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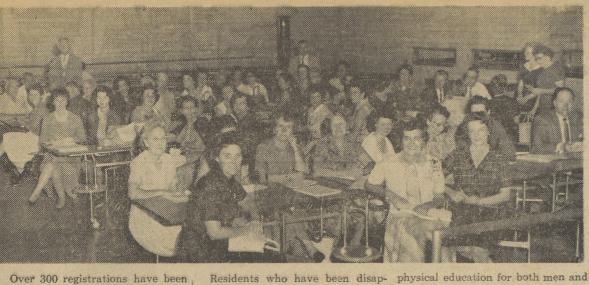
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Some Of The Residents Who Registered For Adult Education



matics, German II, symphonic band,

received by Alfred M. Camp, prin- pointed because certain courses did women, algebra, geometry, biology, cipal of the Adult School sponsored not draw enough enrollment to be chemistry, and advanced matheby Dallas Schools. practical, may switch to other matics.

A number of registrants have courses by telephone or letter to Standing in the background in the signed up for two courses, bringing up the class enrollment, with more Among the courses which did not cafeteria are: Dr. Robert A. Mellnew Dallas Senior High School expected. Prospective Students may have sufficient drawing power to man, Superintendent of Dallas register until October 11, one week be offered are: consumer economics, Schools, and Alfred M. Camp, head after classes start on Wednesday, contemporary political science, dra- of the evening school. Photo by Kozemchak

## **Back Mountain Residents Feared** An Air Raid As Sirens Sounded

#### By MRS. T. M. B. HICKS

At daylight Thursday morning, Back Mountain Lumber Company was a shambles, neighboring fire companies still assisting Shavertown volunteers in doggedly pumping water

v tion of a regulator and meter station near Natona Mills and store, one of the finest hardware stores in Northeastern Pennsylvania. For Back Mountain residents who did not know what

happened until daylight, the night had been a test of nerves.

three o'clock in the morning. pany, was hoisted out of bed by the "What would we have done if Jolted from their sleep, and with the siren. Her first thought was an air it had been an air raid?" was the Berlin crisis much in the news, raid, her second that the signal was question which sober Back Mounmany Back Mountain residents wrong for an air-raid, too sus- tain residents asked each other thought that it might be an air- tained. Two heavy explosions she Thursday morning, after being raid alert. The issue was confused took to be a far-away bomb blast. roused from sleep by the prolonged because there was no tell-tale glow Noting that the Shavertown fire shrieking of the fire sirens. in the sky until much later.

predominated.

October 4.

still available. up so long. And you know, with cident.

lives in East Dallas.

Kitchen, chatting with Steve Glova, assuring, except that it was too far and refrigeration? said he'd heard too many fire off." Kunkle, didn't hear a thing.

It was a horrifying sound, that directly overlooking the back door prolonged wailing of the siren at of Back Mountain Lumber Com-High School. apparatus was not moving from its Is anybody in the Back Mountain It was impossible to get news. position in front of the door, she prepared to survive radio-active fall-Rock-and-roll disc jockey programs realized that the trouble was closer out? at hand. Then she saw flames The siren had an urgency about through the rear windows.

alarms, when the siren sounds a ue: "We thought it was a bomb, warning station silent, Realized how few blasts and then dies away. It and that the red alert was soundwas the prolonged warning of dis- ing. Then, when we heard through aster that had so many residents the open kitchen windows, siren Mountain know how to protect pacing the floor, wondering what after siren, from all around us, we themselves against fall-out which was coming next, tuning to Conel- thought of a prison break. Then rad, and then reassuring themselves the big trucks began coming over that light and power were both Pioneer Avenue and that meant traffic was being diverted from the Heard at the A&P . . . "Well, I highway. That added up to somewas sure it was an air raid. It kept thing local, a fire or a dreadful ac-

most anything." That was a very able to get any information. No cute little blonde checker-out who local radio stations on the air. Detroit had a rock and roll pro- That on power depends modern Customers compared notes. Mr. gram, which was after all quite re- sanitation, as well as heat, light,

said he'd heard too many fire on alarms to be confused. Steve, situ- Mrs. Willard Garey, Lehman, have been when pioneers erected alarms to be confused. Steve, situ-ated between Harveys Lake and recognized the special emergency log cabins, dug root-cellars, built a signal recently installed at the Leh-At the Shavertown Acme, it was man Fire Hall, and knew that it end of the vegetable garden, cut the same story. Everybody had was blown only when help is destheir own wood for heat and cookexcept the folks who lived near enough to the Lumber Company to heard five explosions. He thought the penalty we pay for progress. ing, and carried water from a the constant wailing of the fire is almost complete vulnerability to Mrs. Wilbur Davis, on the siren might herald approach of any situation which threatens our Heights, thought the terrific clamor enemy planes. Seeing no glow in supply lines. was heralding an enemy attack, and the sky, he could not believe that We are no longer a self-sufthat Civil Defense, in transmitting there was a blaze near at hand ficient nation. the news, might have abandoned and translated the explosions into What the world does, is of life prearranged signals of alert and far louder detonations many miles and death importance to us.

Shelter Tonight Sirens Point Up **Unpreparedness** Of Entire Region

**Civil Defense To** 

**Discuss Fall-Out** 

Unpreparedness of the entire Back Mountain will be discussed tonight at the Civil Defense meeting

Residents who scurried for the

radio Thursday at 3 a.m., tuned in it which is lacking in most fire Mrs. Paul Rodda, Pioneer Aven- on Conelrad, and found that completely exposed they were. How many people in the Back can result in slow death? How many people realize that a fall-out shelter, to be effective for any but the briefest stay, must

have a purifed air system? That in case of a genuine atomic up so long. And you know, with the worst of it was, not being bomb explosion, there would be a bomb explosion, there would be a long period when power would be completely absent?

That our civilization is not as

small but useful structure at th



been frightened out of their wits perately needed. see activity.

warning, using as much noise as away. beds.

brary, thought in terms of terrible from the Institution." she said, "but insulated, easily accessible, and with disaster, with an air raid well to we didn't hear a thing. the fore. True to form, Miss Lath- Gordon Wolverton, popular meat fying the air? had made necessary diversion of hurried out. traffic. She put a marker in her Mrs. Helen Elston, Center Street.

book and went back to sleep. sounded like something down in back to bed, and half an hour on the radio."

fire.'

"At 3 a.m. when the whole thing atomic attack." started?

be around 4 a.m."

ue, Dallas, thought it was a signal When she called the Dallas Post to it wasn't an air raid. We know of attack. Her daughter, Mrs. Doris order letter-heads at 9 a.m., need- what to do about fires. But how Mallin, was equally sure that it was ing emergency supplies to use in does anybody really know what to not. "Lights are on, and the siren temporary quarters in the lumber do in an air raid?" isn't wavering the way it would be yard office. she said that she had if it were blowing for an expected not considered that it might be an attack. The sound is too steady." attack warning. Mrs. William Pierce Jr., at Har-

swered by Harvevs Lake sirens, and thought only that there was anthe other man? and nobody knows where he is. That hitchiker crawled with a reading by Mrs. Arthur Seeley, Scranton. Noxen; Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland who picked him up were dead. and musical pageant, "The Foundation Amboy, N. J.

cape from the prison. Mrs. Sarah Ferguson, living nine persons atteded.

Has anybody in the Back Mounpossible to get citizens out of their At Smith Pond. Barbara Rivera tain taken the threat of fall-out heard no sirens. "We always keep seriously enough to actually prepare Miss Miriam Lathrop, at the li- an ear out for an escape signal a shelter, properly stocked, properly some sort of arrangement for puri-

rop reached for a book. When she market man for the Acme, living Nobody can safeguard against an heard heavy trucks rumbling past in central Shavertown, heard atomic blast. Speaking in terms of on Main Street, she concluded that several explosions, and took the megatons, bombs are now available there was great trouble somewhere sirens to be a warning of an im- which can kill millions of people in on the highway, perhaps a fatal minent atom bomb explosion. Then one blazing instant, and render the crash involving several cars, which he saw the flames, got dressed, and earth scorched and uninhabitable. Fall-Out is different.

Radio-active particles can be carheard the prolonged wailing, looked ried by currents high above the Heard on the streets: "Well, it out her window, saw nothing, went earth, sifting down from the site of the explosion. They can burn, the Valley, maybe a mine disaster. later looked again. "Flames were they can cripple, they can kill. It didn't sound like anything close at hand. We couldn't get a thing dressed and went over to McCrory's. Granville Sowden, owner of the Back Mountain Lumber Company which was destroyed by fire Thurs-There was a big crowd, and cars "Oh, you're mistaken. WBAX lining the streets. Traffic was day morning, put it in a nutshell: had a blow by blow account of the coming up Center Street. No. I "When the sirens blew, I thought didn't think about a warning of immediately of an air raid. I went downstairs and turned on Conelrad, Alice on the office staff of Back and there was nothing. Then Wil-lard called me to say the store was "Not that early, of course, May- Mountain Lumber Co., said she on fire, and I was enormously reheard the sirens, but had no news lieved. It was my store, and pro-Mrs. Irene Monk, Pinecrest Aven- of the disaster until half past six. bably it would be a total loss, but

# HUMMELL REUNION

Annual Hummell Reunion was

held Sunday, September 3, at Lake

### veys Lake, heard the sirens, an- Pomona Grance

Jean. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Pomono Grange No. 44. met at William Rittenhouse, Shery, Mr. other accident at the Lake. "Right Lehman Fire Hall Saturday. Pomona and Mrs. Robert Parrish, Bobby, in front of our house last week Master Raymond Searfoss presid- Hally, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bielecki, around midnight." she said. "a car ed at the morning meeting. A Billy, Mary Scouten, Harveys Lake; upsets into the lake and two men chicken dinner was served. An Joan, Carol Andreas, Harry Humcrawl out. much the worse for afternoon open session with a movie mell, Scranton; Earl Hummell, Fort wear. They keep saying, where's entitled "Five Miles West" on Ger- Wayne, Indiana.

out some way and ran down the Mrs. Clyde Sampson, lecturer. Hummell and family, Old Bridge, N. road. Probably thought the men Muhlenburg Grange. presented a J.; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz, South

he didn't want to be blamed." of the Grange." Another movie de-Rev. Russell Lawry thought of picting the dedication of the Nation- Flora Parrish, president; Earle Humthe signal in terms of another es-cape from the prison. al Grange building in Washington. mell, vice president; Carol Bielecki, D. C., was shown. About twenty-treasurer; Charlotte Scott, historian; Hannah Frantz, secretary,