

## EDITOR OF THE DALLAS POST DIES SUDDENLY

### Togetherness Is Important

#### Four Carverton Families Agree

Two brothers, two sisters and their mother who continue to live side by side, are building new homes in Franklin Township.

Mrs. William Poeperling, Mrs. Warren Bidwell, James Futch and William Futch have resided in four adjoining residences on Carverton Road, Carverton since 1942.

Their mother, has a lovely apartment attached to the Poeperling home. This gracious lady is affectionately known as "Mummy" to her children and grandchildren.

She believes firmly in the maintenance of separate quarters for parents when their children reach marriageable age, but is always nearby when any assistance or advice is needed.

She is the favored baby sitter, welcome shopping companion and favored hostess at family get-togethers, birthdays, holidays or anniversaries.

The family are members of St. Francis Cabrini Church.

Nine grandchildren, two sons-in-law and two daughters-in-law dwell together in love and harmony, which is really remarkable in present day existence.

The two oldest grandchildren are married. William Poeperling, Jr., lives in Wilkes-Barre and claims the oldest member of the fourth generation. John, II, Irene Poeperling Spare has a home in Carverton, not too far from her parents.

The other two great grandchildren are hers, Colleen, 1½ and Bobby, two months. Ellen and Patrick Bidwell, Marlene, Peggy and Cheryl, twins, Jay and Robin Futch, Kathy Sue and Bonny Sue Futch comprise the younger generation.

Several months ago, the General State Authority purchased the family plots to incorporate same into the State Park and Lake to be constructed in this area.

The group, which intend to stay together, bought land from Arch Schweitzer on Reynolds Hill near Memorial Shrine. Four new homes are being erected close by there. In March, the Futch's, Bidwell's and Poeperling's hope to move into their new quarters and continue their most satisfactory way of life.

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### REV. CHARLES GILBERT PAYS HEARTFELT TRIBUTE TO HOWARD W. RISLEY

Howard Risley did such a lot for me. Yes, he encouraged me to write, making me think I could write, even when I couldn't. He made me do the best I could.

In doing that, and in the other things he did, he manifested just plain friendship in so many ways. I liked him through his paper before I ever met him. And still more, after I met him.

He helped me make my church paper more readable. I wish I knew how to hand out personal sympathy, first of all to Myra . . . herself a wonderful person. And to all who work at The Dallas Post, I know you'll all have to keep on doing what you do. But I want you all to know that you have my sympathy.

What can words do! But they have to be said, for better, for worse.

And I haven't said anything about God or the Christian faith. But on Him and it I rely, and I hope you do too.

### Community Besieges Newspaper Office

The community, rocked to its foundations on Wednesday by the grim news of the death of Howard Risley, offered assistance in any way possible, rallying to the community emergency with a heartening outpouring of grief and concern. The office was besieged with telephone calls, and by people who could not believe the news, who came in person, hopeful that there had been a mistake.

Would there be a paper? Yes, the paper would be published on schedule. Mr. Risley was a newspaper man, and newspapers must go on. Bob Bachman, until very recently an integral cog in the Post machinery, walked in, shedding his coat, and remained to help get out the paper.

Charlie Gilbert, completely shattered, came; Harry Vivian and William Baker, from Miners National Bank; Bill Moss, library auction stalwart; Louise Marks; Dave Schooley; Raymon Hedden. The news spread and the phone buzzed.

The longest day in Dallas Post history dragged somehow to an end.

### Howard Risley Dies Of Heart Attack After Holiday; Stricken At Nicholson During Family Christmas

More Than An Editor, He Was The Heart Of His Chosen Community, Suffering With It, Rejoicing With It, Identified With It As A Leader



HOWARD W. RISLEY

### THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

The death of Howard Risley early Wednesday morning struck the Back Mountain a crushing blow. He was the one man in the community who could not be spared, the focus of life in the Back Mountain.

For over thirty years, ever since he acquired the Dallas Post in 1930, his every thought had centered about his chosen community.

Howard, his own back against the wall because of the hard times caused by the depression, at his wit's end many times to meet his own payroll, wrote editorial after editorial in those difficult times, urging the businessmen of the area to make work for the unemployed.

Everybody knew him as Howard, from school children to centenarians.

To everybody, Howard was the anchor to windward, the port in a storm.

It was Howard who saw to it that men in the service during World War II and the Korean conflict, received their home-town paper as a gift.

It was Howard who made the grim rounds, bearing the news of the death of a young soldier to the sorrowing parents.

It was Howard to whom his people turned instinctively in time of trouble.

The Dallas Post bears this inscription: "More than a newspaper, a community institution."

Howard was more than an editor. He was a community institution. To few men is it given to be loved as Howard was loved.

Here was a man.

Unbelievably, Howard Risley is dead.

He died very early Wednesday morning at Nesbitt Hospital, where he had been rushed shortly before midnight in the Factoryville ambulance.

He had been enjoying Christmas dinner with his family at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clarence Boston, in Nicholson, when he had a sudden heart attack, similar to the attack which he had suffered a year and a half ago at the Library Auction Kick-Off dinner.

Services are scheduled for the home on Huntsville Road Saturday, with Rev. Russell Lawry officiating. Burial will be at Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock, in the family plot.

Honors slipped lightly from Howard's shoulders. He shrugged them off.

He would have wanted only the bare bones of an obituary.

Howard, who bled with so many of his friends in the Back Mountain when death and disaster overtook them, is now defenseless.

He was born in Springville, October 11, 1901, son of the late Walter and Margaret West Risley. As a boy he moved to Noxen, where his father owned and operated a general store. Later, the family moved to Dallas, and the senior Risley opened a hardware store where the Ben Franklin store is now located.

Upon graduation from Wyoming Seminary, he enrolled at Dartmouth, and graduated with the class of 1927.

For two years after graduation he was on the staff of the Wilkes-Barre Record, where he became, inevitably, a newspaper man.

In 1930, he acquired the Dallas Post, building it up from a four page weekly to its present size, becoming ever more closely identified with the life of the community.

Howard was the community. Its problems were his problems, its growing pains his own. Many fine young men of the area have passed through his moulding fingers.

During World War II he suffered with them. Casting about for something which would make life more endurable for them, he conceived the idea of sending the home town newspaper to them of their far-flung battlefields. Home-sick boys read of the homely happenings, and knew that they were not forgotten.

A library was one of the goals of the Dallas Post. When the library was founded, he promoted it in every possible way. When an Auction was proposed, to supplement the meagre income, the weight of the Dallas Post was thrown behind it. Annually, Howard gave the use of his barn and his grounds, to make the auction a success. He was president of the Library Association for years, and remained a permanent member of the Board.

Daddow Isaacs Post, American Legion, honored him as Man of the Year in 1959. In May of 1962 Back Mountain Protective Association tapped him for Man of the Year. He served on the directorate of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, and on the advisory board of Dallas Branch, Miners National Bank.

He was a member of George M. Dallas Lodge F&AM, Caldwell Consistory, and Irem Temple, and a member of the Torch Club. It was through his efforts that Back Mountain Civil War Round Table was formed. History of the War Between the States was his main hobby.

Church affiliations were the Dallas Methodist.

He leaves his widow, the former Myra Zeiser, Wilkes-Barre; a sister Mrs. Clarence Boston, Nicholson; nephew, Leighton Scott Jr., Easton; a niece, Mrs. Dana Swan, Swarthmore. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Zeiser, who makes her home with him, is on her way up from Florida where she had planned to spend the winter months.

Friends are asked please to omit flowers, giving instead, if they wish, a contribution to the Library or to the SPCA, two of Howard Risley's pet projects.

Arrangements by Bronson.

### Have You Seen A Lost Christmas Gift?

Proud of the gift he had gotten for his wife, a beautiful little, three-month-old kitten, Willard Hoover, Main Street, Shavertown, with his wife, Winifred, were carrying it in the house on Christmas Eve when the kitten sprang from "Winnie's" arms.

They chased it through the swamp in their good clothes until they lost sight of the kitten near the grade school in Shavertown.

Feeling badly about the loss of the kitten, the Hoovers are offering a reward for its return.

It is a black kitten with orange spots, four white feet and white whiskers.

### Local Man Is Re-elected To Board

SMITHFIELD, VA. - - The Smithfield Packing Company announces the re-election of Robert J. Parks as Secretary-Treasurer following a meeting of the board of directors.

Parks, a native of Dallas, joined the company in 1954 as Office Manager. He later was made Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and in April, 1962, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Smithfield Packing Company is the world's largest producer of genuine Smithfield hams and the largest pork packing concern in the southeast.

### Money Mailed In Envelope Never Got To Miners Bank

Receipt Book Found Later In Shavertown Shopping Center Lot

An envelope mailed at the outside box at the Shavertown Post Office on Sunday morning, December 9th, containing an endorsed check for \$69.43 and \$20.00 in cash plus the receipt book, never reached the Dallas Branch of the Miners Bank.

Mrs. Margaret Roberts, recently widowed, of Hemlock Street in Fernbrook had enclosed her paycheck from the Valley Crest Home For The Aged, along with the money and receipt book and was told her that some woman had found her receipt book in the parking lot at the Shavertown Shopping Center.

Local authorities are working on the case and federal authorities will also be concerned since it involves tampering with the United States mails.

Since Mrs. Roberts works the night shift she has asked that if anyone cashed this check will they please notify The Dallas Post.

### In College Who's Who



Ann Black, senior at College Misericordia, has been named to the 1963 WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS OF AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. Miss Black is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Black, Shavertown. A major in chemistry, Ann Black is a Dean's List student.

The WHO'S WHO LIST is a nationwide selection which serves as a bulletin for employers who seek personnel with qualities of leadership. The program requires the nominees to be leaders in academic, social, political, civic and religious activities, as well as in sports.

### Charlie Williams Has Big 708 Series

Charlie Williams, recent winner of Wyoming Valley All-Star Championship, again took honors when he rolled a beautiful 708 series in league competition Friday night at Crown Imperial Lanes. Charlie bowls on West Side Novelty team with Crown Imperial Major League and has chalked up many solid 600 plus series in his many years of bowling and a few 700's. His 708 Friday was the first in league competition at the local establishment and included a big 279 game plus 225 and 204.

Williams won the All-Star championship this fall and entered the State Championship held at York. He was also the winner two years ago.

### In College Who's Who



Basketball star Clark Mosier is one of sixteen Susquehanna University seniors in the 1962-63 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Names and biographies will appear in the annual publication, which contains information on college seniors who have distinguished themselves through scholarship and service to their schools.

Mosier is the highest scoring player in Susquehanna's basketball history. He averaged 28.3 points per game last season to rank ninth in the nation among small college scoring leaders. Hampered by pulled muscles in his leg and abdomen earlier this season, he still has scored 91 points in six games this year for an average of better than 15 per game.

In addition, Mosier is president of the Men's Judiciary Board and vice president of Student Council.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Mosier, and a 1958 graduate of Westmoreland High School, he is majoring in merchandising.

### Toll-Free Vote In Slim Lead

The number of Back Mountain phone-owners in favor of toll-free calls to the Wyoming Valley continues to mount, with 76.8 per cent of all possible votes now registered.

But the remaining 24 per cent of Commonwealth customers should not consequently become lax about voting, in the belief that the affirmative will win, warns Jhon N. Landis, Dallas area District Manager of the company.

He notes that, although 68 per cent of those voting have accepted the proposed system of toll-free call in exchange for slightly advanced base rates, this figure represents only 52.4 per cent of all owners.

The remaining voters, if they remained silent, could thereby register an automatic "no" against the move.

Mr. Landis strongly urges all remaining voters to send in their decisions before the deadline, December 31.

It is reported that it may take as long as two years before the new system might be inaugurated, since it could take nearly that much time for Commonwealth to obtain equipment to link with the Valley's Bell Company system, and to get state approval.

### Completes Officers Orientation School

Army 2d Lt. Fred C. Ruggles, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ruggles, West Dallas, completed the eight-week officer orientation course at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., November 30.

Lieutenant Ruggles received instruction in the duties and responsibilities of an infantry platoon leader.

The 21-year-old officer is a 1962 graduate of Lafayette College.

### Manger Scene

Manger scene at Dallas Methodist Church was erected by the Young People, from lumber donated by Raymon R. Hedden.

All Catholic churches of the area had midnight Masses in observance of Christmas, and all churches were crowded.

### Shaver Family Out Of The Hospital For Christmas After Terrible Fate

By DOROTHY ANDERSON

The Clarence Shaver family, out of the hospital for Christmas, with the exception of their father, is looking forward to building a new life in the coming year.

Mrs. Marguerite Shaver, the courageous mother of the group, is doing her utmost to get the youngsters together again as soon as possible. They hope to find a house at Harveys Lake by the first of the year.

Young Marguerite, staying with the Dale Oney's at the Lake has been back to school for some time. Richard and Robert, their burns healing nicely, are anxious to return to classes. Richard's second and third degree burns, which had been so serious that skin grafting was thought necessary, has experienced such a miraculous recovery that no transplant operations will be required.

Little David, aged three, is enjoying his stay with his young cousins at the home of Mrs. Shaver's brother, Willard Parsons and family, Kingston. His mother is there with him, while Dick and Bob are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Gertrude Williams, also of Kingston.

Clarence, Jr., on extended leave from the U. S. Marine Corps and his wife of one month, are helping Mrs. Shaver straighten out her affairs. The young couple will return to base in North Carolina next Wednesday.

Clarence Shaver, Sr., father of the children, remains in a coma at Nesbitt Hospital. Nurses are required round the clock. Veins collapsing from many intravenous feedings necessitated surgery last week so that a tube might be placed directly into the stomach for more substantial nourishment. His sister, Mildred Shaver, called home from Korea following the tragedy, is on her way back to her post, to resume her duties as teacher for armed forces children.

Some time in the near future, Mrs. Shaver plans to build a new home on the family site at Harveys Lake. This is the children's unanimous decision. The different styling of the new structure will help to erase memories of the old home destroyed in the tragic fire which took the lives of three little sisters, Virginia, Cindy and baby Susan, in the early morning hours of November 28.

Says Mrs. Shaver: "I must think and plan for those that are spared to me and not dwell on that which was taken away." She is deeply grateful to the many wonderful folks who contributed so much to help the stricken family rebuild again the future.

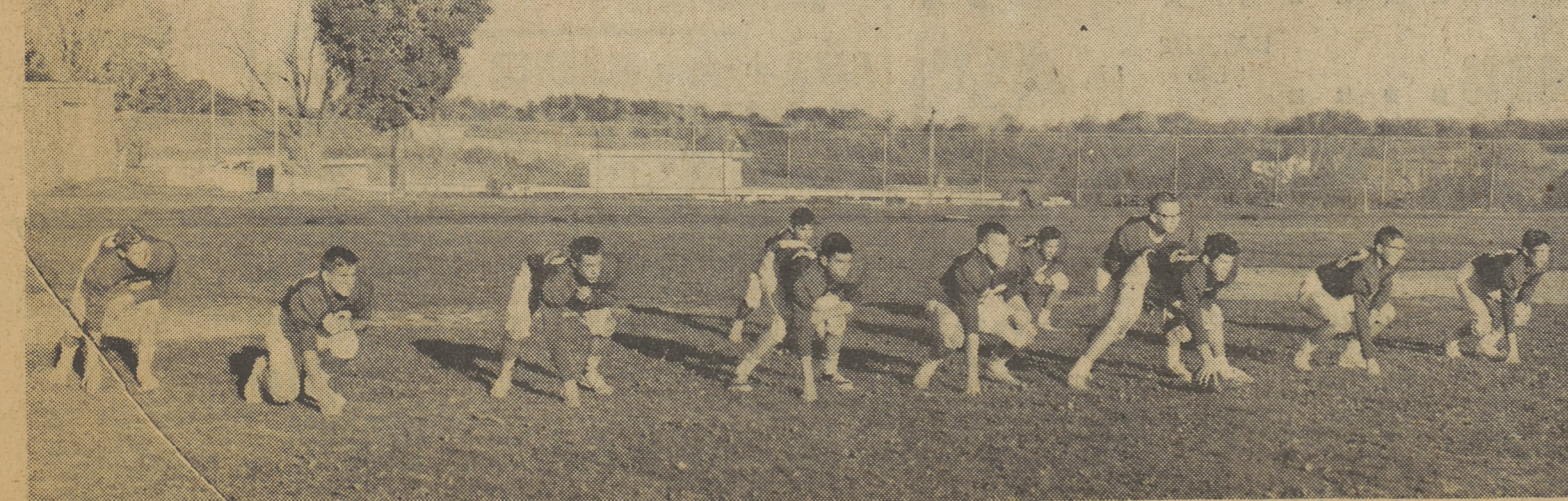
### Schools Will Reopen Wednesday Morning

Schools of the area will re-open Wednesday morning at the usual time. In case of Lake-Lehman schools, Christmas vacation was abbreviated. Classes were held Thursday and Friday, to compensate in part for late starting in September. Easter vacation will also be curtailed.

### Library Closed

Back Mountain Memorial Library will again be closed this Saturday, to afford a long weekend for librarians.

### Dallas Junior High School Falcons Get A Workout



First string of Dallas Junior High School, Falcons '62, line up across the practice field.

Left end is Mark Dymond; left guard Calvin Tinsley; center Bob Misson; left tackle Jeff Downend; right tackle Donald Lawson; right guard Walter Volack; right end Jim Yarnek; quarter-back, Steve Towns; end; left halfback T. Finn; fullback, Tony Bonomo; right halfback, Scott Alexander.