

# Dan Flood Only Democrat To Crack Republican Pluralities

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Dallas Township	1,253	475	1,269	394	1,333	418	1,259	412	1,243	423	857	899	1,312	395	1,204	543
Dallas Borough	633	252	650	214	683	213	637	224	630	229	460	439	682	185	644	267
Franklin Township	246	94	246	85	249	88	240	90	239	90	189	149	186	78	230	106
Jackson Township	324	198	339	164	359	176	329	169	332	178	272	264	336	173	323	209
Kingston Township	1,560	694	1,629	578	1,697	582	1,590	598	1,552	632	1,102	1,197	1,681	550	1,625	752
Lake Township	665	327	451	298	679	291	573	300	564	314	424	482	602	287	4,026	1,877
Lehman Township	271	121	277	102	288	104	271	105	268	113	192	200	286	98	542	347
	4,952	2,161	4,861	1,835	5,288	1,872	4,899	1,898	4,828	1,979	3,496	3,630	5,085	1,786	794	475

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## United Fund Drive Exceeds Its Goal Here

### District A Fnd B Neck And Neck In Final Push

Back Mountain topped its goals in the 1962 United Fund Drive, Area A reaching \$3,163.25, or 106.7 percent of its goal. Area B \$2,694.75, or 114.1 percent.

Even though the final report on the United Fund Drive was given last Wednesday night, says Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins, it is not too late to report the good news of the excellent cooperation given by Back Mountain women who worked to make the drive a success.

Although the over-all drive fell a couple percent short of the goal, the report meeting was a thrilling one. Mrs. Sanford Weiss of Kingston chairman for the West Metropolitan Division, started her work very early, and was able to imbue her fellow workers with the necessity for having a good organization.

Two training meetings were held in September at the home of Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins, vice-chairman of West Metropolitan District, who was assisted by Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Marvin Judd, Mrs. Frank Townsend, Back Mountain chairman, and Mrs. Frederick Eck, Captains and solicitors of the various areas attended. Principal speaker was Miss Arline Phillips.

Realizing that this was the Year for Decision, the only word adequately describing the workers was "dedicated," the aim was to reach and exceed the quota set for the Back Mountain.

Back Mountain A, Mrs. Frank Townsend.

Dallas Borough, Mrs. Charles Lemmond Jr. chairman; Mesdames Earl Phillips, Kenneth Young, Robert Jones, George Thomas, Harry Peiffer, Arthur Ross, and Arthur Culver.

Dallas Township: Mary Weir and Patricia Reynolds, co-chairmen.

East Dallas, Mrs. Frank Lang, Mrs. Carl Goeringer, Mrs. Cora Finn.

West Dallas, Mrs. Herman Baltimore, chairman; Mesdames Arthur Zimmerman, Robert Slater, Ralph Connor, Alex Imatt, and Samuel Tokkin.

New Goss Manor, Mrs. George Arzente, Jr., chairman; Mesdames Clyde Davis III, Robert Eckenrode, Edward Cavvan, William Teele, Andrew Sokol, Fred Newman, John Houlette, Nick Perrella.

Goss Manor, Mrs. William Young, chairman, Mrs. William Bobo and Fern Coldren.

Fernbrook, Mrs. Oscar Dymond. Huntsville: Mrs. Dana Crump, chairman; Mesdames Stephen Davis, Loren Crispell, Bradford Alden, Donald G. Fannon, and Royal Culp.

Kunkle: Mrs. Fred Dodson, Mrs. Clyde Hoyt, co-chairmen; Mesdames William Wasser, Lawrence Hilbert, Joseph Vasskas, George Hackling, Raymond Hoyt, Malcolm Nelson, Job Dietz, Jerry Elston, Robert Bolton, Dana Race, Edwin Shoemaker, Andrew Tregan.

Harveys Lake: Mrs. George Cary Jr. chairman; Mesdames John Fine, William Pierce Jr., Lawrence Moretti, John Zorzi, James Gearhart.

Franklin Township: Mrs. Nora Dymond, chairman; Mesdames James Mitchell, John Coon Jr. and William Smith Jr.

Back Mountain B, Mrs. Frederick Eck, chairman.

Jackson Township: Mrs. H. Robert Weaver; Mesdames Richard Hogo-boon, John Fielding, Jonathan Valentine, Robert Maturi, Thomas Turner, Henry Doran, Austin Howard, Dorothy Sicker.

Trucksville, left side: Mrs. Ralph Govine, Mrs. Elmer Evenson; Mesdames Lyle Slaff, Gordon Boote, Margaret Mieczkowski, Charles Hemenway, Joseph Reynolds III, William Guyette, Miss Thelma Adams.

Trucksville, right side: Mrs. Walter Phillips and Mrs. John Wardell; Mesdames Thomas Vernon, Fred Dingle, Edward Richards, George Pierce, Edward Bessmer, Robert Baird, William F. Cutten, Merton E. Jones, Ernest Norrie, Leo Philo, Elwood Mullen.

Shavertown, left side: Mrs. Malcolm Borthwick and Mrs. George Jacobs; Mesdames Obed Hontz, Budd Hipleman, Herbert Hill, Michael Bucan.

Shavertown, right side: Mrs. Michael Borthwick and Mrs. George Jacobs; Mesdames Obed Hontz, Budd Hipleman, Herbert Hill, Michael Bucan.

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## Armour Leather Appeals Noxen Tax Assessment

### Wants Market Value Down From \$495,000 To Around \$125,000

Armour Leather Company, whose tannery in Noxen has been idle for several months, has petitioned the Wyoming County Commissioners at Tunkhannock for a reduction in the appraised value of its Noxen holdings.

The company has asked for a reduction in the market value of its properties from \$495,080 to less than \$125,000, the price it is now asking for its properties and at which it has been unable to find a buyer.

The present assessed valuation for the plant and several homes which the company owns is \$165,020 on which it paid taxes of .067 mills or approximately \$11,056.34.

Wyoming County assesses property at one-third of market value, a complete reappraisal of the county for reassessment purposes having been completed in 1960.

Based on the company's requested market value of \$125,000, the new assessed value would be about \$41,333 with taxes reduced to about \$2,769.31.

Armour owns two other parcels of land in Noxen Township not included in the above. The first has a market value of 1,140 with an assessed value of \$370 and the second with a market value of \$2,940 and an assessed value of \$780.

The County Commissioners have commissioned Cole, Lauer & Trumble, National Appraisal Firm of Dayton, Ohio, to make a complete reappraisal of Armour's Noxen holdings. The firm made the reappraisal of all Wyoming County properties in connection with the reassessment program in 1960.

After they receive the report of the Dayton firm, the County Commissioners will turn it over to the Wyoming County Board of Appeals for a hearing later this month at which all parties in interest will have an opportunity to take part.

Atty. John Morgan of Tunkhannock represents the Noxen Township School Board and Board Supervisors. Atty. Davis Hobbs, Tunkhannock is solicitor for the County Commissioners.

## Early Blizzard Smashes Trees

### Dallas Stop-Lights Burnt Out Saturday

The worst snow-storm to hit Dallas area in years did some \$600 damage to the Borough traffic-light system Saturday, and power failed for about five hours, all over the Borough.

Heavy laden high-tension wires on Lake Street snapped and plummeted down on a signal box, burning out the box and lights.

Damage may also have been done to wires and bulbs in the lights.

Electrician Paul Shaver had to call Wilkes-Barre police to find out the address of the Marvelite Signal Company in New York to get replacement parts. The company had moved its office.

Power failure was reported in Dallas area and Chase Saturday night from around 6 till 1. Lights also failed Sunday in Trucksville in some homes on Carverton Road.

Tree damage was tremendous in all Back Mountain communities as many old-timers dating from the turn of the century fell. Noxen and Harveys Lake reported as much fallen wood as Dallas area.

Among those who suffered damage along Pioneer Avenue were Clarence Laidler, who lost a willow, and Mrs. Mae Townsend, a sixty-year-old maple, one of a row of decorative trees.

More tree damage than usual resulted because the weight of the early snow was increased by the remaining leaves and fruit.

## Purchases Pollock Plot

Charlie Gosart has purchased the Pollock Plot at Sweet Valley. Included are eight individual units, a three-apartment building, and ten garages with overhead doors.

## Back Mountain Memorial Library Does Not Share In State Funds

Funds totaling \$829,984.19 have been distributed to 229 local libraries in the Commonwealth, Governor David L. Lawrence has announced.

In reporting the disbursement, the Governor noted that libraries which serve 7,113,936 persons in 60 counties are sharing the state fund.

The per capita allocation amounts to 5.9 cents. Back Mountain Memorial Library did not participate. "We are pleased at the extensive participation in this vital effort," the Governor said. "An unexpectedly high number of libraries have joined in this pilot program and such participation is a dramatic demonstration of the great strides that can come as a result of sound planning."

"The allocations that are now being made—and the programs already in effect—can and will help Pennsylvania move forward toward a position of leadership in library planning."

Fifty-five percent of the state's 415 public libraries have qualified, thus far, for aid. Payment is the first to be made under the full provisions of The Library Code, which the governor signed into law last year.

The new library development program was passed after one of the hardest fought legislative struggles of the 1961 General Assembly. Rep. Stephen McCann, House majority leader and one of the bill's sponsors, referred to it on the floor of the House as "one of the most important pieces of legislation to come before this assembly in the past three decades."

It first was estimated that libraries serving about six and a half million would share a fund disbursed at about 7.5 cents per capita, but enthusiastic response from all corners of the state eventually involved libraries serving more than seven million.

"The partnership between the local community and the state is the basis of the whole program," the Governor said. "The plan is based on voluntary local participation and with more than half of the state's public libraries involved, this first year has become a phenomenally successful experience."

"I want to commend Ralph Blasingame, Jr. state librarian, the State Library staff and the hundreds of individuals across the state who have put forth their diligent efforts to expedite this program. Because of the intense eagerness of librarians, trustees and interested groups to do their part in cooperating with the program, I am hopeful that the 1963 Legislature and the next governor will continue to expand and strengthen this all-important program."

A majority of the libraries also shared equalization aid—extra aid paid to communities less able to afford minimum standard library service from local funds. This aid assures that all citizens of the state will be able to receive the same basic measure of service regardless of the local economy level.

Libraries both large and small shared the appropriations, from Venango Public Library in Crawford County which serves a population of 318 to Free Library of Philadelphia which serves 2,002,512.

"The program this initial year also has affected four-fifths of all Pennsylvanians who reside in a library service area," Mr. Blasingame pointed out. "We are making the most effective use of facilities and personnel to provide every child and every adult the educational material he needs to grow and prosper in a progressive society."

Later this year, payments will be made to 30 district library centers which serve local libraries and readers in their respective areas with informational services. Every portion of the state has been assigned to a district center, giving each resident some degree of library service for the first time in the history of the state.

A survey of the Commonwealth's libraries made in 1958 at the request of Gov. George M. Leader revealed that more than two million, or 19.6 percent, of the state's population was without library service and that service to another 5.7 million people was substandard.

It was this study that led to action during Gov. Lawrence's administration which brought about the revitalization of libraries in Pennsylvania.

In June of this year, 206 libraries in 59 counties participated in a book grant which increased reference and juvenile materials for more than 6.5 million residents. Former state aid to county library systems also is being continued and expanded.

Those sharing in the fund in Luzerne County were:

Hazleton, \$1,902.10; Kingston, \$1,195.40; Nanticoke, \$1,644.33; Wilkes-Barre, \$3,749.51.

## One Man's Accident Saves Another Man's Life At Height Of Storm

One man's accident saved another man's life Saturday evening at 6, at the height of the sudden snow-storm.

A passing motorist skidded into a ditch across from Beaumont Inn. Beating the snow from his hands and shoulders, he opened the inn door.

"Where's the man from the grader?" he inquired. "It's standing outside. He in here?"

## Dallas Schools Petition State To Change Plan

### Propose Plan Similar To Plan Suggested By Luzerne Co. Years Ago

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In substance, what Dallas directors are suggesting is almost exactly what was suggested by Luzerne County School Board a number of years ago, embracing the entire Back Mountain which at that time was divided into ten school districts, including Monroe Township, which withdrew after a year from a five-way jointure and cast its lot with Tunkhannock.

Since that proposal for a ten-district jointure could not be effected, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Franklin Township and Kingston Township, voted a Union District.

Text of the petition follows: The petition of the Dallas School District, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, respectfully represents:

1. That the Dallas School District on November 5, 1962, at an adjourned meeting of the regular meeting of October 9, 1962, authorized and directed the President and Secretary of the School Board, to advise and notify the State Council of Education that the Dallas School District is opposed to and aggrieved by the plan of reorganization of the county school districts under Act 561, and to propose that the School Districts of Dallas, Lake Township, Lehman Township, Jackson Township, Ross Township, and Noxen Township (Wyoming County), be combined into one unit.

2. That the Dallas School District objects to the proposal that School Districts of the Northwest Jointure join with the Dallas School District because of the vast difference in the social-economic characteristics of the communities. The people from the Northwest area do not come to the Dallas area for business, social, recreational, fraternal or similar reasons, as outlined in the Standards for Organization of Administrative Units approved by the State Council of Education on December 19, 1961.

3. That the potential population and the School Districts of Lake Township, Lehman Township, Jackson Township, Ross Township, and Noxen Township (Wyoming County), have a present pupil population of 4,477 and a growth potential of at least 5,000.

4. That the potential population change of the area referred to as the "Back Mountain Community" is clearly indicated in the fact that the pupil enrollment has increased in the Dallas School District from 2,467 in the 1960-1961 school year to 2,740 in the 1962-1963 school year, and in the School Districts of the Lake-Lehman Area Jointure from 1,602 in the 1960-1961 school year to 1,731 in the 1962-1963 school year.

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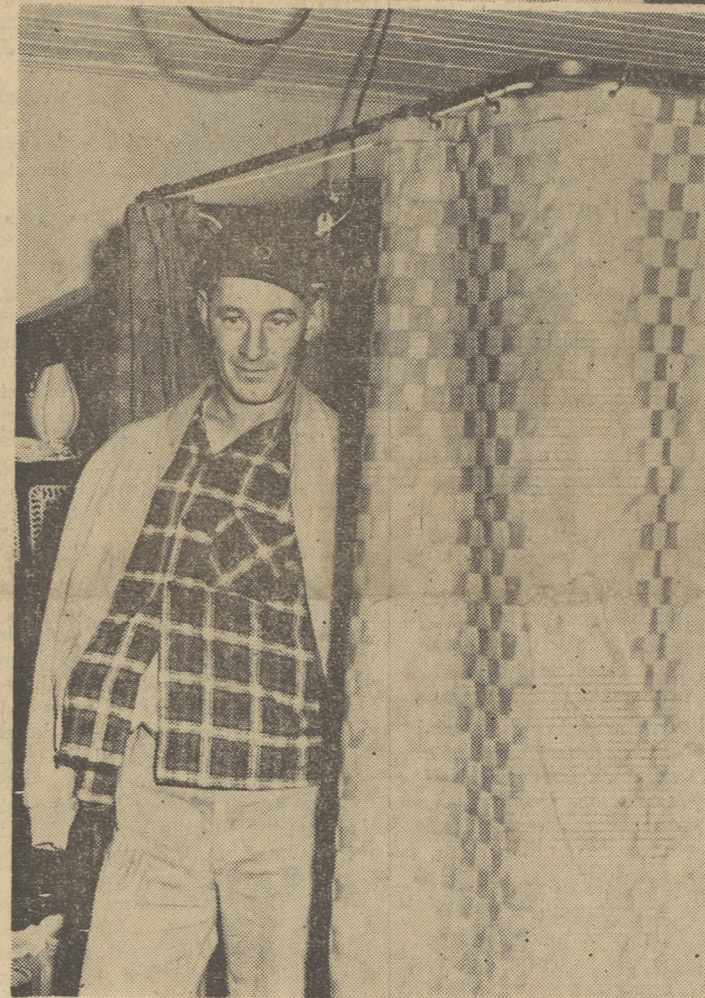
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## Big Area Vote Backs Republicans, Flood



Back Mountain residents registered an unsurprising heavy vote for the Republican party on Tuesday, helping Governor-elect William Scranton to his victory over Democrat Richardson Dilworth.

Surprising, however, was the total number of voters, which here, as in the rest of the nation, was larger than average for an "off year" election.

Dallas Borough polls at the Borough Voting hummed with activity, as voters cast their ballots. Above, Mrs. Gustav Kuehn leaves the voting booth, after making her choice. Mrs. Kuehn, always interested in politics, noted with pleasure that she was paid a personal visit by Mary Scranton, wife of the governor-elect, last week.

As in all area communities, Dallas Township's heavier-than-ordinary vote leaned principally Republican, but for the first time in history giving a tremendous vote of confidence to a Democrat, Congressman Dan Flood.

Back Mountain support for re-elected State Senator Harold Flack (R) over Martin Cohn was better than 2 to 1, as was the support for Republican Bob Fleming over Fourth Legislative District Assemblyman Fred Shupnik, the winner.

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