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Consulting Engineer Opens Second Unit In Dallas Shopping Center



BERNICE AND JAMES BLACKMER

Monday morning will mark the Grand Opening of the Dallas Cleaners in Dallas Shopping Center. The store will be operated by Mr. and Mrs. James Blackmer, East Center Street, Shavertown, who have recently moved to the Back Mountain from Mexico, where Mr. Blackmer planned and put into operation the first steel forging plant. A graduate of Michigan State, Mr. Blackmer holds a B.S. Degree in Metallurgical Engineering and was a Free Lance Consulting Engineer for heavy industry for several years. His specialty was Steel Forging. Before the two-year residence in Mexico, the Blackmers were located in Chicago. While none of his past experience is a background for owning and operating a Dry Cleaning establishment, Mr. Blackmer traveled throughout the country seeking the business which he felt would be most productive in his so-called re-

irement years. His selection of a Martenizing Plant was only after painstaking research of processes and plants that produce fast, quality cleaning. The public is cordially invited to see the most modern dry cleaning plant in operation and have details of the cleaning operation explained. Bernice and James Blackmer, as they hope to be known, want to become active in Back Mountain affairs and to eventually own a home in the community. Their son, D. Wayne lives next door with his wife and family of three. After the opening day celebration, Mr. Blackmer promises one-hour service anytime... daily until 3:30 p.m. at no extra cost. Joe Bond, another Back Mountain resident will operate the tailoring and alteration end of the business.

Postmaster Has Suggestions For Christmas Mail

Avoid Lines, Stock Up On Stamps And Mail Cards Early

"It's time to start planning your Christmas card and gift mailings," Postmaster Joseph Polacky said yesterday as he launched his 1961 "Mail Early For Christmas" Campaign.

Looking ahead to what may be the biggest Christmas season ever, the Postmaster said further, "Here are the things to watch to help in getting every Christmas card and package delivered before December 25."

CHECK your Christmas card and gift lists carefully. Be sure each address is complete with full name, street and number, city, zone and state. Avoid abbreviations of city and state names.

FOR YOUR GIFT PACKAGES, secure heavy wrapping paper, sturdy corrugated cartons, strong cord and adhesive tape. Remember, also, that you can include your Christmas card or letter inside your gift packages if you will add the appropriate First Class mail stamp to the postage for the package itself.

STOCK UP ON POSTAGE STAMPS — By doing this soon, you'll save lots of time that might be spent standing in line later on. When you go to the Post Office, ask for a supply of labels which read, "All For Local Delivery," and "All For Out of Town Delivery," so that before you mail your Christmas cards you can sort them into two groups, with the addresses all facing one way, thus expediting delivery."

The Post Office will help you plan your Christmas mailings. Get a copy of Pamphlet No. 2, which gives full information about proper packaging and wrapping of parcels.

First Class Postage Is Best for mailing your Christmas cards. All cards sent by 4c postage may include a personal handwritten message, and they'll be forwarded or returned, if that becomes necessary. Be sure to put your return address on your Christmas card envelopes. It's socially correct to do this, and enables both you and your friends to keep your mailing lists up-to-date.

Forest Fire Forced Lee Tracys To Pack Their Personal Goods

The destructive brush fires that raged through the Los Angeles suburban area last week destroying homes of several movie stars, gave Lee and Helen Tracy several anxious hours. During a long distance telephone call Monday night, the uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Mr. Greenwood Road, learned that the couple had all of their personal belongings packed for two days in their car and Helen's father's car ready to leave their home in Pacific Highlands, north of Los Angeles, on a moment's notice. The flames came within a half mile of their home and Lee used a hose on the roof to extinguish burning embers. Fortunately the fire was extinguished when it reached Will Rogers Ranch Park, a half mile from the city line. The Tracys were of the opinion that the fire could have been brought under control earlier had the city been willing to spend the money to assist a neighboring community. They said the airplanes using chemical to retard the fire were very effective but costly—far less costly, however, than the millions in damage done by the fire. Up until the fire, the Tracys had been enjoying the peace and quiet of the California countryside following their first trans-continental motor trip together. On the trip which they prolonged to six weeks, they caught many salmon which they had canned as gifts for friends. It was Lee's first real vacation in years. He had never before stayed overnight in a modern motel and is now convinced that there is no better way to see America than by automobile.

Natona Installs 24 High Speed Reading-Made Tricot Machines

As part of a half million dollar improvement program, Natona Mills has just completed installation of twenty-four of the latest model high-speed Tricot machines. The new machines have replaced older slower models and have already increased production assuring steadier and more secure employment for the Natona staff. The plant modernization program has also been extended to the finishing department at Glen Falls, N.Y. According to plant superintendent Charles Gardner, the outlook is bright at Natona and he looks forward to continued progress. The machines were manufactured in Reading and were purchased by the Natona management because they were Pennsylvania made. A competing machine is manufactured in Germany. About nine months were required for installation. Robert Milne is in charge of the department.

Hawaiian Night

Arab Patrol and Hawaiian Night will be the feature attraction at the Irem Temple Country Club on Saturday evening, Chairman of the affair, to which Potentate Thomas E. Lehman III, has invited all members. His wives and guests, is William Jones assisted by the co-chairman, C. Everett LaBarre. Another evening of entertainment has been arranged and dancing will follow. Dinner will be served in the dining room commencing at 6:30 and continue until 8 p.m.

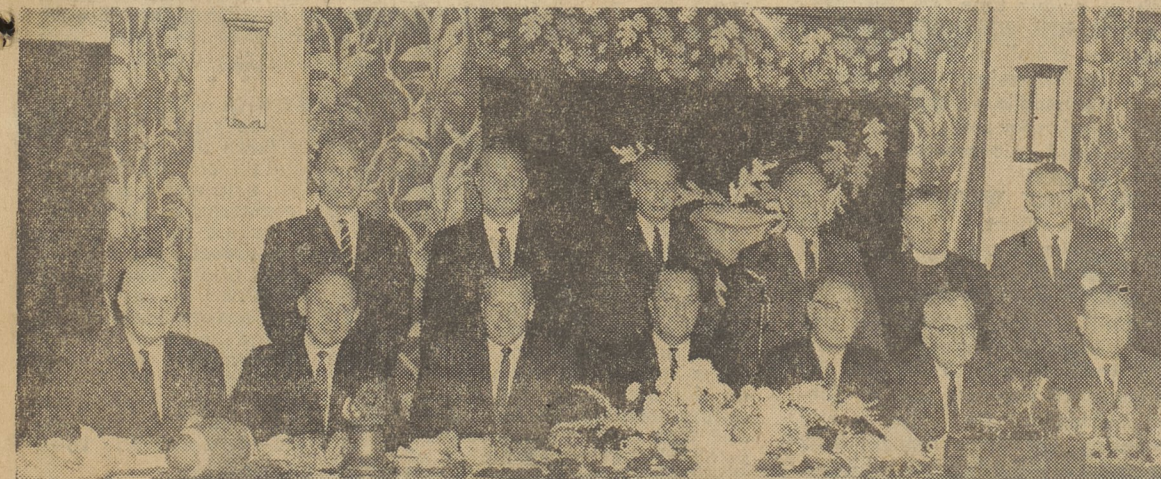
Heads Legion Party



BERNARD REHILL

Commander Edward Buckley has appointed Bernard Rehill chairman of Daddow-Isaacs Post's annual Turkey Party which will be held this Sunday evening at 8 at the Legion Home. Rehill, an employee of Linear Inc., and a former resident of Philadelphia, has announced that his committee invites all local Legionnaires to help. Profits from the Party will be used to carry on the Post's community program which has been recognized by the State and National Legions as outstanding. Spontaneous grief was the reaction of the Back Mountain when residents learned that Charles Gates of Dallas had died suddenly Friday night. "Chuck" was a friend to everybody, kindness personified in all his dealings, quick to lend a sympathetic ear. He and his wife, denied children, were singularly devoted to each other. Mr. Gates was buried Monday at Fern Knoll. Rev. Russell Lawry, pastor of Dallas Methodist Church, officiating at services from the Williams Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Richard Oliver, Earl Roberts, Earl Themayne, Delbert Hughes, Milton Hughes, and Jack DeWitt. He had been battling what seemed to be a cold for a week before admission by Dallas ambulance to Nesbitt Hospital Friday night. Placed under oxygen immediately, he died an hour after admission. Fifteen years ago he had suffered a coronary, and followed a schedule of life which permitted him to keep on with his occupation as special agent for American Credit. Indemnity Company, but took into account his heart condition. He retired four years ago. For thirty years he lived in Dallas, moving from Shrine View to Split Rail Lane some years ago. He was born in Kingston, son of the late Frank R. and Loreta Barney Gates. He was a member of Dallas Methodist Church. Masonic affiliations included King Hiram Lodge 721 F&AM, Caldwell Consistory, and Irem Temple. He belonged to the Franklin Club. His only survivor is his wife, the former Cora Jones of Scranton. Mrs. Gates has with her for the next two weeks her niece, Mrs. Franklin Brutzman, who flew up from Atlanta Georgia.

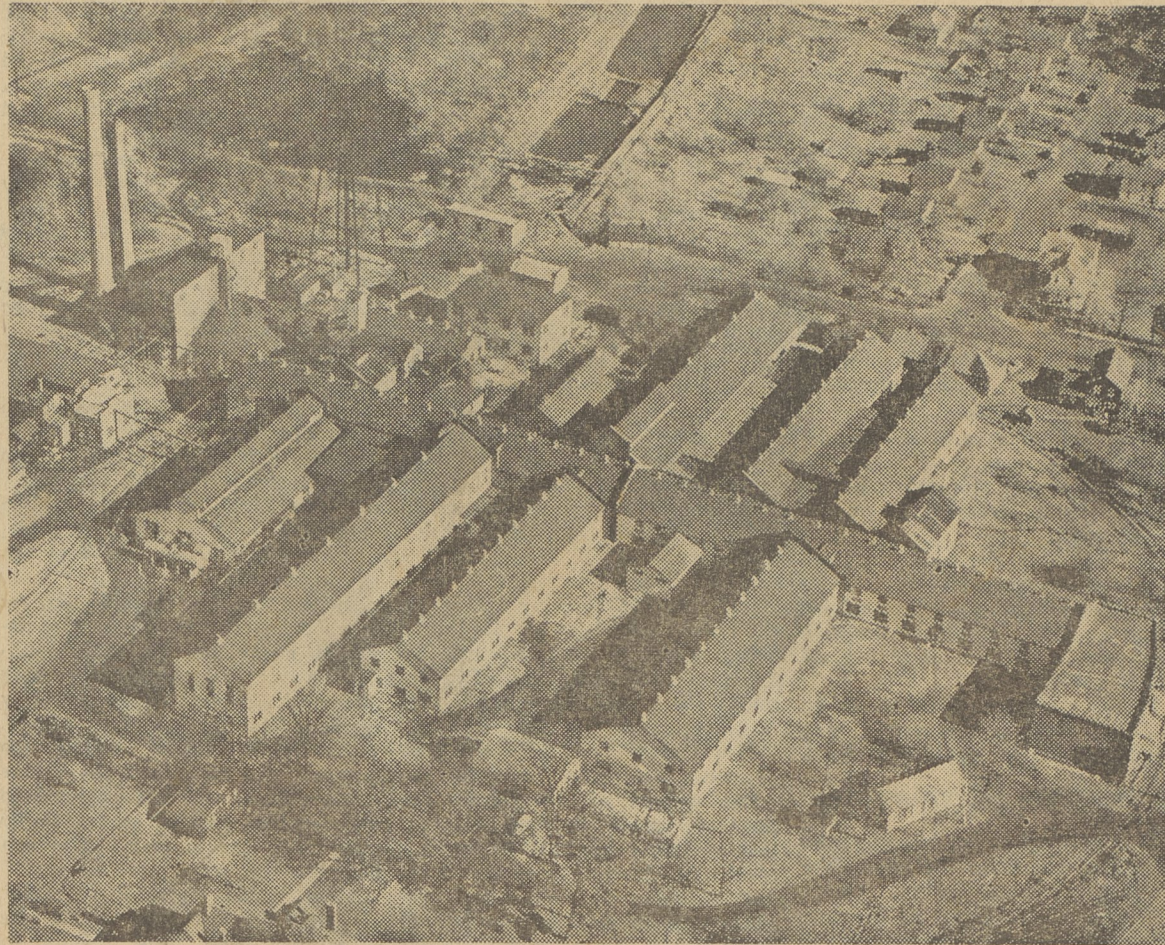
Dallas Rotary Entertains Dallas Football Team



Dallas Rotary Club entertained members of the Dallas Football Team Thursday night at the Fourteenth Annual Old Shoe Trophy dinner, when team members invited their mothers and coaches to a smorgasbord at Irem Country Club. The Old Shoe Trophy, given to the winner in the annual Lake-Lehman and Dallas conflict, following a custom inaugurated by Donald Clark, is seen in a place of honor at the head table. Seated in the front row, left to right, are Fred Jennings, James Alexander, Jim McCarthy, Earl W. Phillips, Dr. Robert A. Mellman, W. Frank Trimble, and Thomas H. Jenkins. Standing are George Dombick, Edward Brominski, Merton Jones, W. B. Jeter, Rev. William McClelland, and Joseph D. Law. Mr. Alexander presided, introducing Rev. McClelland, who gave the invocation. Earl Phillips, dinner chairman, was toastmaster. Guest speaker McCarthy, from NBC, spoke of the value of sports to American youth. Wilkes-Barre Rotary Dixieland Band entertained.

photo by Kozemchak

A Sad Picture For The Back Mountain Country



This is an air view of the Noxen Tannery, one of the most modern tanneries in America. The view is toward the south-east from the vicinity of Schooley Mountain. To the far left is the dual purpose power plant, a big consumer of anthracite coal. Its generators provide power and light. Exhaust steam is used for heating and drying hides. Immediately behind the power plant in the long building are the hair house and beam house where green hides are fleshed and prepared for tanning in the yards on the lower floors of the buildings extending at right angles. Further to the right on the lower floors of the long building are the rocker yards and scrub houses. Upper floors are the lofts where hides are hung for drying and curing by forced hot air after tanning. Upper floor of the first right angle building to the right is the roller room for final finishing of hides. Concrete building to the far right is the shipping department. The small building below it in the foreground is the office. Pools at center top are for disposal of tanning liquors and extracts. Row of homes top right were constructed by the Armour Company for employees. The plant was completely destroyed by fire during World War I and for some time there was doubt that it would ever be rebuilt. However, the Armour Company kept all of its employees on payroll doing clean-up jobs and finally the thrilling announcement came that Westinghouse, Church, Kerr of New York City had been awarded the general contract for one of the finest tanneries in the world. Construction started in 1918 and was completed in 1919. At its peak in 1941 the plant employed 217 persons.

Seventy Year Old Plant of Armour Leather Company To Close At Noxen

The Back Mountain Region suffered a severe economic blow this week with the announcement by P. W. Kenyon, Williamsport, general manager of the Sole Leather Division, that Noxen tannery of the Armour Leather Company will close within a few weeks and the buildings will be offered for sale. The announcement was not completely unexpected for employees of the big tannery have been apprehensive for several weeks since the firm first began laying off employees in the beam house and later throughout the other operations. Mr. Kenyon said generally depressed conditions in the entire leather industry are responsible for the decision to close the plant. He said he wanted to stress the cooperative spirit of the employees, the outstanding workmanship, and the high quality of the product produced at Noxen. Mr. Kenyon said there has been practically no labor trouble and only depressed conditions in the industry were considered in making the decision to close. One hundred and eight employees will be affected—most of them men in the upper age brackets who have devoted their lives to the plant. Some of these, a very few, may be able to obtain similar employment in the company's other plants at Williamsport and Westover, West Virginia, but Williamsport is now working with a complete staff. "In the meantime," he said, "we have set up chairmen and committees to exert every effort to bring a new industry into Noxen, but there is nothing now in sight."

Much Speculation

There is considerable speculation as to what type of industry could use the buildings other than a tannery or chemical company. Some have suggested light wood working or a furniture industry. Buildings are in good condition and there is an exceptionally fine power plant. In discussing possible future use of the buildings, Mr. Kenyon said some of the machinery now housed at Noxen will be shipped to Williamsport. Little or none will be sent to the Parsons plant.

Lumbering Last Outpost

The Noxen tannery which is one of the last vestiges of the once thriving lumber industry in North-eastern Pennsylvania, was established more than seventy years ago in 1889 by the late G. K. Mosser of Allentown. At that time there were vast quantities of hemlock bark available close at hand, and good water supply of proper temperature for tanning purposes. Over the years bark became a decreasing factor in tanning. The long bark sheds and grinding mills disappeared, replaced by extracts and chemicals shipped in by tank car. Three generations of Mosser's (Continued on Page 3 A)

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Dallas School Directors Plan Farewell Dinner

Will Welcome Two New Members, Bid Goodbye To Eight

Dallas School Board plans a Hail and Farewell dinner Saturday, December 9 at The Castle, strictly Dutch Treat, a final get-together for retiring members, and a welcome to the two new members, both of them women. The face of the board, after reorganization meeting scheduled by law for the first Monday in December, will be entirely changed, with retirement of many of the stalwarts who have battled through the rough times of the original five-way jointure leading to formation of the present Union District. Retiring from Dallas Township are Philip Cheney and Francis Ambrose. From Kingston Township, James Hutchison and William Clewell. From Dallas Borough, Walter Mohr and Lewis LeGrand. From Franklin Township, Henry Hess and Don Hislop. New members are: Mrs. Thomas Vernon, elected member-at-large; and Mrs. Louise Steinhauser, Franklin Township, Kingston Township, Dallas Township, and Dallas Borough, according to the pattern of eventual reduction of the Union District school board to seven members, one from each municipality and three at large, elected no members. Mrs. Vernon, Kingston Township, ran as candidate for member-at-large. Jim Hutchison has been on the Kingston Township list of directors for twelve years. Bill Clewell was elected to the board to replace the late Stanley Henning, and has served since January of 1954. Retiring from Dallas Borough directors, Lewis LeGrand has been a director for twelve years, after serving as secretary of the board, and as auditor for many years. Walter Mohr is completing a shorter term, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Harry Ohlman, in September of 1956.

Remaining as Dallas directors are old-timers L. L. Richardson and Dr. Robert Bodycomb, each with sixteen years of service, both due to retire in 1963. Younger in point of service is Earl Phillips, who succeeded D. T. Scott Jr. Bodycomb and Richardson will retire in 1963. In Franklin Township, Donald Hislop is finishing out the unexpired term of George Dymond. With his retirement and that of Mr. Hess, the Franklin Township board is reduced to two old members, Mr. Sicker and Mr. Mitchell, plus the newly elected Mrs. Steinhauser. Mr. Hislop has been with the board since December, 1960. Mr. Hess was elected in November 1955. Remaining on the Kingston Township roster are Charles Manneer, president of the Board; William Davis, and Walter Phillips. In Dallas Township, remaining members will be William Wright and Alton B. Whittaker, both of whom will retire in 1963; and Jack Stanley, whose term will end in 1965. Phil Cheney has served on the board twice, but not consecutively. He is currently finishing out the term of R. E. Neal, taking office in 1960. Red Ambrose, for some time chairman of the five-way jointure which antedated the Union District, leaves after having entered the calm waters, after stormy sessions during jointure upheavals. Mrs. Vernon has attended every meeting of the school board for many months as spectator, acquainting herself with procedure, gathering valuable background material.

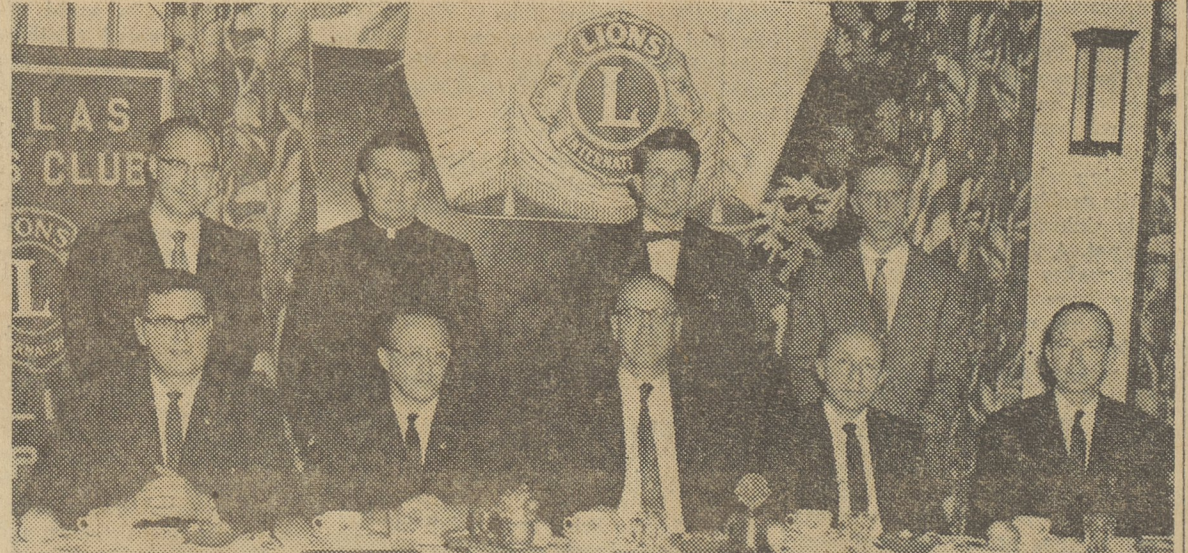
Camp Resigns As Principal Of Evening School

Cafeteria Manager Selected, To Start Work November 27

Resignation of Alfred M. Camp as principal of Dallas Adult Evening School was accepted Monday night by Dallas School directors, who met in the high school library one day earlier than usual. Thomas F. Carr, holding certification for an evening school principal's position, took on Mr. Camp's duties November 8. Mr. Camp's resignation having taken effect November 3 for reasons of health. Mr. Camp will continue with his regular daytime schedule. Henry Welch, long-time custodian at Dallas Borough School, will retire December 31. Cafeteria Manager A cafeteria manager has been procured after months of interviews with prospective managers. Frank Hemingway of Swoyersville, presently manager of the cafeteria at West Side Central Catholic High School, and an expert baker, will start work November 27. He is the unanimous choice of committee members. Thomas Jenkins, assistant to Principal W. Frank Trimble, will continue to oversee the finances of the cafeteria, but will be relieved of supervision of its mechanics. Commencement Speaker Joseph W. Hobbs, superintendent of schools of Mason County, Ill., will speak on "Assignment Tomorrow" at graduation exercises scheduled for June 12, 1962. Mr. Hobbs, superintendent of schools since 1943, presents a daily radio program, Mason County Review, over Station WSWT, Pekin, Ill. He is a graduate of Bradley University, where he obtained his Master's in Education. Water Is Satisfactory Each week, samples of water used in the high school are sent to Kirby Health Center for analysis. The report is that it is adequate. Repairs to water mains, broken by settling of the ground following excavation and grading, has been done, plumbers working overnight and far into the next day to correct the damage. As Dr. Robert A. Mellman explained in his superintendent's report, it costs far too much to close the school for repairs, estimated in terms of cancelled bus service, spoiled food in the cafeteria, etc. Languages Spanish will be offered in Grade 9, beginning in September. In the meantime, conversational Spanish will be offered to grades 7 and 8 for the remainder of the school year. It was brought out in course of the discussion that directors who had read George Jacobs' letters from the Philippines in the Dallas Post were impressed by his feeling that Spanish should be one of the favored subjects. Dr. Mellman pointed out that any student going to a foreign country is handicapped by not knowing the language, that the same argument could be made for study of French and German, but that Spanish is probably the easiest foreign language to learn, and is used in many countries. With elimination of requirements in Latin for entrance to most colleges, he said, modern languages are advisable. Retiring Members A number of school board members were attending their last official board meeting. Reorganization will take place in December, with eight members dropping out, two joining the board. Retiring are: James Hutchison and William Clewell, Kingston Township; Lewis LeGrand and Walter Mohr, Dallas Borough; Francis Ambrose and Philip Cheney, Dallas Township; Henry Hess and Donald Hislop. Mrs. John Vernon and Mrs. Louise Steinhauser will be sworn in at the December meeting. Mrs. Vernon as director-at-large and Mrs. Steinhauser as director from Franklin Township. Evening Chorus Concert Dr. Mellman asked support for the free concert to be offered by members of the Mixed Chorus of the Dallas Evening Extension School Monday evening, December 18, in the new auditorium. William Wright, one of the members of the chorus, reported that rehearsals have been going well since evening classes opened early in October, and that the concert would embrace a wide variety of offerings. Roof Repairs Parry and Company have the contract for roof repairs at Dallas Township and Dallas Borough, to correct damage caused by a spring hailstorm. The amount is \$1,724, following specifications. Bids were opened October 27. Church League Back Mountain Church Basketball League was authorized to use the gymnasiums Saturday evenings, specific dates to be determined by Thomas Jenkins and John Rosser. Permission Granted To Dr. Mellman to attend the

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Dallas Lions Hosts At Inter-Club Meeting



Dallas Lions Club was host to an Inter-Club meeting Tuesday night at Irem Temple Country Club. In attendance were members of Dallas, Noxen, Luzerne and Larks-ville Clubs. Opening remarks were by Club Presidents James Thomas, Dallas; Osmond Casterline, Noxen and Dr. Herman Aqua, Luzerne. Deputy District Governor Wilbur Shorts and Zone Chairman Edward Papiack conducted the Induction Ceremony welcoming new Lions. Guest speaker was Dr. Jay A. Young, Dallas, chairman of the Department of Chemistry at King's College, who spoke on "Fall Out and Radioactivity."

Shown above at the speaker's table are: standing, Dr. Herman A. Aqua, Rev. Francis Brennan, Joe Yeager, Osmond Casterline; seated, Edward A. Papiack, Zone Chairman; Wilbur Shorts, Deputy District Governor; James C. Thomas, Jay A. Young and Richard O. Myers.