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THANKS TO LAKE AMBULANCE

Your editorial, week of September 19, was indeed most fitting. We are a family which had the unfortunate experience to call upon the Lake ambulance only a week ago. However, the fortunate experiences as you pointed out in your editorial, the dedicated men came and served.

Please be so kind as to express our humble thanks to Mr. Lee Wetzel and Mr. Bud Anesi of Oak Hill, who gallantly gave of their service and delivered Mrs. Criski safely to the hospital in Wilkes-Barre. We are indeed indebted to the Lake Ambulance for this service. I sincerely hope that all the people in this area will help, so that these fine dedicated men and women can continue to carry on this work. Thank you, Lake.

Michael J. Criski, Jr.
Oak Hill

All the ambulance associations in the Back Mountain need support of the areas which they protect. Private ambulance service to a

city hospital costs a tremendous amount. This whole Back Mountain is lucky to have ambulance associations and dedicated men to staff the ambulances.

A BOUQUET FOR AMBULANCE

Dear Editor:
Our sincerest thanks to the Dallas Post for offering the opportunity to our friends of keeping informed on the progress of our injured son.

The kindness of people is never truly evident until we are confronted with deep trouble or disaster.

If there is ever the opportunity for the Post to boost the work of the many ambulance crews in the Back Mountain area, we would certainly be at the head of the list to back you up.

Our son is still hospitalized, due mostly to drainage after some extra surgery last Friday. However, he is comfortable.

Sincerely
Joseph and Mary A. Harris

First Winner Of Football Contest



"Smiling Charlie," Dallas merchant, contest promoter, and Back Mountain athletic booster, presents a transistor radio to the first winner of the Gosart's Appliances football contest, Raymond McClary, Claude Street, a tenth grader.

Open to anyone, the contest's object is to guess scores of upcoming football games.

Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

It Happened 30 Years Ago

The new Gospel Tabernacle in Noxen was preparing for its dedication, with Pastor Harry Russell making arrangements.

Politics were in the forefront of the news, with primaries over and the community looking forward to election. Pinchot-Fine organization polled pluralities in the Sixth District.

Odd Fellows purchased a burial ground at Fern Knoll.

A committee of protest was formed on quantity and quality of water available to Dallas consumers, with A. Shindell carrying the ball. B. B. Lewis was the attorney for an appearance before the PUC in Harrisburg.

Public schools of Pennsylvania estimated cost of tuition per pupil per year to be \$85.73, approximately one dollar less than elsewhere in the country.

Results of Free Methodist Conference showed Rev. H. M. Faulkner assigned to Dallas; Rev. Russell Steele to Noxen.

Harter's All-Star bowling team defeated Dallas Rotary.

Pure vanilla extract was 15 cents a bottle, and fancy sweet potatoes seven pounds for 19 cents. And you could still get two pounds of butter for 49 cents.

It Happened 20 Years Ago

Mrs. Robert Currie headed the War Chest Drive for the Back Mountain.

Letters from a Monroe Township boy who starved in a Confederate prison at the age of 20, came to light in an attic in Idetown. Rufus Parrish's letters were lent to the Post by Mrs. E. R. Parrish, at the time she learned of her own son Ted's arrival in North Africa.

The Control Center in Dallas was on the verge of closing because of lack of funds.

William Misson, 70, retired stonemason, died at his home in Shavertown.

Men were to have their spot in the sun at the Food for Freedom Fair at Kirby Health Center, with a special section reserved for their canned goods.

Heard from in the Outpost: Tommy Evans, North Africa; A. E. Kemmerer, Texas; Alfred Swelgin, Shreveport; Evan H. Evans, Puget Sound; Robert B. Price, Africa; Roswell Murray, Fort Canby; Harley Misson, Fort Canby; Elmer S. Hunt, Memphis, Lt. Arvilla Swan left for the service.

Married: Dana Pace to Jack Dungey. Died: Mrs. May Thompson, 82, Alderson.

It Happened 10 Years Ago

A happy Back Mountain was getting ready to close the books on daylight saving. That was in the days before they extended it to include all of October.

First frost of the season September 18 missed many sections entirely, did little damage.

George Taylor resigned as supervising principal at Lake-Noxen, going to South Middleton Schools in a similar capacity.

James C. Kibler, 47, Pikes Creek, died of heart attack while buying a new car.

Sgt. John Vavrek, released from Korean prison camp, was reluctant to talk about his experiences upon return to Demunds.

Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

Almost anyone who was around this area fifty years ago could write a good column about Dr. Henry Morris Laing (1862-1923). Anecdotes about him were common conversation for years. Just recently an area woman, well along in years, told me of an instance when their very small son cut off part of a finger in a lawn mower. The father grabbed up the boy and the finger part and hurried to Dr. Laing. The Doctor said it was already amputated, but may be could be sewed on. It was very small but finally it was sewed on. The Doctor charged \$2. Today that boy is about fifty years old and using finger right along.

Dr. Laing must have been brought here by his parents Dr. James G. Laing and Charlotte Lee Morris Laing while a small boy. His office contained the usual array of diplomas, etc., but after seeing them for years, I do not recall where he was trained. He practiced for many years in the same office as his father in the big house on Lake Street owned for many years by the James Oliver family and presently occupied by James Beseker.

There was a running debate for years whether the father, Dr. James G. Laing, was the better doctor because of his long experience, or whether the son rated that standing because of his more recent and more complete training. Commonly they were spoken of as, "The Old Doctor" and "The New Doctor".

This manner of address was particularly resented by his mother. Dr. Henry Laing was married to Harriet D. Wheeler (1869-1927), a former nurse, who was particularly devoted to him. In this area he was the original of the man who was "Distinctively Individual", being personally very eccentric.

Sometime after Mrs. Ira D. Shaver died in 1902, Dr. Henry Laing purchased the property, which is now the Borough Building, and after some remodeling opened offices in the side now occupied by the liquor store. All that part of the present building adjoining the bank was added many years later. In Laing's time it was a nice big white house.

Our family knew Dr. Laing well. After ill health made my father quit as a rural carrier in 1916 (Carriers Will Franklin and Earl Machell having died), he worked that winter for Doctor Laing taking care of the horses. Dr. Laing drove one of the first automobiles in Dallas, I believe it was a Maxwell, but kept horses for emergency use. Later my sister worked there a short time. For a couple of months before entering the army in 1927, I served as clerk for Local Board 5, U. S. Selective Service, of which Dr. Laing was a member and had offices in his house. Mrs. Laing gave my father numerous small articles after the Doctor's death, including his office chair, which is a few feet away as this is written.

Soon after the Doctor had opened his new offices, I was seated near the door one morning when he came in from the residence. He looked at me and said, "What is the matter with you? I said, 'Adenoids', He said, 'Open your mouth wide'.

A fourteen year old Beaumont boy was badly burned about the face by refrigerator fluid while helping the family pack for a move to Factoryville. David Cook faced the possible loss of one eye.

Married: Doris Kirkendall to Raymond Myers. Patricia Galbraith to Herbert Webster.

Anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Ira Frantz, fiftieth.

Died: Charles Minnick, 84, recluse of Chase Road, on his way to the hospital by ambulance. Harry M. Crispell, 54, Lehman, heart attack. William S. Lee, Trucksville.

Mrs. Albert L. Jones started work as library assistant.

and before I realized what was going on he thrust in his long bony finger with a big nail and removed them. As I dashed out bleeding, he said, "That's all" and told the next patient to come on in the inside office.

When I was about twelve, I broke my left forearm in the middle of the forearm. The doctor did not arrive until several hours later at which time the arm was painful. He put me down on a couch and pulled and worked on the arm, finally deciding it looked all right. But it measured longer than the other and he said "Not right" and started in to do it again. I objected. Thereupon he dug around in his second bag and came out with a cone and a bottle of ether. After a few whiffs I shut up.

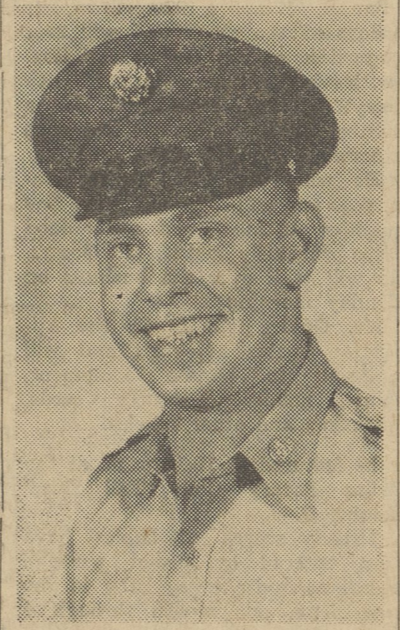
Almost every year I had something requiring his attention. Besides the common run of colds, etc. I recall measles, pleurisy, chicken pox, hives, poison ivy, a badly crushed finger, a small rupture, a bad cut under a big toe when I stepped on something sharp in the swimming hole at "The Old Meadows" and a black eye. Shortly before his death he sent me to another surgeon for a resection of the septum. He said, "They have a new method for that now in which I am not qualified. I am not going to start now, as I am too busy as it is." Other members of the family had services of Dr. Laing on many occasions, some for serious accidents and illness.

When I was about nineteen, I went in complaining of indigestion and general upset. With no examination he said, "You do not need medicine, what you need is a pair of glasses". I told him I could see better without glasses than he could with his. Said he, "Don't argue with me. You came in here for medical advice and that is what you are getting. Get the glasses". He was right.

Mrs. Laing kept him supplied with good tailor made suits and would send them to the cleaners, change the weight, etc. when needed and he would never notice the difference. She kept his books and did most of his routine work on the draft board. He refused to enter into any social activity, and I never heard of him taking a vacation. Although his parents were active and devout church members, he would have nothing to do with it. He said he had been subjected to too much religion in his childhood. It was like medicine, if you kept spooning it down a child, he would turn against it. Mrs. Laing was active in the Ladies Aid Society, the Red Cross, and other things.

Dr. Laing enjoyed a very high standing in his profession and was an exceptionally hard worker, particularly in times of epidemics.

Stationed In Korea



PFC ALBERT DENDLER

Pfc. Albert Dendler, son of Mrs. Eleanor Dendler, 72 Wellington Avenue, has left for Korea after a two week furlough at his home. A graduate of Westmoreland High School, class of 1960, the young soldier took special training at Camp Devens, Mass., and Fort Gordon, Ga. He is serving with the

Better Leighton Never

by Leighton Scott

HIGH COST OF LIVING

Six of one, half a dozen of the other, I'm sure, which party it would be, but it happened to the Republicans last week. At a rally-dinner at the Country Club, good party members, many dependent on the organization for relatively low-pay jobs, shelled out for one or two tickets at \$50 a plate, settled back and ordered drinks to ease the pain, and discovered another precedent broken: Liquid is now extra.

SIRENS UNLIMITED

The Dallas curfew has been very successful, according to Police Chief Russell Honeywell, who told Council recently that he had found practically no violations. It is Russ, by the way, who pushes the siren button faithfully at, or around, 9:45 every evening.

I'll admit I felt originally that a "get off the streets" siren was out and out affronting, but you get used to it. The ones who don't get used to it are the volunteer firemen who automatically vault out of their TV chairs when they hear it go off.

EYESORE?

Eyesore? seems to be the commonly used descriptive for the two railroad station buildings these days, and I heard it again while talking to Herman Rapport, government's legal expert with the GSA, who walked around the station grounds with me recently during site investigations for the new postoffice.

It turned out that the next day I happened to be at the Haymarket Antique Show, Evans Falls, and saw a painting by Graydon Mayer of the station on a winter day, building and a lovely box car speckled with snow. Needless to say, it was sold, but if it hadn't been, I would have bought it.

It's hard to explain, but I've never looked at the station as an insult to the community the way some of my friends do. As Dan Waters noted a while back, Dallas and the railroad did a lot of work together at one time, and that still stands for something. But small communities which want to grow can't afford to be nostalgic, I guess.

BIRCH GROVE BRIDGE

Birch Grove is getting a new concrete bridge to replace the old wooden one across the creek. Part of the many side benefits of the new highway. Reputed cost: \$87,000. The old bridge, which for some reason people automatically assume is rickety, is actually a good solid old thing, and recently took in stride a large truck-mounted crane used for drain-work.

Hospital Auxiliary To Meet On Friday

First fall meeting of the Shavertown Branch, Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary will be held Friday, October 4, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Ella Long, Central Supply, will be guest speaker. All members are to bring a non perishable item for the food basket to be chanced off at the Card Party. Articles for the white elephant or old jewelry table are also needed.

Mrs. Leon Beisel will preside. Hostesses will be Mesdames Clara Letts, chairman, Bertha Anderson, Albert Armitage, H. W. Appleton, Gordon Austin, George Bessmer, Morgan Bevan, Helen Elston, Clarence Elston, Walter Davis, George Dodson, Harry Carson, John Cortright, Robert Dickenson, Edgar Brace and Miss Margaret Brodell.

U. S. Army in the Army Security Agency Division.

Private Dendler, who was well known locally for his prowess in baseball, was active in Little League and later played on the High School team. He has continued participation in his favorite sport during his tenure in the military.

He enlisted in the armed services September, 1962, and will be stationed in Korea for twelve months. Mr. Dendler was an X-ray technician at Schenectady prior to entering the service.

From— Pillar To Post...

By Hix

That first frost almost two weeks ago certainly speeded up the coloring of the trees. Seldom do we have as much color as this until early October.

Remember that year when a sudden snowfall caught the trees by surprise and the ground splashed with crimson maple leaves? An artist immortalized the lovely accident in a picture of crisp snow splashed with red and yellow, maple trees shuddering against a blue sky, and a soft promise of Indian Summer in the snow melting along the edge of the smoking black-top.

It's the first sign of color, that completely unexpected splash of red or yellow against the green, that makes me draw a startled breath each fall. The first coloring is like the first crocus, a treasure.

Later, the hills are almost too lovely. There is too lavish a display, a surfeit of beauty, more than the eye can compass.

Why anybody travels to New England to admire the hard maples in October is a mystery. The hills of home are equally beautiful.

Travel these roads day after day from early spring until the leaves turn, and you note something which a casual motorist perhaps does not take in.

In the early spring there is a pastel promise of the fall, muted red at the tops of the maple trees, smoky yellow, a purplish haze anticipating the purple hills of Indian Summer, a delicate preview of Autumn glory.

The pageant is well under way. Silent golden showers of leaves are already strewing the country roads. At Pikes Creek there is a maple which is worth a ten-mile trip to see, and at Harveys Lake the still water reflects the glory of the surrounding trees.

This is what people who move from the East to the Pacific Coast long to see, hard maples against backdrop of evergreen, the badge of the Atlantic seaboard.

Pacific Northwest scenery is hard to live with. When Mt. Rainier goes on parade, it is too staggering a sight reflected in Lake Washington. Usually it is veiled in mist, with its snow-capped peak floating high above the earth, catching the last rays of the sinking sun, long after darkness has crept across the lowlands, detached from earth, isolated in its encompassing cold.

Trees are too big. The whole Pacific Northwest is on too vast a scale for comfort.

And there is little fall coloring. The firs dominate the mountain slopes, and the tops of the trees, hundreds of feet below as the highway winds over Snoqualmie Pass, up and up to the snowline and down again into a different world, are green the year round, with nothing to relieve them.

Pennsylvania hills are easy to live with. No snowcapped peaks, no glaciers. Pastures of brilliant green cut out of the flaming hills with a pair of scissors, mathematically exact.

Cattle gathered at the bars or crossing the highway to the barn as cars obediently wait.

Golden corn and orange pumpkins, sunshine and shadow . . . the black and white days are here again, and winter is already in the air.

There is nothing quite like Pennsylvania in the fall. Savor it to the full.

Baer Reunion Is Held At Ide Home

First annual Reunion of the William Edward Baer family was held at the home of Gilbert Ide, Idetown on Labor Day.

Officers elected for the coming year were Ernest Baer, president; Gilbert Ide, vice president; Mildred Thomas, secretary; Mary Booth treasurer; Helen Hoover, games and program chairman.

Prizes were awarded to Edith Boice, oldest woman; Jesse Boice, oldest man; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Boice, oldest couple; Mr. and Mrs. David Ide, youngest married couple; Michelle Walker, youngest child; Mr. and Mrs. Galen Walker and family came 258 miles and traveled longest distance; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booth, largest family present.

Reunion will be held again next year at the Gilbert Ide home on Labor Day.

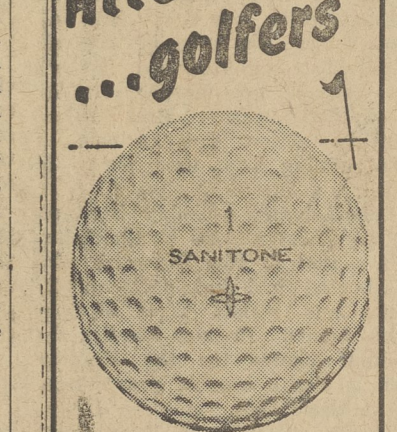
Present out of 119 members were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booth, Nancy, David, Irene, Martha, James; Mrs. Audrey Booth, Casaville Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Galen Walker, Kevin, Michelle, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baer, Edward Baer, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mills, Debbie and Kathie Johnson City, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boice, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes, Jeanne and Cynthia, Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Meadoway and Jay, Vesta N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Boice, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. David Ide and Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ide and Rita; Mrs. Russell Spencer Mrs. John Paul, Judy and Jane

Hall's Has Exclusive Russell Stover Agency

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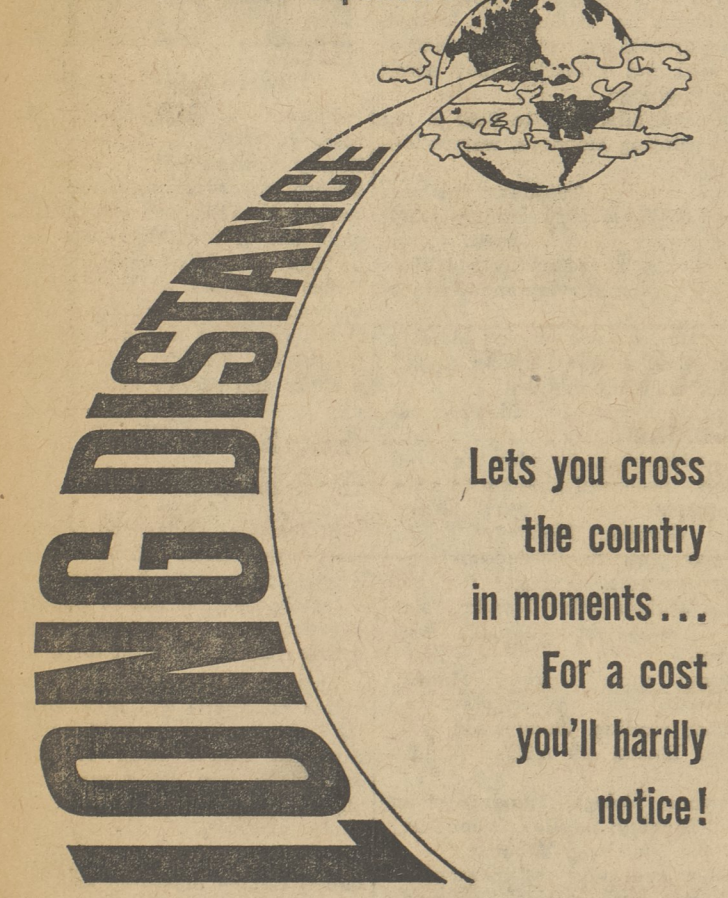
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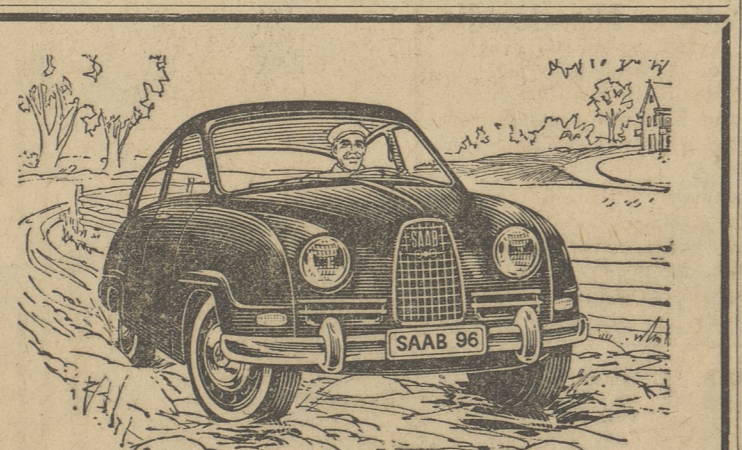
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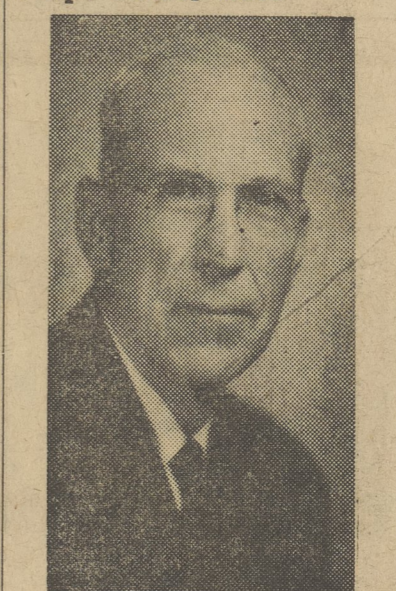
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