

Dallas 1962 West Side Conference Champions



First row — John Brominski, Charles Lockard, Delbert Voight, Paul Siket, Lawrence Piatt, Willard Bullock, Robert Ashman, Robert Letts, Gary Smith, Arch Paltrineri, Sterling McMichael, Donald Andrews, Joseph Noon, Thomas Kerpovich.

Second row—George Dombek, Assistant Coach; Sumner Bachman, Edward Baker, Howard Dymond, Robert Voelker, Michael Jones, William Swartwood, Carl Kaschenbach, Allan Harris, Walter Prokopchak, John Farley, William Kelley, Donald Smith, Robert

Decker, Fred Gosart, Donald Martin, Edward Brominski, Coach.

Third row — Charles McCuen, Reese Finn, Randell Jones, Charles Higgs, John Martin, Robert Redmond, James Haines, Charles Morgan, Edward

Dorrance, Merle Bigelow, William Ziegenfus, Gary West, Joseph Miller, Donald Holdredge, Thomas Ash, Manager; Louis Palermo, Assistant Coach, absent.

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THREE LITTLE SISTERS DIE IN LAKE FIRE

Confidence Of Shoppers Rises With Fading Of Recession and Cuba Crisis

Christmas shoppers, their wallets bulging and their spirits lifted by the easing of the Cuba crisis, are preparing to top their record Yule spending of 1961 — largely by concentrating gift selections on higher-priced merchandise, said the Wall Street Journal on Monday morning.

Back Mountain merchants are expected to agree with the Journal and are looking forward to the best Christmas season in a number of years.

Action Comes Earlier

"There is more action, earlier this year than in previous seasons," according to Charlie Gosart, Dallas appliance dealer. "I think the World Series sparked it with color broadcasts. There is a big demand for stereo and color television for Christmas giving. Many husbands and wives are giving to each other by combining on a color TV or stereo.

"This is one of the best months we have had with many advance orders placed for Christmas.

"I think that by Christmas there will be a terrific demand for these items and there will be shortages. Color TV sells for about twice the price of black and white. We are selling more stereo and more color than we are black and white. It looks to me like a wonderful Christmas."

Mr. Gosart, who also operates a food market, added that business generally is better this season in the Back Mountain area. "We usually expect a considerable drop after the resorts close and transient business diminishes. This year that drop has been less pronounced, the business must be coming from year-around residents who have more money to spend."

More Buoyancy

"There's more buoyancy in buying now," says Henry Mastalski of Henry's Jewelry, Shavertown.

"November started off slowly, but the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving were excellent."

Mr. Mastalski says he has noticed an increasing demand for better grades of merchandise. Lenox China and Fostoria crystal as well as Keepsake diamonds are in brisk demand.

Mr. Mastalski started in business in Dallas in 1946 and moved to Shavertown some years ago. He believes many more persons are now doing all of their shopping in the Back Mountain area because of the greater variety of stores available to them.

"These people want the best," Mastalski concluded, "we have recently added such lines as Universal-Genève watches, made famous in Tiffany advertising. A few years ago we could not have sold such luxury items here."

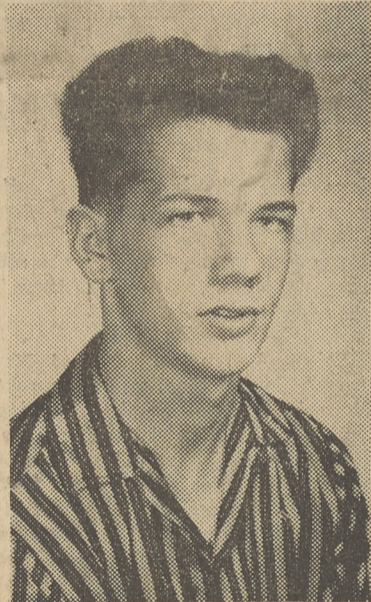
Customers Want Quality

Granville Sowden, whose big, modern Back Mountain Lumber & Coal Company store was not yet completed for last year's Christmas business, looks forward to an exceptionally good holiday season. "Customers are not interested in cheap stuff and we don't handle it in our gift department nor in our heavier lines."

Mr. Sowden said, "Back Mountain buyers don't usually get into the Christmas spirit until several

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Home For Christmas



FRED L. HENNEBAUL

Freddie Hennebaul will be home for Christmas, the first time he has been across the threshold since he was injured in wrestling early in January.

Freddie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hennebaul, Harveys Lake, expects to come home December 21, and not by ambulance, but sitting up in a car. He will remain here until January 4, when he will return to the Rehabilitation Center in Johnstown for further therapy.

Before he left Geisinger Medical Center in October, he was able to move his left arm, and now is getting use of his right arm, but to a lesser degree. Since the operation by which a bone-graft strengthened his neck, he has had free motion of his head. Sensation is slowly returning. The spinal cord was not severed, but it was badly frayed.

His wheelchair will come with him. For four hours every day he has muscular therapy, attendants working with his arms. In the afternoons he gets occupational therapy. Each weekend, members of his family go down to see him, and each weekend they note progress. It will be a long haul, says his mother, but she is greatly encouraged and feels that Freddie will recover use of his limbs as spinal cord tissue regenerates itself. It is an extremely slow process.

Lake-Lehman High School phoned the Dallas Post last Tuesday for Freddie's picture to use in the Year-Book. He is a member of the graduating class of 1962.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO SHAVER FAMILY FUND THROUGH DALLAS POST

Contributions for the Shaver Fund may be sent in care of the Dallas Post, which will act as a clearing house for the general public. Everyone will want to contribute. Expenses will be high. The family is widely connected in the area, where the name of Shaver is synonymous with substantial pioneer ancestry. Make your donation soon, and as generous as possible.

The tragedy has affected the entire community, and stirred it to the depths.

Tragic Note

Clarence "Shorty" Shaver, 56, father of the three girls who were burned to death, is a patient at Nesbitt Hospital where he shows no improvement after being admitted Friday night following a stroke suffered at his home in Loyalville.

He was treated at his home by Dr. Benjamin Groblewski before being removed by Lake Ambulance.

His son Clarence Jr., a U.S. Marine stationed at Memphis, Tenn., who arrived here Monday night after being notified of his father's serious illness was staying with his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Williams in Kingston when tragedy struck at the family home in Lake Township.

The elder Mr. Shaver, a cousin of Dean, was for many years associated with his late father Clarence in the well drilling business. More recently he was employed with McTeren and Terry, a New Jersey electrical manufacturer, until he was laid off.

A native of Lake Township Mr. Shaver has one sister, Mildred, a graduate of Lake Schools and Drexel Institute, now a teacher in Korea.

Mrs. John Parsons, of Kunkle, Mrs. Shaver's sister-in-law, called Mrs. Dale Oney Wednesday morning around 8:30 to inquire about Clarence, and got the news of the tragedy. Mrs. Parsons says that Mrs. Shaver had the address of Mildred Shaver, the teacher in Korea, in her handbag Tuesday night, and the handbag of course was burned along with everything else.

Miss Shaver, who teaches children of service men in Korea, has to be reached through the Red Cross, but there was an address in New York which might have shortened the process. This was finally located through a Lake neighbor.

Miss Shaver has been sent a cablegram. Arrangements are being held up until the family hears from her.

Mrs. Clarence Shaver is under heavy sedation.

Richard, on the serious list, is getting transfusions.

From Mrs. Parsons' account, the two smaller children, a little boy and Susie, slept in cribs in Mrs. Shaver's room, Susie right near the door. The two girls, Mildred Virginia and Cynthia, slept in another room. Mildred Virginia could not be roused, probably already suffocated when fire was discovered.

Tragedy Follows Shortly After Their Father Is Sent To Hospital With Stroke

Search Yields Three Killed In Fire



Members of Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company raked charred debris in the cellar of the Harveys Lake home of Clarence Shaver to find the bodies of three daughters trapped when the two-story frame house burned to the ground yesterday morning.

Six other people escaped the blaze with bad burns, as three companies of fire-fighters attempted to arrest the flames.



Coroner Stephen M. Glova and Police Chief Edgar Hughes directed the search well into the morning, as the ruins finally yielded the dead children and the body of a pet kitten.

The older girl, Marguerite, rushed outdoors to call for help, and when she came back to the house it was already a mass of flames.

"I do not think that anybody

Three little sisters, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence "Shorty" Shaver, were burned to death in a holocaust that consumed their rural two-story frame home early Wednesday morning on Schoolhouse road between Loyalville and the West Corner of Harveys Lake.

Six other members of the family barely escaped with their lives.

SHAVER FAMILY ACCEPTS OFFER OF BURIAL PLOT

Chapel Lawn's offer of a burial plot for the three victims of yesterday's early morning tragedy has been accepted by the Clarence Shaver family. The three children, Mildred Virginia, Cynthia, and baby Susie, who lost their lives when flames swept through the two-story frame dwelling at Harveys Lake, will be buried at Chapel Lawn.

Definite arrangements await decision of Mrs. Shaver and Stephen Glova, funeral director.

Mrs. Shaver is at Nesbitt Hospital in a state of shock. Mr. Shaver, also at Nesbitt, has been in a deep coma since suffering a stroke late Friday night.

Dead are: Mildred Virginia, 14, a Ninth Grade student at Lake-Lehman Junior High School; Cynthia, 6, First Grade pupil at Lake Elementary School and Susie, 2.

Their bodies were recovered late Wednesday morning.

At Nesbitt Hospital where they are recovering from burns and shock are Mrs. Marguerite Shaver, mother of the children; Richard, 17; Robert 13 and David, 14. A daughter, Marguerite, 16, was the only member of the family who escaped injury.

The mother and all the children, except Richard, were sleeping in bedrooms on the second floor when the fire was discovered around 1:30 by Jackie Thomas, 19, who with Richard was sleeping in the living room.

Jack Thomas Gives Alarm

Awakened by the acrid smell of smoke, Jackie saw flames creeping up the kitchen wall. He ran to a stairway but was blocked from mounting the stairs by smoke and flames that singed his hair and burned his hands. He shouted to the other members of the family to get out as best they could, then with Richard raised a ladder to the front porch roof.

The entire upper story was enveloped in flames as Mrs. Shaver and three of the children escaped through a window and down over the roof. The night clothing of all of them was scorched and in flames. Richard was severely burned about the back, arms and leg as he assisted them.

Jackie guided them to the home of Dale Oney just across the highway and Mr. Oney called Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company. He also notified Dr. Benjamin Groblewski, Harveys Lake physician, who came at once with his driver Thomas Tilghman.

Dr. Groblewski Gave First Aid

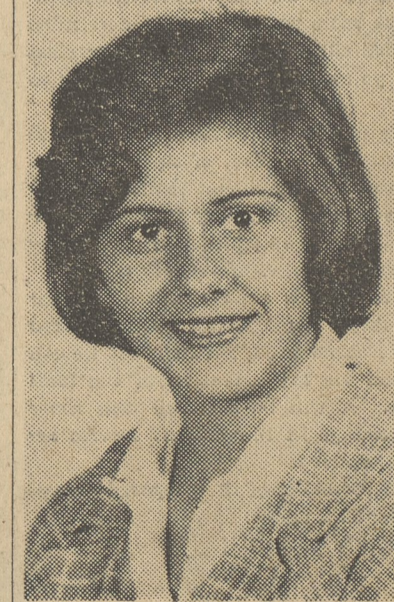
Dr. Groblewski rendered first aid, then gave attention to Mrs. Shaver who fell unconscious from shock to the floor of the Oney living room. Richard also suffered from deep burns on the back, arms and leg. All were in an extreme state of shock when Dr. Groblewski had them placed in his station wagon and driven to Nesbitt Hospital by Mr. Tilghman. He then turned his attention to George Searfoss, a neighbor who had become extremely ill during the excitement.

First to arrive on the scene following Mr. Oney's urgent call was Chief of Police Edgar Hughes in the Harveys Lake Police cruiser, shortly followed by Myron Williams, who had been notified by his wife who calls all firemen, and by Dr. Groblewski.

Mr. Williams said flames from the raging inferno lighted the whole lake area as though a lake front property were aflame.

There was nothing firemen could

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VIRGINIA and CYNTHIA SHAVER

These pictures of Virginia Shaver and her younger sister, Cynthia, were received only Tuesday afternoon when the school pictures arrived at Lake and Lehman Buildings.

Mrs. Martin at Lake Building said "I can see Cynthia now standing in the hall as we told her what a lovely picture she had. She grasped it in her hand and took it home with her where it was consumed in the fire."

The picture here was taken from a small booklet prepared for the First Grade at Lake.