

# WESTMORELAND IN CRUCIAL GAME TONIGHT

## Dallas Woman Is Stabbed By Purse Snatcher On Philadelphia Street

A Dallas woman, Mrs. Carrie Caperoon, Franklin Street, was stabbed in the left arm Saturday night in a purse snatching attempt on a Philadelphia Street.

She warns all women who visit Philadelphia to be on the alert when walking along the streets after dark.

In company with two other women, Helen Hanlon and Helen Brown, Mrs. Caperoon had just left a restaurant and was walking down Spruce Street, near Fortieth at 9:30 when she felt a sharp pain in her arm.

She screamed, and turning fought off the attempt of a 12-year old colored boy to snatch her purse. In the struggle she fell to the sidewalk further injuring her arm but still clutching her pocketbook.

The boy, "fleeat as a deer," ran down the block and out of sight around a corner.

A police squad car cruising through the heavy traffic with two women arrived almost immediately, and the block several times in search of the assailant.

Then they found the women to the emergency room of the University of Pennsylvania where Mrs. Caperoon received treatment and x-rays.

Police told them that purse snatches are common in an even well-lighted, heavily trafficked streets. Two women, they said had been stabbed on 52nd street a few nights earlier. They also advised that women should always carry their purses close to their bodies and under their arms.

Mrs. Brown recalled that two years earlier a colored boy came to her apartment door to sell magazine subscriptions. When she refused him, he stabbed her in the scalp creating a wound that required seven stitches to close.

Police told Mrs. Caperoon that they believed her assailant had attempted to cut the straps of her purse and had missed his mark cutting instead her coat sleeve and her arm.

Mrs. Caperoon returned home Monday and is being treated by Dr. A. A. Mascali. She had been in Philadelphia for a physical check-up at University of Pennsylvania Hospital, but her experience on a Philadelphia street unnerved her.

## Civil Defense Discusses Needs

Fred Dodson Takes Area At Kunkle

Civil Defense Committee for Dallas Borough met Tuesday night at the Borough Building to discuss further plans for procedure in case of a national catastrophe which might precipitate thousands of refugees into the Back Mountain area.

Stefan Hellersperk stressed once more the vital importance of every household having on hand a two-week supply of food and water in a spot protected from radio-active contamination.

Harry Burns, speaking for the survival crew, of which he is chairman for both the Borough and Dallas Township, cited the necessity for appointing a chairman for each street and road, who would get first hand information about the size of the families, accommodations for possible influx of people, and presence of invalids in each area.

Fred Dodson accepted the chairmanship of the Kunkle area.

Certificates from the Red Cross were distributed.

Present were: Stefan Hellersperk, Harry Burns, Fred Dodson, Paul Bates, Burgess Thomas H. Morgan, Mrs. Ellen Kytile, Mrs. Fred Schell, Jack Stanley, and Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks.

## Direct Distribution Of Surplus Food Is Found Highly Practical

New direct distribution of surplus food results in a throng at the Dallas Borough Building, says Burgess Thomas Morgan, but is far more effective than distribution through the stores. Sacks of flour and rice, cartons of dried milk, and stacks of packaged food crowded the recreation room Tuesday morning. A huge van stood outside on the frozen parking lot, ready to take off for another station at 2 p.m.

With unemployment rising, applicants for surplus food are increasing in numbers.

Schools and institutions receive surplus foodstuffs, a means of reducing supplies kept in storage.

## Westmoreland Students Picked

Eck, Bennett, Cobb, Williams In N. E. Band

Four students from Westmoreland have been selected to play in the Northeast District Orchestra. This symphony orchestra of approximately 100 student musicians from 60 school districts in Northeastern Pennsylvania will meet at Susquehanna, Pa., on January 19, 20, and 21st. After three days of continuous rehearsal, they will give a public concert on Saturday evening at the Susquehanna Consolidated High School.

The four students selected are: Dorothy Eck, flute; Mary Bennett, oboe; Vivian Cobb, clarinet; and Donald Williams, trombone. While at district orchestra these students will be guests in the homes of residents of Susquehanna, and will have their meals in the school cafeteria. While attending this festival each student takes an individual try-out for state orchestra which will be held at Wilkes College on February 10th and 11th. Approximately 30 will be chosen for the State orchestra from the district group of 100 students.

District Orchestra is sponsored by the P. M. E. A. (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) of which Westmoreland's band director, Lester Lewis is a member. These P. M. E. A. festivals give the students an opportunity to play the best in music literature under the direction of a professional conductor.

## Assign Numbers On Pioneer

Borough, Township, Continue Figures

Numbering of houses has been continued to the north end of Pioneer Avenue, an extension of recent Kingston Township numbering. The extended area now takes in a number of houses in Dallas Township and five houses in the Borough: Ralph Smith, Edward Scanlon, T. M. B. Hicks, Leonard Bruce, and Burgess Thomas Morgan.

Numbers in Dallas Borough start from central Dallas, working south toward Pioneer Avenue. The last house going in that direction is that of the late Nelson Shaver.

It is unlikely that numbers will meet head-on with the steep elevation of the Newberry estate going up on one side, and an equally precipitous drop on the other, down to the highway, making of the road a bottleneck as Pioneer Avenue branches from Main Street.

## County Coroner Names Disque

Takes Office Immediately

Richard Disque, Dallas, was notified on Monday by County Coroner Herman Feissinger that he had been appointed deputy coroner to alternate with Dr. Henry G. Gallagher, as of January 15.

Dick had served for four months under former coroner Stanley Stapsinski, but after election day, had assumed that he was no longer connected with the county office.

Mr. Disque, Dallas funeral director, says that in case of emergency he can serve anywhere in Luzerne County. No honorarium is attached to the office. Prestige only, and expenses for actual calls made.

## Back Mountain Students To See Inaugural Ceremonies On TV

Area students will see the new President, John F. Kennedy, take the oath of office tomorrow at noon, as Television sets in the schools pick up the broadcast from the National Capitol.

Where there are not enough T-V sets to accommodate the crowd, and where several rooms must be used, extra T-V sets have been borrowed. The problem does not arise at Gate of Heaven school. The parochial school is having its mid-term vacation, starting Tuesday afternoon, ending with resumption of classes on Monday.

Dallas elementary schools are accustomed to viewing television broadcasts of the education film, "Exploring Science," Wednesday mornings at 10:45. The same set-up will be used tomorrow.

At Dallas Borough, the gymnasium is the scene. At Trucksville and Shavertown, children gather in large classrooms. At Dallas Township elementary, Mrs. Ray Henney's third grade room and Mrs. Russell Thomas' fifth grade room will be used.

Junior High School will see the program in the gymnasium.

At Westmoreland, the auditorium will be used, and possibly the science

laboratory and the history room.

In the Lake-Lehman jointure schools, Ross Township has recently installed a television screen, and Lake and Lehman buildings are equipped.

The taking of the solemn oath of office, with the Presidency passing from the hands of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the oldest president of these United States, to John F. Kennedy, one of the youngest ever elected, is a "must" for student viewing. School principals will decide what extra time may be spent in viewing the parade and the other ceremonies during class hours. The Inauguration itself is at high noon.

## Guests At Steak Dinner

Members of Dallas Rotary Club were guests of Kingston Rotary Club last night at a steak dinner at Kingston. The Dallas Rotarians were the winners in a 100 percent attendance contest with the Kingston Club over an eight-week period.

Dallas had a perfect attendance record over the period and hoped last night for another 100-percent performance since Kingston Rotarians were paying for the dinner.

## Married Fifty Years



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parsons, Carverton, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 29, with open house. No invitations have been issued.

Mrs. Parsons is the former Ethel Schenck, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schenck of Noxen. Mr. Parsons, now retired, enjoys pottering around and repairing the house he originally built by himself and tending a fine flower and vegetable garden.

There are eight children, all of whom expect to be here for the anniversary: Willard, Kunkle, Ralph, Dallas, Mrs. Doris Stritzinger, Trucksville, Howard at home, Mrs. Arline Williams, Wilmington, Del., Mrs. Ralph Tamarantz, Kingston, Donald, Kingston, Earl, at home; also twenty three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

years ago built the home they now occupy.

Both the Parsons, are members of the Carverton Methodist Church. Mrs. Parsons' main interests are her home, her children and her grand-children. Mr. Parsons, now retired, enjoys pottering around and repairing the house he originally built by himself and tending a fine flower and vegetable garden.

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## What Price Tax Collection?

66 Carverton Road  
Trucksville, Pa.  
January 9, 1961

Dear Editor:

After writing you last September, more could have been said on the School Tax and Assessment issue currently faced by the taxpayers, not only of the Back Mountain area but of all of Luzerne County.

Local issues, however, even though of greatest importance could not compete with the issues of a national election.

That is now past. We now face not the "fabulous," but "flopulous" year of 1961. The Legislative mill is grinding, the Congressional mill will soon be doing so, and the Local mill, so it seems, never stops. So in the light of the grim that may grind let's take a look at the beginning of this "flopulous" year as to where we stand.

We in the Dallas School District were dealt a haymaker in the 65 mill School Tax a year before the new school goes into operation. Why this 65 mill tax under the prevailing situation? Was it because by law school levies may not be increased by more than 10% in the year following re-assessment? Is 1961 the year at long last, and after a king's ransom has been spent on the task, that all of us, whether we still sit on the fence or not in true mugwumpian manner, will finally get the haymaker from the other side, the County, and find ourselves no longer on the fence, but prone on the ground?

I asked the question, back in August whether a few had prior knowledge, denied to all taxpayers, of what was coming in 1961 and whether the 65 mill tax was there-

fore an effort to get under the wire before a subsequent increase might be limited to 10%. I also asked the question if under the circumstances the budget was in any way inflated.

But who cares? We have been living with a little inflation here and a little there for so long we no longer recognize it. For there are none so blind as those who will not see. But 1961 is an infant yet and, I believe, at long last we will, ere long recognize the monster created over the years.

Figures published November 14 show that in 16 Boroughs of Dauphin County, covering 16,000 parcels of land, market value was established at \$153,004,920 and the previous tax base of \$29,356,800 was brought up to \$45,901,470, or roughly a 50% increase to equal 30% of Market Value for 1961. Previous to this 25,000 notices had gone to city property owners about which I wrote, as well as about Cumberland County.

Figures published in our own Times Leader, December 20, placed the increased assessment in Columbia County at 37.2% over 1959, and recalled that Wyoming County drew wide interest last summer when some rural assessments were increased 100 to 200%.

In addition to the above, Harrisburg Per Capita Tax was increased \$5.75 over last year; and now stands at \$23.75, while Pottsville has levied a 1% wage tax.

What does it all mean? Simply this. We could at one time say all was taxed but the air we breathe, and now that is taxed, and will be even more so, even though it is polluted air.

My own school taxes have been paid on the 1959 figure. I have been told the balance will be returned to court April 30th. I guess I am all

## Library Gains 1,500 Borrowers During The Year

Salaries Increased: None To Be Paid Less Than Dollar An Hour

Fifteen hundred persons became new borrowers at Back Mountain Memorial Library during 1960, Miriam Lathrop, librarian, told Directors of the Association at their January meeting Tuesday night in the Library Annex.

She also commented on the increasing use of library facilities by students home on vacation and having term papers to write. Students of College Misericordia, Kings, Wilkes and Wyoming Seminary make regular use of "our reference works."

Miss Lathrop, who will retire this year to make her home in Arizona, said she is preparing a note book of procedure for her successor. "There are many things in a small and growing library like ours that are handled differently from what they would be in another library, and I think it would be a great help to the one who follows me to know why I do certain things as I do. This has come from experience here."

The Board discussed at length the curtailment of library appropriations by Dallas Borough Council, bringing out that this is the first year since establishment of the library that it will receive no assistance from the community in which it is located.

Robert Bachman, president, pointed out that the Library cannot now meet its annual operating expenses from the sums received from local school boards, municipalities, memberships, and Friends of the Library. "Each year we have to dip further and further into Auction receipts to meet expenses when we should be setting this income aside for new building expansion, and as an endowment fund, the income from which could be used for current expenses. In the early days the Auction was a bonanza. We could use all of the income from the Auction for expansion and meet current expenses from other sources. That is how we bought and renovated the Annex."

"Probably no single institution has done more to attract attention and draw new residents to Dallas and the Back Mountain area, than the Library and the Auction."

On the suggestion of Ralph Hazeltine and Frank Slaff it was decided to invite representatives of all Back Mountain municipal bodies and of the schools to the annual meeting of the Library Association next Thursday night at the Annex.

Dr. Lester Jordan, general chairman of the 1961 Auction, reported that there will be two co-chairmen this year, Richard Demmy and John N. Conyngham. "All committee chairmen have been appointed," he said, "and some of them, especially

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## First Place At Stake As Alert Young Team Meets Swoyerville, Last Year's Champions

Kiwanis, Rotary, Invited To Dine School Board, Service Clubs To Hear Zerbe

Members of Dallas Rotary and Dallas Kiwanis Clubs have been invited to meet with Dallas School Board and Back Mountain YMCA directors January 26 at 6 p.m. for a dinner in the cafeteria at Dallas Junior High School.

John Zerbe will present a report on a survey made to determine the need for a recreation program in the Back Mountain.

At 5:45, Dallas School directors will hold an adjourned meeting for the purpose of voting a loan of \$20,000 from Miners National Bank to cover current expenses until other funds are available from State reimbursement and tax collections. The motion, made at the January 10 board meeting failed to pass because of lack of the necessary two-thirds vote. Several directors were absent.

## Joins Hardware Firm



TOM RICHARDSON

Tom Richardson, former service manager for his father, L. L. Richardson, has taken a position as buyer for Back Mountain Lumber & Coal Company.

A star athlete, Tom played baseball, basketball and football at Westmoreland High School where he graduated in 1956. He served in the Navy Air Force and was stationed at Jacksonville, Florida, until his release in 1958 when he joined his father in business.

He plays guard with the Prince of Peace team in the Church Basketball League and is a member of Dr. Henry M. Laing Bowling team in the Firemen's League.

Fresh from its 78-45 win over Ashley, Westmoreland will face its stiffest competition tonight when it tangles with Swoyerville, last season's North League champions, at King's College gymnasium, Mercer Avenue and Bennett Street, Kingston, starting at 8.

This is a "must" contest for the Mountaineers since first place is at stake, and the winner will likely capture first half honors.

An overflow crowd is expected.

Sailors Strong Swoyerville has rolled over three opponents to date with Fairview its last victim 50-20. Swoyerville's defense held Fairview to 9 points through the last three periods. Fairview notched one point in the second period, eight in the third and were blanked in the final stanza.

The Sailors present a strong starting array with such holdovers, from last year's championship team, Shemo, Margavage, Matvey, Gavlick and Jasulka.

Shemo and Gavlick are the teams' leading scorers. Coach Chiampi also has a fine reserve in Kenzura who is also a capable scorer.

Chiampi Clever Eddie Chiampi and his entire team were spectators at the Ashley-Westmoreland game Tuesday night.

After seeing the offensive and defensive tactics used by coach Clint Brobst, Chiampi will most likely come up with some surprise maneuver to try and out-smart the Westmoreland pattern of play.

It would be none surprising if both teams used an all-court press right from the tap-off to try and rattle one another.

Westmoreland has been rather successful in using the press this season. In the Plymouth tilt when the Mountaineers were 15 points down, it worked with Westmoreland chop-

ping ten points off the lead in two minutes.

Against Kingston, the Mountaineers were six down going into the final period and using the all-court press outscored Kingston 27-13 for an easy win.

In the North League opener Lake-Lehman tried to kill the ball only to have the Mounts again throw up the press and outscore Lake-Lehman 29-1 in the opening period.

Must Stop Chemo, Gavlick Westmoreland's biggest problem tonight will be to try and stop the scoring thrusters of Shemo from the inside and the outside shooting of Gavlick.

Provided the Mountaineers can accomplish this, they should come out on top.

In the meantime Chiampi must figure a way to stop the scoring of Gauntlett, Evans and Trevern.

This will probably be the last season for Westmoreland to play its home games at the Dallas Junior High gym.

By the time next seasons court season rolls around the new gymnasium should be in use.

The new floor will accommodate around 900 seating arrangements, with bleachers on one side downstairs and seats upstairs on the opposite side of the gymnasium.

## Westmoreland Topples Ashley 78-45; Remains Tied With Swoyerville

Gauntlett, Evans, Tewern Lead Scorers As Mountaineers Win Before Capacity Crowd

Westmoreland Mountaineers won the first of two important games this week by trouncing Ashley 78-45 before a capacity crowd Tuesday night at Dallas Junior High School.

The victory kept Westmoreland in the running for top place in the North League with Swoyerville. Both are 3-0 in League competition. One will fall by the wayside tonight when these two teams clash head-on at King's gym. This is a must game for the Mountaineers if they hope to wrap up first half laurels.

Takes Early Lead Westmoreland jumped into an early 6-2 lead on goals by Evans, Oney and Gauntlett and from then on just kept rolling up the score.

Gauntlett and Evans with six points each in the opening stanza helped Westmoreland to a 20-15 first period lead.

White, Partilla, and Buckland did the scoring for the Rockets.

Thirteen Point Lead

In the second period Westmoreland outscored Ashley 16-8, mainly on the scoring of Gauntlett who tossed in nine tallies for a half-time total of 15. West Evans also came through with five to give him 11. With these two doing the scoring and Oney and Trevern controlling the backboards Westmoreland built up a substantial thirteen point lead by half, 36-23.

White was the only man to score from the floor for the Rockets. In the period he dumped in three buckets to give him 11 points at intermission.

Trevern Rebounds Well

The third period found Ronnie Trevern playing a strong game off the backboards, recovering his own missed shots as well as shots by other teammates. He also chipped in with five points in the quarter to help the Mountaineers increase the lead to 53-33 by the end of the period.

Evans, Oney and Gauntlett all came through with four tallies in the quarter.

Inman Gets Into Act Not doing much in the scoring column for the first three periods but passing off for many baskets, Edgar Inman got into the scoring act in the final period as Ashley put on a full court press. With the press leaving the center open, Inman took full advantage and scored on four driving lay-ups to account for eight of Westmoreland's final 25 markers.

Tom Gauntlett also tossed in eight more markers before leaving the contest with three minutes left in the game.

Partilla led Ashley's last futile effort with six points of their total of twelve.

Ashley lost its high scoring forward White in the final minutes of action on personal fouls.

Strictly Team Effort No single Mountaineer should be picked as the sole hero because it

was strictly a "team effort." The rebounding of Oney, Trevern and Gauntlett along with Evans was a key factor as was the fine floor play of Inman, Dietz and the rest of the players.

White, Buckland and Partilla turned in a fine game for the Rockets.

Gauntlett was high scorer with 27 points followed by Evans with 18 and Trevern 11.

White finished with 17 (before fouling out) for Ashley along with Partilla who tallied 10.

Both teams hit on 43% of their shots from the floor. Westmoreland hit 31 of 74 attempts, while Ashley dropped 18 of 42 shots.

ASHLEY g f pts  
White 7 3 17  
Partilla 5 0 10  
Buckland 1 3 5  
Grohowski 0 1 1  
Roche 0 0 0  
Sura 0 0 0  
Zardecki 4 0 8  
Czarnetski 1 2 4

WESTMORELAND g f pts  
Gauntlett 11 5 27  
Oney 7 3 19  
Supulski 0 2 2  
Trevern 5 1 11  
Letts 0 0 0  
Evans 7 4 18  
Inman 4 1 9  
Dietz 1 0 2

31 16 78

Half-time score 36-23, Westmoreland leading. Fouls tried Westmoreland 31, Ashley 16.

Westmoreland 60; W. B. Twp. 45 Westmoreland had little trouble in downing Wilkes-Barre Township Friday night 60-45 on the loser's court.

Ronnie Trevern was the big noise in the win accounting for 23 points on eight field goals and seven free throws. He was also a tower of strength under the baskets hauling down a number of rebounds.

West Evans was second high scorer with 11 tallies on two goals and seven foul shots.

Westmoreland had a good night from the charity line hitting 20 of 29 attempts.

Pudmanski and Ferrence accounted for 43 of the Townships' 45 points.

Ferrence tossed in 25, 18 in the second half, while Pudmanski finished with 18, 10 in the second half.

At Sugar Notch Westmoreland travels to Sugar Notch next Tuesday in what should be a breather for the Mounts.

Truck Destroyed A White truck owned by Willard Cornell was destroyed by fire Monday while plowing snow on Ellsworth's Hill at Kunkle.