

Commonwealth To Lower Basic Rate Schedule

Added Efficiency, Increased Revenue, Dictate Revision

The Commonwealth Company, because of improved operating efficiencies and increased toll revenues, has redesigned its graduated local rate schedule. A. J. Sordani Jr., President, today announced that this will generally reduce rates of the Company's customers in their various size local calling areas, and effect an overall net savings to them of \$110,000 annually.

Accordingly, the Company filed on March 6 with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to be effective on May 6, 1963 subject to Commission approval, revised tariffs for the various individual exchanges.

At the time of this general rate revision, the Company is adjusting the rate schedule for those exchanges which have grown to a higher rate level due to the increase in the number of customers in the local calling area.

What does rate revision mean to subscribers in Dallas, Kingston Township, Center Moreland, Sweet Valley, and Harveys Lake?

It means that monthly basic rates have been reduced, and that subscribers who are in the areas affected by the proposed toll-free system, which will eliminate tolls between this area and Wyoming Valley beginning in May of 1964, may have an unexpected bonus of a somewhat lowered basic rate, lower than the rate at first announced.

The plan for this current year, to take effect in May, affects subscribers in this way:

Sweet Valley and Harveys Lake monthly rates for residence telephones, at present \$5.50 for a one-party line, will drop to \$5.00; for a two-party line, from \$4.75 to \$4.25; four multi-party line, from \$3.75 to \$3.55.

Business telephones in Sweet Valley and Harveys Lake will drop from \$6.25 for a two party line to \$6.00; for a multi-party line, and for a one-party line there is no change, rates remaining at \$4.75 and \$7.50.

At Center Moreland, the present basic charge for a one-party residential phone will be dropped from \$5.75 to \$5.00; for a two-party line, from \$5.00 to \$4.25; for a multi-party line, from \$3.75 to \$3.55. Business phone charges for one-party service, from \$8.00 to \$7.50; two-party, from \$7.00 to \$6.00; multi-party, from \$5.50 to \$4.75.

In the Dallas area, a one-party residential phone now carries a basic rate of \$5.75, which will be reduced to \$5.25; a two-party line, from \$5.00 to \$4.50; multi-party service from \$3.75 to \$3.70, a drop of a nickel.

Business phones in the Dallas area: change in the present basic rate of \$8.00 for a one-party line; a drop from \$7.00 to \$6.50 for a two party service; from \$5.50 to \$5.25 for a multi-party line.

Argus Says Poisoner Must Sleep Poorly

Benton Argus picked up an item on dog-poisoning from the Dallas Post. Editorial remarks reflected that a man who would poison one dog probably did not sleep well nights, and that a man who poisoned seventeen dogs, taking delight in their sufferings, probably didn't sleep at all.

Noxen, after the last rash of dog-poisonings, is reasonably quiet. No more dogs have died to date, but who knows what the melting snow will reveal? The last time there was a thaw, five more carcasses came to light.

Jock, the dog belonging to Guy Fritz, left a heritage. A litter of pups, half beagle, half hound, is hourly expected, and one of the litter will fill in for Jock, one of the first victims of the Noxen Poisoner.

Former Fire-Trap Gets Face-Lifting

A former firetrap on Main Street, Dallas is getting a face-lifting. Willard Newberry, who is remodeling the former residence of the late Gertrude Smythe, opposite the North Berti home at the corner of Franklin Street, is turning the house into apartments, and already has the downstairs apartment rented, to be occupied as soon as renovation is complete.

For years the old house has been a target for stone-throwing juveniles. Windows have been replaced, siding applied over the old clapboards, and the side porch ripped off. The second floor apartment has a beautiful big window fronting Main Street.

Condemned Homes To Wait Contract

Kingston Township's abandoned homes along Memorial Highway cannot be removed until contract is awarded for construction of the proposed 4.61 miles of new highway, Senator Harold Flack said over the weekend.

The legislator from the 20th Senatorial District, who made special inquiries into the matter last week was informed the ruling of the state department was still to be followed.

Highway department has repeated that the entire road project, including removal of condemned buildings, is slated for the contractor only, and neither time nor money has been set aside for the department to do it 'tself.

Sen. Flack is hopeful that several bids will be received when the project is readvertised late this month.

Once the bid has been awarded, the contractor will put the properties up for sale. It is understood that a number of residents are interested in purchasing the used lumber, windows, doors and other items contained in structures.

Demolition should then proceed swiftly.

Among the many drawbacks facing contracting firms bidding the job is the relocation of the Lehigh Valley Railway tracks which lie atop the high banks of the curving roadway.

Abandonment of this line which is scarcely used would save the state a quarter of a million dollars in their proposed plans.

The possibility of expensive lawsuits pose another deterrent to contractors, for not only must they refrain from damaging rail tracks but Spring Brook Water Company lines lie very close to the western side of the roadway.

Flow of traffic at its peak in the summer months must be maintained and Carverton Road by way of Wyoming or the steep Bunker Hill access route do not present acceptable substitutes while construction is under way.

Carverton People Demand Voice; May Board Election Discussed

Problems pertinent to the welfare of Kingston Township, including upcoming candidate selection, were discussed at a meeting held Monday evening at Back Mountain YMCA, Shavertown.

Session was called together by Lester Hauck, supervisor, Trucks-ville committeeman Verne Pritchard and Ted Woolbert, acting for Mrs. Woolbert, who is a committeewoman.

Elected officials of the township and interested citizens, registered as Republican, were invited guests.

Mrs. William Schuster acted as moderator, with Hauck defending majority policies and Pritchard offering criticism of same.

Hauck asked that LaRoy Ziegler be returned to office this May stating he had done a fine job. No endorsement of any candidate was made, but Mrs. Edgar Sutton and Mrs. Richard Pryn stated Carverton was entitled to representation on the board. Ziegler is from Carverton.

School Leaders On Honor Squad

Excellence in everything from athletics to Honor Roll characterizes two 6-4 Dallas high senior basketball players named Sunday to Wilkes-Barre Sunday Independent's All-Star North League squad.

Robert Letts, center, and Tom Gauntlett, guard, who was also named last year, joined three Swoyerville players in making up the honorary team.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Justus Letts, Stafford Street, Trucksville, Bob, who has been a consistent honor roll student, and dual letterman for three years, is senior class vice-president and vice-president of Key Club.

A Key Club member for three years, he has served recently as Division Chairman. He has been on the rifle team for an equal number of years.

He will enroll at Bucknell University this fall.

Gauntlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gauntlett, Goss Manor, is president of Student Council, was vice president last year, and treasurer the year before. He was vice president of his class last year.

His athletic record includes three years varsity basketball, and two years each at varsity football and baseball.

Regional Police Force Discussed; Foresee One-Car Cover Of Area

The day may not be far in the offing when two officers in a car marked "Back Mountain Police", prowling Bunker Hill, are called by radio to investigate a complaint in Noxen.

It is the studied opinion of civic and political leaders from Dallas Borough, Township, and Kingston Township that this system may well be more efficient than rousing local officers in any given municipality, not assigned to night-duty, from their beds, and sending them to the scene.

Called together by Colonel Frank Townend, representatives of the three municipal supervisory boards met last week at the Westmoreland Club to discuss possibilities of a combined Back Mountain Police Force.

Lester Hauck, Kingston Township supervisor, later stated, "The meeting was the first between formal officials of the three districts. It was merely a preliminary discussion to discover whether possibility existed of future serious talks, with thought designed to iron out details for the development of a merged or consolidated police force.

The spirit of the meeting was such that all present felt the various communities could benefit significantly from such a move.

It was also agreed that we must know more about all facts to be considered and we have enlisted the aid of a professional organization to assist us."

Professional organization, it has been learned further, is the Pennsylvania Economy League, an independent research study group which

investigates the feasibility, when invited, of solutions to municipal problems of all kinds, and often proposes solutions as well.

Attorney Mitchell Jenkins, solicitor for Kingston Township, said that a number of legal problems will eventually have to be solved, including coordination of laws on granting jurisdiction from one municipality to another with laws concerning police pension administration.

A combined force would grant police officers regular hours and operate from one headquarters. Future plans might also include Lehman, Lake, Jackson, Ross, Franklin and Monroe townships.

Colonel Townend explained the general proposition of disposition of manpower as being that, in the extreme case, two men in a patrol car on Bunker Hill could respond to a call from Monroe or Lake Townships faster than local officers in said areas, or any others, could be awakened and detailed to the scene.

Night-time calls from cranks are always a problem to local police.

Colonel Townend said Dallas Township had been on record as being in favor of a unified police force for eight years.

The bulk of factual studies to be made on the subject will involve other geographic areas of similar population and lay-out which have instituted an inter-township police force.

Glen Howell represented Dallas Township; Attorney Robert Fleming, Dallas Borough; Lester Hauck, LaRoy Ziegler and Attorney Mitchell Jenkins, Kingston Township.

Ambulance Case

Mrs. Nancy Solomon, East Forty Second Street, Idetown, was taken Monday at 3:30 in Dallas ambulance to General Hospital. Oxygen was administered.

Robert Bessecker and Donald Bulford attended.

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First Dallas Wrestlers To Take Award



John Brominski and Thomas Borthwick became the first Dallas wrestlers to win a P. I. A. A. District II crown.

Borthwick, son of Doctor and Mrs. Malcolm Borthwick of Shavertown, decided William Harris of Meyers 5-4, pinned Lawrence Carr of G.A.R. 7-0 in the finals to win the 112 pound title. Thomas had a dual meet record of 4-0 for the regular season.

Brominski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brominski of New Goss Manor, pinned Robert Margellina of Lake-Lehman, decided John Benner of Kingston 3-0, and pinned Joseph Pokogo of Plymouth in the finals to win the Heavyweight Title. Pokogo had scored all pins in his thirteen bouts this year and had been heralded as a possible state

champion. Brominski's pin came as John was leading 7-2 and averaged his only previous loss this year in ten meets.

Also placing in the tournament for Dallas were John Schaffer, 2nd place in the 95 pound class, Thomas Kerpovich, fourth place in the 180 pound class, Carl Kaschenbach, fourth place in the 154 pound class, and Del Voight fourth place in the 120 pound class.

Brominski and Borthwick will compete in the Northeastern Regional Championships Saturday at Muhlenberg College in Allentown. All first place winners from the regional tournament will go on to the state finals at Penn State University the following Saturday.

Jackson May See Big Traffic Boom

Jackson Township Board of Supervisors was posed a long-range request by Chief Robert Cooper to hire three or four special police to help existing force cope with any extra traffic on the Silkworth Highway.

Chief expects summer construction on Harveys Lake Highway will increase traffic on Route 29 considerably.

In other business at the March Supervisors' meeting Tuesday night, Cooper said he would investigate possibility of arresting owners of immobile cars parked along Gabel Road, or the old dump road. Police requests have allegedly been ignored, and snow-plows must get through.

Recent dumping on the old dump was reported to the Board. The dump was closed by the state several years ago, and Township does not have another.

Paul Snyder, auditor, read the 1963 audit, and it was approved as read. All bills were ordered paid.

Cooper told Board that expected increase in traffic tickets on increased use of Route 29 should pay the hourly wage for special officers.

Ordinarily, he said, he and assistant chief Roland Gensel can handle summer traffic, but there may be a real upsurge if Harveys Lake road is blocked at all.

He left it to Board's consideration.

Floyd Montross Taken Sick While Preaching

Floyd Montross, Noxen, while in the pulpit at Seventh Day Adventist Church conducting the Saturday morning worship service in Beaumont, became suddenly ill, and was taken by ambulance to General Hospital where he is reported in fair condition. Staffing the Noxen ambulance were Earl Crispell, William Crossman, and Calvin Strohl.

Franklin Ambulance

George Schollenberger, Orange was taken to General Hospital in Franklin Township-Centermoreland ambulance at 8:15 yesterday morning. Oxygen was administered.

Attending were: Robert Statnick, Rev. William Watson, and Mrs. Ida Berlew, R.N.

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Dallas Area Leaders Not For New Sewer Plan

Political heads of Dallas Borough and Township and Kingston Township expressed little enthusiasm or interest for Luzerne County Planning Commission's recent 76-page report on proposed sewage installations in this area and Harveys Lake.

Questioned about their feelings on the subject, presiding officers indicated they believed they spoke for all their constituency in regarding this report, as they had the sewage feasibility report several years ago, as just plain too expensive.

"Dallas Township doesn't want anything to do with it", said Fred Lamoreaux, supervisor. Objections or his part, and on the part of others, centered mainly around the overall cost of "Alternative 1", which would service the three areas, \$4,445,400, and the \$101.10 connection fee and \$6.57 front foot assessment on each property, as well as a \$68.74 rental on each unit.

After the three municipalities completed an engineering feasibility report with a Philadelphia engineering firm several years ago, Dallas Township led the move to table the move indefinitely, because of cost.

Further objections might be seen in the plans to locate the processing plant for either Alternative 1 or 2 in Fernbrook at the confluence of Toby Creek and Trout Brook. No official word was received about it.

"Alternative 2" of the report details a plan for a sewage system for simply the borough, and Dallas Township. Its overall cost would be \$2,300,025, with same costs except \$5 more rental.

An undetailed suggestion in the report, which poses plans for all areas in the county, is that consideration be given to possibility of locating a plant with gravity feed at Outlet, to service the Lake and Oak Hill also.

LaRoy Ziegler, Kingston Township supervisor, said he doubts very much that Shavertown, Trucksville, and Carverton residents would be interested in following up on the proposal at this time.

He indicated much of the sentiment in that township which manifested itself against the original feasibility report may now be gone.

"But in a vote", he noted, "the people would still be against that expense."

Both Ziegler and Harold Brobst, president of Borough Council felt that eventual sewage installations for the entire area would be inevitable.

Said Brobst: "With Dallas Township against it, there's not much more can be done about it. Right now, though, it would be a terrible expense. There may be some way to see it clear in the future."

To substantiate its argument that Back Mountain communities are in need of immediate sewage attention, the Commission, taking samples of water from wells and other sources in this area, found large percentages were "Unsanitary" bacteriologically, especially in Dallas and Kingston Townships, where the percentages were 40.7 and 66.7 respectively.

Franklin, Jackson, and Lehman Townships all registered a 37 per cent unsatisfactory in the tests. It is not known if enough tests were taken to be conclusive.

A total of 4,688 acres are projected to be in use in this region in 1980 as compared with 3,086 in 1960.

Report suggests methods of financing by bond issuance, and suggests an authority be created by all municipalities to govern the construction. "A county sewer authority would be the ideal arrangement to help those municipalities, or combination of municipalities, which do not have their own Authority."

Senator's Herd Wins Nationally

Honor Is First Such In History Of Farm

In the same week which saw the passing of its great founder, Senator Andrew J. Sordani's Sterling Farms Guernsey herd, Harveys Lake, took national honors in production records.

According to the American Guernsey Cattle Club the herd showed second in the United States in combined Herd-Improvement Registry average during 1962 for herds with 100 production records or more.

Last year the herd averaged 11,259 pounds of milk and 579 pounds of fat, 112 cows milked twice every day for 305 days.

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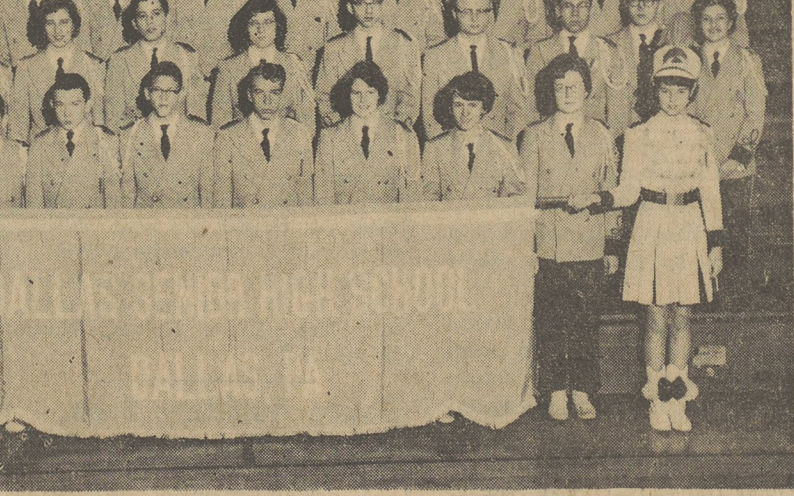
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Dallas High Scho of Plans Concert



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First row - Lester R. Lewis, director, Jean Shales, Cathy Maury, David Palmer, Jack Mallin, David Wadas, Charles Dodson, Ann Woodbert, Janice Priebe, Jo Carol Birstock, Judith Ross.

Second row - Cheryl Mullen, Judith Bergstrasser, Monica Haraden, Stephen Farrar, Rosemary Zekas, Bruce Hopkins, Thomas Borthwick, John Wardell, Gary Whitesell, Linda Davies.

Third row - Theresa Cusher, John Zarno, Jean Ide, Janice Shaffer, Richard Love, William Sarley, Donald Smith, Donald Anderson, Paul Jenkins, Robert Brown.

Fourth row - Jo Ann Norrie, Martha Messick, Penny Farrar, Carol Sutton, Andrea Krimmel, Philip Heycock, Robert Van Orden, Susan Dingle, Gail Lamoreaux, Linda Casterline, Karen Walk.

Fifth row - Beverly Eck, Linda Tag, Sharon Bedford, Arthur Miller, Thomas Wardell, Thomas Pierce, Paul Haradem, Ross Walker, Lee Philo.

Sixth row - David Kopetchny, John Ferguson, William Baker, Lauren Dymond, John Dana, Frank Wadas, Thomas Houlette, William Cooper, Richard Ratcliffe, William Glahn.

Nominated For Award

Mrs. Fred Eck, Shavertown, is being nominated by Dallas Senior Women's Club for the Lane Bryant Award, in recognition of her volunteer community service.

Band Concert Is Scheduled

Two Dallas Groups Number In Program

Dallas Senior High School Band will present a band concert Friday evening, March 15, at 8 in the high school auditorium. Also included in this program will be 75 member grade school band from the Dallas School District.

Senior Band will play a varied program of music from classical to modern. A few numbers from the program are as follows: Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikowsky, selections from the stage production "Carnival", "His Honor" march by Henry Fillmore, and a South American tune called "Dancing Caballero". John Wardell will play a solo with band accompaniment called "Trumpet Holiday." A trumpet trio with John Wardell, Donald Anderson and Paul Jenkins will play a number by Leroy Anderson. Carol Sutton will accompany at the piano.

The Dallas District Grade School Band, made up of grades four, five, and six, will play several selections. Biggest number being an arrangement of "Poet and Peasant" overture.

All majorettes and color guards each have a part in the program. All members concerned have been working in hopes of making this concert a fine evening of entertainment. Lester R. Lewis, Senior High School Band director, is in charge.

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