

The "Dallas Telephone Company", And Stagecoach, Kept Village In Daily Contact With The World

The early history of Dallas continues, the following account centering on activities in the Borough.

The organization of Dallas Borough was effected for the purpose of protecting the interests of the high school.

The charter was granted April 21, 1879, and on the 13th of May the following officers were chosen at a special election held at Raub's Hotel: Dwight Wolcott, burgess; Parkerson Perrego, high constable; John Ferguson and William Snyder, inspectors; Barry Stroud, judge of election.

School directors were Leonard Machell, James Garrahan, J. B. Williams, Chester White, Barney Stroud, Parkerson Perrego; auditors, Dr. C. A. Spencer, Thomas Garrahan; assessors, William Honeywell, John Ferguson; council, Capt. Jacob Rice, Ira D. Shaver, Theodore Ryman, William Snyder, Charles Henderson, Philip Raub; justice of the peace, Charles Cooke.

At the first annual election held February 17, 1880, the same officers were elected except one auditor and inspector, Smith Perrego and Adney Snyder replacing Thomas Graham and William Snyder, respectively. The population at that time was 272.

Dallas was connected by telephone with Wilkes-Barre and Harvey's Lake. A company was formed and the line built in 1878, costing about \$800.00. The Dallas Telephone Company, as the business was known, was made up of the following gentlemen: H. S. Rutter, E. P. Darling, William J. Honeywell, W. P. Ryman, T. F. and J. J. Ryman, G. M. Lewis and Dr. C. A. Spencer.

A daily mail arrived from Wilkes-Barre by stage which also carried passengers and express.

Only one hotel graced the region with Andrew Raub as the proprietor. A dry goods and grocery store was conducted by Ryman & Sons. Smith and Garrahan and Ira Shaver operated similar establishments.

LODGES

Oneida Lodge, I.O.O.F., was organized at Huntsville in 1849 on August 20, with 20 charter members. It was moved to Dallas in 1860, holding its first meeting there on April 14th of that year.

At the time of its removal, Henry Space, George Kirkendall, P. H. DeLong, A. S. Orr, and James Honeywell were its officers.

George M. Dallas Lodge was organized on March 1st, 1875, with the following charter members: Asa Shaver, Ira Shaver, William Bennet, Joseph Shaver, Theodore Ryman, James Garrahan, Philip Raub, Asa Shaver serving as first w. master.

Membership continued to grow in number and influence.

Some of the early residents of Dallas had been soldiers of the Revolution. Benjamin Bidlack, Daniel Spencer, John Wort, John Kelley, Ephraim McCoy were among these.

Dallas furnished its complete quota for the Civil War. Company F of the 53rd Pennsylvania volunteers was organized under Capt. Jacob Rice and consisted of one hundred men, who served their country well and were often honored for their performance on the field of battle.

Capt. Rice was the representative military man in this area, receiving advancement and recommendations from his entire group of superiors. Due to the pressing need of his presence at home he did not present his recommendations to the Secretary of War.

Mention is also made of Myron Strickland, who served during the Civil War conflict, was wounded at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and held for seven months as a prisoner of war at Belle Isle, Libby and Salisbury.

Dallas had indeed made a name for itself in the annals of its nation's battles.

The post office was instituted in

1825, Joseph Shunk being first postmaster, C. A. Spencer, M.D., and James G. Laing, M.D., represented the medical profession, William Brickle carried on an undertaking and carpenter business, C. H. Hall was the first druggist.

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL

In 1879, the beautiful and well arranged high school was built at a cost of \$3,500, which included the site. It commanded a handsome view, its grounds were spacious and beautiful and nicely shaded with maples.

The new school was founded by the following liberal minded men: Leonard Machell, William Honeywell, J. G. Laing, M.D., William Snyder, Joseph Atherholt, Andrew Raub, William Kirkendall, Joseph Shaver, Capt. Jacob Rice, Ira D. Shaver, Chester White, Theodore Ryman, C. A. Spencer, M.D., G. W. Kirkendall, J. J. Ryman.

none of its class and utmost care was observed by its teachers in promoting the moral, intellectual and physical welfare of its students.

CHURCHES

Almond Goss erected the Methodist Church edifice at a cost of \$1,000. First trustees were: William Honeywell, Abraham Ryman, Simon Spencer, Jacob Rice, 2nd, William C. Roushey, Richard Ryman, Christian Rice. Several branches were set up in township school-houses.

First principal of the school was Professor John T. Fuller, a graduate of Lafayette College and a young man of high culture, sterling character and moral worth. He was assisted by Lettie Kitchen, Dallas.

Professor Fuller died in 1880, mourned by students, patrons and all with whom he had come in contact.

The efforts of its directors continued to make the school second to

Baird Gives Paper At Boston Meeting

Malcolm Barry Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Baird, Dallas RD 3, recently attended the Eastern College Science Conference at Boston College.

A junior at Wilkes College, he is one of five students to represent his school at the convention.

Malcolm presented a paper entitled "Quantitative Determination of Chlorophyll Production in Various Lakes of Northeastern Pennsylvania". Topic was part of a survey sponsored by funds from the National Science Foundation, directed by Dr. Charles B. Reif.

Biology major at Wilkes, Malcolm was graduated from Westmoreland High School in 1960. The first semester of this year he was on the dean's list with a perfect average of 4.0.

In Thurber Carnival



LORRAINE ROWE

Lorraine Rowe, senior music major at College Misericordia, will perform important roles in the two major productions of Misericordia's Spring Calendar, On May 9-10, she will play in A THURBER CARNIVAL, the delightful comedy which the Misericordia Players are producing under direction of Gerald Godwin, head of the college drama department. She will also appear as soloist in the Joint Glee Club Concerts of College Misericordia and the University of Scranton when the Fathers' Club of Misericordia presents the 150-Voice group at

Wilkes-Barre's Irem Temple May 18 and the Alumnae of the University of Scranton presents them at the University Auditorium on May 19.

Lorraine Rowe was responsible for arrangements and composition of music in the recent Misericordia production of THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER, and did her practice teaching in the Dallas Area Schools during the past winter.

Miss Rowe will appear in A THURBER CARNIVAL tonight and tomorrow evenings, in Walsh Auditorium at 8:15. With Joe Kelly of The Little Theatre, she will play the amusing scenes of THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY. Also appearing will be James Godwin, senior, King's College; Jack Keating, Wilkes College; Misericordia students, Virginia Mann, Cathy Frantz, Mary Kay McBrearty, Audrey Korsak, Teresa Pacewicz, Priscilla Smith, Maureen Berle, Kay McNulty, and Penny Martini.

Lake-Lehman Plans Gymnastic Exhibit

The public is invited to attend the first education demonstration to be presented by Lake-Lehman students tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Presented by seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades, the demonstration will be an outgrowth of the physical education program.

Included in the program are: calisthenics, drills, and skills in basketball, football, and soccer by seventh grade boys. The girls will participate in relay races. Eight grade boys and girls will combine efforts in a rousing square dance. Gymnastics and wrestling will be demonstrated by the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade boys; the girls will engage in a game of crab and push ball. Selected girls will also demonstrate gymnastics.

Dr. Husted Will Speak To Lake-Lehman PTA

A meeting of the Executive Board of Lake-Lehman P.T.A. will precede the regular meeting Monday Evening, convening at 7 p.m.

Dr. Inez Husted, Director of Special Education in Luzerne County Schools, will speak on "Special Pupils Services in Luzerne County" at the regular meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m. Installation of officers will take place with Attorney Jonathan Valentine, presiding.

Spanish students, directed by Mrs. Anthony Marchakitus, will present a Fiesta. Hostesses will be mothers of 9th and 10th grade students. Richard Williams will preside at both sessions.

Noxen Fire Company

Noxen Fire Company will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the fire hall for nomination of officers.

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