

Church To Go Forward With New Edifice

Trucksville Free Methodist Ready To Unveil Plans

Trucksville Free Methodist Church, in announcing its plans to go ahead with a new structure and an ambitious program, looking toward the future, exhibits the faith that moves mountains. Its small congregation, led by a pastor with an enduring faith in the growth of the Back Mountain and the necessity for a strong and living religious program as an integral part of its development, is undertaking a task that will challenge every member to the utmost of his capability.

The church is acquiring a three-acre plot, location to be announced. Saturday evening the Structure Committee will unveil the artist's rendering of the new church to the congregation and interested friends following a fellowship supper in Trucksville Fire Hall at 5:30.

The purpose of this ceremony is not only to unveil the picture but also to raise from the local congregation the balance of its goal of \$25,000 in cash and pledges necessary before beginning construction in mid-April. The building fund total is now over \$18,000 so the goal for the Saturday night rally is \$7,000.

The total building program including the first unit of the church and parsonage will be in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

Pastor Grove Armstrong realizes that it will take great sacrifice on the part of the congregation's 39 members but believes that the congregation will reach \$25,000 in time to begin construction.

Included in the present building fund total of \$18,000 is an \$11,000 gift from the old Wilkes-Barre Society which is in the process of uniting with the Trucksville Society.

Structure Committee members are Rev. Armstrong, ex officio; Frank Mathers Sr., Wesley Cooper Jr., William Zeek, Doris Hathaway, Sadie Cooper, and Marian Chappell. Edmund Hildebrand, Trucksville is the architect. His associate Judson Lewis of Philadelphia, prepared the rendering.

Participating in the program will be Rev. H. D. Oliver, New York Conference Superintendent, and a representative of the New York Conference Board of Evangelism, possibly Ralph Baker of Factoryville.

Free Methodist Youth will decorate the Fire Hall, and special music will be furnished by Betty Jones and Florence Russell. Mrs. Gladys Stull, Mrs. Doris Hathaway, and Mrs. Margaret Hender are in charge of refreshments and Mrs. Myrtle Mathers will be hostess. The community is invited to attend the unveiling ceremony.

Local Dairymen Take Top Posts

Five Area Herds Cited Statewide

Election of several Back Mountain men to top posts and announcement of impressive dairy production records for local Luzerne County farms highlighted the recent dinner meeting of Luzerne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Four of the top 46 highest producing herds in Pennsylvania are in this county, and five local dairy farmers could boast herds which finished tests within the 500 pound category.

Officers and directors for the 1963 year were elected as follows: A. Jay Mott, Shickshinny, R.D. 2, President; Robert Gray, Hunlock Creek, R.D. 1, Vice-President; William Conyngnam, Trucksville, Secretary-Treasurer; Al Wright, Kingston, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Fred Shultz, Berwick, R.D. 1, Charles Homenway, Trucksville; Norman Shultz, Berwick, R.D. 1, directors. Clyde Bower and Prosper Confair, Berwick, R.D. 1 and P. P. Pecara, Drums, alternate directors.

Prize Back Mountain herds with superlative records are owned by: Lake Louise Farm, East Dallas; Sterling Farm, Harveys Lake; John S. Pine, Loyallville; Charles Grauzlis, Carverton; and Hillside Farms, Trucksville.

All finished well over 500 pounds butterfat, and had excellent milk poundage records as well. Top herds in the county are owned by Harold Yapple, Stillwater, R.D. 1, 33 Registered Holsteins; Ber-Cre Farm, Nescopeck R.D. 1, 60 Registered Holsteins; William Magill, Sugarloaf R.D. 1, 20 Registered Holsteins; and Pecora Brothers Dairy Farm, Drums R.D. 1 111 Registered Holsteins.

These herds all averaged about 16,000 pounds of milk and over 600 pounds of butterfat per cow.

Supervisors of the program include William Baucher, Berwick; Lewis Evans, Hunlock Creek, and Fred Rich, Dallas, R.D. 3.

Weather Warms Clear Up To Zero, Region Experiences Heat Wave

Snows Immobilize Highway Commuters

Lines of cars were immobilized on Dallas-Luzerne Highway Wednesday night from big bend to Center Street, Shavertown, and many motorists were more than three hours negotiating the five miles between the Valley and Back Mountain.

Angry drivers waxed angrier as one state highway cinder crew after another passed their stranded cars en route to cinder assignments elsewhere.

Finally, at 6:30, out of the sub-zero night, came a state crew assigned to the highway, and traffic resumed its flow.

Danny Richards Is New Chief

Peterson And Baker Re-elected In 1963

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company received its first new chief in five years Tuesday night, as Al Shaffer handed in his title for lack of time, and one of the largest assemblages of firemen this year elected Danny Richards unanimously.

All officers were re-elected unanimously including old-timers Henry Peterson, president, and Bill Baker, secretary, neither of whom can remember when they first took office with the association.

Howard Johns is vice president, Jim Weisman, treasurer, and Leonard Harvey, trustee. Don Bulford was elected assistant chief, and others are to be appointed. Same officers were re-elected for the Relief Association, whose meeting was called together immediately after the association.

Among announcements made was that of installation of new fire-phones in seven homes, with button attachments for activating the siren only on certain phones. Now possessing are Bill Berti, Jim Wertman, Richards and Jim Bessecker.

The button-pusher must keep his line open until another fire-phone answers the same call. Lifting the receiver will not stop ringing on other phones, but replacing it prematurely will, explained president Peterson.

All firemen agreed on the need for a timer for the siren, since there is no way of turning it off by remote control.

Possibility of replacing the central siren with a new civil defense two-tone siren was discussed. By following specifications, it is possible to have the national civil defense organization pay forty-five per cent of the cost.

Chief Shaffer expressed his heartfelt thanks to the assembled firemen for the five years of his office, and wished luck to Danny Richards.

Board To Meet

Lake Township Board of Supervisors will meet Saturday morning at 9, Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company building, Walter J. Hoover presiding.

Senator Learns About Crippled Children



Senator Harold Flack, long interested in the work of Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association, stopped at the office of its executive secretary in the Kirby Health Center at a time when Mrs. W. Hamer Mainwaring, newly-elected president of the Board of Directors was discussing the 1963 Easter Seal Drive with David M. Ogden, chairman, and first vice-president.

Mr. Ogden, told Sen. Flack that the local goal for the 1963 Easter Seal drive is \$22,500, an amount necessary to underwrite the cerebral palsy program. The full scope of the Association's program last year provided more than 11,000 services to 366 children at a total cost of more than \$54,000.

Mrs. Mainwaring is showing Senator Flack the poster work and other material which will be used

Boys Paroled In Franklin "Delinquency"

Eighteen-Year-Old Caught In Larceny By Township Chief

Teenage members of a local group involved in several Franklin Township farm thefts, early autumn, were sentenced Thursday in Juvenile Court, and a Carverton boy, 18, was convicted of larceny before Justice of the Peace George Prater for stripping a truck.

A Demunds boy, 17, and an Orange sixteen-year-old, adjudged "delinquent" by Judge Richard Bigelow, were paroled in the custody of their parents after admitting to the theft of thirty gallons of gasoline from a tractor belonging to Raymond Goeringer, Lake Louise, and twenty-five bales of hay from the Edward Grondowski farm, Orange.

Joseph Yugowski, Carverton, admitted to stripping a pick-up truck, also in Grondowski's field, of a battery, directional signals, horn, radiator, manifold, and heater. The Demunds boy admitted to helping him take the signals.

Yugowski apparently had nothing to do with the gas and hay episodes, and the actions brought in each case were separate and distinct.

Instrumental in the apprehension of the three, and of one Fernbrook boy, sixteen years old, who was not prosecuted, was Chief of Police Byron Kester, who, in the process of two weeks intensive investigation, waited two nights in a barn on the Grondowski farm in hopes of catching the boys in the act, and spent a day at State Police barracks asking them questions.

Still unsolved is the loss of some 70 more gallons of gasoline, and 71 more bales of hay, alleged missing by Goeringer and Grondowski. Also alleged missing was a drive shaft and transmission from Grondowski's truck.

The two boys admitted to removing the hay and gasoline in their own truck, and storing the bales in a field near the sixteen-year-old's home in Orange, and later carrying it to the other's home near Moore's Store to feed to his horse.

According to the boys, seven bales were taken from a field where the hay was stored under a plastic cover, and eighteen from Goeringer's barn.

Chief Kester questioned the two juveniles at Dallas High School earlier this month, and arrested Yugowski at his home Tuesday, January 22, and took him to Squire Prater for preliminary hearing after the boy admitted the theft at Wyoming Barracks. Aiding Kester in investigation was Trooper Donald Dorris.

Parents of all the boys agreed to make restitution to the Franklin Township farmers, but, in Juvenile Court, this was not entered on the record and thus not mandatory.

Post Ads Picked Up By Metro

Cited As Unusual Out Of Ordinary

It was recently discovered in a past issue of Metro's Monthly Journal of Advertising News and Lineage Building Ideas, that two ads that appeared in The Dallas Post had been picked up and sent out to Metro's Plus Business readers across the country.

The ads were dreamed up by Post advertising manager, Louise Marks, and were cited because they exhibited a broad gauged selling approach beyond traditional apparel and school supply category usually promoted in Back To School editions.

One ad was for Shorten Motor Co. and the other ad was for Harveys Lake Light Company.

This is the third time Post ads have been reproduced for advertising personnel from coast to coast.

Children's Theatre At College To Present Elves And Shoemaker

Children's Theatre is the new venture of College Misericordia's Lyric Theatre. Director Gerald Godwin, head of Misericordia's speech and drama department, announces matinee performances of the MacAlvay-Chorpenning play, THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER, at College Misericordia February 15-17.

With this first children's production presented by the Misericordia Players, Misericordia's department of drama becomes associated in a development described by theatre historian Nellie McCaslin as "one of the youngest and most vigorous movements in our cultural history."

Its progress was stressed by the Children's Theatre Conference survey of 1957 which revealed that 200 colleges and universities in the country were then engaged in some

Civil Defense First-Aid Course Starts At Lake

A Civil Defense medical and first-aid class will be given Tuesday evenings, 7 to 9, starting February 5, at Harveys Lake Road and Gun Club, Kunkle Road, Harveys Lake, under the direction of Anthony Broody.

The course is open to anybody in the area who wants to know how to cope with emergency treatment in case of nuclear attack or a disaster which would deprive the area of normal medical attention.

More information may be obtained from Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company, NEptune 9-2921. The course is given free of charge.

Toll-Free Calls To Valley To Start May, 1964

Project Requires Large-Scale Plans And Construction

Toll-free calling between Dallas and Wilkes-Barre-Kingston will become effective May 1, 1964, J. N. Landis, manager of Commonwealth Telephone Company's Dallas District, announced today.

The date was jointly reached by Commonwealth and The Bell Telephone Company which serves the Wilkes-Barre-Kingston area. Construction of outside plant and office equipment additions must be made by both companies to effect the change.

Based on the experience of other areas where free calling has been established, usage increases three to four times the former rate, calls are of longer duration and it is this which necessitates plant and equipment additions.

Question of establishing toll-free service between these communities was affirmatively decided by the majority of Dallas' 3885 subscribers in a poll conducted under supervision of the Public Utility Commission last December. The present 10c toll will be eliminated and local service rates adjusted on the May 1st date when Dallas' calling area is increased by some 70,000 telephones.

Elderly Recluse Is Victim Of Coldest Winter Of The Century

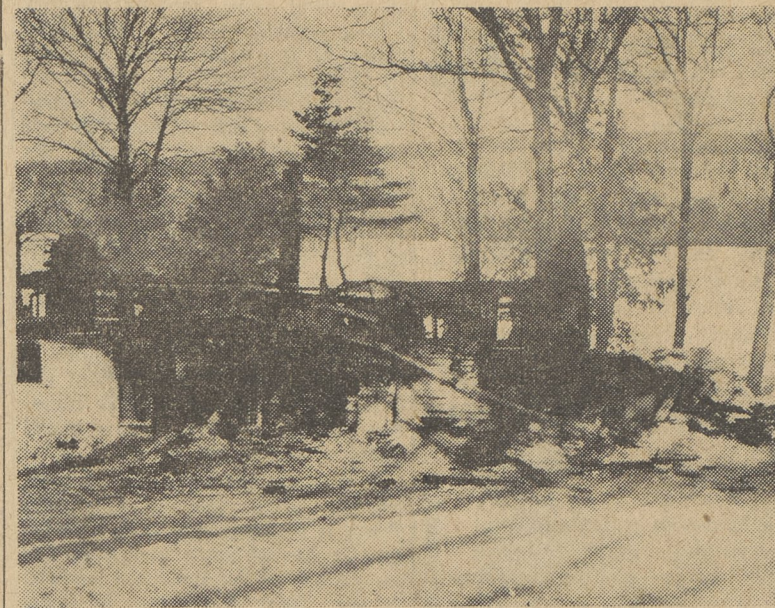
A seventy-six year old Dallas Township man whose frozen feet and hands would have required amputation if he had lived, died of exposure at General Hospital Monday morning, a victim of the coldest winter of the century.

Harry Miller lived in a former milk shed attached to the lower level of a barn on the Warden farm near Kunkle. When Mr. Miller's plight was discovered by Andrew Race Saturday afternoon, there was no fire in the ramshackle stove and Mr. Miller was bundled to the eyes in blankets and rugs, nine dogs huddled around him for warmth.

There was food of a sort, but the victim had not been able to get out of bed because of his raging fever. His body was reduced to a skeleton from starvation, his toes missing.

Ordinarily, he walked to the store,

Misfortune Black Against Snowy Lake



Reduced to a char against the snowy surface of Sgarlat Lake is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Lozier, Idetown, which burned Monday night.

Two fire companies fought to contain the blaze, which drove Lozier, just home from the hospital, and his wife out into a night so cold it froze water in the hoses.

Man And Beast To Compete In Opening Lake-Lehman Gym

Library Will Elect Officers

Annual Meeting Tonight At 8

Tonight at 8, Back Mountain Memorial Library Association will meet in the Library Annex, to elect officers and directors, and to receive annual reports.

David Schooley will preside. All members of the Library Association are invited. The Book Club is in charge of refreshments, retiring president Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins, assisting Mrs. Paul Gross, president, as co-chairman of the hostess committee.

Fr. Ed. Eick, chairman of a nominating committee composed of Mrs. Hanford Eckman and Atty. Mitchell Jenkins, will present the slate of officers. Elected in addition to officers will be six directors.

Faculty, Lettermen, To Meet On Donkeys

Lake-Lehman High School gymnasium was rushed over the last hurdles to completion this week, and features its inauguration tomorrow night by man and beast.

Faculty is pitted against the school Lettermen's Club in what portends to be a thrilling exhibition of Donkey Basketball, featuring some of Lake-Lehman alltime greats.

According to reliable sources, the game, which starts at 8, with a droll preliminary game between Girls' Varsity and Senior Lettermen at 6:30, "has been sweeping the nation with its rock'n sock'n action, and will amuse the young and young at heart."

Faculty has defeated the Lettermen for the past two years, so confidence is running high.

Lake-Lehman lettermen have been selling tickets all this week, and will continue to do so till game-time.

Few restraints are imposed upon team members in Donkey Basketball. During the game, anyone can push and struggle for the ball in any way possible, (slugging prohibited) and "anything can happen."

The trained quadrupeds of the Buckeye Donkey-Ball Company include critters of all temperaments and description, which will jump around as if they are filled with Mexican jumping beans, while all team members try to stay on.

The faculty will battle a select team from the Lettermen's Club. Riding for the faculty will be the following equestrians: "Sugarfoot" Zaleskas, "Gunnin'" Gulbush, "Ramblin'" Rash, "Flash" Maciak, "Slim," Edwards, "Shotgun" Kan-yuck, "Tex" Longmore, "Hopalong" Vassia, "Wee Willie" Wilczewski, "Pistol Packin'" Czoeh, Manager, George "Klondike" Stolarick, and as coach "Sheriff" Marchakitus.

The following Lettermen will appear in the game: Stan Palmer, Stan Rusiloski, Lee Lord, Bob Rinken, Bob Rogers, Tom Evans, Bruce Spencer, Rich Mekeel, Bob Grey, Ed Hollos, Ed Baer, Joe Smith, Don Malak, Bern Snyder, Ken Ellsworth, Fred Brown, Jay Ruckel, Jim Worth, Jack Sorber, Larry Lettie, Chip Landis, Karl Squier, Don Rittenhouse, Dick Lopasky, John Keris, Clay Keiper, Terry Smith, Ron Viesneski, Harry Cutting, Dave Cook, Bob Margellina, Bob Kunkle, Bill Sponsellor, Mark McDermott, Lee Johnson, Alan Covert.

When the girls' varsity play the Lettermen, the latter will be wearing boxing gloves and girls' rules will be employed. Main event will consist of four ten minute quarters and a twelve minute break at halftime. Refreshments will be on sale. A limited number of tickets are still available.

All returns will be used to help the Lettermen buy club sweaters, promote fellowship in athletics, and serve as a civic-minded club in all school activities.

Elect Officers In Kingston Township

Kingston Township Ambulance Association reelected all officers at the annual meeting Sunday, Shavertown Fire Hall.

Executive chair was again filled by Martin Porter, secretary's post by Mrs. Francis Murray. Voight Long and Willard Platt received first and second vice presidencies, respectively.

Forming Auxiliary

Back Mountain Police Association wives will meet Thursday, 7:30, at Lehman Fire Hall to organize an auxiliary.

The group will be fashioned after existing firemen's auxiliaries.

Christmas Bird Count Yields 41 Species In Areas Visited

Christmas bird count taken December 26 by members of the Back Mountain Bird Club disclosed forty one species in this area.

William Evans presiding at the January meeting of the Association at Back Mountain Library Annex made the announcement.

The group, made up of bird lovers from the entire Wyoming Valley, hopes to erect and maintain a large bird feeder in Kirby Park.

The club works in association with the National Audubon Society. Colored films of Nova Scotia, presented by Terry Baltimore, depicted the glorious scenery and the bird families inhabiting the area.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

Fire Displaces Idetown Couple In Icy Night

Mrs. Emory Lozier Returns To Blaze For Husband's Coat

Turned homeless and without possessions into a night which froze water in the fire-hoses Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Lozier are resting at the fire's son Earl's, Park Street, after watching their Sgarlat Lake home burn to the ground.

Spreading quickly from a porch light-switch, the flames drove Mr. Lozier, discharged last week from the hospital, and his wife into the sub-zero air in only their night-clothes.

With barely enough time to call the fire company, and then only with difficulty, Mrs. Lozier returned inside the blazing one and one half story house to find a coat for her husband.

She was taken by a passing motorist to her son's home, and Earl Lozier came back in a car for his father, as Jonathan R. Davis and Daniel C. Roberts Fire Companies, Idetown and Harveys Lake, struggled with lines in the frozen night, and watched the remains until early Tuesday morning.

Firemen cut through an estimated fourteen inches of ice on the lake for water to supplement that drawn from two pumps and Idetown's tank truck.

Twenty-five men from Idetown and fifteen from Harveys Lake contained the fire to the house, but could not save it.

No other large buildings were threatened, although one or two small sheds are nearby.

Mr. Lozier said his wife was stringing beads at the kitchen table, when he, coming from the living room, noticed the back porch light going on and off.

He flicked the switch, and in an instant flames enveloped the ceiling.

While her husband turned off power in the fuse box, Mrs. Lozier called Idetown Fire Company by operator, and was told there was none listed. Desperately she called the Harveys Lake Company, and got through despite the misnomer.

The valiant woman, known for her energy and willingness by area employers whom she has helped out in their homes, pulled a coat from the smoke and was wrapping her husband in it when the Idetown fire engine arrived.

Firemen put Mr. Lozier, who is still weak from his illness, in the heated cab. When Earl Lozier arrived, fireman Bill Casterline carried the older man to the waiting car.

Lost in the five-room wooden structure in addition to all clothes and possessions was a wallet containing \$100, for which Earl and Mrs. Lozier returned to search the next day.

Mr. Lozier was formerly employed by the Devens Milling Company until major surgery was performed four years ago, necessitating the removal of one lung. Since that time he has been unable to work and has returned frequently to the hospital for treatment.

The Loziers formerly lived at Kunkle, moving to the Idetown area eighteen months ago.

The American Red Cross immediately offered assistance.

Ice-Plows Foiled By Snow At Lake

Harveys Lake business-owners' attempts to clear areas of ice for skating met with varying success this weekend.

In two days, Wednesday and Saturday, Back Mountain accumulated nine or ten inches of snow, and those who sought an early solution by plowing Friday or Saturday were almost immediately confounded by more of the same.

Jack Link, Link's Bar and Grille, Warden Place, was the first to have an area clean this year, and plowed away again after Wednesday's blizzard.

In a real heart-breaker, Bob Hanson, Hanson's Amusement Park, leveled an enormous area Friday and Saturday from the park to Alderson, which could be seen Sunday only by digging.

Joe McCaffrey, Old Sandy Bottom Beach, had many visitors Sunday for his area. He was fortunate in having waited till then to plow.

Over much of the Lake, excepting the coves, wind-whipped powder snow made life miserable for skaters and plowers alike.

Link plowed again Tuesday.

Home From Center

Joseph Chisko, 247 Huntsville Road, returned Saturday from Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, where he underwent a check-up.

Jackson Board Plan

Jackson Township Board of Supervisors will meet Tuesday night, 7:30, Jackson Fire Hall, Elmer Laszkowski presiding.