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Back Mountain To Have Natural Gas This Fall

Dallas Directors Adhere To State Directed Limit

Annual Complication On Picking Up Pupils Under Mile And Half

Joseph Simms, Overbrook Road, stated the case for bus transportation of eight pupils from his area Tuesday night, when appearing before directors of the Dallas School District, meeting for the first time at the new senior high school.

Mr. Simms said that he realized that the State mandated no bus service under one and one-half miles, and that his home missed that requirement by two-tenths of a mile.

He cited especially the dangerous condition of Pioneer Avenue during winter months at its intersection with Main Street.

Pupils from Fernbrook, within a mile of Dallas Borough school, must traverse that same icy curve, also any children from Pioneer Avenue.

The State law will cancel reimbursement for buses unless the letter of the law is lived up to.

The law does not require the children to walk. It states only that they will not be picked up by school bus. There is nothing that prevents parents from forming a car pool, or from contracting for a private bus, as was done during the first year of kindergarten in 1951.

Parents from Carverton Road, also lacking a short distance inquired if they could arrange payment for their children for school bus service. The answer to this was no, not in buses under contract to the schools. Parents must make their own arrangements.

William A. Austin, elementary supervisor and chief of transportation, explained that the State sets the distance between the nearest point of the school grounds to the highway, and the entrance of the lane or roadway leading to the pupil's home, as the distance, not a portal-to-portal distance. On the other hand, distance is measured over the highway, not as the crow flies.

There was discussion about possible extension of Parrish Street to intersect Overbrook Road, as a means of relieving pupils of necessity for traveling Pioneer Avenue, where snow-ploughs block shoulders and make walking hazardous.

One bright spot in the situation is that with delayed starting hours for elementary children, the peak load of Valley-bound traffic is well out of the way before children leave their homes.

Charles Mannear, president, said that his hands were tied. Dr. Robert A. Mellman, superintendent, asked who could determine what children would be picked up, in an under-limits area? There has to be a dividing line, just as there is a dividing line of age in admission to first grade and kindergarten.

Parents called attention to current infractions of the law, in picking up passengers. Mr. Mannear said that if such conditions existed, there would be no more of it.

Dr. Mellman asked for a survey of the transportation system, by Harrisburg Department of Instruction analysts.

Harry Stikler, from Orange, said he didn't blame the parents at all that Overbrook Road had had transportation last year, that this year taxes had skyrocketed, and now transportation was denied.

Jonathan Valentine, solicitor, called attention to a sharp letter four years ago from the State, in which the district was told to keep to the letter of the law, or lose its bus reimbursement. State Police at this time were requested to follow buses on their rounds and check mileage.

Mr. Stikler, director from Franklin Township, said he had personally checked on arrival of buses and every bus was loaded to the gills. Far from arriving partially empty, as parents who wished their children picked up in areas under the mandated mileage limit had implied, they were disgracefully crowded.

IF YOU HAVE A FALLOUT SHELTER LET THE POST KNOW

If you have a fall-out shelter, stocked with food and supplies, capable of being lived in for two weeks, let the Dallas Post know.

We will publish names of people who have taken Civil Defense directions seriously.

Community Leaders Hear About Gas Company Plans



Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company revealed its confidence in the growth of the Back Mountain Community Friday night at Irem Temple Country Club where it announced to municipal officers that it will immediately embark on an expansion program here, the first stages of which will cost \$300,000.

Seated from left to right are: Frank Bennett, P. G. & W. Industrial Engineer; Stephen Hartman, Dallas councilman; Austin Line, Kingston Township Supervisor; LaRoy Ziegler, Kingston Township Supervisor; Atty. Mitchell Jenkins; Burgess Thomas Morgan, Dallas; Rulison Evans, Chairman of the Board and Robert Evans, President, Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company; Grace Cave, Dallas Councilman; Arthur Smith, Kingston Township Supervisor; Howard Risley, Editor of The Dallas Post; Thomas E. Vernon, P. G. & W. Gas Engineer (whose wife is a candidate for Dallas School Board) Arthur Williams, P. G. & W. Superintendent; Roger McShea Jr., P. G. & W. Vice President-Financial;

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Gate Of Heaven Enrollment 806

Gate of Heaven Parochial School has a total enrollment of 806 students, a few more than were registered last year. Gate of Heaven has eight grades, sixteen classrooms, a large assembly hall which doubles as a cafeteria, and an up-to-the-minute kitchen.

Little girls donned their green jumper uniforms, and little boys their green trousers and ties last Tuesday for the first time this year. Bus routes cover the entire Back Mountain, with St. Therese's parish and St. Francis Cabrini operating their own buses.

United Fund Agencies Assisted 4,728 Persons Here During Year

The Wyoming Valley United Fund today released figures on the number of services its member agencies provided to the people of the Greater Wyoming Valley area during 1960.

The report stated that the Fund's member agencies provided 91,488 services to individuals in the area covered by the United Fund. These services covered a wide range of human needs from health programs to service to the aged, to counseling individuals and families with problems.

A breakdown of the services

showed that 4,728 people in the Back Mountain area had received help during 1960.

Services given by the individual agencies were as follows: Health Agencies; Association for the Blind; 27; Council for Mentally Retarded; 8; Crippled Children Association—Wyoming Valley 23; Hospitals—Pittston, Wilkes-Barre General, Mersey, Wyoming Valley, 136; Visiting Nurse Associations—Pittston, Nanticoke, Wyoming Valley 221.

Youth and Recreation Agencies; Boy Scouts 779; Catholic Youth Cen-

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Rotary Offers Foreign Study

Dallas Rotary Club announces that opportunities to study for a year in a foreign country will be made available to outstanding students of Dallas and Lake-Lehman High School again this year.

Last year five students from this area were chosen and are now in Sweden, The Netherlands, Southern Rhodesia and The Philippines.

Juniors and Seniors in high school in the upper third of their class and at least 16 years of age who are interested in applying should contact their high school guidance counselors

AMERICAN LEGION POST 672 MAKES 2 AWARDS



Commander William O'Brien awards a framed certificate to Miss Miriam Lathrop, winner of the annual Americanism award for com-



Ed Buckley a plaque denoting notable progress of the American Legion under his presidency.

Commander William O'Brien receives from incoming Commander

Penna. Gas & Water Co. Begins Building Regulator-Meter Station

Lines Will Run East and West From Natona To 42nd St. and Shavertown

For the first time in its history the Back Mountain area will have natural gas this fall.

Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company, upon approval by the Federal Power Commission, will introduce natural gas. Plans have been completed and contracts let for the construction of a regulator and meter station near Natona Mills and also the laying of more than five miles of pipelines at a cost of \$200,000 to \$300,000 in certain sections of the Back Mountain area for gas service to residential, commercial and industrial customers, it was announced by Robert R. Evans, President of the utility.

The utility will receive its natural gas for the area from the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation. Transcontinental's line passes through Dallas Borough and Dallas Township and Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company will erect its regulator and metering station just west of Natona Mills on Memorial Highway.

Mr. Evans stated that the Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company pipelines will be laid west and southeast along Memorial Highway to a point where it intersects with 309 close by the new A&P Market. After the proposed new highway construction eastward is completed, the Company will most likely extend its lines further in that direction. From opposite the A&P Market, a pipeline will extend to Pioneer Avenue, then southeast to Center Street in Kingston Township, and thence continuing to the Back Mountain Shopping Center at Shavertown.

Immediate plans on what the Company terms Phase No. 1 of the project also include extension of service facilities to Elmerest Drive and College Manor, and also being considered at the present time is the laying of a pipeline west on Route 415 to what is known as the Haddonfield Heights Subdivision with lines running to the new housing developments in that particular area.

An expansion program has been adopted by the Company with the continuing extension of natural gas pipelines and service facilities in the area. Where the area demand is greatest, priority will be given to that section.

Mr. Evans disclosed, "It has been the experience of the Company and its Industrial Development Department that the availability of natural gas for industry's usage is a most important and deciding factor in many instances for determining new plant location."

Anticipating this program, the Company at the present time is supplying propane gas to consumers (Continued on Page 8 A)

Legion Honors Miriam Lathrop

Gives Award For Community Service

Miss Miriam Lathrop, retiring librarian of Back Mountain Memorial Library, was honored by Daddow Isaacs Post, American Legion, at the annual Americanism meeting Friday night.

Commander William O'Brien, in presenting the plaque to Miss Lathrop, noted her outstanding service to the community as librarian over the period of years from 1945, when she first took charge of the infant library to the present.

He spoke of the rural one-room schools where she delivered heavy boxes of books in the days before consolidation closed their doors, when ecstatic children hailed her coming with the shout, "Here's the Library Lady!"

Miss Lathrop, lured to the meeting on the slim excuse that she was to receive a book for the Library, was taken completely by surprise, not realizing when Commander O'Brien first started to speak, that he was staging what amounted to a "This Is Your Life," beginning with her girlhood, when the daughter of a beloved Springville physician started a library in her own home, lending books of her own.

He followed her through her training at Pennsylvania State College to her long tenure of office in the library at Rutgers, and expressed regret that so dedicated a member of the Back Mountain Community would be lost to the area when she retires to Sun City, Arizona, in October.

Atty. Robert Fleming, speaker of the evening, also paid tribute to Miss Lathrop's selfless service, especially to the children of the community, together with the responsibility entailed by seeing to it that they were guided in their reading and had a wealth of suitable books to enjoy.

Atty. Fleming stressed responsibility as the character trait that must go hand in hand with freedom, if liberty is to be preserved.

If the freedom of the individual is to be a factor in a changing world, he maintained, it must be dearly bought by duty, and free men must be eternally on guard against encroachment by forces that could cancel out all that our forefathers fought for.

Responsibility and duty, he stressed, are all important not only in every public servant, but in every individual who cherishes the American way of life and abhors the totalitarian type of government.

Atty. Fleming was introduced by Thomas Reese.

State and Humanitarian awards were presented to retiring Commander O'Brien by Edward Buckley, incoming Commander.

Books were presented to schools of the area and the library. Rev. Richard Frank, who gave the benediction, accepted for College Miseri-cordia and for Gate of Heaven; Miss Lathrop for Back Mountain Library; Clinton Brobst for Dallas Schools. Books were presented by William Moran.

Rev. Charles H. Frick, pastor of Huntsville Christian Church, gave the invocation, Commander O'Brien had charge of opening ceremonies, including the Pledge of Allegiance. Thomas Reese, chairman of Americanism Night, thanked his committee.

At the head table were: Bill Moran, Past Commander; Ed Buckley, Commander Elect; Bill O'Brien, Commander; Atty. Robert Fleming; Dick Staub, Rev. Frick and Father Frank.

Dick Staub presented National, State and District awards to O'Brien for increased membership over a five-year period. Ed Buckley presented the Humanitarian Award which the Post won in competition with 940 American Legion posts.

Mr. Buckley also presented a check to Mrs. Nelson Thompson for support of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, and Dallas Community Ambulance.

Mr. Moran gave to Miss Lathrop a complete set of yearbooks covering all issues put out by senior classes at Dallas Borough High School.

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Back Mountain Will Construct New Building

Finer, Better Store Will Replace One Destroyed By Fire

A more modern and more beautiful store will arise Phoenix-like out of the ashes of the Back Mountain Lumber and Coal Company store which was totally destroyed early last Thursday morning in Shavertown's biggest and most costly fire.

This announcement was made yesterday by Granville Sowden, general manager and member of the Lumber Company firm.

Mr. Sowden said work will start as soon as possible on a new one-story concrete block and steel structure with brick veneer front. The new store will be "more modern, more efficient, more beautiful and better in every respect." It will have a frontage of 85 feet along Memorial Highway and a depth of 135. This is 40 feet longer than the former building.

Mr. Sowden said one of the main considerations was the kindness and concern of the people of the Back Mountain region during the hours immediately following the disaster. "They were wonderful! The firemen, the police, everybody did a magnificent job and their sympathetic understanding deeply moved me."

"Then, too," he added, "we have 22 loyal employees whom we must look out for and who want to keep their jobs and continue to live in this Back Mountain country."

Mr. Sowden said it will be impossible to complete the new store before Christmas but the firm will continue to supply the needs of its customers through its temporary offices and store in the lumber yard which was untouched by the fire. "We will stock hardware, paints, and builders supplies as well as many other items."

More than 250 volunteer firemen from nineteen Back Mountain and Wyoming Valley companies fought the stubborn \$250,000 blaze for several hours after its discovery shortly after 2 a.m. in the rear of the lumber company building.

But the fire had such headway that nothing could be done except to prevent spread of the fire to adjacent properties. Companies were on hand immediately and there was ample water supply. No professional companies could have done better. Absence of any breeze was a God-send to the hardworking firemen.

Bank Destroyed

For a time it was believed that the adjacent Back Mountain Branch of Wyoming National Bank might be saved, but flames slowly ate their way through the roof rafters and the structure was completely destroyed by late morning.

Bank officials were immediately

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Boyer Manages McCrory Store

Comes Here From Monongehela Store

Robert M. Boyer has been named manager of the McCrory Store in Back Mountain Shopping Center, succeeding Thomas Hobbs who has been promoted to a McCrory store in Lancaster.

A native of DuBois, Mr. Boyer comes here from Monongehela where he was store manager, previously having been an assistant manager at Martinsburg, West Va.

He has had three years army service and has been with the McCrory chain for thirteen years.

He is living at Dallas Motel until he can find a home here for his wife and two children: Bradley, three, and Vicki, three months.

Firemen Plan New Building

Kunkle Structure To House Equipment

In order to more adequately house its equipment and to increase its social facilities for its increasing membership, Harry Smith Fire Company will construct another building on its lot at Kunkle.

The one-story concrete block structure will be 35 x 44 and will be constructed adjacent to the present building. It will be used for equipment only and the present building will be devoted entirely to recreational, social and business functions.

Plans for the new structure are available from Fred Dodson. Those who might like to bid on the construction can obtain them from him. Sealed bids will be received until Friday September 29 at 8.

Among the members who attended the Firemen's Convention at West Pittston over the weekend were: Allen Brace, William Brace, Jr., Arthur Trennick, Stanley Gardner and Austin Wertman.

The company had one piece of equipment, the antique fire-engine in the parade. It was manned by Austin Wertman, Harry Hilbert, Roland Spencer and Russell Spencer.

Members of the solicitation committee are now picking up the cards in the annual financial drive and will make their report this Friday night. Those who have cards and who have not been called on can turn them in at that time.