

Dallas Senior High News

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JUDITH GROSS

Today the students are giving a physical education program in gymnasium. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free. It consists of tumbling, dancing, rhythmic, drills and marching by the girls. The boys will also tumble and perform on the apparatus. The show is produced and directed by Miss Mabel Jenkins. Mr. Brobst is in charge of the boys. Costumes were made by Mrs. Gloria Bronson. Dallas Senior High School Key Club held a special meeting at 7

Tuesday night in the school auditorium for induction of new members, who are as follows: William Kelly, David Kopetchney, and Robert Voelker. Parents of all Key Club members and friends were invited. Mr. William Wright addressed the club and foreign exchange student, Ross Walker, showed films on Australia. Wednesday of last week the student teachers were honored at a party given by the faculty. Thursday was their last for teaching.

They have been at our school for the past seven weeks. It will seem strange to have our regular teachers.

JUNIOR PLAY
Practice has begun for the Junior play, "Act Your Age." The play will be held on Friday, April 5, at 8 p.m. in the Senior High Auditorium. These students were chosen for the parts: Linda Woolbert, Dorothy Mason, Michael Jones, Roger Hackling, Perle Propos, William Swartwood, Donna Anthony, Linda Rowett, and Paula Scott.

Three new members have been added to the Visual Aids Club. They are: James Haines, Edward Kytile, and Jack Kaketa.

Our debating team, under the direction of Mr. Stinson, will enter a debate at the University of Scranton April 10.

Winning team will receive a permanent trophy as well as a revolving one.

Finds Fascinating Material On Early History Of Back Mountain

Mrs. Joseph Chisko, Huntsville Road, is a lover of antiques in any form. While sorting through a pile of discarded items recently, Mr. Chisko came upon an old copy of the "History of Luzerne Lackawanna and Wyoming Co's, 1786 to 1880."

Published under the latter date by W. and W. Munsell & Co., New York, it offers numerous illustrations of early settlers, geneologies and many interesting facts.

Mr. Chisko brought it into the Dallas Post before having it rebound.

The following historical events have been revealed through its pages:

Lake Township

Formed from Lehman and Monroe in 1841, Lake Township was so named from nearby Harveys Lake. A small part was handed back to Monroe at the division of the county in 1841.

The soil was fertile and fine fruit was raised along the base of the mountain. Population was 863. The lake covers 1,285 acres and is of great purity. Perch and trout were native to the area and pike was placed in lake waters by Hollenback & Urquhart, who owned nearly all of Lake Township at one time.

Salmon was added to existing species by the State authorities.

The first white man was Matthew Scouten, employed by its owners to look after the land. He cleared a small tract where Jacob Sorber later settled. Daniel Lee settled at the head of Pike's Creek in 1806, employed by the farmers of Plymouth to care for cattle driven there to graze during the summer months.

In 1836, Otis Allen came from Jackson Township, building a home site for his family near the same area. 1839 found Nathan and Stephen Kocher moving in along with John Jackson, Andrew Freeman, Thomas Lewis and Ephraim King.

In 1839 came Jonah Roberts, Elon Davenport, Daniel Casebear, David Moss, and John Fosnot. Before 1845, Moses Perigo, Jacob Sorber, Jonah Bronson, Johnathan Williams, Clark Wolfe, Jesse Kitchen, George Shupp, James Hawley and Edward Ide became residents.

Business Begins

First saw mill was built by Hollenback and Urquhart on the outlet of Harveys Lake in 1839. Wildrick Mill, erected by Joseph Frantz, was completed in 1843. Nathan Kocher built a small mill near Beaver Run tannery in 1845. Ira Sorber and George Snyder followed suit in 1866.

In 1879, F. A. and E. Williams erected a steam portable mill on the site of the old Wildrick mill which had burned. First grist mill was put up by Hollenback and Urquhart in 1840. A planing mill was erected later. All interests of this firm were sold in 1879 to Hoffman Lumber Company.

First township road was hacked through from Wilkes-Barre to Brad-

ford County in 1795 to encourage settlement in this district. All early settlers lived in log cabins, except Otis Allen and Jacob Sorber who built block houses.

First store was built by Hollenback Urquhart Company for employees in 1840. C. W. Ruggles took over the store in the southeast corner of the township, in 1872, established by his brother, F. N. Ruggles two years earlier. James Sorber, Simon Lewis and Ruggles and Shonk erected other shops in the area.

The Lake House built in 1857 by Henry Hancock and Johnathan Husted had as proprietor J. W. Rhoades, who rented fishing boats. The lake was becoming a fisherman's and gunning paradise.

First classes were taught by Johnathan Williams in the home of Otis Allen from 1842-44. A school house was built on the farm of Henry Ide in 1844. By 1878, seven schools served the township with 119 pupils in attendance and educational cost placed at \$1,002.21. Miss Elinor Montross was added to the faculty in 1849.

Lewis Allen was the first postmaster. Mails were brought from Kingston three times a week.

Church Services

Residents depended on preachers from other towns. First came Elder Clark from Plymouth and after him a Methodist called Davie. Services were conducted in settlers homes.

In 1872, the first Methodist Church was erected from a nucleus group comprised of James Hawley, Amanda Hawley, Horace and Sarah Hawley, J. R. Bronson, Elizabeth Bronson, Mr. and Mrs. George Levally, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Edwards and Welcome Fisk.

The First Baptist Church was erected in 1878 through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. John Crispell, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Post, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis. First pastor was Rev. G. W. Schofield. Cost of the edifice was \$2,500.

Otis Allen, dying in 1842, was the first of the settlers to be buried in the Allen Cemetery. Several months later Samuel Allen was interred there. Stephen Kocher was buried the same year in Kocher plot.

Beaumont Couple Shares Birthday And Long Years Of Happy Marriage

A boy and girl born the same day, same hour, same month and same year in different sectors of Pennsylvania now live together eighty eight years later in the Back Mountain region.

Fate decreed that the two babes born within fifteen minutes of each other should continue their lives together. Nineteen years after birth, Celia Davis and William Phillips became man and wife.

The boy, William Phillips, Sr., was born in Edwardsville, Pa., son of James and Mary Ann Phillips. His dad employed by Kingston Coal Company and fearful of a predicted strike took his wife and child back to Wales, his native land, when the child was two.

Five years later, James Phillips and his family returned to this country and Edwardsville. With only a minimum of schooling young Bill was put to work in the nearby breaker at the age of eight and one half years.

In the meantime a young girl born in Wisconsin, Lyken's Valley, in Dauphin County to William D. and Elizabeth Davis took up residence in Edwardsville.

When the two young people met at age sixteen, a mutual friend arranged the introduction. From that night until their marriage three years later, Celia was Bill's girl.

Following their nuptials which took place at the home of the bride's parents on Slocum Street, now Zebey Avenue, the young couple resided briefly in Wilkes-Barre, moving soon to Kingston where they resided most of their married life. Mr. Phillips served many years as a fireman during this period. He also coached the Odd Fellows Degree Team for three decades.

William Phillips, Sr., was employed as a stationary engineer at Kingston Coal Company for 38 years. Following his retirement, the Phillips' rented a home in Dallas, living there for seven years.

When the Dallas residence was sold, Mr. Phillips decided to move to Kingston.

Johnathan Williams, Stephen Kocher, John Fosnot, Ira Bronson and Lewis Allen formed the first supervisory board. Curtis Allen was the first town clerk and Ira Bronson, first justice.

(To be continued)

Albert Rays, Hosts To Sweet Valley Cubs

Members of the committee of Cub Pack 444, Sweet Valley area, met last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Ray, William G. Hughes, institutional representative and pastor of the Church of Christ, opened the meeting with prayer. Burl Updyke, Cubmaster, presided. Plans were formulated for the committee to hold a ham and pancake supper April 15 at Maple Grove Methodist Church.

Attending the meeting were Scout executive, Gene Trautwine, Nanticoke; Joseph G. Kipp, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benka, Mr. and Mrs. George Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Updyke, Mrs. James Garrahan, William G. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ray. Next meeting of the committee will be held April 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Updyke, Pikes Creek.

N. J. Two children have passed away: Mrs. Edna Symons, Wilkes-Barre in 1949 and "Little Bill", well-known radio announcer, in 1960. Son Bill was born on his parents birthday.

Mrs. Phillips expressed her gratitude that in 69 years of marriage, the family circle was unbroken for 45 years.

There are also fifteen living grandchildren and thirty six great grandchildren. The couple celebrated their 88th birthday on January 23rd. May their togetherness continue well into the future.



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Marilyn Eck With Choir Now Touring

Marilyn Eck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eck, 85 Lehigh Street, Shavertown, is a member of the Susquehanna University Choir, which will make a three-day concert tour Monday through Wednesday.

Marilyn, 1961 graduate of Westmoreland High School, is a freshman liberal arts major at Susquehanna.

During the tour, the choir will present concerts in Harrisburg and Ardmore, and Collinswood, Haddonfield and Audubon, N. J. In addition, the group will make a television tape for WPIL-TV in Philadelphia.

Choir is directed by John Magnus, assistant professor of music.

Scott Heads 4-H Club

Marvin Scott was elected president, Brian Baird, vice president, Pat Holdridge, secretary and John Cummings, treasurer at a meeting of the Cloverleaf 4-H Clubs Thursday evening.

Group met with the Telstar Electric Club at Trucksville Fire Hall. Susanne Mieczkowski was chosen as newspaper reporter, Cheryl Beard and Evelyn Scott as Song and Games leaders.

Next meeting will be held April 12 at Trucksville Fire Hall.

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