Back of the Mountain

MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER, A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

King And Queen Love The Winter

Supervisor and Mrs. Walter owned them since they were colts.

Brother, Did You Order This Weather?

Mr. Hoover operates one of the away they went."

to The Dallas Post.

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# 1960 Was Year Of Progress For **Kingston Township Supervisors**

Opening Of Township Building Created A New Interest In Municipal Affairs

HIS SHADOW?

Today is Ground-Hog Day.

How he will ever manage to get

out of his snow covered burrow

to see his shadow is a mystery,

but he always does, and this

region always gets six more

weeks of winter weather. GRR.

This area may see a "wildcat"

gas well drilled this year, according

Potter counties near Renovo,

cubic feet of gas per day.

inspect vehicles.

Continue development of the

Gas Corp. Hints At

Wildcat' Gas Well

SURE HE WILL

A recapitulation of actions taken | ciate the advantages of it. by Kingston Township Board of Su- All of the Supervisors attended pervisors during 1960 indicates a fourteen A. C. L. meetings and the lege Conservatory of Music, both at satisfactory year of operation and County Convention for which they Irem Temple.

accounts at the beginning of the year public official. In addition to the under an exchange arrangement was \$13,906.40. Bonds outstanding above meetings many caucuses were between Temple University and at the beginning of the year amounted to \$500.00. During the year the meetings of the Institute of Munidebt was liquidated. The total of counts at the end of the year was spent at a sanitary land fill demon-

Building Is Popular

The Township Building on South ler was awarded a certificate for Memorial Highway was occupied in having completed a 20-hour course January. This provided a focal point in Planning & Zoning and Arthur for all Township Government activity. The Township Supervisors, the Police, and the Tax Collector all Supervisor. operate from this central location. The result is that someone is on hand at the building practically all day and the flow of Township business is expedited. The size and convenient location of this municipal building has been an inducement or more citizens of the Township to attend the regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors. Attendance at these meetings is encouraged in order that more people may become familiar with their form of governnent and the problems of their government.

Six Streets Paved Six streets or sections of roads were paved during the summer months thus bringing the number of unpaved streets in the more heavily populated areas closer to heavily populated areas closer to New York State Natural Gas Corp. zero. Three other streets or sections of roads were resurfaced. The old road roller was replaced with a later gas wells in Pennsylvania in 1961 model road roller.

Joins Sewage Survey Kingston Township, Dallas Bor- new sources of gas." ough, and Dallas Township signed Thousands of acres in Bradford, future. If the report indicates that may be made this summer. construction of such a system is New York State Natural Gas Corp. lic discussions of the report before clude:

Insurance was appointed during the year. The ville, Pa, station. were made resulting in better cover-age with little or no additional cost gas storage area in Clinton and for turkeys to date.

any further action is taken.

Planning Commission

A Planning Commission was ap- Boone Mountain-Penfield and Helpointed at the December meeting. It vetia producing pools in west cenis expected that over a period of tral Pennsylvania. Commission for their willingness to the year, 22 were productive and letters. give their time and talents to this had an average flow of 5.9 million much needed effort.

More Properties Assessed Several properties which had not been assessed or were not properly Deadline Entended assessed, were added to the tax Deadline for having cars inspected residents including Coon Honeywell duplicate. This will be a continuing and obtaining a driver's license has have been carrying lettuce and effort in order that all property been extended from January 31 to cabbage leaves from the Dodson owners will have the opportunity to February 15. Reason given is sub- store up to the Shady Side hill, for share in the costs of the services zero weather which has kept filling deer feed. they receive

Many New Homes The estimated cost of construction in the Township, for which building Borough PTA Board permits were issued, totaled \$674,-610. All but a small proportion of This figure represents new construc-

ning and zoning regulations. Police Hours Changed A new police cruiser was purchased early in the year. The work during the summer months which provided for a regular police officer to be on duty from eight A.M. until greater police service and protection with the Army. to the residents of the Township.

police at school crossings. First Aid Station A 10-hour basic first aid course L. L. Richardson. building early in the year. 37 people moreland High School. pleted this course. Later in the a fraternity brother in Sigma Chi at to join the crowd. year an emergency first aid station was established at the Township

Civil Defense Expanded

Our more active Civil Defense unit conducted a 10-hour course in radiological fall-out. 16 people completed this course. Nine people attended a 2-hour course in chemical warfare. In addition to this members of the unit have been at the building each Thursday evening to participate in the Luzerne County Civil Defense radio roll call.

All Homes Numbered

A plan for the systematic numbering of houses for the whole Township was developed and executed in December. Plans for changing some street names were developed at the

Wilkes Presents Diamond Band

Two outsanding musical events will occur this week under auspices of Wilkes College Department of Music, Temple University Diamond Band from Philadelphia, and Oberlin Wind Ensemble of the Oberlin Col-

some progress towards long range were paid a total of \$406.80. Many This evening at eight, 55 brass people have the impression that a pieces of the Di The total of the balances in all Township Supervisor is a highly paid make their Wilkes-Barre debut held to discuss plans, several dinner Wilkes College.

Henry C. Smith III, principal cipal Government were attended at trombonist with the Philadelphia Wilkes College, and one full day was Orchestra will conduct.

The famed Oberlin Wind Ensemstration and discussion. At one of ble will make its appearance Sunthe meetings of the Institute of day, February 5, at 8:30 p.m. The Municipal Government Harvey Ziegensemble is composed of 30 woodwind, brass and percussion instrumentalists. Conducted by Kenneth Moore, the group features Wilbur Smith received a service award for A. Price at the piano. They are ineleven years service as a Township terrupting a four-state tour to fill the Wilkes-Barre engagement.

#### Dallas School Board Floats Loan At Miners

Dallas School directors met in a ten-minute adjourned session Thursday evening immediately following a joint dinner of a number of service organizations, to pass a motion to borrow as needed a maximum of \$150,000 from Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Dallas Branch, the money so borrowed to be repaid out of current revenues of the school Hoover, Ruggles, enjoy a bobsled "My father and I broke them in,"

Reimbursement on teaching units team of Belgian draft horses, King nothing to it. Just put the harness from the State is due early in April. and Queen.

#### Sportsmen Cooperating The firm said it plans to drill 30 With Winter Feeding

Carl C. Stainbrook, Supervisor of Mr. Hoover said this week on a visit work. and 10 of them will be "in regions where the company is exploring for the Northeast Division, Pennsylvania Game Commission, states that the winter feeding program is pro- Dr. G. L. Howell Farm in Kingston farm. a contract with Roy Weston Inc. to Sullivan, Wyoming and Susquehan- gressing very nicely. The sports- Township and Mr. Hoover has survey and report on the feasability na Counties are now under lease men have taken a special interest of constructing a sewage disposal by gas and oil companies for pros- and are assisting the Pennsylvania system to serve the built up sections pective exploration. Since these Game Commission in the Northeast of these municipalities. The report leases are costly to keep in force Division by cutting browse for deer should be received in the very near year after year, it is possible tests and placing corn in feeders where turkeys are visiting.

Mr. Stainbrook suggests that any feasable there no doubt will be pub- said other plans for this year in- club or group cutting deer browse (pole stage trees) for deer on any Increase the volumes of gas being land first get permission. He would transmitted by supercharging five also like to report that the deer and An Injurance Broker of Pecond compressor engines at the Sabins- turkeys are in good condition. Northeast Division work crews have nsurance program of the Township | Complete in the first part of the cut a total of 325 acres of deer was reviewed and several changes year expanded facilities now under browse on state game lands and

# Undergoes Surgery

Edwin C. Norcross, Birch Hill Lane, is a patient at University of time a long range plan will evolve New York State said its gas Pennsylvania Hospital, 3,400 Spruce for the orderly development of our production in Pennsylvania and New Street, Philadelphia, where he un-Township. The Supervisors are in- York was 18.9 billion cubic feet of derwent surgery earlier in the week. deed grateful to the members of this gas. Of the 36 wells drilled during He would especially appreciate cards

### Feed Deer At Kunkle

Fred Dodson, and other Kunkle

#### stations busy, with little time to Record Hop

Westmoreland Band Parents As sociation will sponsor a record hop Dallas Borough PTA executive at the school Saturday, February 4 board will meet Monday at 8 P.M. at from 8 until 11. Harry West will tion. The owners of these properties the home of Mrs. Harold Brobst, act as disk jockey. Records will should be protected by proper plan- Pinecrest Avenue.

# **Back Mountain Boys Have Reunion** schedule of the police was charged Over Weekend At Camp Benning, Ga.

midnight and on call between mid- ardson left a week ago Sunday for inson graduates and five boys who night and eight A.M. This schedule Fort Benning, Georgia, where he will attended camp with him last sumwas continued for the balance of the take nine weeks basic training as mer are nearby. year. The result has been much part of a six months tour of duty The biggest surprise and the

of ROTC, Bob has been acting as an football rival, answering roll call crease.

Second Lieutenant Robert Rich- Dickinson; two neighbors are Dick-

| homesick and a bit lonely.

plow through the snow to the old says "Go take your walk"! Flack Will Vote For Gas Tax

advanced first aid. 35 people com- ning. His roommate, he found, was is just two hours away, dropped in liamsport, will also support the bill. the county.

Anthracite Expressway and the Key- tion; Harold Brobst, Charles Manautomobile salesman for his father, beside him! Bob had flown down to But he won't go it alone on the stone Shortway are key considera- near, president of the Dallas School trip to Dallas from Shillington, and Georgia while Bill drove down the Republican side of the Senate, and tions in his bolting the Republican Board; Robert Maturi, newly in- on the return trip the same night. as conducted at the Township He was a star athlete at West-same day. Both boys were a little has requested and obtained a post-position against the gas tax boost.

# Mellman, Zerbe, Discuss Program Of Recreation

Annual Meeting Of YMCA Sees Officers And Directors Elected

Back Mountain Town and Country YMCA held its Annual Meeting Thursday night in the face of weather predictions for a heavy tain the guided missile systems emsnowfall. The crowd at Dallas Town- ployed in the air defense of the ship cafeteria was diminished by United States, with our armies overwarnings of dangerous road conditions, but a satisfactory attendance and SEATO nations. was procured. Members of service clubs of the

area, school board members, and supervisors were invited to hear a discussion of projected recreation in the Back Mountain by John Zerbe, representing Playground and Recreation Association of Wyoming Valley, and Dr. Robert Mellman, superintendent of Dallas Schools.

of \$3 per capita would finance a of \$3 per capita would finance a recreation program directed toward Despite Storm both adults and children. Questionnaires distributed through the schools brought 834 answers from the 2,2000 inquiries, the major portion in favor of such outlay.

All political subdivisions, Mr. Zerbe said, under the plan would assume their proportionate share. Results of a survey were shown by means of tables and maps flashed on the screen. ride along Route 29 behind their Mr. Hoover recalls, " there was

Efforts, he explained, would not interfere with programs now carried system on them with a little gentleness and on by the YMCA. Administration would be the problem of the school few remaining farms where all of | Since there are few blacksmiths in

the field work is still done by horses. the country, Mr. Hoover does all Program Already Started 'I guess folks don't like the smell that work himself, changing shoes of horses, anymore—but I love it," for winter travel and for spring field Practically all of King's and ate all facilities mentioned by Mr. storm. King and Queen were born on the Queen's feed is raised on the Hoover Zerbe. Reimbursemnt from the The speaker contrasted the edu- the plaque for meritorious service adults, no reimbursement.

conversion of the Westmoreland worthy of special instruction. building to elementary school use

Employment of five recreational tion or recreation.

This year's budget of \$2,700 for a two-way vehicle of information. facilities constantly, as forming a rollment is skyrocketing. focus for cultural endeavor in the community.

Officers Elected

At the business meeting preceed-Cutten vice-chairman. Robert Wade, deplore the rising cost of education outstanding manufacturers of artiwith assistant E. L. Evenson was should consider the rising rate of ficial eyes in the country. named secretary; E. L. Evenson, crime, and bend every effort to sup- After the war, loathing idleness, assisted by Robert Wade, treasurer. port a far-reaching program of edu- Mrs. LeGrand started a small con-Merrill Faegenburg, George Pic- cation to combat it. kett, former executive secretary, and John Zerbe were elected to the have the kind of education program She had marked artistic ability, and board composed of Myron Baker, we want. Charles Beech, Clyde Birth, Col. H. H. Butler, Harry Carson, John house guest, Dr. Matthias Oguto, she kept the scrapbook, in which Churry, J. C. Edwards, George Jacobs, Jr., Dr. L. E. Jordan, Lewis Africa, where educatinal oppor- amount of space. W. LeGrand, Malcolm Nelson, Rob- tunities are so limited that only 40 ert Parry, and Kenneth Rice. Robert Addison, executive secre- mitted.

tary, reported on activities of the local YMCA, giving at its conclusion a tribute to Clifton King, custodian. Chairman Yost thanked members of the cafeteria staff headed by Mrs. I've had enough of old-fashioned fashioned two-holer? Now you know Lancio, for preparation of the meal. winters! How would you like to how I feel every time my mistress Nominating committee were Elmer Evenson, chairman; Clyde Birth,

These People Braved The Storm At the head table were Rev. Russtalled president of Dallas Kiwanis ponement of the final vote until The Luzerne County Republican Club; Dr. Robert Mellman, superining the program, Mrs. Stanley

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# Joseph J. Checkon Is Missile Officer

January 23 at the Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Tex.

During the eight weeks of instruction, Lieutenant Checkon was trained in the duties and responsibilities of a missile officer.

The Air Defense School, the largest military school in the nation, trains personnel to man and main-

The 21-year-old lieutenant is a 1956 graduate of St. Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre and a 1960 graduate of the University of Scran-

His father is owner of the Buddies' Men's Shop in Luzerne.

# Hendricks Keeps facilities already available in the region, suggested that an added tax

#### Brings As Guest Headmaster Of African School

Howard Hendricks, speaking to Dallas Township PTA Thursday night, stressed the importance of PTA organizations in paving the way for necessary changes in the school

Mr. Hendricks, former supervising principal of Lehman schools, now supervisor of the Governor Mifflin Dr. Mellman said that the district las in a heavy snowstorm which community, was honored by Daddow already plans a recreation and play- made highways hazardous. Attend- Isaacs Post 672 at a testimonial ground program, expecting to oper- ance was decimated because of the dinner six weeks ago, the only

State for school-connected recreation ideal in the United States, to the community. tion for children will be 70%; for where each student is expected to Back Mountain Memorial Library Shavertown, Trucksville, Dallas ability, with schools of other coun- Clubs launched by Mrs. LeGrand in Borough and Dallas Township tries, notably Russia, where only the the days before the library was even schools all have playgrounds. With superior mentality is considered a vision. With Miss Frances Dor-

There is a definite time lag in bership in the Library Association when the new high school is com- education, he pointed out. Educapleted, that extensive athletic field tors know what can and should be moving here from Wilkes-Barre can be turned over to use of children. It is a challenge, he said, to the community if children are to now assistant secretary-treasurer of

contemplate change. It is up to Dallas School Board. supervisors for the summer months the PTA to form the necessary is contemplated, with minimum re- liaison between the past, the present quirement of two years of college and the future, a channel of comwork in the field of physical educa- munication between people and administration. PTA should provide

limited adult education, Dr. Mell-man hopes to see doubled next year, to send their children to college,

For the past several weeks, Dr.

Oguto has been making a study of belonging to Dallas Methodist Governor Mifflin schools, as part of the field work required of educators from other countries who are carrying out a United States government Serving on the dinner committee program designed to promote heighwere Dr. Jordan, chairman, Myron tened understanding between Baker, and Harry Carson. On the nations. After the meeting, talking to a number of guests, he said that he had tried in Africa to visualize Lewis L. LeGrand and, Robert Parry. snow, but had never been able to do so until coming to Pennsylvania. Mr. Hendricks, more familiarly

known as Fritz, his wife, and Dr. Oguto, saw plenty of snow on the At the business meeting preceed-Davies presided. The speaker was introduced by Robert Bachman, program chairman. Seventh grade mothers served refreshments.

Area Library Army 2nd Lt. Joseph J. Checkon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Checkon, Goss Manor, completed the missile officer orientation course January 23 at the Air Potental

Dallas Woman Dies At General Hospital After Long Illness



Ruth A. LeGrand, 69, Baldwin Street, Dallas, died Saturday morning at General Hospital, where she was admitted January 3. She had made a valiant fight for recovery from a stroke which disabled her some years ago, determined to regain full use of her limbs, and succeeding to a notable degree, never permitting anyone to do for her anything which she could do for herself.

Mrs. LeGrand, a strong supporter jointure at Shillington, drove to Dal- of everything worth while in the local woman ever to have received

be developed to the best of his was the outgrowth of two Book rance, she was honored by life mem-

She had lived in Dallas since 1926, service clubs in the area to equip this field for playground use.

The said, to receive the best in education.

People, he said, are reluctant to ton, and a long-time member of

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from Williams Funeral Home with services in charge of her pastor, Rev. Russell Lawry of Dallas Methodist Church.

start thinking at once. Financing especially proud of her family. During, he looks forward to use of is increasingly expensive, and en- ing World War II four of them Education, he said, is expensive. nurse; Lewis was with the army; But crime is even more expensive. Alden was in the Marines and Rich-For the \$1,800 per year which it ard was in the Navy. Joe the costs to support a prisoner, five chil- youngest was unable to enlist being the program, Rev. Robert D. Yost dren can be educated in the public cause of a bad eye, a handicap which was reelected chairman, William schoolos. Uniformed persons who has led him to become one of the

> cern which artistically decorated We can, Mr. Hendricks concluded, trays and other household items. wrote exceptionally well. For years, Mr. Hendricks introduced his as a member of the Library Board, headmaster of a school in Kenya, the Library Auction took a leading

> The Auction itself was one of the out of 400 applicants can be ad- fund raising proposals made by Mrs. LeGrand. She was a faithful church worker,

> > Church, its Brickel Class, and the WSCS. Her husband has been active for years in the YMCA. Mrs. Le-Grand belonged to the Y's Menettes, sister organization to the Y's Men. The former Ruth Atkins was born in Sterling, Nebraska, June 23, 1891, daughter of the late Ulysses and Harriet McClure Atkins. She was educated at Fremont College, Fre-

mont, Nebraska, and at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. She taught school in the states of Nebraska and Washington. She is survived by her husband,

these children: Mrs. Charles Cuccio, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Lewis W. Jr., Miami, Florida; Alden A., Sun Valley, California; Richard W., Montrose; Joseph A., Secane; a brother, Alden Atkins, of Wayne, Nebraska; a sister, Mrs. Harry Hillman, Adams, Nebraska; and sixteen grandchil-

## Completes Boot Training

Parris Island, South Carolina: Marine Pvt. Richard C. Higgs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Higgs, Dallas R.D. 3 completed recruit training January 12. Dick was a student at Westmoreland when he joined the Marines.

### Pirates At Show

Pennsylvania Recreation and Sportsmen's Show, February 6 through 11 in Harrisburg, will feature Pittsburgh Pirates Elroy Face Their comedy routine includes guitar strumming and folk songs.

"luckiest break of all' according to State Sen. Harold E. Flack, Dallas the Harveys Lake highway will be A graduate of Dickinson College Bob, was finding Bill Lopasky, Leh- Republican, is ready to vote for the built soon and that work started School guards replaced the regular where he was student commander man's football star and his mortal two-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax in earlier than now planned on the sell C. Lawry, who gave the benedic-

completed this course. This was like old home week for Last weekend another Back Mounnext Tuesday or Wednesday when senator admitted he was "dealing tendent of schools; Dr. Les Jordan, followed by an 18 hour course in him when he arrived at Fort Ben- tain boy, Jim Thomas of Dallas, who Republican Sen. Z. H. Confair, Wil- somewhat" to get better roads for Rotary Club, James Alexander, John

Familiar Scenes Take On An Unfamiliar Winter Dress



same time. After the initial incon- has changed many familiar Back sunbathers.

around it each July. venience caused by such a change Mountain scenes. From left to right: The deserted Auction Barn stands Completely enshrouded with Jan- May flowers. it is believed that we will appre- The Swimming Pool at Irem Temple stark and cold in sharp contrast to uary's snow, this automobile at Icicles give a Christmas card ap- You'd never believe it but this is

again along with the Daffodils and dows at Shavertown Methodist at Back Mountain Shopping Center and Hal Smith in a free stage show. Church.

in Shavertown.