

Presbyterians Obtain Minister For 1st Service

Dr. Peter K. Emmons
President Of Trustees
At Princeton Seminary

Final arrangements have been completed for the first service of the United Presbyterian Fellowship of the Back Mountain to be held Sunday, September 24, at 11:00 a.m., in the Dallas Junior High School. Guest minister will be Reverend Peter K. Emmons, D. D., pastor emeritus of Westminster Presbytery-



REV. PETER K. EMMONS, D. D.

ian Church of Scranton and President of Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Emmons, resident of Stroudsburg has held pastorates in Stroudsburg and Trenton, New Jersey.

A nursery for pre-school children and junior church for children 10 years and under will be held during the regular service.

Services are being conducted under auspices of the Presbytery of Lackawanna of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. In recent months a group of interested residents of the area petitioned the Presbytery to start a church, with assistance of Reverend Robert R. Smyrl, Executive Secretary of the Lackawanna Presbytery.

Northeastern Regional Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and the Board of National Missions of the United Church have approved.

Dr. Emmons, a graduate of Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary, is a former President of the Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the United Presbyterian Church and has served as Moderator of the Presbytery of Lackawanna and the Synod of Pennsylvania. He holds honorary degrees from Grove City College and Princeton University.

The Lackawanna Presbytery is providing hymnals to the new fellowship. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Reservations For Dinner Due Wed.

Community To Express Regard For Librarian

Mrs. Harry Ohlman asks that reservations for the smorgasbord honoring Miss Miriam Lathrop October 3 at Irem Country Club, be made by Wednesday of next week.

Residents visiting the library may make their reservations there, with Mrs. Albert Jones or Mrs. Robert Bachman. Mrs. Ohlman, dinner chairman will take reservations, also Mrs. Fred Howell, Mrs. Herman Thomas, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. Thomas Heffernan.

Members of the Book Club and of the Library Board are being reached by telephone. No special invitations are being issued. Everybody is welcome, a spontaneous expression of the regard in which the community holds its retiring librarian.

Brisk Demand For Land

Plans for the construction of the new Luzerne-Dallas Highway with subsequent razing of a number of business properties, has created a brisk demand for the few suitable locations along the highway that will be available after the road is built. Offers for prime locations are as high as \$75 per front foot for average depth.

William Dimmick, Engineer, Ends 49 Years With D & H Railroad

William H. Dimmick, 207 Skyline Drive, Trucksville, has retired after being in service with the D & H Railroad as an Engineer for 49 years. He married Grace Williams of Carbondale, and has three children, Mrs. George Bentley, Wilkes-Barre;

Key Club Rifle Team On The March And At Attention



Key Club Rifle Drill Team, shown here as it appeared in the parade preceding the Library Auction, is scheduled to perform in pre-game ceremonies in Sunbury on Saturday, opening festivities of the Annual Charity Night football game be-

tween Lycoming and Susquehanna College teams, in the Kiwanis Club parade to the stadium. Barry Slocum will lead.

Marching also will be the Key Club Color Guard, directed by Don Anderson; Colorettes, with the huge flag; Keyettes, directed by Glenda



Williams and Sally Moyer. In advance of the game, all units will perform on the field.

Last Saturday, the Rifle Team took top honors in the Mummies Parade at Hazleton, winning an award of \$100. Keyettes were given \$25 for their participation, and

Colorettes \$10.

George McCutcheon and Mrs. William Wright accompany the units. Members of the teams will go to Sunbury by bus and private cars, arriving at 6:30.

Photo By Kozemchak

Dr. Jay Young Captivates Civil Defense Audience as He Shows How to Stay Alive

Dr. Jay Young was the hit of the Civil Defense meeting Thursday night at Dallas Junior High School, demonstrating how layer after layer of material gives greater and greater protection from fall-out, and how to vanish under a table if no greater protection offers in a basement.

Holding a flashlight and a notebook, Dr. Young permitted one leaf to fall over the light. Two leaves; three leaves; a sheaf of leaves, until the light was completely blanked out.

Radio-activity, he explained, goes in a straight line, just as light does. Which is why you need plenty of protection overhead, but can still obtain fresh air in your basement shelter by locating vents near the floor, utilizing air which will enter the shelter with a minimum of contamination.

A number of the questions posed by the audience, written on slips of paper and collected by Boy Scouts of Troop 281, were concerned with necessary air supply.

Seated on the rostrum in the new High School auditorium were Dr. Young, Russell Honeywell, Burgess Thomas Morgan, Nick Souchick, Col. Leon Beisel, Stefan Hellersperk, Dr. Robert Bodycomb, William Krimmell, Jack Stanley, Joseph Harris, and Francis Ambrose.

Committee For Better Schools Upholds Board

Group Of Parents Seeks Legal Aid To Circumvent Law

Richard Demmy, chairman of Citizens Committee for Better Schools, states that his organization's executive board, including Rev. Robert D. Yost, pastor of Shavertown Methodist Church; Paul Rodda, architect; and Mrs. Morris Slater, Pioneer Avenue, solidly supports the Dallas School Board and superintendent Dr. Robert A. Mellman in their decision to adhere to the school code in the matter of transportation of school children.

Any other decision, said Mr. Demmy, would mean drastic cut in appropriation by the State, and corresponding upward revision of the budget, which draws its funds from the tax-payers.

The law clearly states that elementary children will not be picked up under a mile and a half. The school board has no recourse but to obey the law.

A number of parents of small children sought legal advice last week, to get around the law, after making protest at the school board meeting September 12. At this board meeting, it was stated that the board understood the problem, but that the law was clear.

The law can be changed, says Mr. Demmy, whose own children must cross a dangerous highway intersection on their way to school. There are clearly defined ways of changing laws. See your congressman.

Lines, he said, must be drawn somewhere. Children born January 31 are in one category, those born at one minute past midnight in another. The same applies to transportation lines.

Mr. Hellersperk welcomed the group. Mr. Ambrose recalled the surprise visitation of hundreds of elementary school children from Kingston, who were evacuated from Kingston by army truck and accommodated at Dallas Methodist Church for registration and feeding several years ago in a Civil Defense drill.

Mr. Souchick, representing Luzerne County, explained the scope of Civil Defense throughout the United States, and its key part in a program following natural or war disaster.

Wilkes-Barre, he said, is a target area, but not a prime target area. It is likely, he said, that in case of atomic attack, there would be a considerable time in which, after the alert, residents could find shelter. Radio-active fall-out normally follows air currents from west to east. It is the bombing of large cities to the west which would cause the fall-out in the East, while New York, Boston, or Philadelphia fall-out would continue out to sea.

Col. Beisel said that upon preparation in advance, depends survival. Preparation now, with stock-piling of food, first-aid supplies, battery powered radio, and construction of a shelter, could save the lives of millions of people.

Each family, as in pioneer days, must be self-sufficient, depending upon nobody else for help. Living in fall-out quarters, like existing in a life-boat, will be cramped and uncomfortable.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

People asked questions. These are samples:

How do you get fresh air? A blower type vent can be installed. Radiation travels in a straight line, not around corners. It can be diverted by baffles.

What about school children? Depends on type of alert signal. Those living near at hand could usually go home. Others would go to the basement. There could be five hours warning, or none.

Water? Will it be safe to drink? It is dirt particles that carry radiation. Filters take it out. Water from underground wells is safe.

Will we have power? Through fall-out period, yes. In direct atomic attack, no.

Sanitation? Primitive. Food? If it is alright, it is safe. Wash container. Heat does not destroy radiation.

Medical care? Will a doctor be able to reach us? No. Schools will be designated as hospitals. If my elderly grandmother should die in the shelter? This sounds grim, but you would have to get the body out of the shelter and go back in yourself.

Is radiation sickness contagious? No, but radiation can be carried on clothing from one to another victim.

How do you decontaminate the area afterwards? High pressure hoses could wash down roofs and buildings, with water not allowed to stand, but drain off quickly. In the home, vacuum cleaner, hose.

Alfred M. Camp played selections on the organ before and after the meeting, leading in "God Bless America" at the conclusion of the program.

Irwin Coolbaugh, Dallas Township chief of Police, directed parking, in one-way lanes marked out by the Acme that morning.

Leaflets on construction of shelters were distributed.

Col. Beisel called attention to the tremendous amount of coverage given Civil Defense on both radio and television, as well as in publications.

"They just turn the dial," said Col. Beisel, "and you can't make people pay attention if they don't want to pay attention. It bores them to think about safety. Even their own safety, and the safety of their children."

Honored At Buffet

Retiring Librarian Given Watch by Board Members

David Schooley, Comptroller of The Boston Store, and Mrs. Charles Frantz, Jackson Township, were elected directors of Back Mountain Memorial Library Association Tuesday night to fill the unexpired terms of Mrs. Gerald Stout, Vice President, and Charles Frantz who have resigned.

Mrs. Stout has moved to Forty Fort and Mr. Frantz has resigned because of a press of business. The two directors will serve until the January Annual Meeting. Mrs. Thomas Heffernan was elected vice president.

The brief business session of the Library Board preceded a farewell buffet for Miss Miriam Lathrop, librarian who will retire October 1, after sixteen years of service. She received a beautiful wrist watch, the gift of the individuals on the Library Board. The presentation was made by Robert Bachman, president. Miss Lathrop will make her future home in Sun City, Arizona.

It was also announced that her salary at the Library will continue until January 1. This terminal pay is in appreciation of her devoted service through the formative years of the Library to the present.

Miss Lathrop spoke with feeling of the associations and the cooperation she has received since coming here from Rutgers University. She told how her first interest in library work was whetted by Miss Nellie Betterly of the Osterhout Library staff while she was a student at the old Wilkes-Barre Institute and then how it was increased when in 1921 a Community Building was established in her own community, Springville, Susquehanna County.

When quarters in the Community Building grew too small for the library she had volunteered to establish and manage, her father the late Dr. Homer Lathrop, then dying of cancer, offered his office attached to his home for a town library. The library was so successful that it attracted the attention of Penn State University and Miss Lathrop then began library work in earnest, first for two years at Penn State; then for 17 years at Rutgers.

Concluding she stated: I have enjoyed every minute of my association with Back Mountain Library. When the snow next winter

Two Rattlesnakes Killed At Loyallville

Lumbering operations on Loyallville Mountain have stirred up rattlesnakes. Two were recently killed on the Raymon Hedden property within a week of each other. A 14-year old youngster reported to his unbelieving father that he had heard one in a back field. When Mr. Hedden came home he and the youngster rode a tractor up in the field in search of it. They found the rattler near a compost pile and dispatched it. The snake had a girth of seven inches. For proof, the skin is now suspended against the ceiling of the Hedden Barn.

Temporary Quarters Bring Increased Business

Back Mountain Branch of Wyoming National Bank has experienced a tremendous increase in business since its opening in temporary quarters in the former Frantz Card & Gift Shoppe opposite its old quarters which were destroyed when Back Mountain Lumber and Coal Company burned two weeks ago.

Apparently customers like to do business in the morning without crossing the highway.

Famous Fox Hounds and Hunters

For generations the Back Mountain country, especially the Sorber Mountain and Loyallville areas, has been the happy hunting grounds for fox hounds and their trainers.

Pictured here more than sixty years ago are some of the best, Ernest Wesley, 14, and Andrew Stelz, now deceased. The dogs equally renowned, were: Bulford, Walco, Ranger and Ring.

Mr. Wesley, now past 80, still hunts. His home is at Pike's Creek. Mr. Stelz was the father of Burton Stelz, Pike's Creek, now one of the regions best known woodsmen and fox hunters. His son Bob is also a fox and coon hunter.

Others of an earlier generation who were famous fox hunters were the late John Wilson and Prof. Frank Morris, at one time principal of Dallas Schools. Both men were crack shots and avid fox hunters. Even after they were long past eighty, there were few mornings when they went out that they did not come back with a fox.

Among present day hunters are such men as George Wesley, Sweet

Valley, brother of Avis Kocher, Lehman teacher, and Eva Wesley, Nesbitt Hospital technician; Ronald Thomas and Chester Roberts, painter, Sweet Valley, Elmer Fraley, Probation Officer, Wilkes-Barre, Arch Gross, retired tractor Company man, Kingston, Sheldon Evans, Shavertown druggist, and Kurt Edwards, DeMunds produce man. Bobby Fraley, son of Elmer, and grandson of Judge W.A. Valentine got his first fox a few weeks ago.

One of the best fox hounds now running is 15-year old "Colonel" owned by Farley, Edwards and Gross although Sheldon Evans admits to three; Crook, Ginger and Rip that are among the best. Evans is suspected of having three other fox hounds on the way. He has three tame red foxes in pens back of his Shavertown store along with a varied assortment of Beagle hounds.

No sound is so dear to the heart of a sportsman as the baying of a good hound, and no one loves a good hound more than the Wesleys and Stelzets. It was bred in them.



New Luzerne-Dallas Highway Will Completely Change Face Of Area

Airmen Leave Saturday For Active Duty

Three Officers And Enlisted Men Go To Dover Base

Three Back Mountain officers and one enlisted man are among the more than 100 airmen of the 92nd Air Terminal Squadron who will leave this week for a fifteen-day tour of active duty at Dover, Delaware, Air Force Base.

They are Major Carl Shriner, commanding officers, and Captain Thomas Garrity, Vice Commander, Harvey's Lake, and Captain Robert Hughes, Information Service officer, Norton Avenue, Dallas. Another Back Mountain man who will leave with them is Airman, first class, Donald Gross of Sweet Valley.

Captain Garrity recently received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his work in activating the Squadron and has been notified that his promotion has been approved and he will become a Major in January. During World War II he served three years with the Eighth Air Force in England.

Captain Hughes was with the 440th Troop Carrier Squadron for eighteen months in the European Theatre during World War II. His outfit dropped the 17th Airborne across the Rhine. He is presently Parks Department Manager for Wyoming Valley Equipment Company in Kingston.

Major Shriner was an Instructor Pilot for Multiple engines at Tyndall Field, Florida, during the war. Later he was Engineering Officer at Mid-dletown Air Base, near Harrisburg. He is presently Transportation Superintendent for Stegmaier Brewing Co.

Airman Gross was one of the first six-months trainees in the 92nd Squadron. He is now one of its top instructors.

The Squadron now has several openings for prior service men and also for non prior service men who would like to take six months of active duty and then remain in the Reserves for six years.

More Than 100 Property Owners Being Asked To Vacate Before January 15th

Construction next year of the new Luzerne-Dallas Highway will bring with it deep seated and far reaching changes in communities of the Back Mountain Region and may even completely change the social, economic and civil life of many residents of Kingston Township, Dallas Borough and parts of Dallas Township.

COMMONWEALTH MAILING 6000 NEW DIRECTORIES TO LOCAL SUBSCRIBERS

Within the week, Commonwealth Telephone Company's new Dallas directories will be received by 6000 subscribers, J. N. Landis, district manager, stated today.

Manager Landis noted that new directories, contain the seven digit numbers of the Company's new Dallas South office in Trucksville. "These new seven digit numbers are not to be used until November 5th when Dallas South will be cut into service. Until that time, the present numbers in the old directories must be used," he cautioned.

Approximately 950 subscribers in the Trucksville general area will be served by the new Dallas South office. The new numbering system will be effective on its conversion.

A red sticker affixed to the new directories advises customers encountering a seven digit number, beginning with 696, to refer to their old directory or information until the November 5th conversion date.

Lake Legion To Install Officers

Strohl To Head Legion, Mrs. Strohl Auxiliary

Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 and Auxiliary will hold joint installation of officers Saturday evening at 6:45, at the Herman Kern Restaurant.

Nello S. Carozzoni Jr. will officiate, with assistance of the Hanover Legion Post Installation Team.

Calvin Strohl will be installed Commander; Herbert Goodwin, Senior Vice Commander; Howard Engleman, Junior Vice Commander; Leo Wodaski, finance officer; Bill Jones, service officer; Kenneth Jackson, chaplain; Herman Brislin, historian; Leo Wodaski, adjutant; Isem Pennington, sergeant-at-arms.

Installation officer for the Auxiliary will be Mrs. Frank Goeckel, director of the Central District. These women will take office:

President, Shirley Strohl; first vice president, Louella Gosart; second vice president, Betty Casterline; secretary, Ethel Engleman; treasurer, Frances Yankoski; historian, Margaret Yankoski; chaplain, Mildred Jackson; sergeant-at-arms, Frances Desiderio.

Mundy In Hospital

Popular Joe Mundy, Pioneer Avenue, is a patient at Mercy Hospital where he underwent serious surgery on Tuesday morning. He has a wide circle of friends who are plugging for his rapid recovery.

Governor Is Coming

Dallas Rotary Club will entertain District Governor Elmer Daniels at its dinner meeting at Irem Temple Country Club on September 21.

Bears Make Mountain Vacation Exciting For Bill And Missus

BY MRS WILLIAM HUGHES

We have just returned from a week in the Southland, visiting Bryan College, Tennessee, where our son, Wayne, is a Sophomore and spending sometime in the "Great Smoky Mountains bordering Tennessee and North Carolina.

We had heard about bears roaming the mountains. We can verify from personal experience, that "There are Bear in them Mountains."

My husband and I love to camp outdoors, sleeping on air filled mattresses in our station wagon. The first night out we came to Gatlinburg, at the foot of the "Smokies" in Tennessee and were directed to a National Park Camp ten miles out. We registered, picked out a camp site and then returned to the resort town of Gatlinburg, which abounds with stores selling all kind of knick-knacks. Artists were doing free-lance painting along the streets.

We returned to our camp site and made preparations for a night of peaceful rest, we thought. We usually put the suitcases and other articles on the front seat in order to make more sleeping room.

My husband put the ice food container beside the car.

During the night he was awaken-

This was revealed this week as appraisers began talking with home owners and businessmen whose properties will have to be evacuated for the new highway right of way. These appraisers are: Thomas Garrity, Harveys Lake Realtor; Robert Hoffman, Wilkes-Barre Realtor and John Sammon, Pittston Realtor, who have been appointed to handle appraisals for the State Department of Highways.

Most of the property owners have previously been visited by Thomas Ratchford, of the Scranton Office of the Highway Department, who has informed them that they must vacate by January 15 so that construction of the four-lane highway can start without delay.

Most property owners have accepted his visit as inevitable and with good nature although the advent of the highway will make great changes in their lives. They know that the State will pay them well for their properties-but there is something about a location after you have been in it for a lifetime that makes you hesitate to want to change.

The amounts offered for properties and land vary according to location and to present worth of the real estate.

Here are some that will be affected (starting from Dallas toward Luzerne: left side)

Orchard Farm Restaurant, some land will be taken here; Dallas Shopping Center, some land; Kibbler's Fruit Stand, Betty Cease Treasure Gift Shop buildings and some land; Dr. Kern's office will remain but a strip of land will be taken; Milton Perrego property, intersection lower Main street and new highway, the property goes; Elston & Gould, right of way takes out gasoline pumps; further land will be appropriated to the Overbrook Avenue overpass (there will be no change in the overpass, it is wide enough to accommodate the new highway); Back Mountain Sporting Goods building goes.

The right-of-way will skirt close to Back Mountain Lumber Company, Wyoming National Bank, and new Shavertown Postoffice and Evans Drug Store but will not affect the buildings. Bolton's Diner will remain but the Bessie Brace Home, Andy Roan's Beverage (owned by Fred Eck) and the Jacobs Estate building on Center Street will be razed. Fifteen feet will be taken from the front of Hall's Drug Store parking lot, the building remaining intact.

All of Rave's Nursery will go as will the Leek Home, the last propeerty in Holcomb's Grove. The old Traction Company right of way in this area will become a part of the new highway. The right of way will come close to Woodlawn Inn taking some of the parking area; Johnson's Esso station, Ernest Gay's Insurance office and everything else, except Cities Service Station (owned by Howard Isaacs) to Harris Hill Road will go.

Beyond Harris Hill, Davis Cleaners Building, Dr. Crompton's office and all buildings to Gavy's Market will be razed. The Mathers Block of stores including Gavy's Market will remain but the Amoco Gasoline Station at the intersection with Carverton Road will go. So will the

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ed by a noise near the container, but couldn't find the flashlight so rapped on the car window to frighten whatever was out there. The noise woke me up. When I flashed the light, we saw that the ice container was on its side. There sitting under a tree in the flashlight's beam was a bear and I mean a big bear (as big as Smokey-the-Bear) eating our butter and bacon. The light did not faze him. When he finished off the butter and bacon, he sauntered back to the ice container, and dragged it several feet from the car, reached in, plucked out a quart of milk, bit off the cardboard cap, being careful not to swallow any paper, squeezed all the milk out with his paw then licked it up after which he plucked out another quart of chocolate milk and drank that.

My husband slid back one of the windows slightly (ever so slightly) but open wide enough to thrust an umbrella through and swing it at the bear, but Mr. Bear stayed just out of reach putting his ears back. We thought it was time to pull in the umbrella and close the window tight.

After devouring the milk, he got up and pawed out some ice Findig

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