

Purcell Oil Co. Makes Merger With J. B. Post

Improved Service Will Follow Move To Join Forces

Former customers of Bill Purcell's Oil Service in the area will continue to get the same oil, but it will now arrive in tank trucks of the J. B. Post Company, which has also had wide coverage in the Back Mountain, duplicating effort and mileage in many instances.

Mr. Purcell, in announcing a merger with Jim and Bob Post, has sent out letters to all his customers, explaining the reasons for the change. Bill writes: "For some time I have realized that one man alone in the oil business cannot give his customers the kind of service they rightfully deserve. This week, I have been able to work out a merger arrangement with Jim and Bob Post of the J. B. Post Company.

"Together, we will bring to oil users in the Back Mountain and Wyoming Valley the finest delivery system, oil budget payment plan, service contract, automatic delivery, 24-hour burner service, and many other new and modern techniques."

Bill introduced Jim and Bob Post, who write: "We are most honored to have a man like Bill join us in building the finest fuel and oil service in this area, and we pledge to do everything in our power to give you the highest quality oil and the best service possible."

As explained by James B. Post, the present move is toward not only efficiency of operation, but toward greatly improved service. The J. B. Post Co. operates three trucks, and with sixteen service men, can offer day and night burner attention.

Bill Purcell has been a part of the Back Mountain scene for a long time. He used to live at Trucksville, but moved over a year ago to Harveys Lake.

The Post brothers are more recent residents. Six years ago Robert purchased the Uram Farm, down over the hill on Center Hill Road. Last May, the James B. Post family moved into the former Bird Sanctuary at the crest of Center Hill Road, after making extensive repairs to the lovely home which had been desecrated by vandals.

Robert is a member of the Dallas Borough Council. His wife is the former Ruth Wood. There are three children, students at the Day School: Robert, 11; Deborah, 9; Cindy, 5.

Mrs. James B. Post is the former Helen Fromel. She and Mr. Post have two sons: James B. Post, 3rd, student at Valley Forge Military School; and Ronald L. Post, 13, student at Wyoming Seminary.

Bill Purcell will maintain his gas station on the highway in Trucksville as a separate concern. That was the first question many of his gas customers asked, "Bill, you aren't going to close your gas station, are you?"

Paul Giffen, Lehman Avenue, Dallas, will call on all customers to explain the improved services.

Kenneth J. Woolbert, Rice St., Trucksville, supervisor at the Kraft Foods sales branch, Kensington, Conn., was honored for 15 years of service with the company on January 26.

The award, a gold key chain bearing a replica of the little Kraft TV cameraman that has become a symbol of Kraft on television, was presented at an office ceremony and attended by fellow workers and executives.

Carroll Phillips, branch manager, made the presentation. The award program was established by Kraft in 1945. Awards, accompanied by a service citation certificate signed by J. C. Loftis, president, are given for ten years of service and again for each five years of service thereafter.

Open House Big Success At Stanton's T-V

Stanton's T-V and Appliance Co. reports that its open house celebration in the new location at Dallas Shopping Center brought out a banner crowd, and that it is very convenient, being all on one floor after the up and downstairs arrangement on the main highway in Trucksville.

Winners of prizes took home bicycles, radios, razors. A boy's bike went to Fred Stevens; a girl's bike to Mrs. John Senchak; A master radio to Jimmy Kozemchak; An Admiral clock radio to Fred Eck; and razors to Wayne Nichols, Mary Reese, Ed Blasco, Doris Kitchen, Herb Jenkins, and William Lamb.

SURPLUS FOOD
Surplus food in the Back Mountain will be distributed next Thursday, February 8. Note change (in hours): 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trucksville Fire Hall.



Milton Leonard Twenty-Five Years With Linear
Mr. Leonard is a foreman in the Blank Building Department and during his 25 years with the firm has held various supervisory positions. He and his wife, Marie, reside at Appletree Manor, Dallas. Mr. Moore, in making the presentation, expressed the company's sincere thanks for the loyalty which Mr. Leonard has displayed over the years.

Pictured left to right: seated: Dan August, superintendent; A. R. Lavix, superintendent; Bruno Gruppo, controller; George Marsden, president, Local 204; George Stevenson, secretary, Local 204 and Norman Schoell, vice president, Local 204. Standing left to right: Joseph Wentzel, William Lahn, Fred Eisenhardt, P. H. Moore, Milton Leonard, Rene Suter, Roy Lear and Charles Michels. The men standing have all completed 25 years service with the company.

Linear Incorporated, one of Wyoming Valley's newest industries, manufactures precision moulded rubber products at its Dallas plant. Its products, recognized leaders in their field, play an important role in the space, defense, industrial and commercial life of the U. S.

Don Besecker Boss Of Year
Former Dallas Man Honored In Florida
A former Dallas boy, Donald Besecker, has been named "Boss of the Year" in Boynton Beach, Florida, where he has lived for the past five years.

The award was made at a dinner at the Boynton Beach Boat Club. It was the first time that the award has been given to a member of the Boynton Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce. Previously it had gone to older men.

He is the manager of Don's Firestone Store, a branch of a Michigan Corporation. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Besecker of Lake Street, and the husband of the former Ruth Haycox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Haycox, formerly of Dallas. The couple has two children Douglas and David.

Before going to Florida Don was with General Motors Acceptance Corporation in this area. He has eight employees in the store which he manages.

Stella Shook Fractures Hip
One of Noxen's most respected citizens is in Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital with a broken hip. She is Stella Shook, 78, long associated with the former G. A. Shook Store in Noxen.

Miss Shook fell while alighting from her car in Niagara Falls where she had gone early Sunday with her nephew, Howard Shook to visit her aged sisters, Mrs. Hattie Mayne, 92, and Julia Scott who is incapacitated.

She was taken immediately to the hospital on Tenth Street where she will remain for several months.

Roberts Home Perches On Stilts High In Air
The Roberts home, featured on the front page of the Dallas Post when it was moved January 4 from its former location next to Tommy Noon's garage, up Main Street a block, has now been eased back on its new lot, high in the air on stilts, but level with the Henry Evans home next door.

Heavy timbers support the structure, which will eventually have a deep basement and a basement garage, replacing the timbers Concrete footings were already laid in advance of the move. Furniture remains in the house.

Frozen Telephone Cable Drupts Noxen Service
A frozen central office entrance cable at the Noxen office of Commonwealth Telephone Company this week disrupted telephone service for all numbers beginning with 98 in that area. Crews worked all day Saturday and again on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to bring service back to normal.

To Release Turkeys
Dallas Office of the Pennsylvania Game Commission will receive between 200 and 300 Wild Turkeys this morning at 8 for distribution on State Game Lands in the Northeast District. The birds are all mature breeders.

Has 65th Birthday
Kingston Township minority Supervisor Arthur Smith observed his sixty-fifth birthday anniversary on Monday.

To Open Restaurant
Bobby Gross has given up his job at Dallas Dairy and will shortly open a completely modern and renovated restaurant in the Gregory Building formerly occupied by Helen's Restaurant.

Truck Driver Resigns
Richard Schooley, for the past thirteen years, truck driver for Kingston Township Supervisors, has resigned to accept work with Natona Mills.



Three Little Guernseys Ready For Breakfast
The only thing that's cuter than one wobbly little newborn calf, is three little new-born calves, all in the same package. Triplets, so rare as to be almost without precedent, arrived at Lake Louise last Tuesday, two little heifers and one little bull. Waiting expectantly for Mamma to hand down the moon are the three knock-kneed little creatures, a rousing advertisement for planned parenthood, and artificial insemination. The dam, a registered Guernsey, purchased at the time of the dispersal of Fairlane Farm, came to Lake Louise some months ago. The sire is Fairlane Farm K, Hannibal, in service at the New York artificial breeding station in Ithaca. Mary Joan, due to freshen last week, dropped the first calf before sucker, the second soon after, and when Ray Georinger looked around again, there was the third little calf. The triplets came as a pleasant cap to a climax, sort of a bonus for the herd of sixty milk cows which won the trophy at Pennsylvania Farm Show for highest production in the State. The cows averaged 638 pounds of fat, 12,452 pounds of milk.

Fire Destroys Naugle Garage
Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a garage and toolshed on the William Naugle Sr., property at Pike's Creek Tuesday night shortly before 11.

Five fire companies, Sweet Valley, Harveys Lake, Lehman, Lake Silkworth and Idetown responded to the alarm turned in by Anthony Marchakitis who discovered the blaze as he was coming down the road. A corner of the Naugle home, twenty-five feet away, was then on fire. Mr. Marchakitis, believing the Naugle family away for the evening, extinguished the blaze at the home.

Mr. Naugle, a Lehman Township School Director for more than 20 years, was asleep in a rear bedroom and Mrs. Naugle was baby sitting at her son's home not far away. Both were unaware of the blaze. The loss included the garage and a quantity of tools and equipment used by Mr. Naugle for his trucks and machines. There was no insurance.

Dr. Saidman Was Surgical Patient
Dr. Lester Saidman, founder of the Lake-Noxen Clinic, has been incapacitated this month, but is now back at work with his patients. He submitted to surgery in January, admitted first to Jefferson Medical Center, later to General Hospital where he spent two weeks.

David Schooley Made President Of The Library

Succeeds Robert Bachman Who Served For Two Years

David Schooley, Trucksville, was elected president of Back Mountain Memorial Library Association at its annual meeting Tuesday night in the Library Annex. He succeeds Robert Bachman who has been president for the past two years.

A native son of the Back Mountain Region, Mr. Schooley has long been interested in the Library and its annual Auction serving on various committees and as a director for a number of years.

He is comptroller of the Boston State, active in Masonic circles and a Past Potentate of Irem Temple. He is the son of Mrs. Jane Schooley and the late Joseph Schooley and a nephew of the late Dr. Sherman Schooley.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Thomas Heffernan, Lehman, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Howell, Shavertown, secretary, and Homer Moyner, Dallas, treasurer.

Directors re-elected were: Mrs. Thomas Heffernan, Lehman; Stefan Hellersperk, Dallas Township; Mrs. Fred Howell, Kingston Township; Atty. Mitchell Jenkins, Dallas Township; Howard Risley, Dallas Borough; David Schooley, Kingston Township. Mrs. Charles Frantz, Jackson Township, was elected to fill a two-year unexpired term.

Members of the Association heard Mr. Bachman review the accomplishments of the past year and pay a glowing tribute to Miss Miriam Lathrop, retired librarian, and Dr. Lester Jordan, chairman of the 1961 Library Auction. "Dr. Jordan had more enthusiasm, I believe," said Mr. Bachman, "than any previous chairman. He gave all of his time to it forsaking his own business."

He gave recognition to the Morris Foundation for its gift of \$500 and spoke of the outstanding collection of books which it has helped to provide. "Students and many others come to the library," he said, "not expecting to find the unusual book they seek, but they do find it."

The Library also received \$550 worth of books from the State Library for participation in a workshop put on by the State at Osterhout Library. It was mandatory for the librarian and a member of Board to attend the eight meetings.

After discussing the good things during the year, Mr. Bachman said he regretted the decision of Dallas Borough Council to withdraw its support but he said that Council had promised to help the Library if it ended the year with a balance.

Re-elected By Saving & Loan Association
JOHN MACKENROW
At the thirty-third annual meeting of shareholders of Susquehanna Savings and Loan Association, Wilkes-Barre, John Mackenrow, Pioneer Ave., Dallas, was re-elected Director and Secretary; Walter S. Black, Jackson Road, Huntsville, was re-elected Vice President and Comptroller.

Other officers and directors are, Michael Bonchonsky, President; Tom Hart, Chairman of the Board; LeRoy Landau, Vice President; George Sallius Executive Vice President, Dr. J. C. DeSanto, Treasurer; Atty. Joseph Serling, Solicitor, and Joseph Olsheski, Assistant Treasurer.

Other Directors are: Leo J. Bergsmann, John K. Karambelas, Herbert Shrader and E. C. Wideman Jr.

In his report to the shareholders, President Bonchonsky stated that assets of December 31, were \$11,752,856.88, reflecting a growth of \$940,697.77 during 1961. The association paid a total of \$315,802.45, in dividends during 1961, contrasted with \$292,380.41 in 1960.

He announced that physical progress during the year included the installation of an electronic book-keeping system enabling the Association to give better service to all account holders.

Since its inception in 1928, Susquehanna Savings has aided more than 12,000 persons in their savings accounts and over 3,000 families is securing their homes.

Directors of the institution were guests of Mr. Bonchonsky and Mr. Karambelas at a dinner at the Boston Candy Shoppe following their reorganization meeting.

Ohmed Kazimi To Speak To Junior Woman's Club
Guest speaker at the February meeting of Dallas Junior Woman's Club will be Ohmed Kazimi, Kingston, who will speak on "Jordan, My Native Land."

Mrs. John M. Culp, Jr., will preside at the meeting Tuesday, February 6th, 8:00 p.m. in Prince of Peace parish house. Members are urged to attend as a nominating committee will be elected. Proposed rules and regulation for a scholarship will be presented and a discussion will be held pertaining to the establishment of a permanent scholarship fund. A progress report on the March 13th Card Party and Fashion Show will be given.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Hanford Eckman, Diane Myers, Mrs. Robert Lewis, Mrs. Stanley Hozempa and Mrs. Royal Culp.

Noxen Citizens Form Operation NEED To Attract New Industry

Leather Men Make Tour Of Idle Plant Early This Week

While residents of Noxen are not optimistic about immediate prospects of obtaining a buyer for the idle Armour Leather Company plant, neither are they downhearted. They have tightened their belts for the long haul and have organized NEED—Noxen Employment, Enterprise and Development Association—a dedicated group of men who are determined to attract new industry to Noxen—not just one industry, but several so that Noxen will never again be a one industry town.

Heading the group is Franklin Patton, president; Leo Lord, vice president; Edgar Engleman, secretary; Francis Thompson, treasurer and David Fritz, corresponding secretary.

Directors are George Brody, Earl Crispell, Robert Bellas, Osmond Carterline and Joseph Nalbone. This group, which has been chartered by the state and will hold an election of permanent officers on February 9, is working closely with the State Department of Commerce; Congressmen William Scranton and Daniel Flood; Scranton, Pittston and Wilkes-Barre Chambers of Commerce as well as the Wyoming County Commissioners.

One of their first contacts was with the Allied Kid Company, a Wilmington, Delaware, corporation which processes soft leathers. The company was at one time looking for a Pennsylvania location. It has now informed the group that there is no prospect of its locating in Noxen within the foreseeable future.

Yesterday, however, four representatives of another leather company did visit Noxen and were conducted on a tour of the entire plant by Earl Crispell, David Fritz and Leslie Kocher. They made little comment and did not reveal the name of their firm.

But NEED isn't discouraged. There are other prospects and contacts have been made with Mobile Home Manufacturers in Michigan and Indiana.

The Association has also learned that the former Armour Tannery at Westover, Idle for two years, opened two weeks ago as an upper leather tannery and processing plant, employing more people than ever before.

The people of Westover purchased the idle plant from the Armour Company some months ago for \$35,000, then went out and found a tenant.

The asking price for the Noxen plant is understood to be around \$125,000, included beside the plant are a number of homes owned by the company and rented to employees. Tenants have been told that if Armour sells the plant, the homes will go to, but if it razes the plant in too, to save taxes, liability and insurance, the homes will be up for sale. In this case present tenants will have the first opportunity to buy them.

The Noxen property of Armour Leather Company had an assessed valuation of \$165,020 in 1961, one third of market value (\$495,080) as valued in the new and recent Wyoming County reassessment.

Sale of Armour's Noxen property is being handled by Ralph Deemer, Chicago, head of the company's real estate department, and any inquiries should be directed to him or to NEED at Noxen.

How has the plant's closing affected the community? Very little so far. Of the plant's 180 employees when it closed, 50 were from out of town or going on pension. Many of the older employees have been pensioned by Armour. Those who were 55 when the plant closed, will have to wait until they are sixty before they will be able to receive pension benefits. There are between 35 and 50 former employees living in Noxen who are definitely unemployed and receiving unemployment compensation. Few have left the community, the others definitely plan to hang on until spring and see what happens. No one has panicked.

Based on years of service with Armour, pensions are believed to range from \$60 to \$75 per month. But residents of Noxen of recent years have not been so dependent on the leather industry for a livelihood as they were a generation ago. Many of the younger heads of families have employment at Bendix in Montrose, Natona and Linear in Dallas, and with firms in the Valley and at Mountain Top.

If anything, the closing of the tannery has put Noxen on its mettle: In the words of one of the Association members: "We've got beautiful natural surroundings, broad level ground for factory sites. We've got the pledge of twelve landowners to sell their properties, ranging from 5 to 30 acres, for industrial development at market price. We have available 250 to 300 experienced leather workers. What we need is an opportunity, we aren't going to wait for it, we're going out to meet it."

Trucksville PTA To Present Three Gifts
Trucksville Elementary PTA on Monday night, will present for use of the school three pieces of fine equipment: a tape recorder, a projector, and a transistor radio, purchased with funds realized from the last Spring Festival.

A skit will be presented under direction of Walter Prokophchak, sixth grade teacher, in observance of Founders Day. Mrs. Raymond Martin will preside.

Ninety At Installation
More than 90 persons attended the installation of officers and smorgasbord luncheon at Jonathan Davis Fire House Sunday night at Idetown. Following the formal program there was entertainment. Sheldon Cave is president of the company.

Directors Visit School
Members of West Pittston School Board who are contemplating the addition of a science room at their school made a conducted tour of Dallas Senior High School Tuesday night.

Donate Tank Truck
Stegmaier Brewing Company has donated a 10-ton International truck to Jonathan Davis Fire Company. It will be equipped with a 2,000 gallon tank by the fire company.