Back of the Mountain

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MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER, A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

## **Natona's Letter Poses Question** Of Suit To Board And Council

#### Borough Will Cite Courts' Decisions

Whether or not to part with \$4500

Letter was from lawyers for Natona Mills, asking Dallas Township to return to them the sum, now held intact by the board, a sum which represents real estate sales tax on the mill to which Dallas Borough also lays claim.

Dispute centers around alleged annexation of the mill property by the borough some ten years ago, and later rulings of high courts to the effect that the borough did indeed include Natona Mills.

Prior to then, and even now, according to at least one township official, the mill lay in the town-

Whether the township returned the money was now, as a result of Natona's letter, simply a matter of deciding whether the courts were right, or whether the township would require the borough to sue

them for the money. That was the issue facing Dallas Township supervisors at their April

meeting last night. Attorney Frank Townend, township solicitor, announced earlier that attorneys for Natona Mills had written him that Dallas Borough solicitor advised them of error of address in the recent deed, and had formally requested return of tax paid the township on that deed. He intended to appraise the su-

pervisors at the meeting last night. Borough solicitor Robert Fleming advised Council at last meeting that the law on the situation was explicit, and that the Superior Court annexation of the mill to the bor-

At that time he stated that Natona's lawyers were studying the the borough's claim to be valid and they smokers should be especially on his land Friday afternoon to burn the borough on his land Friday afternoon to burn the borough on his land Friday afternoon to burn the borough of the monor of the mo situation, and that, should they find

\$4500 would be returned if Board of Supervisors agreed to Natona's ful surgery is past. request. Naturally, the solicitor observed, the township would not enthusiastically relinquish the sum if they were legally entitled to do otherwise. Township, however, has been

holding the money intact. President supervisor Fred Lam-

oreaux has been hesitant to relinquish the tax money, because he believes that Natona Mills is actualin the township.

He cites among his reasons: maps have never shown the mill to be in the borough; that he had never heard of a split tax system whereby school taxes were paid to one municipality and sales tax to another; and that the township, not the borough, had been patroling the property. Borough Council has stated that

one of the reasons for taking out a loan from the bank to cover expenses for the first part of this year has been the \$4500 gap in the Solicitors for both sides said they

were aware of the ruling of the Superior Court affirming the lower court which held Natona annexed to the borough.

#### Two Walls Tumble On Trucksville Road

South Pioneer Avenue thoroughfare was blocked twice within the of retaining walls on neighbors properties toppled A high wall supporting the bank

in front of the Arthur Maurer home partially collapsed on Friday evening, spilling out into the highway.

Sunday evening a large section of Hazleton and Pottsville. wall fronting Guthrie Conyngham's property fell, scattering rocks across much of the roadway. The Conyng- TV Guide, with 70 editions nationhams had just returned home with wide. their young son from Robert Packer Hospital when Chief of Police Herbert Updyke knocked on their door Mrs. Earle R. Lloyd, Pittston; Times to inform them of the mishap.

were unaware of the occurrence. Barricades were placed and traffic directed around the obstruction.

#### Stolen Car Found

parking lot was found last week tion for Young and Rubicam; travelnear the intersection of Wyoming led extensively, investigating radio Road and Sutton Creek Road in and television markets; discovered Orange by township supervisors and the future of TV publications. police chief Byron Kester.

was reported stolen in Wilkes-Barre has four daughters. the night of March 25 by owner Edward A. Liparvla, Scott Street, and was returned from a Dallas garage by police two days later.

#### BOARD WILL MEET

at 9 in the firehouse.

#### Township Considers Tax Return Request

as a result of a recent letter request quest to return \$4500 real estate to do so was the problem facing sales tax to the company, president Dallas Township supervisors last supervisor Fred Lamoreaux was, at press-time, unenthusiastic about the

the mill is in the township.

#### Collide Head-On On Dallas-Orange Road

Two cars collided head-on, without injury to any of four persons, on Dallas-Orange road near Hilde-

Jr., 17, Dallas RD 3, and Edward Gensel, 17, Dallas RD 4.

With Mokychic was Gloria Grant Elizabeth Street, and with Gensel Bernie McDermott, Dallas.

Damage to both cars was extensive, and both were towed away.

# **Get Chest X-Ray** Monday 11 To 4

ming Valley Tuberculosis and Health Association will be parked on Monday from 11 to 4 in the Town House had affirmed a ruling upholding Restaurant parking lot. Residents are urged to have their chest X-Rays taken at this time. The cost

The Chest X-Ray unit of Wyo-

thus request return of the money, interested. Whether smoking does Council could be sure of regaining or does not contribute to lung can- Leo, sitting near a chicken coop cer is a moot question. Lung can-Attorney Townend said that the cer goes undiagnosed frequently, from his body. grows steadily until hope of success-

# Rotary President



WILLIAM G. LLOYD

William G. Lloyd, Shrine Acres, will assume his new duties as president of Wlikes-Barre Rotary Club July

In 1952 Mr. Lloyd laid plans for publication of a TV magazine in this area, and in January of 1953, TV last week when two heavy portions Scoop appeared for the first time, coinciding with opening of the area's first TV station.

As interest in TV grew, Mr. Lloyd expanded his publication, distributing it over a wider area including Cemetery, following a Requiem Mass will be Charles Nicol soloist at First Binghamton, Elmira, Williamsport, at St. John's Church, Luzerne, Tues- Methodist Church of Kingston.

Later, TV Scoop merged with Triangle Publications, publishers of Noxen Coin-Cards

A thumbnail sketch of Mr. Lloyd shows him son of the late Mr. and The Conyngham home sets back 1936 when his parents moved to from Pioneer Avenue and its owners Wilkes-Barre; graduate of St. Nich- old equipment and buying new. olas High School; engineering major at Pennsylvania State University; dents in the upper Beaumont and Illinois, and also of Union Semin-State highway crews cleared both fantry while stationed in France Noxen.

during World War II. tered advertising in 1948, an execu- Lewis Hopfer, John Ruff, Robert Mrs. Bruce Davis, Mr. and Mrs. tive of William Esty Agency in New Teetsel, Charles Weaver, and Francis George McCutcheon, Mr. and Mrs. A car stolen from a Wilkes-Barre York; director of audience promo. Schenck.

His wife is the former Joan The 1956 Ford four-door sedan Murphy of New York. The couple

#### Lake Ice Melted

Lake is now melted, according to Attendance was very good. areas were free.

Appraised of Natona Mills' re-

He reserved his decision, however, until conferring with solicitor, since rights of either borough or township to the tax-money are now

a matter of law. Superior court affirmed a decision annexing Natona to the borough ten years ago. Lamoreaux has said, however, that in actual practice, police protection, and on the maps,

brant's at 10:30 Friday night. Drivers were John G. Mokychic

# Chief of police Frank Lange, assistant chief Stanley Gardiner, and officer Fred Nicely investigated. Fatally Burned In Trash Fire

Rushed To Mercy By Kingston Twp. Ambulance Team

**Chase Farmer** 

Second and third degree burns come from Kingston Township; four which covered ninety percent of his from Dallas Township, Kozemchak, body claimed the life of Joseph Richardson, lone representative from Emerick, 75, well known Chase far- Dallas Borough. is microscopic, the benefit far- mer, Saturday morning in Mercy Two are to be elected. Hospital.

> brush was discovered by his son, Leo, sitting near a chicken coop with his clothing burned entirely Easter Morning Flames had seared his face, arms, chest, back, and legs. Although his

Play it safe. Get a chest X-Ray shoes and socks were still intact he also suffered severe burns of the Kingston Township Ambulance on duty for school fire drills and man-

ned by Arnold Yeust, Andrew Roan, William Pugh, Leo Salatino and William Kreischer answered the emergency call. So badly burned was the victim

that he had to be carried in a sheet to the ambulance. It is thought that Mr. Emerick may have suffered a weak spell and fallen into the fire or that a sudden shift in the wind may have whipped the flames close behind him. There

were no witnesses to the accident. A resident of Jackson Township for over fifty years, Mr. Emerick was born in Czechoslavakia, coming to this country in 1905. He had engaged in truck farming during his entire residence here, assisted by his son, Leo.

He was a member of St. John's Nupomucene Church, Luzerne, and its Holy Name Society. He is survived by his widow, the

former Margaret Sebolka, and these Church will sponsor a Sunrise Serchildren: Mrs. Andrew Jacobs, Dallas; vice at 6:00 A.M. on Easter Sunday, Mrs. Theodore Martin, Mrs. Paul Gabel, Mrs. Irene Konapka, Mrs. Lewis Outdoor Theatre. This type of ser-Naugle, all of Kingston; Joseph vice is especially attractive to people Emerick and Mrs. Herman Fry, who, because of physical impair-Shavertown; Anthony, Plains; and ments, are unable to attend regular Leo, at home; Mrs. Jack Graham, church services. Persons attending Bowie, Md.; 16 grandchildren and are seated in the comfort of their nine great grandchildren. Also three own cars at all times. brothers, Felix, George and Aloysius, Special music will be provided by in Czechoslavakia.

Interment was in Sacred Heart Methodist Church, Featured soloist day morning.

# Being Distributed

Coincards for Noxen fire company will be assisted by Reverend Russell were distributed Saturday and Mon- C. Lawry and several laymen of the Leader delivery boy beginning in day, and will be collected July 1. Dallas Methodist Church. Money will be used for repairing

Barre from Rock Island, Illinois. He Cards have been given out to resi\_ is a graduate of Augustana College, commissioned Lieutenant in the In- lower Evans Falls area as well as in ary of New York City. He is the for-

Those in charge are: Chairman terian Curch of Wilkes-Barre. Returned to civilian life, he en- Elmer Lyons, assistant chairman

#### Ambulance Crewmen Learn From Wright

Dallas Ambulance Association met Sunday afternoon in the borough by a Senate sub-committee.

Lake Township Board of Super- Warden Place still had a few large aid meetings would begin April 15 having made any commert on the thirty-four restaurants throughout Board of Directors and chairman of man of clubs and organizations; J. "Approaches to Reading in Junior visors will meet Saturday morning chunks at press-time but other for all members and anyone inter- project, as was erroneously reported Wyoming Valley where patrons may the 1963 Coffee Day. Others, left Huston Day, chairman of business. and Senior High School" by Dr. ested. yesterday.

Dallas School Authority members | floated in 1959 at inception of the | and Hugh Gebhart. sign the new bond issue to refund new school idea. Re-fund may effect on the cost of the new Dallas Sen- a saving of some \$200,000. Signing (left to right) are: Fred ior High School building and

School Authority Signs, And Saves For Taxpayers

Bonds they are signing here will Jr., F. H. Scovell, Harry Swepston, ton Jones, trustees of the fund. replace the old issue, of \$1,900,000,

Saturday morning in Luzerne Coun-

order: 1. Andrew Kozemchak, 2.

Couples Club To

Sponsor Gathering

REV. BENJAMIN JACOBSON

members of the choirs of the Dallas

Boy Scouts of Troop 281, Dallas,

Delivering the Easter message will

be Reverend Benjamin Jacobson,

pastor of the First Welsh Presby-

terian Church of Wilkes-Barre. He

Reverend Jacobson came to Wilkes

mer assistant pastor of First Presby-

Committee members are: Mr. and

Nelson Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs.

Kenneth A. Young.

Approve Postoffice

Funds For Building

will serve as ushers.

Couple's Club of Dallas Methodist

They are listed in the following

Candidates Line Up

On Director Ballot

ty Court House.

Richardson.

Standing are representatives of First National Bank: Charles W. Moss, Willis A. Hall, William L. Eck, chairman; Howard C. Wiener, Goeckel, E. P. O'Donnell, and Mer-

### Two Boys Get Science Prizes Dallas School Director candidates drew positions on the primary ballot

Dallas Exhibits At Kings Regional Fair

Two area boys, both attending William Davis, 3. Rev. William Reid, Dallas schools, took prizes in the 4. D. A. Peterson, 5. Charles Manrecent King's College Regional Scinear, 6. William Wright, 7. L. L. They were John Ferguson, son Two candidates, Davis and Reid,

of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Ferguson, Ferguson, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, and Jeff Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Townsend, upper Demunds Road.

John, a senior at the high school, took third prize in the physics division with his exhibit on indirect measurement of temperature using infra-red radiation. Working mostly at home on the project for around three months

on his own time, he was advised by Thomas Carr, a teacher. He has been accepted at Lycoming College, Williamsport, for the coming year. Jeff, a ninth grader at Dallas Junior High, received second prize

in the general science category for exhibit of his parabolic microphone, a microphone used to pick up sound-waves at great distances.

#### Scholarship Loan Fund Available To Students

troduced a new trend in club proj. remarked Chairman Brown. ects last week when Mrs. Howard Wiley, president, announced the conditions by running a line into the establishment of a Student Loan proposed unit under study by down-Scholarship Fund.

by Mrs. Fred Eck, is to assist stu- the \$4,000,000 plan proposed by the dents of Dallas High School or chil- county. education or training.

Money has been set aside by the Ritts, Jr.

### Re-Funding Of **Bond Issue To Effect Saving**

#### Dallas Authority Re-Finances At Lower Percentage

Taxpayers of Dallas Borough, Kingston, Franklin and Dallas Townships will realize a huge savings in the final cost of the new Dallas high school erected in 1960, through the action of the Dallas Area School Authority which in a five hour session with representatives of the First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre Tuesday evening, completed proceedings for a refunding program

Set up in 1959, under the chairmanship of Fred Eck, Shavertown, and vice chairman, Harry D. Swepston, Dallas, the local Authority floated a bond issue to provide \$1,900,000, the amount required for the proposed Dallas Senior High School and grounds.

Bonds bearing a top interest rate of 4% per cent were sold at that time. By following closely the financial advice of Kidder, Peabody & Company, previous bonds were called and new bonds issued this week at a maximum interest rate of 33/4 per cent, a net saving of nearly \$200,000.

With wise investment of surplus funds, the Authority will have the district's indebtedness paid up in 1988 at no increase in original rental fees. Dallas School Board pays a yearly rental of \$125,000 to the School Authority, which owns the building.

First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre acts as trustee. Certificates of deposit are held by Miners National Bank, Wilkes-Barre.

Hugh Gebhart is secretary-treasurer of the Dallas School Authority, Howard Wiener, assistant secretary and Lloyd Williams, assistant treasurer. Attorney Mitchell Jenkins, solicitor and Carl Schneider, bond counsel, were also present

# Meeting Brief, Discuss Sewage

Protective Association Reports Grants Full

Back Mountain Protective Association, meeting for a quiet session Thursday evening, discussed com-He worked about two months at munity problems briefly. Attorney home and school, advised by John James Lenahan Brown presided. Cathrall, and with help from War- Chairman of municipal affairs comren Stanton, radio and T-V store mittee, Rev. Robert Yost, was absent necessitating report of such matters

at a later date. The water difficulty reported in Shavertown recently was deemed minor, since no representative of the home owners appeared. Prior water. Dallas Senior Woman's Club in- problems found meeting room filled,

Possibility of solving local sewage town communities was discussed as Purpose of the Fund, chairmaned | to whether it would be cheaper than

ments starting three months after Present were Attorney J.L. Brown, the children in their charge.

#### BIG TIME 'N TEMP CLOCK SLATED FOR BANK FRONT; CAN BOOST AREA PROJECTS

A brand-new "Time 'n Temp" clock will be installed on the front of Miners National Bank, Dallas, the middle of May.

In addition to filling the need for an outdoor clock in the center of Dallas, vacant since Elmer Williams left, this grand, new appliance will have the inevitable consequence of stimulating business in the vicinity. The latter effect has been the

experience in every place such a clock has been installed. The clock will show time, temperature, and will have a space for advertising commercial enterprise as well as community projects such as

## Jackson Handed **New Road Woes**

the Library Auction.

#### Larksville Dropping Its Maintenance

A refusal Monday night by Larksille borough to help Jackson Township maintain a border-line stretch Route 599 also known as 'Steele's Farm Road," was referred to consideration of solicitor Jona- be it acceptance or rejection. than Valentine at the board meet ng Tuesday night.

Borough contends that only Jackson residents live on the road, for which township receives taxes, and that the state will help with the bulk of maintenance.

Supervisors had orough council night to discus quest of Larks Dual maintenan the supervisors main

way, stems from a decision after a college 1937 case concerning alleged road nuisance that each municipality would take one mile of two-lane will be to cope with the mammoth coad complete, instead of each tak- amount of mail to and from the ing the two miles of one lane within average college girl. their boundaries.

of road inaccessible to them except ing to Buckley, since incoming mail by passing through Larksville's will be sorted at the main office. Since supervisors have always plowed Larksville's share to get through to their own anyway and since no Larksville residents live along Lagisville's mile, th borough relinquished responsibility for the road.

property fronts on the Larksville mobile part of the road anyway.

think so.

approved as read, and all bills Quebec, and owner was Andre Dan-

### Lowest Bidder Sees Rough Job

#### To Start Five Weeks After Bid Approval

Low bidder for the proposed new Dallas-Luzerne highway, H.J. Williams and Company, Inc., expects to move equipment into this area five weeks after acceptance of the bid in Harrisburg, but still had heard nothing from the capital yes-

In event of approval of the \$3,352,271 bid by the Department of Highways in the near future, work would probably commence June 1, according to base president Robert Bartell, York.

Lowest bid was \$184,096 higher than the lone bid from Central Pennsylvania Company, Hazleton, on first advertisement. Previous bid was rejected, presumably as

Bartell characterized the 4.61 mile job as "very rough," and told the Dallas Post that "traffic would be the toughest situation." He said that the railroad would be a problem only insomuch as it would be necessary to keep traffic from obstructing trains.

The work, he said, would be done one-half road width at a time. Bartell stated that the company was sitting tight, waiting for word,

#### Public May Utilize College Postoffice

Six months in the planning, a new postoffice branch opened in Dallas Tuesday, which will bear the postmark: Dallas, Pa.; College Misericordia Branch; USPO. The branch will be fully equip-

ped, according to postmaster Ed Buckley, and will be operated under the supervisors maintain has never the complete direction of Mother been carried out by Larksville any-The Branch will be open to the public, although its chief function

Very little work will be lifted At that time Jackson got the mile from the central postoffice, accord-

### Truck Brakes Fade; Crash On Highway

Brake failure wi a massive tandem tractor-trailer near Orchard They now suggest that Jackson Farm restaurant on Tunkhannock take over the other mile, saying highway resulted in a collision that the township receives property Tuesday morning on Harveys Lake taxes from township residents whose highway with a north-bound auto-

The Canadian truck, loaded with Larksville says that state subsidy peat-moss for a Kingston market, tion will compensate for the added a car driven by John J. Fisher, work. Board of supervisors do not Wilkes-Barre, on his way to work

at Natona Mills. All reports at the meeting were Truck driver was Damien Varia, durand. Quebec.

### **Dallas Educators Derive Benefit** From Lehigh Reading Conference

William A. Austin, Elementary were: John Thomas, Elementary

Ted Poad, Dr. Bud Schooley, Harry Attending on Saturday from Dallas High School. Schools in addition to Mr. Austin

Supervisor of Dallas Schools, char- Guidance Counselor; Mrs. Louise Coldren of members who are without Three Back Mountain Scholarships acterizes the Reading Conference well, Principal, Mrs. Oce Beryl Austhe means of raising total tuition and a special fund set up by the held annually at Lehigh University, tin, Mrs. Grace Fleming, Mrs. Arline costs, in their desire for advanced Sordoni Foundation for needy stu- as highly beneficial, something which Rood, Mrs. Sarah Welker, and Miss dents were reported filled with no is of great value to teachers in the Patricia Whittaker of Dallas; Mrs. Small loans will be made to those openings at the present time. These elementary grades, and followed Catherine Scott of Shavertown; Mrs. considered eligible with date of re- are available for study at King's, always by a great spurt of interest Lee Anskis, Mrs. Joyce Gordon, and payment due in monthly install- Wilkes and Misericordia Colleges. among his teachers, transferred to Mrs. Nancy Sloan of Westmoreland; and Mrs. Eberhard of the Junior

"Reading, Learning, and the Curriculum" was the theme of the twelfth annual Reading and Education Conference. Dr. Mary Austin, Carnegie Re-

search Professor at Harvard University, set the pace for the conference with her opening address, "Settling the Reading Controversy" Dr. Richard Gibboney, Deputy Supt. for Research and Curriculum

of the Pennsylvania Dept. of Public Instruction, then presented his views on "Reading and the Curriculum" The president of the International Reading Association, Dr. Morton Botel, courageously presented his thesis dealing with "The Winds of Chance in Reading and Learning'

Following the formal opening were the Special Topic and Interest Sessions attended by the Dallas educators: "Developing Children's Thinking" by Dr. J. Richard Suchman, University of Illinois; "Reading in Science" by Dr. Albert Gallen, Reading Consultant of the Chester City Schools; "The Phono Visual Approach to Word Recognition" (as used in the Washington, D. C. Schools) by Miss Edna Smith of Maryland: "On Teaching Poetry" by Children Speaking French" by Ed-Mabel Noal of Boston University.

#### Participating In Buck-A-Cup, Brace-A-Child, Coffee Day



Three Back Mountain restaurants April 11 at no charge by showing to right: Richard Hogoboom, assist- Dr. Leland Jacobs of Columbia Unare participating Thursday, April 11, a BAC pin. Employes are selling ant treasurer; Joyce Hilbert, Lor- iversity; "Modern Foreign Language in annual Coffee Day, during the BAC (Buck-A-Cup, Brace-A-Child) raine Allen, waitresses; Red Paltri- in the Elementary School - A Sym-1963 Easter Seal appeal of Wyo- pins for one dollar. ming Valley Crippled Children's | Proceeds are used to benefit the cashier and hostess. Proposed new Dallas postoffice Association. Coffee Day is co-spon- handicapped children of the Wyo- Other Back Mountain residents ward Tracy, Superintendent of the building, where William Wright building, site still unspecified, re- sored by Pennsylvania Restaurant ming Valley Crippled Children's who are aiding the Easter Seal ap. Easton Schools; "The Augmented Ro-

Orchard Farm Restaurant, shown here; also Forty Fort Dairy Store James Alexander, standing right liam Shuster, chairman of the "500" "Individualizing Reading Instruction" Virtually all the ice on Harveys Besecker showed them how to drive. Accelerated Public Works program Orchard Farm Restaurant, shown its rehabilitative program. sources at several points on shore. Bill Wright announced that first Postmaster Ed Buckley denied and the Town House are among in the picture, is a member of the Club"; Mrs. John H. Doane, chair- by Dr. Nancy Larrick, author; and drink all the coffee they want on

neri, chef; Mrs. Gerald Dettmore, posium and Demonstration with

demonstrated use of oxygen equipceived encouragement Tuesday by Association and the local Crippled Association, including many local peal of the Association are: Dr. man Reading Scheme" by Philipment to new members, and Bob virtue of a \$238,100 grant under Children's Association.