induction center in Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Z. Platt Bennett's white bull terrier, imported ten months ago from England, has ten puppies.

AND 10 YEARS AGO:

Remodelling of the American Legion Home on Huntsville Road, started in September, is practically complete. The chrome and leatherette bar stools, knotty pine panelling, asphalt tile floors, and modern decor in the dining room, make an attractive picture.

Kingston Township and Dallas Borough are closer to a school jointure, with Supervising principals James A. Martin and Charles James in accord on advantages to be gained.

Dr. L. E. Jordan, chairman of Citizens Committee for Better Schools, gives a sharp answer to critics of jointure, in answer to a blast aimed by C. J. Eipper in a recent issue of the Dallas Post. Just because it was good enough for students of a former era, it is not necessariyy good enough for pupils of the present generation. A system that does not progress, falls back, as the world goes on around it.

Kingston Township proposes to give several hundred acres of scrub land on the extremity of Bunker Hill, to Luzerne. School children, much nearer Luzerne schools than Kingston Township schools, have to be serviced by bus running through Luzerne. The move would save Kingston Township school board $1,500 annually.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kozemchak, for the second successive year, won the award for the most attractively Christmas gift-packaged house in the area.

Hislop's restaurant will be remodelled.

Woodring Redmond, Dallas RD2, and Walter Crispell, Dallas RD 1, have joined the Air Corps.

Frank Jackson reports the first robin.

Christmas sleds are meeting with the usual slush of Christmas week.

They Have Pleasant Memories Of Christmas

In keeping with a custom established more than thirty years ago, members of Dallas Rotary Club entertained 104 children at a Christmas Party on the Saturday a week before Christmas at Prince of Peace Parish Hall.

There were individual presents for each child as well as stockings filled with candy, fruit and nuts.

There was plenty of entertainment and a jovial Santa Claus. Members of the Couples Club of the Church served sandwiches and other refreshments.

As usual it was hard to tell who had the most fun, all the members of Rotary who planned and took part in the party, or all the youngsters who responded to their invitations and received presents—each present appropriate to the youngster's age and requirement.

photo by Kozemchak

Lehman PTA To Hear H. Austin Snyder

H. Austin Snyder, Superintendant of Sayre Public School System will be guest speaker at the Lehman-Jackson-Ross PTA meeting, January ninth at 8 p.m. in the Lehman auditorium.

A former principal of the Lehman School, Mr. Snyder will speak on "Our Home and Nation."

Following the business meeting refreshments will be served by mothers of first grade students.

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Dear Editor:

The YMCA Staff and Directors wish to thank the staff of the Dallas Post for their cooperation in 1960. We are grateful for the helpfulness in publicizing YMCA activities and are looking forward to 1961 when we can once again share this same spirit with our co-workers.

It is our hope that The New Year will be a healthful and prosperous one for you and your staff.

Sincerely yours,
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From Pillar To Post . . .

by HIX

It was one of those holidays when we should have stood in bed.

Saturday night, the car conked out, making a feeble attempt to get out of the snow-choked driveway, and stopping dead in its tracks. (A week before, it had received a nice new battery in its Christmas stocking.)

With the time of arrival of the plane from Pittsburgh drawing closer and closer, and no way of getting to the airport to meet it, this power failure posed a problem. Have to tell Tom to take a taxi to Dallas, grrr.

The phone. Avoca airport. "Guess what? You won't need to meet me. Jimmie Kozemchak is meeting young Jim, and he'll drop me off at the house on his way to Huntsville."

So that hurdle was safely passed.

The following morning, with five inches more of the white stuff in the driveway, the car was still deader than a smelt. Half an hour later Clyde Birth's truck was in the driveway.

"You must have flooded it, Mrs. Hicks."

"Nope, guess again. I've been driving for thirty-five years, and if I flood, I know what to do. Take your foot off the pedal and see what happens."

The car died.

Two men peered under the hood. One of them took off the air filter.

And there was the automatic choke rod, dangling in mid-air.

At the garage, a dingus resembling a paper clip grafted the rod to the works, and presto, the car obediently idled upon request. It also gave out with a surge of power which had been strangely missing for several days.

Back at the house: "Have you got your plane reservation for Washington?"

"Nope, but I'll start working on it right after this cup of coffee."

Eastern Airlines, Direct Flight; Allegheny Airlines, via Newark. Waiting list on both. Verify Monday morning.

Monday morning: "Sorry, can't let you know until noon at the earliest. Best we can do, could be we could get you on the 2 p.m. plane."

"That's too early. I don't want to leave until early in the evening."

Another wait. Another phone call.

One seat on the 2 p.m. plane Eastern Airline, still available. "Skip it, it's too early."

"For Pete's sake, grab it. Every college kid in the United States is up in the air today, or will be, getting back to school."

"Let me have that seat on the 2 p.m. plane."

"Sorry, but it's gone. If you come out to the airport, we'll try to get you on something in the course of the afternoon."

The airport, 1:45. Nothing available. Allegheny says it has a seat at 4 p.m. Wait a sec. Here's one on the 3:05. Things are looking up.

Except that when the 3:05 came in, it had something the matter with it. And the next flight would be delayed an hour.

It seemed like a good time to go home and sit it out, leaving Tom at the airport over another cup of coffee.

A phone call from the airport to report progress.

"Haven't gotten out yet, but I've got a seat for Newark, and am on the waiting list for Washington."

Ten o'clock at night. A phone call from Washington: "Well, I'm here, but it wasn't my day. I'm still waiting here at the airport for my baggage to catch up with me. It went on to Boston, but it's getting closer by the minute."

And then, "You'll have to call Dr. Lisses first thing in the morning and tell him to dream up another pair of those special dark glasses. I lost mine in the Newark Terminal Building."

We have a new motto in the family. "If you've got plenty of time, go by air."

WESTMORELAND High School News

The Samuels Twins, Karen and Sharon

SCHOOL AGAIN

We are all settled in our class rooms after a joyous and happy holiday vacation, which everyone was glad to share after almost four months since school opened in September. It will not be long before our first term exams are held, and we'll have to buckle down and study hard. So back to the grind we go.

TO CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS

Just a brief note to wish all our teachers and classmates a New Year that's a joyful medley of all the best things in life. We're hoping that 1961 proves to be for all of you a year rich with the blessings of all the good things that add up to enduring happiness, health, success and dreams fulfilled. We'd like to go on record as wishing everyone the happiest New Year ever for you and for all those dear to you. Happy New Year to all!

Democratic Women Install New Officers

Lake Township Democratic Woman's Club held its Christmas party recently at Brennan's Restaurant and installed Virginia Sorber as president, Susie Crispell, vice president, Helen Grey, secretary, Lorraine Grey, assistant secretary, Anna Crake, treasurer, Frances Desiderio, assistant treasurer and Margaret Grey as chaplain.

Decorations and favors followed the Christmas motif. Gifts were exchanged.

Present, besides the new officers, were Helen Javers, Anna Humanik, Ella McConnell, Frances Yankoski, Mary Hennebaul, Rosemary Engle, Helen Sgarlet, Betty Lopasky, Doris Schooley, Ida Grey, Ethel Kocher, Betty Hennebaul, Minnie Wesley, Eva Kizis, Letha Tredinnick.

PTA Council Tonight

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