

# Do You Favor Higher Base Rate To Phone Kingston, Wilkes-Barre Free?

The Post this week asked a sampling of telephone subscribers from the Dallas and Dallas South Telephone exchanges of the Commonwealth Telephone Company: "Would you favor a small monthly increase in your base residential rate (not over \$2 for residential phones and not over \$3 for business and industrial phones) if toll charges were eliminated to Kingston and Wilkes-Barre?"

The elimination of tolls would mean that 55,000 subscribers in the Kingston and Wilkes-Barre exchanges could be called free of charge and they in turn could call Dallas without charge.

Calls to Wyoming, Pittston, Nanticoke and Plymouth would still require tolls.

Their replies to our query follow:

**Mrs. Karl Kast, Shavertown:** It would be simply marvelous. I'd make a lot more phone calls to the Valley if I didn't have to pay a toll. And of course the phone company would have to charge a little extra.

It would be quite an expense, probably.

**Mrs. Robert Kappler, Overbrook Road:** I make a lot of calls, and they all seem to run over four minutes. It's a blow when you get your bill to find out how long-winded you've been, without realizing it. If we got our toll charges cancelled off on the short runs, and were charged a basic rate, we'd know about what our bill would be. It would help. Sure, I'm in favor.

**Mrs. W. C. Lamb, Country Club Road:** I think it would just about balance itself off, the cancellation of toll charges and the increase in basic rates.

**Mrs. Floyd Slocum, Country Club Road:** It would be fine. Count me in.

**Mrs. Dale Parry, Pioneer Avenue:** Five yesses here, one for each of our telephones. Want to know how much our toll charges to Kingston and Wilkes-Barre amount to a month? It's colossal.

**Mrs. George Ondish, Fernbrook:** I'd have to think about it a little.

Couldn't say right off whether it would be a good idea or not. Some months we wouldn't make any calls to the Valley at all, some months we would make a number.

**Rev. Russell Lawry,** said it would be fine for him, and for many professional people who customarily make many phone calls, but that it might be a hardship to many people on limited budgets who do not call Wilkes-Barre at all, or did so very seldom. It would be a help to him in his ministry, he went on, if he could feel free to check with hospitals each day without needing to consider the toll charge.

**Rev. Robert D. Yost, Shavertown Methodist Church,** conferred. It would be a big burden lifted from the church as well as his own individual telephone account if the plan went into effect.

**Mrs. Albert L. Jones,** acting librarian at Back Mountain Memorial Library, said neither she nor her husband placed very many town calls, but that the ones they did

make, were apt to run over time. After all, she said, who talks for four minutes over the phone? Seven is about the very least, unless it is a purely business call. She thinks it would be a good thing.

**Mrs. Fred Howell** thinks it would be fine, but would the arrangement be reciprocal, with people in Wilkes-Barre and Kingston able to place calls here without a toll charge? (It would be reciprocal — Editor)

**Helen Lutsey, Shavertown,** Sure, it would be fine. Bet the wires would be busy, though, with folks who always held down on town calls burning up the wires all of a sudden. It's the tax for the long distance calls that annoys most people, not the call itself. No toll, no tax.

**Mrs. George Jacobs:** We make fifteen or twenty phone calls to the Valley each month. An extra charge added to the basic rate would save a good bit of money and we would feel free to place calls often.

**Mrs. Fred Anderson:** We average

thirty calls a month, and that is a minimum, actually. It would certainly be money in our pocket if the arrangement could be made. If you have somebody in the hospital, it would be pretty nice to call up to inquire without always considering the toll charge.

**Mrs. R. H. Weaver:** Hope it will be put to a vote. How could anybody NOT be in favor of it? Our basic rate is so high anyhow, living down on Sutton Road miles from the exchange, that a little extra would be a drop in the bucket.

**Anonymous:** What's in it for the phone company? There'd be the extra charge for basic service, but wouldn't the wires be loaded with extra calls? Still, with no operator service, they might save money at that. There'd have to be a system of breaking the connection after a reasonable time. Used to be a connection-breaker out here, but folks can bend your ear for twenty minutes at a time nowadays, and unless your arm drops off from

holding the receiver, you're still listening at the end of half an hour.

**Howard Isaacs, Chrysler Dealer,** "I'd be very much in favor of it. It would be a great convenience to our Wyoming Valley customers to call us toll free. Presently we are leasing a line to provide this convenience for them. This cost would be eliminated."

**Howard Whitesell, Whitesell Brothers Builders,** "We'd be all for it. Even more than the personal savings through the elimination of toll charges to Wilkes-Barre and Kingston, it would stimulate people to move out here, especially people who have to make many social and business phone calls."

**Caroline Caperton, housewife,** Dallas, "I'm very much in favor of it and would be glad to pay the additional base rate fee in order to talk as long as I want to with my friends in the Valley. As it is now I'd like to talk longer but am cut short by the overtime toll."

**Mrs. Clara Shook, Main Street:**

Doesn't make any calls to the Valley to speak of. Service would be no particular use to her.

**Mrs. Thomas Morgan,** wife of Burgess Morgan: The good features seem to outweigh the drawbacks. We make a lot of long distance calls, but not too many to the Valley. We'd probably make more to the Valley if it were on a no-toll basis. You always have to think about the charge. It mounts up. Seems to me that Mountain Top and Bear Creek have toll-free service. Wonder if their basic rate went up?

**Mrs. Charles Allabaugh, Davenport Street I'm from Wilkes-Barre,** and I make a lot of calls. It would be fine.

**Mrs. Wilbur Davis, Parrish Street:** It wouldn't mean much to us. We might make five calls to Wilkes-Barre one month, none the next.

**Mrs. William Baker Sr., Lehman Avenue:** So many of the best stores in town have Enterprise numbers, you don't have to pay a toll charge

anyway. Mostly it's Enterprise numbers we call. I wouldn't like to have the phone charge increased.

**Mrs. O. L. Harvey, Franklin Street:** We used to have a lot of calls to Wyoming Valley, but have very few now. I would be opposed to any increase in rates.

**Mrs. Judd Holt, Overbrook Road:** We'd probably be in favor. I'd have to ask my husband. We do make quite a number of Valley calls, probably would make more if the toll charge were removed. We're not any farther from Wilkes-Barre than Mountain Top, and if residents up there have no toll charge, neither should we.

**Mrs. Obed Hontz, Shavertown:** One hundred percent in favor. It would be marvelous to have the service.

**Mrs. Frank Ferry, Huntsville Road:** How could you go wrong? I'd vote yes. Be a big convenience, and that tax... we've got enough taxes. Wonder somebody doesn't put up an air-meter.

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## Supervisors Appoint Three

### Agree To Advertise Zoning Law Changes

Kingston Township Board of Supervisors appointed a three-man Board of Adjustment for appeals on zoning, at the November meeting Wednesday night. They also voted to advertise certain changes in the present zoning ordinance, to be adopted next meeting.

Appointed were Milton Evans, Shavertown, for two years, Raymond Spencer in Trucksville, one year, and one member of the Planning Commission, Richard Mathers, three years.

Board approved provisions for a policeman on duty Sunday at the corner of Franklin Street and Memorial Highway, Shavertown, during services of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Police Chief Herbert Updyke resigned formally as township truant officer. Andrew Roan received a temporary permit to conduct his beverage distributing at 21 S. Main Street, Trucksville.

Board heard and referred complaints about road-conditions, foremost among which were petitions from Marcytown and Cliffside Avenue residents.

Six or seven Marcytown families, living within the township, asked the municipality to pave their only road, which leads to Bennett Street, Luzerne. Board investigated, and found the road to be private.

Board informed Cliffside residents that new drainpipes would be purchased to improve the Avenue's condition. Chief Updyke was instructed to remove two cars which are blocking traffic on this road.

Certain errors in the zoning ordinance were to be advertised to be corrected: Where set-backs from rear and side property lines for garages and similar "accessory properties" were to be a minimum of one and one half feet, they must now be at least ten feet back.

Rear-lines for commercial and industrial properties must now be at a distance of only ten feet, instead of the former thirty feet. This applies to B-1, B-2, and I-1 properties.

Multifamily, R-2 areas are now specified to a maximum height of two and one half stories, or thirty-five feet.

Also to be advertised was the penalty clause for ignoring notice of zoning violation. This provides for summary proceedings if no action is taken by owner, agent, or tenant within ten days from time of appeal. Penalty may be a fine of \$50 or thirty days imprisonment.

An amendment to the zoning map will also be advertised, rezoning some land owned by Rave's Nursery to commercial property.

All reports were approved, and all bills ordered paid. LaRoy Ziegler presided.

## Ralph Hazeltine Speaks On History Of Valley

Dallas Women of Rotary heard Ralph Hazeltine on "The History of Wyoming Valley" at their annual dinner meeting held recently at Lehman Fire Hall.

Mrs. Nellie Cantor and Mrs. Jeff Guida were guests. One new member, Mrs. Daniel August, was welcomed. Others attending were Mesdames Warren Stanton, Merton Jones, Frank Bell, John Manley, Richard Demmy, Robert Graham, Lester Hauck, R. Spencer Martin, Jr., Anthony Marchakitus, Roger McShea, Jr., Harvey Johnson, Herman Otto, Earl W. Phillips, Walter Mohr, L. F. Kingsley, Stanley Hoempel, John Konsavage, B. Gruppo, Philip Moore, James Alexander, Myron Baker, Paul Gross, Arthur Ross, Jack Stanley, Lemuel Troster, Francis Ambrose, Ralph Postorice, Willard Seaman, W. B. Jeter, P. S. Van Blarcom, William Krimmel, and Lester Jordan.

## Car-man Fights To Clear Permit

### Reasserts Intention To Deal In "Cars"

Used car dealer Anthony Jackowski, Wellington Avenue, is taking sharp issue with the term "conditional permit," used by the Borough Council to describe the building permit issued to him for his prospective garage and used car lot.

Council replies that the car-dealer's permit is conditional upon no zoning regulation, but is conditional as all permits are, namely upon observance of all ordinances. The ordinance in question is that prohibiting junkyards in Dallas Borough.

Jackowski says he does not plan to operate a junkyard, and never has. He is a used car dealer, and repairman only.

In voting approval of the building inspector's issuance of the permit, the Council at its November meeting last week, met with opposition from two neighbors who continued pressure against Jackowski's enterprise. The neighbors feared that the lot would become a junkyard.

Jackowski maintains, however, that his permit is not conditional on anything. He notes that he would not have started building on any such condition.

The permit, issued September 25, has, in fact, no condition. Secretary of the Council Robert Brown explains that all permits bear the implied condition that the builder conform to Borough ordinances.

The borough ordinance deemed applicable by Council is the ordinance prohibiting junkyards within the borough.

Jackowski says he has no intention whatever of building or conducting a junkyard, and cites his record in Wyoming Valley and Trucksville as a used car dealer. John Jeter, Borough engineer, supports him wholeheartedly, and says there is no reason to jump to conclusions about junkyards.

The car-dealer has had two lawyers investigate the zoning for Wellington Avenue, and they have found no restrictions on the property.

Adverse publicity, says Jackowski, is as unwarranted as the term "conditional permit," and fears that it might hurt his business.

## Lehman Collision Yields Bad Injury

After a two-car crash with two Sweet Valley sisters in Lehman Saturday afternoon, a Kingston man is still only "fairly good" at Nesbitt Hospital, with lacerations of the head.

Severely injured was Carl Spencer, 25, whose car was thrown over an eight foot embankment, traveling an estimated forty feet through the air before touching the ground.

Spencer side-swiped a car driven by Lorraine Maciejczak, 18, which was turning left into Ross Williams' service station, as both cars were traveling west, around 5:45.

Miss Maciejczak's car was in front of Spencer's when she signaled for the turn.

A sister in the car, Jean, 12, was unhurt, but Lorraine was treated for contusions of the head.

Lee Wentzel took the two injured parties to the hospital in Lehman ambulance.

Both cars were towed away, and were estimated total wrecks by investigating officers. Chief Joseph Ide and Patrolman John Major.

## Sweet Valley Scouts

Pack 444, Sweet Valley Scouts, are selling a variety of napkins with different prayers of grace and Christmas carols on them. Boys eight to eleven are welcome to join the pack. Burl Updyke is cubmaster.

## Preparing For Gate Of Heaven Minstrel



The "Mississippi Riviera" Minstrel, will be presented by the Gate of Heaven Parent Teacher Guild, in the Gate of Heaven School Auditorium, Sunday, November 25 and Monday, November 26. On Sunday, there will be 2 performances, 2:30 and 8. On Monday, 1 performance at 8 o'clock.

A number of specialties and songs by the minstrel cast will be presented in addition to minstrel songs and jokes, characters and costuming. The "Mississippi Riviera" will set its second act along a Parisian Theme. The minstrel is being directed by Mr. William Dworske.

John Owen Strong, Elmira, N.Y., spent Monday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Reese, Sweet Valley.

From left to right: Arabella, James Regan, Marie Elena Mohen, Ann Balavage, Rose Marascio, Paul Williams, Mary Lauer, George Arzenzente, Irene Katyl, Dr. Louis Vitale, Nettie Daley, Wilma Carroll, Mrs. Leo Mohen, general chairman, Theresa Decker, William Dworske, director. Seated at Piano Frank Walsh.



Seated left to right are officers of Lake-Lehman PTA: Mrs. Franklin Patton, Noxen; Mrs. John Zaleskas, Lake; Mrs. Preston Mingus, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Bogdan, Ross;

## Lake-Lehman PTA Selects Group Officers At High School Tea

At a combined Education Week tea and business meeting last Monday night at Lake-Lehman High School, chairmen of committees for the various original P.T.A. groups were named.

Appointed to serve with the newly formed Lake-Lehman P.T.A. for the ensuing year are:

Program — Mrs. Jonathan Valentine, chairman; ROSS: Marian Stroud; LAKE: Jean Marie Pall; LEHMAN: Mrs. Lewis Laning, Jr.; NOXEN: Mrs. Charles Winter.

Membership — Mrs. Leona Oberst, chairman; ROSS: Betty Gordon; LAKE: Virginia Gennetts; LEHMAN: Mildred Weidner; NOXEN: Mrs. Ernest Teetsel.

National P.T.A. Magazine — Mrs. Myron Moss, chairman; ROSS: Priscilla Yoder; LAKE: Mrs. Yankoski; LEHMAN: Mrs. Lois Ide; NOXEN: Mrs. George Macialek.

Ways and Means — Harry Swanley, chairman; ROSS: Robert Walsh; LAKE: David Price; LEHMAN: Mrs. William Frey; NOXEN: Warren Montross.

Publicity — Mrs. Stephen De Barry, chairman; ROSS: Kaye Ray; LAKE: Mrs. Mary Lamoreaux; LEHMAN: Mrs. Roland Gensel; NOXEN: Mrs. Joseph Nablone.

Hospitality — Mrs. William Cole and Mrs. Ruth Newberry, chairmen; ROSS: Phyllis Wolfe; LAKE: Ethel Allen; LEHMAN: Mrs. Michael

## Godek; NOXEN: Mrs. Carl Siglin.

Budget and Finance — William Frey, chairman; ROSS: Jean Holcomb; LAKE: Mrs. Dolores Platt; LEHMAN: Mrs. Carl Schreiner; NOXEN: Ronald Fielding.

Safety and Transportation — Gilbert Tough, chairman; ROSS: George Haines; LAKE: Mrs. Richard Williams; LEHMAN: Marshall Harrison; NOXEN: Charles Womer.

By-laws — Mrs. Carrie Rood, chairman; ROSS: Charles H. Long; LAKE: Mrs. Grover Anderson; LEHMAN: Edith Bonning; NOXEN: Russell Traver.

P.T.A. Council Representative — Mrs. Irene Kanasky.

Parliamentarian — Jonathan Valentine.

Historian — Mrs. Marjorie Timko, chairman; ROSS: June Fiske; LAKE: Alice Shaffer; LEHMAN: Fran Brown; NOXEN: Mrs. Ronald Hopfer.

Recreation — Edward Kalinay, chairman; ROSS: Joseph Bogdon; LAKE: Charles Murphy; LEHMAN: Thomas Smith; NOXEN: Arthur Blizard.

Rural Service — Mrs. Jean Molodur.

Curriculum (School Education and Reading and Library Service) — James Darling, chairman; ROSS: Charles Parashos; LAKE: June Swanson; LEHMAN: Jean Evans; NOXEN: William Bates.

## Cat On A Cold Wet Roof Brought To Safety By Shavertown Fireman

Sunday was a damp, dismal, snowy day in the Back Mountain. Mrs. Henry Metzger, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown was surprised to see a kitten scampering about her neighbor's roof but thought it would descend when it was ready, by way of the porch outset.

On Monday morning she was surprised and disturbed that the cat was still atop the Leo Woidzik home. She tried to coax it near the edge but the frightened animal clung to the sloping shingles.

She called another neighbor, Mrs. Fred Anderson for assistance. Finding no men or boys at home during the noon hour, Mrs. Anderson con-

tacted Henry Hill, member of the Shavertown Fire Company. In a matter of minutes, Mr. Hill had climbed to the stranded refuge and had the grateful, purring creature in his arms. His son, Jay C. who was with his dad was thrilled to be on hand for the rescue.

The kitten soon satisfied his thirst and hunger at the Anderson home and nestled down for a snooze in a freshly made bed basket.

Any one who has lost a lovable, male, black and white kitten, about three months old, may claim him at the Anderson residence.

## Mrs. Frank Ruggles Listed "Serious"

Mrs. Frank Ruggles, 87, Meeker, is in "serious" condition at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, after suffering a fall down a flight of stairs at her home, Saturday afternoon around 6. She was taken to the hospital in Lehman ambulance by Russell Coolbaugh, and attended by Dr. E. McGrath.

## Twist-Session Is Displaced

### Rowdiness Alleged At Friday Kunkle Dance

Friday night rock 'n roll sessions at Kunkle Community Center ended this week, after five weeks' run. According to Dallas Township police, the Twist-sessions, unlike the Saturday night square dances, were becoming rowdy and the plumbing in the building "was being pulled down."

Leader and saxophonist, Robert Gardner for the "Star Fires," sponsoring band, said the closeness of quarters at the hall might have been responsible for some of the tension. Similar dances at Harveys Lake this summer never suffered any trouble.

A teenage crowd was attracted to Kunkle from as far away as Tunkhannock and Mehoopany for the twist-sessions.

Gardner notes that past disturbances are only part of the reason for the band's leaving. The other part is the new location, the "Sugar Bowl," Hanover Township, a sort of teenage night club. The "Star Fires" have wanted to get located in such a club for some time.

Since playing at Hanson's pavilion, Harveys Lake, the young band has acquired a new singer, Charles McKuehen, and has played at three colleges, Bucknell, Lafayette, and Cornell. They have another engagement at Bucknell December 15.

In addition to Gardner and McKuehen, the band is made up of Howard Dymond, organist, Fred Kirkendall, guitar, Roger Griffith, bass, and Richard Gumbavich, drums.

## Rev. Frank Speaks

Rev. Richard Frank spoke to Rotary Thursday evening on the Ecumenical Council in Rome.

## Mrs. Williams Delights Book Club Audience With Tips About Writing

Mrs. John Howell Williams, author of a number of books, delighted her Book Club audience Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Williams, as teacher of writing some years ago at Wilkes, always tried to sell her students a bill of goods on the value of writing an outline. Frequently, she suspected, the outline was an afterthought, written after the assignment was finished, but at least it was a good idea, and she recommended it to everybody planning to write a book.

## Hauck Announces Building's Cost

### Bid To Government Received Favorably

Total cost for the new Kingston Township Building will be \$40,388, with the federal government footing 58 per cent, according to Supervisor Lester Hauck, agent for the township.

From the sale of the present property, Kingston Township will receive a total of \$16,963, most of which has been paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and put in a savings account, where it is drawing interest.

Mr. Hauck said that Kingston Township's application for federal funds under the new Accelerated Public Works Act was "received favorably" by the Community Facilities Agency, although no final word has been given yet.

The Supervisor and a representative from Lacy, Atherton, Davis, architects for the proposed new building, took the plans personally to the agency in Philadelphia, Friday, November 2, after preliminary meetings with Congressman Daniel J. Flood.

Construction of the building, to be located at the corner of Pioneer Avenue and Holcomb Road, across from Yench's Pioneer Market, will begin within two months of receipt of the government's authorization.

The Board has an option on property owned by Nellie Holcomb. Final purchase hinges only on federal acceptance of the project.

The government announced early in November that communities in Luzerne County applying for a grant under the act could estimate 58 per cent of costs from the government instead of the 50 per cent previously suggested.

## To Fly To Puerto Rico

Alvin Meeker, Hayfield Farm, Lehman, and his daughter, Mrs. Arline Powell, plan to leave December 7, via Eastern Airlines, from Avoca, to visit Mr. Meeker's son and daughter-in-law, A/C2 and Mrs. Earl Meeker, Puerto Rico. After Christmas, Mrs. Powell will return home but her father will remain until Spring. Earl just recently completed a trip of 14,000 miles in 26 hours, a record of which Dad is very proud.

## Board Appoints Glenn Howell

### East Dallas Native Is New Supervisor

Glenn M. Howell, 32, Ryman Road, East Dallas, veteran secretary-treasurer for Dallas Township, was appointed Supervisor Thursday night at a Board meeting in Dallas Junior High School.

Appointed secretary-treasurer early this month to fill that vacancy caused by the death of William Krimmel, he now assumes Mr. Krimmel's responsibilities as Supervisor as well.

A life-time resident of East Dallas, son of Mrs. Fred Howell, Demunds Road, and the late Fred Howell, Glenn is married and has one son, Roger, 8. Mrs. Howell is the former Virginia Piazza, Swoyerville.

He is employed at Northeastern National Bank, Wilkes-Barre, as a teller.

Glenn is veteran of two years service in the army in Japan. He is a member of George M. Dallas Lodge, and active in East Dallas Methodist Church, where he teaches Sunday School, and is Financial Secretary and Treasurer of the Building Fund.

The agreed choice of Supervisors Fred Lamoreaux and William Brace as the man for the job, Glenn served as secretary-treasurer for four years through 1956-60.

He says he had high respect for the work of Bill Krimmel, whose life as a leader and concerned citizen was interrupted by a fatal heart attack October 27.

Howell carries with him into his new job concurrence with Mr. Krimmel's unflinching sentiments that municipal government should try to restrict youth's movements as little as possible in a rural area.

As for long-range aims, Glenn hopes to administrate Township affairs to the best of his ability, and "to see things run as the people want them run."

## Town's Road Stays Unpaved

### Dallas School-Bus Loads In Luzerne

Residents of Marcytown, Kingston, are living with their backs to a wall, and no way to go forward, according to a petition received by the Township Board of Supervisors at the November meeting Wednesday night.

Six or seven households live on the fringe of Luzerne, with no thoroughfare to other township communities, and their only road, an extension of Bennett Street, unpaved.

Luzerne Borough paved Bennett Street only to the Township line. Children from the little town must deal the school bus, bound for Dallas schools, in Luzerne.

Also, it is an inconvenience for the bus to have to go all the way to Luzerne for the children.

Marcytown people thought the bus might be able to come up Bennett Street if the rest of the road were paved by the Township.

Supervisors studied the problem, and reported that the road is not a township road, but private.

The problem remains. Pavement or not, however, still unposed is an answer as to how to save the bus the trip around the mountain.

## Residents Respond

Mrs. George Fetchko reports that never has she seen such response to an appeal for help. All day Friday, she says, her phone rang and rang with offers of household furniture, bedding, and clothing for the couple who lost everything in a fire on Deats Mountain two weeks ago. Her husband and Carlton Kocher have been trucking in the furniture. People, she says, have been very generous with warm clothing.