

Switch To All Number Dialing Starts Tuesday

674 and 675 will Be The Prefix In Place Of Orchard

Commonwealth Telephone Company's preparation for change in the numbering system for Dallas Orchard subscribers is near completion and the change to seven figures, or All Number Calling, is scheduled for 3:01 A.M. this Tuesday.

J. N. Landis, district manager, said the numbers will change very little — the main difference being a substitution of numbers for letters. When the new numbers go into operation here Tuesday, OR 5-1816 will change to 675-1816 and OR 4-2631 will become 674-2631.

All Number Calling, Landis explained, has several advantages over the two-letter, five-figure system. Scientific tests have proved that seven-figure numbers can be dialed faster and more accurately than letters and numerals, since there is no "switching of attention" between the letters and the numbers on the dial.

"With the new system, you just forget the letters on the dial," said Landis. "There's no confusion between the number '0' and the letter 'O' — or between the letter 'I' and the number '1'. Dialing is made simpler and easier all around."

"But there's more to the new system," he continued. "Compared with the letter-plus-number system, seven-figure numbers increase by almost 50 per cent the quantity of telephone numbers possible with seven turns of the dial. This is because some of the available letter combinations just won't fit any central office name telephone people can think of."

"Take '5-5' for example," Landis said. "The dial letters associated with that combination are J.K. and L. Try and come up with a good name beginning with two of those letters!"

The seven digit system avoids these limitations and makes all dial combinations usable as telephone numbers.

Eventually, according to Landis, when all telephones have the seven-figure system, it will be possible to remove the letters from the dial completely. This will improve legibility of the numbers on the instrument and lead to the design of miniaturized telephones and other equipment for the phone system of the future.

"All Number Calling will also pave the way for other improvements," Landis said. "It will bring national and international direct dialing of long distance calls, direct radio dialing, expanded and improved services for businessmen, and other advancements that telephone scientists and engineers are working on right now."

Fire Destroys Barn At Noxen

Smoke still rose Monday evening from the remains of a barn consumed by fire Friday afternoon on Schenk Street, Noxen.

The fire started when boys were playing in the building, owned by J. Franklin Patton, dropping a spark or flame into hay. It was the first consequential fire in Noxen this summer.

Several tons of the hay and dried flooring caught immediately, and the two-story structure was enveloped in flames before Noxen Volunteer Fire Company arrived.

According to Chief Fred Schenck, one person on a party line refused to yield so that he could call the engine-house. This added to the delay.

Destroyed were some hand-machinery, several chickens, and the hay.

Nearby houses were threatened.

To Stage Panel On School Cost

Citizens Committee For Better Schools will stage a program on "A Quality Program of Education, What It Costs," in the Dallas Senior High School auditorium October 10, at 8 p. m., which the tax-paying public is urged to attend.

A panel of four will answer questions. The questions must be written, prepared either in advance or written and given to the ushers as the meeting progresses.

Dr. Irvin Jacobs is chairman of the program committee. Morris Slater is chairman of the organization.

Panel members are: Ray Carmon, district director of Central Division of Pennsylvania Economic League, Inc.; Welton Farrar, on the faculty at Wilkes College; William Clewell, former member of Dallas School Board and financial chairman; and Dr. Robert A. Mellman, superintendent of Dallas Schools.

Four Back Mountain Men On Short Term Duty At Delaware Air Base

Four men from Back Mountain Area are presently performing their 15-day short tour of duty with the 92ND Air Terminal Squadron at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

Major Carl J. Schreiner, Commander of the 92ND Air Terminal Squadron, Captain Robert A. Hughes, Freight Officer, and Staff Sergeant Willard Newberry are assisting the 1607TH Air Terminal Squadron of Dover Air Force Base to prepare for a combined Army — Air Force Operation scheduled for the latter part of October. Dover Air Force Base has unique status of being the largest Air Freight Terminal in the world.

The 15-day annual tour is part of the unit's training to achieve its operational readiness. The mission of

the Reserve Air Terminal Squadron is to control, document, load and offload passengers, cargo, mail to overseas destinations.

During the year the unit holds its monthly meetings at the Wyoming Air Reserve Center, Wyoming.

Major Thomas Garrity is presently serving as Squadron Censorship Officer with the 1607TH Air Terminal Squadron.

Both Major Schreiner and Major Garrity reside at Harvey's Lake. Major Garrity operates the Thomas P. Garrity Insurance and Realty Company. Captain Hughes and Staff Sergeant Newberry reside in Dallas. Captain Hughes is connected with the Wyoming Valley Equipment Company of Kingston while Sergeant Newberry is self employed as a contractor in Dallas.

Body Recovered From Icy Lake In Ontario

Clarence Schoonover Lies In State At Center Moreland

Drowning Victim



C. F. SCHOONOVER

The body of Clarence Schoonover, 62, was recovered on Saturday from the icy depths of Bar Lake in Ontario, where he and two friends had been fishing Tuesday morning. Skin-divers using special lights, and almost freezing in the 33 degree temperature at the bottom of the lake, hampered by clouds of silt, were unable to locate the victim.

When diving attempts failed, though sixteen other divers were alerted to take the search in shifts, a drag-line was employed. Working with the line were Carl Besteder, Draper, Loren and Bill Schoonover, who had joined Stacy Schoonover, in Canada when earlier attempts to recover the body were fruitless.

Apparently what happened on Tuesday was this: the small boat with outboard motor started to swamp under the weight of three fishermen and their equipment, the motor dragging the stern dangerously near the water level. Mr. Schoonover called, "Shut off the motor." This was done, but the boat continued to sink.

The three men floundered in the icy water, hampered by heavy fishing garments.

Mr. Schoonover was the oldest of the trio, least able to stand the shock. Lloyd Story, 46, and Mr. Schoonover clung to the swamped boat while William Story, 51, swam for shore.

William ran around the shoreline, found another boat, and rowed toward the two men in the water.

Mr. Schoonover is reported to have said, "I'll try to swim to shore." He struck out, swam about a boat length, gasped "I can't do it," and sank. Lloyd made a futile attempt to hold him up, though suffering from shock himself and at the end of his strength.

Mr. Schoonover disappeared. William towed his brother to shore, wrapped him in blankets, turned the truck heater on and got him to the hotel, where he was given first-aid for shock and exposure.

Police stated that the body might not come up from the icy water for some time, if skin-divers were not successful. Special lights had to be employed, as the naked eye is unable to penetrate the murk at forty feet.

The three Center Moreland men had fished many times at Bar Lake. They had driven to Canada on Saturday, and had expected to drive back on Thursday.

When William called his wife on Tuesday, she informed Clarence's wife, then left for Canada with Stacy Schoonover.

Mr. Schoonover, a lifelong resident of Center Moreland, was son of the late Stacy and Jessie Schoonover. He was self employed as a painting contractor. He belonged to Center Moreland Methodist Church.

He leaves his widow, the former Ruth Leavelle; sons: Stacy, Center Moreland; Clarence Jr. at home; Gene, Selinsgrove; a daughter, Mrs.

Nicholson Safe As Flying Tiger Ditches In Sea

News Of Disaster On TV Precipitates Agonizing Vigil

The stark announcement that a Flying Tiger Superconstellation had ditched in the North Atlantic with 76 people aboard, broke briefly in Sunday night Television and radio programs.

For the Foster Hall Rogers family in Huntsville, it was the beginning of an agonizing vigil. Five hundred miles west of Ireland, and Mrs. Rogers' brother was one of the officers on the plane.

Not until Monday afternoon was the news confirmed that Samuel T. Nicholson, navigator, was among the forty-eight who had tossed for six hours on a life raft before being rescued from mountainous waves by the Swiss freighter Celerina, bound for Antwerp.

Would anybody else be found alive? Two rafts were known to have disappeared. Twelve bodies were found. Another body had been sighted, but had been lost. Sixteen were reported missing.

One engine had failed shortly after the mammoth chartered plane, carrying American servicemen and their families on a flight to Germany, had left Gander, Newfoundland. A second engine failed. A third.

Navigator Nicholson on the intercom, alerted the passengers, instructing them to put on their life belts. He charted the position of the plane, warned shipping that ditching was inevitable, gave the exact position to ships within reach.

For five years he had been with the Flying Tigers, coming within a hair of being lost at sea on a similar ditching. Flying on a Superconstellation in the Pacific, he had been relieved at Guam. The plane took off, and was never found, lost with everyone aboard.

More news on Tuesday. No hope left of the other passengers having survived. Several children were among the missing.

There had been a fire aboard, and two passengers were badly burned.

Wednesday, helicopters had taken fourteen people from the freighter, seven of them bound for Cork, Ireland. Seven for Burn Rock General Hospital.

The Rogers family still waited. A cablegram was on the way from Samuel. They still waited.

Late afternoon: a transatlantic phone call, Samuel at the hospital in Cork, Judy in Huntsville. They kept it light.

"Be home next week. The Flying Tigers are still on the job."

The young navigator, a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Lafayette College, served in the Air Force in Texas and Alaska. He is son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nicholson of Huntsville.

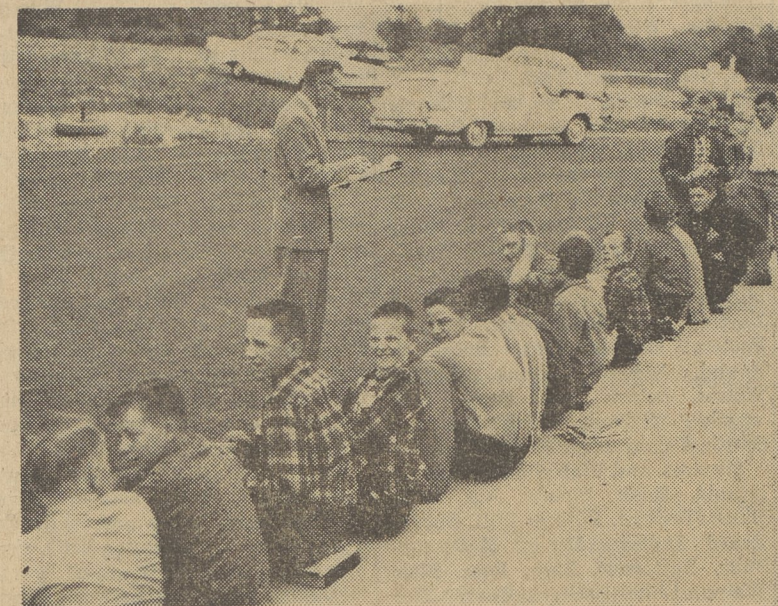
Bonnie Ruth Jenkins Wins Honor At Wilkes

Bonnie Ruth Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Jenkins of 91 Terrace Drive, Shavertown, a Wilkes College senior, was one of two students to receive coveted awards at Wilkes College Student Assembly on Thursday, September 20. Miss Jenkins received the Linda Morris Award.

Linda Morris Award, presented to Miss Jenkins by Mrs. Hervey Ahlborn, dean of women is awarded each year by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morris in memory of their daughter, Linda, to the Wilkes Co-ed who has maintained the highest academic record during her three years at the college.

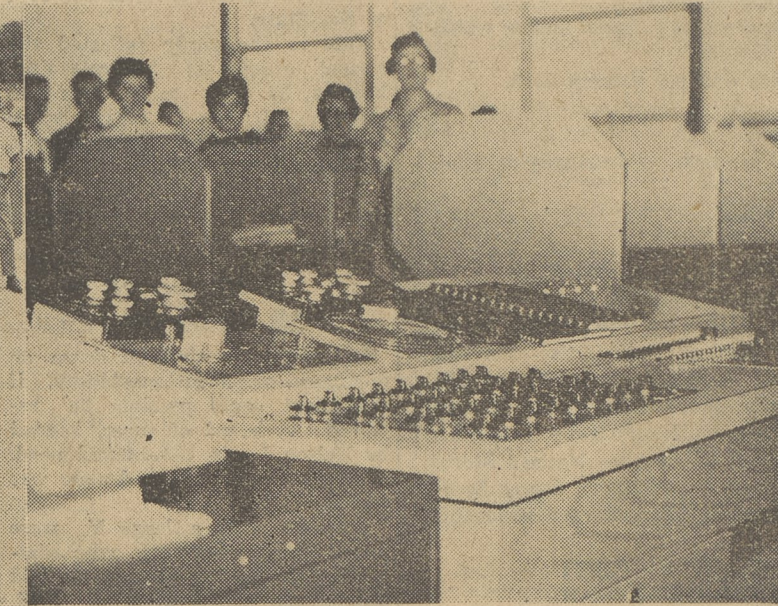
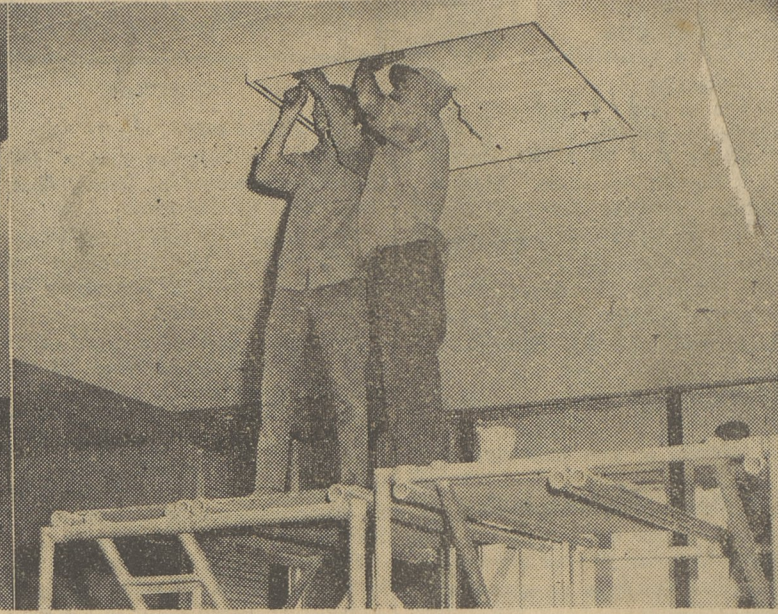
Curtis Edwards, East Dallas; six grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Draper and James, Mrs. Walter Lamoreaux and Mrs. Ruby Besteder, all of Center Moreland.

Services were conducted from Center Moreland Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon, with burial in March Cemetery. Officiating was Rev. William Watson.



Lake-Lehman School opened Monday with a total enrollment of 856 students, who managed to find their assigned rooms in the confusingly new halls with a minimum of difficulty.

Meanwhile, back of the scene, workmen quietly went about their duties, doing major construction on the east wing, and putting finishing touches on the main hall ceiling.



Classes met in a mixed atmosphere of the primitive and the ultramodern, because of certain unfinished facilities. A boy might attend an Industrial Arts class on the porch, when the

shops are incomplete, and next period learn a language (bottom right), dictated to him individually by means of a brand new master-console and personal booth system.

Children's Chorus Being Organized For Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Graders

A Back Mountain Children's Chorus is being planned for this area, sponsored by O'Connell's Twin Lakes and directed by Mrs. John O'Connell.

Mrs. O'Connell has asked each school in the area to announce that the first rehearsal will take place Tuesday evening, October 9, at Twin Lakes, from 7 to 8:30.

There is no charge. Mrs. O'Connell, who directed the Girls Chorus while attending Wilkes College, where she was a music major, is giving her services. She enjoys directing a chorus.

When she was teaching in Waldwich, New Jersey, she organized a chorus for elementary school children.

Children from fourth, fifth and sixth grades, from Dallas, Lake-Lehman and Gate of Heaven, are invited to join the Back Mountain Children's Chorus. Mrs. O'Connell hopes to have Christmas and holiday music whipped into shape by December, ready for presentation on club or organization programs.

Charcoal Dealer Hit By 4th Fire

Fred Drake's Garage Burns At High Cost

For the fourth time this season, Fred Drake, Dallas charcoal-products dealer suffered costly damage from fire, when his garage on Woodlawn Drive burned down Sunday night. Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, with some 15 men, tried to save it.

Like Drake's Fernbrook warehouse which was the scene of another fire early in June, the contents of the garage was charcoal materials.

The Fire Company used two truckloads of water to extinguish the blaze, which did \$800 damage, destroying the garage completely. No other structures were threatened, according to Chief Alvin Shaffer, although some houses are not too far away.

Drake's garage burned twice before, this season, early in the summer, but the Fire Company was able to extinguish the fires before they got going. At one of those fires, it was reported that there was gasoline saturation in part of the building.

Saturday morning, June 17, some bags of charcoal in Drake's warehouse, Fernbrook, caught fire, enveloping the building in thick black smoke. Fire was discovered by Fred Drake, Jr., who had just come to open the place up.

At that time Drake surmised that the cause of the fire lay in some new bags just received, which probably contained a spark.

Smarter Than Thief

John R. Richards, 79, service-station attendant from Trucksville, proved smarter than the bandit who held him up at Purcell's Service Station, Tunkhannock.

The thief evidently waited in Logan's Diner next door, Sunday night, until Richards closed the station, and then went to rob him.

But the young man kept imperfect vigil, because he believed Richards when he was told, while pointing a gun at the elderly attendant, that the owner had just left with the day's receipts.

After the gunman relieved Richards of his wallet, containing \$18, he jumped in the Trucksville man's car, and drove it for one half a mile while sitting inches from \$200 receipts. The money was on the seat of the car, under Richards' coat.

Reithoffer Has Rides In South

Local Showman Also Plays Canada

Pat Reithoffer, Jr., well-known eastern showman and owner of Reithoffer's Shows, with headquarters on Route 118 at Lehman, is expanding his itinerary both north and south.

A pioneer in revitalizing popularity of carnivals in the east, Pat has experimented this summer with Canadian fairs by sending eleven rides north under a lease to another show. If he is successful with these fairs this year, he may send Reithoffer's Shows under their own banner into the north country next season.

Expanding the summer season well into the fall this year, the Dallas showman has scheduled a number of North Carolina fairs for October and November. He also has feelers out for areas in Florida, for future development.

When asked if he thought this might make a year-round season for him, he said: "I hope not. Our season is long enough as it is right now." But he's still trying.

Pat feels that 1962 has been a good season for his show, one of the oldest in the business, compensating somewhat for all the rainy weather last summer.

Firemen Urged To Give Blood

Jonathan R. Davis Volunteer Fire Company announces that it will co-sponsor The Red Cross Bloodmobile unit which will visit the Back Mountain Y.M.C.A. in Shavertown on October 5, 11:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

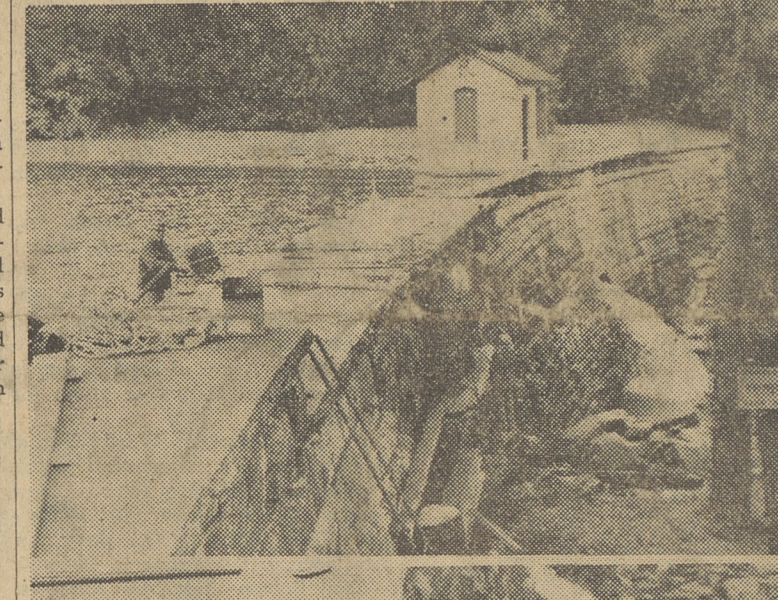
It is requested that all Back Mountain Firemen participate in this drive which will replenish the blood supply used by John Chesnovitch Jr., who passed away this summer, and who was the son of a J. R. Davis fireman.

Mrs. Ruth Ide "Fair" After Heart Attack

Mrs. Ruth Ide, RD 4, Dallas, is in "fair" condition at Nesbitt Hospital where she was taken Monday morning in Lehman ambulance after suffering a heart attack in her home.

Fire Chief Lee Wentzel, driver of the ambulance, reported that Mrs. Ide had to be administered oxygen the whole distance to the hospital.

Huntsville Dam Calking In Progress



Men from Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company have been calking Huntsville Dam, against the ravages of frost and bad weather. The process is carried on every ten or twelve years.

This year work has been made easier by the drought, which lowered the water level.

According to one of the workmen, the upper blocks are more susceptible to frost-damage than the lower.

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No Confusion As Lake-Lehman School Opens

Gymnasium And Auditorium Are Still Uncompleted

Lake-Lehman High School opened Monday, a mixture of frustration and achievement. The opening was frustration for school officials in that the brand new high school did not receive its students September 5 when others did. And in the fact that the east wing, including gymnasium, theater, auditorium, shops, lockers, and music rooms was still incomplete.

The opening was an achievement because of the valiant effort put forth by teachers and PTA members over the weekend, carrying furniture and supplies in all kinds of vehicles, to open, no matter what.

The fact that the east wing was not complete Monday was a surprise to no one. Principal Anthony Marchakitus said there is a strong possibility that the gymnasium will be open in time for basketball practice.

Enrollment the first day was 856, with negligible confusion among the student body in searching for rooms along the new corridors. The first lunch served in Lehman's new cafeteria was pizza.

Almost all facilities in the main wing were functioning normally, including the water-fountains and the two-way radio between principal's office and classrooms. Soft-radioed bells announced each hour exactly. Electricians still roamed up and down the halls, putting in finishing touches, but there was no noise.

Since the east wing is still in embryonic stages, some classes have to catch a catch can. Music classes met Monday in the Library. Library books were not yet shelved.

Industrial Arts classes convened the first day on the porch. Until their shops are roofed, they will be working on practical projects around the school. The shop roof cannot be put on until the auditorium roof is installed, probably two months from now.

A home field for football games is a reality for the future only. This year home games will be played on Dallas Junior High School Field.

Gym classes will meet outside. There are no facilities to change clothing. There will be no locker rooms until late November.

The home-economics department was still house-cleaning Monday, but expected to be in operation within the week. It is beautifully equipped, and includes a modern built-in-the-wall oven. This suite and those for the doctor and dentist remained the only facilities incomplete in the main wings of the school.

Among the most modern teaching equipment in operation the first day was the 32-man language laboratory, capable of running several programs at once from one master console.

Local Bands At Fair On Friday

Reithoffer Shows Sparkle On Midway

Reithoffer's Shows, Lehman, opened at Bloomsburg Fair, Monday, with all rides, concessions, and shows in good order. A free gate greeted the opening-night crowd, which, as usual, was more interested in looking around than spending money. Admission will be charged other days.

Dallas and Lake-Lehman High School Bands will travel to Bloomsburg Friday to feature in the school-band exhibition that afternoon, under the direction of John Miliauskas and Lester Lewis.

Jimmy Dean, popular country and western music star, led off as headliner, to be followed during the week by Ginny Tiu and Anita Bryant. Many other nationally-known stars are also featured.

Side-shows featured on the Reithoffer midway include a snake-eater, motorcycle-drome, animal shows by Von Brothers of Red Rock Game Farm, exotic dancers, and Club 21, a rock 'n' roll show.

Several new rides are among the scores of thrill-machines which Pat Reithoffer has spanning the long midway. New this year is the "Meteor," which is a sort of flying side-walk cafe, without food, on three platforms.

For food there are countless stands and restaurants stretching along the mile-long midway, which serve everything from french-fries to waffles, chicken-dinners to pizza.

Featured in four brick exhibition buildings are flower shows, and exhibits of industrial arts and famous collections.

Ninety On Saturday

Mrs. Emma Gensel, Hellers Grove, will celebrate her ninetieth birthday anniversary quietly at her home on Sunday. She and her daughter, Katherine live together. Her husband, Arthur died several years ago.

Third Prize in the Club Herd Class was awarded to Columbia-Luzerne-Montour Counties.