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**Committeemen Up For Election**

**Lively Contest In Kingston Township**

As usual, there is little opposition, either in the Republican or Democratic Parties, for nominations for the important posts of party committeemen in the six townships and one borough in the Back Mountain area.

Committeemen are the representatives of one party in each of the voting districts and as such they have their fingers on the pulse of political trends. It is they who are responsible for the party organization and for seeing that the voters are brought to the polls on election days. They disburse party funds for workers. They make recommendations for patronage. They vote for the legislative district chairmen and play an important part in selecting the County Chairman of their respective parties.

It is the policy of the Democratic Party to elect both a committeeman and a committee woman in each of the voting districts. The Republican Party elects only a committeeman.

Committeemen of both parties may receive as a reward for doing a good job, patronage in the form of a job at the Court House, or a job in the Country Road or State Road Department. Generally they are more concerned about such a job than they are about the selection of high type and capable men as the candidates of their party. What they seek above all else is a winner—a man or woman who can be elected—who can keep the party in power and their own jobs secure.

To this end the local committeemen must generally "ok" all patronage that comes within the scope of his district.

In terms of years of service probably Shad Goss of Dallas Township with thirty years and Burt Suttin of Lehman with almost as many, as Republican committeemen in the Back Mountain area.

Because the Democratic Party is the minority party in the area, few Democratic committeemen can boast of such a record. The party out of power locally has difficulty maintaining committeemen.

In the coming Primary, only in Kingston Township will there be any real contests for committeemen. There two factions of the Republican Party have a lively contest brewing.

In the Northeast District, Richard Brynn will be opposed by Ralph M. Sands; in the Northwest District, Frederick W. Anderson and Florence Woolbert will be opposed, and in the Southwest District Wilfred Anderson and Vern Pritchard will be battling it out.

In the Democratic Party, there is no such opposition. In fact the Party has no candidate presently for committeemen in the Northeast District. In the Northwest District G. Youngblood (once a Republican committeeman) and Mary L. Bonfig are the candidates. In the Southwest District it is William G. Pressman and Mary R. Siegfried.

Republican and Democratic candidates in all other districts are as follows:

**Dallas Borough:** Republican, North, Donald Shaffer; South, Raymond A. Titus; Democratic, North, Bernard McDermott, Margaret R. McDermott; South, Thomas P. Kane, (no woman candidate).

**Dallas Township:** Republican, North, Henry Shuro; South, Clarence M. Laidler; Middle, Shad N. Goss; Democratic, North, none filed; South, Peter Silic will oppose Martin A. McEnru. Jean H. McEnru will seek nomination for committeewoman; Middle, Robert D. O'Boyle, Jane W. O'Boyle;

**Franklin Township:** Republican, Eugene Miller; Democratic, Frank Zarnoch, Frances Stecker.

**Jackson Township:** Republican, Louis T. Wilcox; Democratic, John Malek, Edna M. Cragle.

**Lake Township:** Republican, Middle District George Searfoss; North, Benjamin S. Rood; South District, Clarence L. Swire; Democratic, Middle District, Clarence Grey; Susie Crispell; North, A. M. Javers, Mildred Egan; South District, Harry Hoover, Martha Hoover.

**Lehman Township:** Republican, Southwest David Jones; Northeast, Michael Godek; Middle, Bert Suttin; Democratic, Edward Wesolowski, Eleanor Wosoloki; Northeast, William Motyka, Margaret Shalicky; Middle, Emerson Weaver, Frances Weaver.

**Ten Misericordia Seniors Practice Teaching, Dallas**

Ten College Misericordia seniors are doing their required practice teaching at Dallas Schools. They are: Joan F. Burke, history and Spanish; Judith A. Fenstermacher, English and history; Kathleen Sidancho, English, social studies; Patricia A. Smith, biology, chemistry; Joanne Borkoski and Veronica M. Chue, home economics and general science.

Gloria J. Klassen, secretarial education; Donna M. Fries, music education; piano, English; Carol A. Thomas and Jean Marie Spears, elementary education.

**This Wasn't Any Surrey With The Fringe On Top**



It is hard to believe that the young man seated in this ancient mail wagon is still carrying the mail to rural patrons of Dallas Post-office, but he is, and has been carrying it for the past fifty years. He is Milton Perrego who celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary yesterday. Milt probably knows more people in the Back Mountain area—old timers and new timers—than any other carrier, for he has served on all of the routes at one time or another during his fifty years as a substitute.

Milt started his work at the Post-office in 1911 and this picture was taken at his farm at Huntsville some years later. The young man standing between the shafts is Dale Zimmerman Sr., now of Trucksville. Milt was born on the farm at Huntsville on March 21, 1888, the son of Smith B. and Eliza Allen Perrego. His grandfather died in Andersonville Prison during the Civil War. Milt farmed with his father and for many years drove a "kid wagon" carrying the children to school.

Their marriage was blessed with four children: Maude, who died at the age of 11, in 1936; Howard, now living at 446 Elm Street, Kingston; Elliott, Harris Hill Road, Trucksville and Albert Emmerson at home. Elliott has three children, Richard, Kim and Joline.

Seldom without a cigar, Milt is a friendly, considerate neighbor. Associates at the postoffice know him as one who is always willing to do a little more than expected to make their work lighter.

Recalling the old days, Milt remembers when all of the mail for Dallas RD 3 could be packed into a small pouch and loaded into his frail wagon even during the Christmas season. Today an automobile is sometime taxed to carry it all.

**Rambling Around**

By The Oldtimer—D. A. Waters

Typical of early New England settlements, these items of Dedham, Mass., condensed from the anniversary edition of DEDHAM TRANSCRIPT, will be of interest to many local descendants of N.E. pioneers. Dedham was founded over 325 years ago and the newspaper 90.

First proprietors secured from the General Court of the colony approval of the new settlement, signed a covenant among themselves, and thereafter operated a closed corporation. Additional proprietors had to be approved by the town meeting and sign the same covenant. A fine was levied for harboring an unauthorized person. In one roundup a hundred persons were notified to leave town within fifteen days as they had not been properly admitted.

In the first allotment of land each married man was given a house lot of 12 acres, a meadow lot of 12 acres, and four acres of swamp. Single men received eight acres instead of the 12 and three acres of swamp. All held extensive additional rights in the far-flung area of the town. Granting of land for military and other special public service was common. The first pastor served thirty-two years without salary and at his death was the largest landowner in town.

The settlers built houses of boards with stone fireplace and chimney, and hip roof covered with thatch. They had puncheon floors and wooden shutters on small windows covered with oiled paper. Constant watch was kept to prevent Indian raids. In all the area there were relatively few Indians. About fifteen years before, a devastating disease had swept away nearly nine-tenths of the resident Indians.

Travel was by water. There was a parking problem for canoes at the river landing. A fine was levied for borrowing a canoe without authority. A couple of local town roads were soon extended toward Boston.

Government was by town meeting, called sometimes at 6 a.m. in rush seasons. Fines were imposed for tardiness or absence from town meeting. In 1639, seven men were chosen to "contrive execute and perform all the business and affairs of this, our whole town". Later these were called "Selectmen". They were chosen for short periods, although some were frequently re-elected, served without pay, excepting from 1651, "that the selectmen's dyet upon the Town meeting days shall be paid for by the Town from time to time hereafter". Some restrictions were placed on their powers and authority from time to time.

Nature furnished an ample food supply. There was an abundance of fish in the ponds and rivers as well as turtles. In the woods there were plenty of turkeys, duck, wild pigeon, quail, goose, partridge, deer, bear and rabbit. Strawberries were abundant in the spring, followed by low blueberry, half-high blueberry, red and black raspberries, blackberries, cranberries, and wild grapes.

They were beset by wolves, which howled and kept them awake at night and killed their pigs, goats, and calves, also by wildcats, mosquitoes, and flies. Particularly dangerous were the rattlesnakes. A bounty of six pence was ordered. In

1719 penalty was paid for ninety-five.

All N. E. settlers suffered from coughs, colds, lung fever (pneumonia), slow fever, measles, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, dysentery, scurvy, and smallpox, of which eight died in Dedham in 1776. There were epidemics of influenza in 1747, 1761, and 1781.

"As in England, water was little used for drinking purposes. Beer, which was served with and without meals to all members of the family, was the liquid mainstay. . . . From many parts of England from which most of these colonists came, baths, as we know them, were taboo, and faces were sometimes washed only once a year. . . . So the family sat down to its simple board using knives and spoons only to eat their unbalanced diet served in wooden bowls or pewter porringers, and drank their beer or ale. . . . never forgetting to thank their Maker for his gifts so bountifully bestowed." (Thurlow S. Widger: The Birth of New England).

A church was early established which all were required to support by taxes and attend, whether members or not. Dissenters from the official church were not as severely treated as in some places, excepting the Quakers. By orders of the whole colony, these were harshly treated, sometimes tied to the tail of a cart, partly naked, and whipped through all the towns until out of the jurisdiction.

Dedham had the first free school supported entirely by public taxation, in the whole country. In 1642-43 the town voted to set aside land, and a school-house was built in 1648-49 having a watchtower to look out for Indian raids. First teacher was Ralph Wheelock, who held two degrees from Cambridge, England.

About 1795 there was a great advance in stagecoaching, road building, travel, and mail service. In 1825 there were 68 lines leaving Boston, with 317 stages in and out each week. In 1832 there were 1600, each morning, thirty leaving for New York. It was 100 miles to Hartford which took sixteen hours. "Things really hummed with the arrival of the stages. The driver would sound his horn on approaching the village and a relay of fresh horses would be brought to the door and the horses changed. The stage would be on its way with only one or two minutes delay." Horses were changed every ten miles and seventy-five to a hundred were stabled at each relay point, also mechanics shops, coach building shops, etc. The entire area was covered by a thick dust all along the route.

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT IT'S REALLY SPRING**

March 21 is not necessarily the first day of Spring. This year, Spring started officially at 9:30 Tuesday night, March 20, garnished with a full moon, and later, a gentle misty rain. Robins in great numbers, but no crocuses to date have been reported. "Spring will be a little late this year." Expect a really warm spell shortly, followed by bleak winds and onion snows. It happens every year.

**Only Yesterday**

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

**IT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO:**

Monroe Township was auctioning off its one-room school buildings at Buckwheat Hollow, Marsh Creek, Evans Falls, and Briar Creek. School directors were Charlie Smith, Gale Clark, Elmer Crispell, L. R. Hilbert, and Charles Goodwin.

Atty Arthur James was in the race for Judge of the Superior Court.

Action was started to condemn a tract of land in Kingston Township belonging to John Kaschenbach, for purposes of erecting a new school.

A new two-cent stamp was in the making. Two cents was first class postage. The new stamp was to recognize Arbor Day.

The Tunkhannock viaduct, largest concrete railroad bridge in the world, upon examination proved to be in as good condition as when it was first poured seventeen years earlier.

Auto inspection was drawing nearer and nearer. Car owners were warned that the new regulation would have teeth in it.

Mrs. A. H. Cragle, 51, died at her home at Hunlock Creek.

**IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO:**

The Dallas Post published serial numbers and order numbers for 780 men in draft 1 category. John M. Hislop was low, with number 24. Only five names were among the first 100.

Shifting ice at Harveys Lake was endangering boat houses. Ice was gone along the shore, leaving a huge floe to move back and forth with the wind.

Reunited in Australia were two Lehman buddies, William Edward Simpson and Alfred F. Lamoreaux, both Pfc's in the Air Corps.

Elwood Davis won marksman's island in the Marine Corps at Parris Island.

Mrs. Betty Robinson was appointed new manager of Iron Country Club, replacing Carl Schlingman.

Celebrating Golden Wedding anniversaries were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Andrews, Dallas, and former residents Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Brown, of Kingston.

Residents of Lehman were plugging for bus service for that area. John Wesley Davis, Lehman, died at 38 of a heart attack.

**IT HAPPENED 10 YEARS AGO:**

Business places in Dallas voted to close Wednesday afternoons the year round.

Timothy LaBar, 63, Dallas Borough Councilman, died of a heart attack.

Douglas Kulp, 45, contractor, died of a heart attack.

Little League was drawing swarms of aspirants.

Dallas Rotary Club was celebrating its 25th anniversary. The geese were flying north.

Back Mountain Town and Country YMCA issued its first publication, "Town and Country Peeks."

Library Auction was set for July 10 to 12.

Anita Rinus became the bride of Willard Reese.

**SAFETY VALVE . . .**

FOR GOD AND TROOP 200

Dear Editor:

I was interested to read and to see the impressive picture in the Dallas Post of the two girls receiving the God and Community Award from their pastors. However, out of fairness to the girls in my Troop, I must write you correcting the fact "these are the first awards given in the Back Mountain and Wyoming Valley area."

Four girls from Troop 200 received this award from their pastor at Gate of Heaven Church about two weeks ago.

They are Rose Marie Gabel, Cynthia Konsavage, Betty Ann Lamoreaux and Susan Allabaugh.

This award was launched for all girls, Protestant and Catholic, about one year ago and it is through the efforts of Scouts that girls were encouraged to do this although not compulsory. This was done through the Church entirely. The only part the leaders took was to suggest doing it and signing a card stating it had been completed.

Because our troop attended Church in a body on Girl Scout Sunday, two Protestant girls in the troop could not receive their award from their own Church.

Troop 200 has girls in it from six different Churches and with attendance this Sunday at Shavertown Methodist Church we will have gone to all of the Churches represented in Troop 200.

We consider this quite an accomplishment and most worthwhile so that each girl can know how her sister Scout worships.

The girls in this Troop will be completing Intermediate Scouting with the end of this year's activities and will be ready for Senior Scouts under new leadership.

They are very proud of their accomplishments and with eight out of fourteen wanting to go on Scouting, their leaders feel that it has been five years of very rewarding volunteer work.

Congratulations to Patti and Donna and we do not mean to take anything away from their award by stating other girls have it. We just want to be included.

Sincerely,  
 (Mrs.) Jack Barnes.

Ed note: This was the information we obtained, printed as received. Glad to know that others have also been honored.

**ALL'S WELL IN BROOKLYN**

Dear Dallas Post—and all my good friends of the staff.

Inclosed find check for the renewal of my subscription to the "Post" which I could not do without. It usually arrives Friday A.M. and nothing progresses in the way of house-hold chores—until it is completely absorbed.

We are both fine and doing very well materially. The Post gives sustenance to our Spiritual Needs by extending the warm hand of friendship, which is always within our grasp.

Thank you so much—  
 Sincerely  
 Amy M. Scott,  
 1916 Ave. K,  
 Brooklyn 30, New York

**RETIRED TEACHERS**

Dear Sirs:

I want to thank you for your cooperation with our Retired Teachers' Association in publishing the notices of our luncheons.

Now, will you please publish the accompanying notice?

Attention, all retired Public

**Idetown**

Sixteen were present at the Confidence Class meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Frederick, Tuesday evening. Assisting hostess was Mrs. George May. Mrs. Kenneth Calkins led devotions while Mrs. Dean Shaver presided at the business session. It was decided to give \$50 to the Official Board for current expenses. Also to give Bulletin for Easter Sunday. Mrs. Merrel Burnet was appointed chairman of the Birthday party to be held in place of the regular meeting on April 3. Assisting her are Mrs. Al Rinke and Mrs. Lewis Anesi.

The beautiful basket of flowers in the church Sunday morning was given by the Girl Scouts. Those who received curved bars were Joy Agnew, Gail Harrison, Ellen Ide, Helen Ide and Elizabeth Anne Shaver.

Twenty were present at the W.S.C.S. meeting in the Church House on Wednesday night. Hostesses were Mrs. Glenn Spencer, Mrs. Herbert Ward, Mrs. Jesse Boice and Bess Cooke. Mrs. Mary Rogers led devotions while Mrs. Bruce Williams presided at the business session. Mrs. George May gave the Missionary Lesson while Rev. Norman Tiffany gave the study book on Latin America.

Mrs. William John Jennings has returned after spending five weeks at her home in Texas.

Idetown Couple's Club met in the Churchhouse Saturday night, hostesses were Mrs. Alfred Swelgin and Mrs. Joseph Neizgoda. Plans were made for the auction on Saturday, June 16.

Anyone wishing to donate new or used articles may do so by con-

School employees of Luzerne County!

A plan for substantial increases in our pensions is being prepared by the Legislative Committee of our State Association.

But numbers count! Please send immediately name, address, when you retired, school district from which you retired, and dues of \$1 to President of Luzerne County Retired Teachers' Association, Miss Bessie Coughlin, 18 Bedford St., Forty-Fort, Pa.

A time limit has been set. Thanks for all past favors, all future ones, and this one in particular.

Yours very sincerely  
 (Miss) Bessie Coughlin,  
 president

**EASTER EGG CHICKENS**

Dear Editor:

For complete information concerning the chickens which lay colored eggs, see The National Geographic Magazine for Sept. 1943, article entitled, "Easter Egg Chickens". There was an older article in April 1927.

The Araucanas were originally a breed in Chile, having no tail or rump and tufts of feathers projecting from the side of the head. The pure bred birds were practically extinct before 1927. In 1930 Mr. Ward Brower secured one male and two females, unlike in color and obviously not pure bred and not very healthy in appearance. One of them soon died and eggs from the others mostly failed to hatch. After long experiment, he finally hatched one chick and then some more, and developed a flock of them. Most of the offspring showed no special characteristics and had to be discarded as ordinary chickens.

He finally bred chickens that laid blue, green, pink, some touched with black and rich olive drab colored eggs. There is no relationship between color of chicks and color of eggs. A pink egg may produce a chicken that will grow up to lay green eggs.

Each hen continues to lay eggs of the same color.

Dan Waters

**THE POST IN CANADA**

Dear Mr. Risley,

I just want to write a few lines to let you know how much I have enjoyed receiving the Dallas Post while away at school. I am a student at the Prairie Bible Institute, located in Three Hills, Alberta, Canada.

Shortly after I came to school in the fall my folks ordered a subscription to the Dallas Post for me. I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to keep up with all of the local news of home from week to week by means of the Dallas Post.

I would like to express my most sincere appreciation to you and other members of the staff who make this paper possible. It has meant a great deal to me while away from home.

Sandy Slimak

**MRS. EIPPER HEARD FROM**

Thank you very much for sending me the paper about Mrs. May having been killed. I received them a few days ago, but like a good many others, I'm trying to fight the Virus; but guess I'll pull through. I'm not quite so shaky today.

Thank you very much for sending for having been so nice to me. Best of health and happiness to all from your friends, Maude Eipper and family.

tacting any member of the club or by calling NE 9-5367 and they will be called for.

Mrs. Willis Ide reported that choir gowns purchased by the club will arrive for the Palm Sunday service. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Swelgin, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bergstrasser, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Switzer, Raymond Seafoss and Morton Connelly of Lehman, with Carlton Hadsel and Richard Ide, spent the weekend at Buck Hill Falls.

Anthony Toluba, Jr., who has been living in Hartford, Conn., is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Toluba Sr. He flew by jet plane on Sunday to visit friends in St. Paul, Minn. before his induction in the army reserves.

Serving and Waiting Class met at the home of Mrs. Goldie Kitchen Thursday night. Assisting hostesses was Mrs. Corey Meade. During the course of the devotions, the music and hymn sing was led by Mrs. Elisa Gillman. The prayer and missions were given by Mrs. Lula Schultz, and the scriptures by Mrs. Pearl Connor, Ruth Worthington, president had charge. Present were Mrs. Goldie Kitchen, Mrs. Daniel Brown, Mrs. Sam Terranova, Mrs. Dora Evans, Mrs. Jesse Boice, Mrs. Ernest Fritz, Ruth Worthington, Hazel Gordon, Mrs. Elisa Gillman, Mrs. John Ray, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. Corey Meade, Mrs. Emory Hadsel, Mrs. Pearl Connor, and Mrs. Fred Schultz.

Mrs. Martin Stook has returned to her work at Al's Pizza Parlor and Luncheonette after being seriously ill in the hospital.

**For Engraved and Printed Wedding Invitations Try The Post**

**Editorially Speaking:**

**A DEATH TAX FOR BUSINESS**

This time next year your favorite reading material—including many newspapers and magazines—may not be around to continue the valuable contribution it makes to your pleasure, information, culture and knowledge.

The reason? The House of Representatives has passed a postal rate increase bill which could—if favored by the Senate—mean the death of many publications and consequent unemployment for thousands of loyal employees.

The Representatives who voted for this confiscatory bill knew full well that scores of small newspapers and at least 80 magazines have been forced to fold during the last decade because of rising costs, of which postal rates played an important part. Consequently, they cast their votes behind a cloak of anonymity by agreeing that there would be no roll call. Facing re-election in November, they did not want their constituents to know that they favored this onerous rate hike.

Those who voted against the bill in most instances knew that the measure would not accomplish its purpose of increasing revenues, because it follows that if the sources of income are dried up, the increases on the remaining sources would not be sufficient to make up the deficit.

Not only does the post office budget overstate the so-called deficit and fail to appropriate sufficient funds for public services which have nothing to do with carrying mail, it also does not call for large-scale modernization to make handling of the mails more efficient, although it notes that modernization is desirable. Nor does it mention that newspapers and magazines do most of the mail handling under their second class permits to eliminate as much work as possible for the post office of origin.

The House bill at best will raise only part of the revenue needed to clear up the deficit; at worst, it will increase the ranks of the unemployed by decimating publications and small businesses.

It is to be hoped that the Senate Post Office Committee will hold hearings on the measure and, as a consequence, modify it to preserve the nation's newspapers, magazines and other businesses which depend on the mails to make important contributions to the gross national product. This is the only fair thing to do.