

# Woman's Club Chorale Ready For Fourteenth Merry Christmas



Arrayed in Merry Christmas outfits of black street dresses with wide berthas and wearing Merry Christmas earrings and corsages, the Dallas Woman's Club Chorale is prepared for its fourteenth annual presentation of Christmas songs. A taped recording over WBAX will be presented December 12 by Jim Ward. On December 13, the Chorale will entertain at the Dallas Senior Women's Club party; on December 15 at Veterans Hospital; and on December 20th, at Miner's National Bank, their tenth appearance in the rotunda.

The twenty-nine members rehearse Tuesday evenings at the Library Annex. Roberta Carey is accompanist; Wilma Carroll, director.

Officers are: Catherine Garris, president; Shirley Goode, secretary; Margaret Case, treasurer.

Seated in the first row, left to right, are: Peg Kingsbury, Roberta Carey, Janet McGoe, Catherine Garris, Wilma Carroll, Brenda Dymond, Catherine Kreidler, Margaret Clark, Peggy Case, and Dorothy Nicol.

Second row: Alberta Cross, Marie Kostenbauder, Mary Reese, Hilda Grifed, Patricia Rood, Anne Balavage, Thelma Rood, Adaltha Mahler, and Irene Katyl.

Third row: Mary Bennallack, Betty Turner, Lillian Drust, Mary Lauer, Evelyn Seeley, Barbara Troup, Betty Hanna, Shirley Goode, and Janet Fitch.

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### Practical Joker Responsible For Bad Heart Attack

Sent On Wild Goose Chase, Elderly Man From N.J. Collapses

Victim of an almost fatal hoax, a visitor from New Jersey is at Nesbitt Hospital, rushed there in the Dallas Community Ambulance after suffering a heart attack Monday evening.

John G. Johnson of Highbridge, N.J. and Charles Snyder of Claude Street, were hunting on the first day of deer season at Kytile. In the same party, but separated for some hours by prearranged plan, were Mr. Johnson's son John, and his son-in-law Leo Pearson, also of Highbridge.

A hunter in a tan jacket and cap ran up to Mr. Snyder and Mr. Johnson. "Your son John is in trouble up there on that mountain," he said. "He's got a deer up there and he can't get it down." He waved to a ridge, and went on his way.

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Johnson, neither of them young men, plunged through the underbrush, a hike of seven miles, returning at 3:30 to the car after a four hour absence, without having caught sight of son, son-in-law, or deer.

At the prearranged time, John Jr. and Mr. Pearson emerged from the woods. They had been on the lookout for deer on a ridge behind Steele's restaurant, had sighted no deer, had spoken to nobody.

As the four men were discussing the matter, another hunter came along, infuriated. He had been sent on a similar wild goose chase by the same tan-jacketed man, described as short and stocky.

The four men returned to Dallas. At 8 p.m., Mr. Johnson Sr., completely exhausted by his fruitless tramp through the woods, collapsed with a violent heart attack.

Don Bulford brought oxygen immediately, and Dr. Gallagher left an office filled with patients to minister to the stricken man. Bill Wright drove.

Mrs. George Shaver Jr., Fernbrook says, "That was the meanest trick I ever heard of. Here's Uncle John at Nesbitt Hospital, making good progress, but his business is (Continued on Page 4 A)

### Keeping Posted

GEORGE L. STERNS, head of L. L. Sterns & Sons department store, Williamsport is the new president of Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce. He was elected at the 44th annual meeting to succeed Andrew J. Sordani, Jr., head of Sordani Enterprises and Commonwealth Telephone Company.

CONGRESSMAN DANIEL J. FLOOD has announced further improvements in navigational equipment at Avoca Airport when, on February 15, the new Surveillance Radar System will be commissioned.

SAVINGS of more than \$500 have been effected by Dallas Township Supervisors in the construction of a new V-Type Snow Plow which when attached to a bulldozer will cut through the middle of a 30-foot drift. It was constructed by township road men under the supervision, Fred Lamoreaux, Road Supervisor.

BUILDING ACTIVITY in the State for the first ten months of the year was slightly better than for the same period in 1960. There was a marked upturn in residential building during the September-October period, but a dip in non-residential authorizations — hospitals, public works, educational buildings, office buildings, amusement-recreation buildings. But religious buildings, stores and mercantile buildings registered increases.

ONCE AGAIN Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company has decorated Christmas trees at its Scranton and Wilkes-Barre offices in honor of St. Michael's School and for the third successive year is soliciting Christmas gifts for the boys of the school. Recommended are shirts, sweaters, jackets, trousers, shoes, gloves, clothing and personal grooming supplies for boys aged 12 to 15. Gifts are preferred but if checks are donated they should be made out to "St. Michael's Christmas Fund" and sent to the Gas Company.

DON'T BE SURPRISED if you should see Rural Building & Loan Association shortly in a new home on Main Street, Dallas. This conservative, local financial institution stands in an enviable position for greater expansion.

THOMAS HEFFERNAN, Sr., Lehman, publisher of the Sunday Independent, left last Wednesday by air for a sojourn in Ireland.

FORMER GOVERNOR and Mrs. John Fine have returned from their honeymoon to their home at Loyalville. Mrs. Fine, is the widow of Harry G. Pethick, well-known Wyoming Valley contractor.

DR. RICHARD CROMPTON, who will have to leave his present Trucksville location to make way for the new highway, is building a fine new clinic and home on Carverton Road in the Westmoreland Hills area.

### John Girvan Suffers Staggering Loss, A Box Of Tools Of His Trade

John Girvan, veteran of the Back Mountain in the carpet laying and floor covering field, has suffered a staggering loss, one which will make it all but impossible to carry out his trade, in the face of an assignment to lay the new carpet in the recently redecorated Noxen Methodist Church.

Mr. Girvan, well beyond retirement age, but with no expectation of retiring as long as he can hold a pair of carpet shears and wield a hammer, has lost a large grey metal box containing tools of his trade gathered over a period of half a century.

He did not discover the loss at once, so cannot pinpoint the time and the place. He thought he might have set the tool box down

outside the gate after doing a job for Patty Davies out on the Lehman Highway.

Or he might have taken it from his car and left it in front of his home on Lake Street.

There is no identification on the box. It is heavy, and the tools are of little value to anybody not in the carpet business. He is offering a reward for its return, in the hope that someone may have found it, and not been able to return it for lack of a name and address.

His tool box spells not only a livelihood for Mr. Girvan, but ability to pursue an honorable trade and the dignity of an expert craftsman.

In this issue, the toolbox is advertised under "Lost." lzhdnanaoptd

### A Sample Of Back Mountain Luck



This 180 pound eleven point buck was shot at 8:30 at Beth Run on opening day of deer season. The lucky hunter was Fred Lamoreaux Jr., 19, who got his first deer with a shot from a 30-30 Winchester that broke its neck. Standing in front of the deer which is elevated on a tripod of Fred Sr.'s truck, are Arthur Belles Sr.; the happy hunter; Arthur Jr.; and Ralph Belles.

It was a three-mile haul out of the woods, with no snow for easy skidding.

Two deer, one a buck and one a doe, kept changing places. "It's a buck," and then "It's a doe, hold everything, don't shoot."

Shel Evans, one of the earliest to report, got a 125 pounder at Loyalville at 7:30. Emory Stash, Demunds, was successful.

Lloyd Ryan got his buck at Benton. The George Steward family got four deer. Edwin Rhodes, Harveys Lake, got a four-point buck near Centerville.

Jack Cave, hunting with Jim and Bobby Casterline, Ed Gilman, and Walter Stull, got a 130 pound two-pointer at Broadway.

At Dallas Schools, two basketball players, Bob Letts and Ronnie Sincrope, got deer on Monday.

Skip Davis, senior, got a 125 pounder. At Junior High, Albert Matukitus, ninth grade, got a 110 pounder; Lewis Dixon, eighth grade, 110 pounds; Ernest Barber, also eighth grade, 115 pounds.

Students at Lehman building of the Lake-Lehman jointure gave their reports to the school office.

Eight were successful: Bobby Moss, a three point buck weighing 114 pounds; Don Stroud, five points, 125 pounds; Robert Lincoln, five points, 140; Ronald Hontz, four points, 125; Harry Kittle, 8 point, 100; Ronnie Culver, four point, 130; Ben Spencer, four point, 140; Walter Lubinski, two point, 100 pounds.

At the Lake building, a girl, Judy Sorber, bagged the biggest, 165 pounds, seven points. Judy is in the ninth grade, Robert Sorber, ninth grade, 140 pounds, two points; John Lerch, twelfth grade, 150, two points; Fred Boston, tenth grade, 140, four points.

In the Noxen area, Fred Boston, Robert Turner, Cecil Traver, Donald Hopfer, Alexander Wilson, Richard Traver Sr., John, Charles and Barbara Kovalick, were successful.

At Ross Township, Myron Moss got a spike buck, his son Robert a three-point buck.

### Fourteen Year Old Gets 160 Lb. Buck

Bobby Sorber, fourteen year old son of Mrs. Erna and the late Robert Sorber, bagged a 160 pound buck the first day of deer season, shooting it in his Granddad Sorber's meadow. Granddad was even more pleased and proud than Bobby.

### Board Dinner Saturday

Retiring School directors and incoming directors of Dallas Schools will be honored by the board this Saturday at The Castle, 6:30 p.m.

### Anthony Zachary New President

Officers Elected At Annual Meeting Dec. 3

Tony Zachary was elected president of Dallas Community Ambulance at the annual meeting Sunday afternoon. Lane Jarrett was elected first vice president, Ralph Downend second, Jack Berti third. Re-elected were secretary Marie Thevenon and treasurer Edwin Roth.

Elected to one-year terms on the board were Mrs. Edward Caran and Charles Flack for Dallas Township; James Wertman, Joe Hand for Dallas Borough. Two-year terms: Mrs. William Wright, Daniel Richards, Township; Russell Honeywell, Don Bulford, Borough. Three-year terms: Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Robert Block; Ray Titus, and Bill Berti.

The new 1961 Cadillac ambulance was delivered to the Borough Building Tuesday afternoon, and the 1955 Cadillac formerly used, delivered to Franklin Township Ambulance Association.

Ray Titus, crew chief, asks all crewmen to come in as soon as possible to get acquainted with the ambulance and its appointments. The new vehicle, the third in the history of the association, is larger and more beautiful than the 1955 Cadillac now purchased by Franklin Township, and has a number of improved appointments.

### Board Reelects Adams President

Michael Adams, beginning his second term as Ross Township school director, was reelected president of the board at the reorganization meeting held Monday night at Ross elementary school.

Sworn in as a new member of the board, along with Mr. Adams was Cletus Holcomb Jr., Myron Moss, Justice of the Peace, administered the oath of office.

Paul Crockett was reelected vice president; Richard Stroud, secretary; William LaBar, treasurer.

### Express Thanks

Osage Lodge 712, 100F, Lehman, wishes to thank everybody who helped with or contributed to the recent auction sale.

### SHOPLIFTERS TAKE LADY'S WATCH FROM EYE'S JEWELRY

A wave of petty shoplifting that has hit a number of Back Mountain stores during the past week, became serious Tuesday afternoon when a \$50 Bulova Diamond Dream C Lady's wrist watch was stolen from R. L. Eye's Jewelry Store in Shavertown some time between 2:30 and 4:30 p. m.

All police departments have been alerted and there is a possibility that plainclothes men will visit all stores—especially those in the Shopping Centers—if the practice isn't broken up.

### Fall Down Stairs Cancels Dinner

Thanksgiving Turkey Postponed To Friday

Mrs. Susan Kistler, 83, fell down the cellar steps Thanksgiving morning, breaking her ankle and her elbow. Taken to Nesbitt Hospital in Dallas Community ambulance from her home on Hillcrest Drive, New Goss Manor, she is reported as resting comfortably, but hampered by wearing two casts. The ankle was operated upon for placement of a pin.

Mrs. Kistler, her turkey already in the oven, visited the basement to get a can of fruit. Her granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Irvin Kistler III, finished roasting the turkey the day after Thanksgiving for her husband, her father, and for her grandfather. The former Gail Hoover has a light touch with turkeys.

### DALLAS, LAKE-LEHMAN DROP OPENING CAGE TILTS TO OPPONENTS

Both Back Mountain court teams opened the season Tuesday night on the losing side.

Dallas lost a heartbreaker to Wyoming 55-52 with Tommy Gauntlett showing the way with 28 tallies on nine goals and ten free throws. Bob Letts was next with 11.

Lake-Lehman took a 75-29 drubbing at the hands of an experienced West Pittston five. Seven of eight men scored for the Knights with Bob Rogers high with nine.

### Noxen Residents Form Committee To Get Industry

Tannery Is Closing, Superintendent Goes, Skelton Crew Left

Franklin Patton heads a committee of Noxen residents who are seeking a new industry to take the place of the Tannery, which is now in the final mopping up operation before closing for good.

Edgar Engelman is secretary. Members at large include Earl Crispell, Osmand Casterline, Joseph Malbone, Francis Thompson, David Fritz, Leo Lord, Jeddie MacMillan, and Robert Belles, all with a heavy stake in the community.

Plans are afoot to meet with Chambers of Commerce of Wyoming Valley, Pittston, and Scranton in an all-out effort to locate an industry to occupy the large plant.

The superintendent, Robert Neff, with his wife, his son Bobby, pupil at the Noxen school, and his preschool daughter Lisa, left Noxen Tuesday for Massachusetts.

The skeleton force remaining at the plant will be scattered before the first of the year. There are a number of elderly employees who have been in the leather business for many years.

The plant has a magnificent water supply, three deep wells, a reservoir, and the clear mountain stream which passes its door. Its steam plant is adequate for any type of operation. The floor space in its many buildings is adaptable to many kinds of industry.

### School Dismiss For Hunting

Area schools dismissed for the first day of deer season, and many students were successful. Cars lined the roads at Red Rock, though hunters stalking game in their own woodlots were just as successful as those traveling for long distances.

At the Dallas Post, hunters started reporting deer by 10:30 a.m. Reports were still coming in at press time. Many hunters have not yet reported their luck, and a number of names were received too late to include in the round-up.