## districting Problem Postponed; Flack, Shupnik, Try To Save Area

### Dallas Schemed Out Of Back Mountain

The current Republican-proposed legislative reapportionment plan, of local interest because of its direct effect on the Back Mountain, has been put off, following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, until the legislature reconvenes Monday.

Consideration of the question, now threatened by amendments, a Federal Court constitutionality investigation, delay of Thanksgiving holidays, and the opposition of Harold Flack of Dallas and Thomas Ehrgood, Lebanon, whose votes would be needed for a Republican The northern and western sections majority in the Senate, drew to a of the county are growing and halt after the nation entered a prosperous." period of mourning.

The delay allows the people of tor and a seat in the Assembly.

In the event they do not, with due respect to the law which mandates periodic reapportionment according to population, the citizenry can make itself heard to Senator Flack, who, with Senator Ehrgood, is trying to see every legal means to save this representation for the

In talking to the Dallas Post this weekend, Senator Flack said: If we reapportion by population (determined four years ago by census), there would be a greater concentration of Senators from urban areas. He described the present redistricting bill as "a highly political thing", said it is true that the county has lost 46,000 people in ten years, but that there is a "popular demand" for two Sena-

Flack said he would stand firm against the bill, which would remove the senatorial seat of Martin Murray, Ashley, and that without the help of himself or Ehrgood (who does not want his district merged with Schuylkill County), the GOP doesn't have the majority

In response to the question, when would a final vote on the question come?: "Your guess is as good as

SHUPNIK SAYS "GERRYMANDER" Representative F ed Shunnik. Luzerne, a Democrat, whose party is fighting a losing battle against a reapportionment bill in the House, District broken apart and tacked in when someone threw a rock through pieces onto others, told the Post it around 11 p.m. Sunday. the bill was strictly "gerrymander-

He said the distribution plan was not based on reason, but was all political to assure a Republican voting bloc, and did not consider

On grounds of a loss in populathe reapportionment bill in the House proposes to eliminate | ing both cases, aided in the burglary the present Sixth District, call of it the "Fifth", and call Wilkes-Barre (now the Seventh) Ambulance Crew the "Sixth". As in the case of the Senate, reapportionment is man-

Among other things, Shupnik ob- vey, and John Carey. served, the new district would be a horse-shoe shaped "gerrymander" Robert Besecker, captain; Ralph along several roads in the Orange with Dallas Borough and Dallas Fitch, Donald Bulford, Gilbert area; and Frances Slocum State Township lifted right out of the Morris, and William Berti. Back Mountain

Note: The new "Fourth District" would have Dallas Borough and Township separated from the rest of the district by Kingston and Jackson Township of the new "Fifth".

### Postoffice Says To Mail Properly

Postmaster Edward M. Buckley

said today, "Early mailing of all

Christmas cards and gifts is the biggest single factor in getting all of the mail delivered before Christmas. Post Office facilities have been expanded, ample help will be available, and everything is being geared up to handle a record Christmas mail this year." The entire Christmas mailing period is a big battle against time. Even though Christmas is a month away by the calendar, it's Christ-

mas every day at Dallas Post Office from now on. Buckley advises, "Don't take chances on mailing poorly wrapped packages. Use sturdy corruga-

ted mailing cartons, plenty of heavy wrapping paper and strong cord. Cartons containing several gifts with tissue or old newspapers to cushion the contents.'

check with the Post Office before son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ryan, Dave's first contest and he hopes attempting to mail them. The li- 212 North Pioneer Avenue, Shaver- to win many more.

and OFTEN" for a merrier Christ- with entries from all over the coumas. By mailing early, we expect try.

There would be no connection between them except by name. The rest of the proposed district, to which Dallas area would have the dubious distinc-

mouth Borough and Township, and Courtdale. This does, in fact, smell of a gerrymander.

tion of belonging would be: Ed-

wardsville, Larksville, Ply-

In return for the Dallas area, the rest of the Back Mountain would be joined by Kingston, joined to us only by Luzerne. pick on us? Sure, the County has sell Coolbaugh and Stuart Marks lost population, but we haven't. attending.

the situation as "a mess", and said just below Crispell's Farm Service the Back Mountain to study the re- that when the legislature recon- Saturday night. Dave Fritz, Walter apportionment program, to decide venes, he would introduce as Galka, Carl Crispell, and Robert whether they wish to lose a Sena- amendments either 1/ reinstate- Clark attended. ment of the Sixth District, or 2/ at least make the new Fourth and Fifth Districts complete, sensible, Map Enclosed In and contiguous in their content of communities.

### LINCOLN SET DAY FOR THANKSGIVING 100 YEARS AGO

Thanksgiving Day this year is its centennial as a National holiday. The first proclamation by a President of the United States, establishing the last Thursday in November as a holiday, was made in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln.

The proclamation was the result of seventeen years of intensive promotion on the part of Sarah Hale, editor of "Godey's Lady's Book", who started the movement in 1846, wrote editorials on the subject, and pled with three presidents, Fillmore, Pierce, and Buchanan for National observance. before finding success with President Lincoln.

### Vandalism, Robbery Being Investigated

Vandalism of a home on lower Demunds Road Sunday night, and burglary of another on Overbrook Avenue Thursday are under investigation of Dallas Township police.

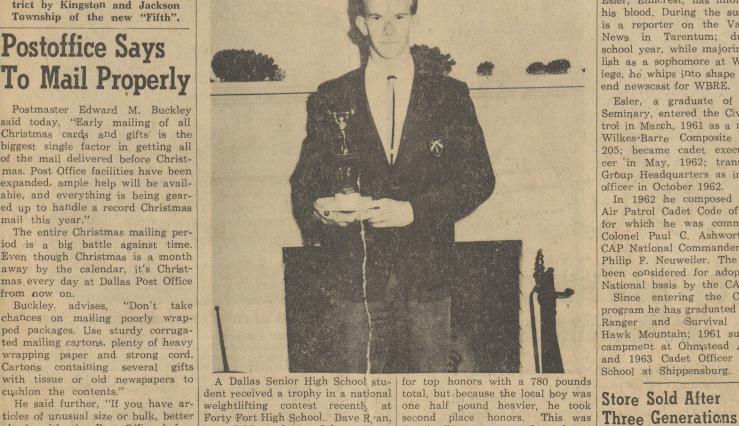
A large front window in the home of Ralph Kauffman was smashed, which would see our own Sixth along with a jardiniere inside,

During the day Thursday, while the occupants were out, a thief broke into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wickkeiser, Dallas RD 2 and ransacked the home for cash successfully. Entry was gained by the people in regard to their own forcing the rear porch door and smashing a window over the kitchen so forth.

Chief Frank Lange is investigatby State Police.

dated by the Pennsylvania Con- week: Ray Titus, captain; Les Tins- above Kunkle for the Dallas Townley, James Wertman, Leonard Har- ship Forest; the industrial reserve

Wins National Lifting Award



### Back Mountain Area Ambulance Logbook

Walter Shutt, East Dallas, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital Thursday at 12:15 p.m., Jim Perkins, John Carey, and Bob Besecker attending.

Mrs. Albert Bolton, Memorial Highway, West Dallas, to Mercy Hospital Thursday at 4:15 p.m., Besecker and L. R. Scott attending.

Franklin-Northmoreland Mrs. Harold Eustice, Orange, Saturday afternoon to Nesbitt, Clarence Schoonover, William Boyes, and Glenn Major attending.

Lehman Township
Mrs. Lisa Gilman, Lehman, brought home from University Hos-Shupnick asked: "Why do they pital, Philadelphia, Saturday, Rus-

Noxen Ronald Butler, Endicott, N. Y. was taken to General Hospital after The Luzerne legislator described his car turned over on Route 29

# Post This Week

### Planning Commission Shows Acreage Need

In this weeks issue, the Post includes a map of Back Mountain land use by the year 1980, prepared by the Luzerne County Planning Com-

The map serves a double function, in that it satisfies the need for a good map of the Back Mountain, even though Ross, Noxen, Monroe, and Northmoreland Townships are not in it.

All principal roads are shown, and it should be an easy matter to draw

in any township roads not included. The map is self-explanatory with the use of its key at the lower right, showing the Planning Commission's estimate of how land will be put to use in the next twenty years or so. It is interesting to note that the land uses do not differ much from present except in degree of development.

A resume of the Commission's conclusions as to the number of additional acres under development by 1980 in the Back Mountain was published in the Post several weeks ago. Briefly, it noted that this area will be the fastest growing in the county in total popula-tion, and that 3300 additional acres will be developed to meet the needs of these extra people, 1000 of which will be residential, 400 institutional,

Developed acreage will mostly offshoot from existing land use. Thus, Oak Hill will get bigger, Carverton Heights will get bigger, and

In the same line, industrial development is seen in Fernbrook in the vicinity of Linear plant, although who would be doing the manufacturing is not specified.

Odd points of interest on the map: Note the size of the Jackson Dallas Ambulance crew for this institution; the reserve set aside on the Kunkle-Warden Place Road; Starting Sunday midnight: the extensive development foreseen Park in Carverton.



long distances before December 10. Forty Fort Booster Club and off- and supervised by Clint Brobst to Kuehn says that the ill health of the evening. Myron S. Baker will the W. Major, Beulah Sutton, Ruth grocery items and antiques. Refresh- President's death. One said Fri-Follow up promptly with cards and ciated by the American Athletic interest students in weightlifting, her son Frank is the reason for the gymnastics, and isometrics. It has sale, but that she will stay on to Shown here is a

## **Editorially Speaking: ASSASSINATION**

In Dallas, Texas, a smiling boy holding a handlettered sign YANKEE GO HOME, waved enthusiastically at President Kennedy Friday afternoon, and President Kennedy waved back with an answering smile.

Momets later, three shots rang out, and the holiday crowd scattered as the official car bearing the dying President broke from the cavalcade and raced for the nearest hospital.

The incredible news was on the air. The message flashed around the world that the Presi-

dent of the United States had been assassinated. Everything that made John Fitzgerald Kennedy his own warm, dynamic, exuberant self, perished in the crash of a madman's bullet through that familiar head with its dark unruly hair, bared to the breeze of Texas as it had been bared to the bitter January wind of Washington on the day of his inauguration.

The body of the President lived for half an hour before the courageous heart was stilled.

The body . . . a man no longer . . . IT. A body, to be carried tenderly. A body, to be encased

in a bronze casket and flown to Andrews Field. A body, to be slipped quietly into a sleek grey ambulance en route to Bethesda Naval Hospital, while another President of the United States, already sworn into office, faced a battery of television cameras against the clamor of jet planes, paces away on that same landing

That supreme self-confidence; that somehow endearing arrogance: that vital youthfulness; that stiff-necked pride which kept his head unbowed through family grief; that almost offhand reaction to danger; that determination to win which had drawn to an inside straight, forcing the Premier of the Soviet Union to throw in his hand in the Cuban crisis of a year ago; all that tremendous cap-

ability and potential power . . . gone forever. Dallas, Pennsylvania, heard the news from Dallas, Texas, Friday afternoon ith the same incredulous horror which gripped the rest of the country and the world.

In Dallas, Texas, the holiday crowd had dispersed, leaving behind it a crumpled placard, "YANKEE, GO

The Yankee had gone home, and Dallas, Texas, bowed

DALLAS-TO-DALLAS FUND

FOR OFFICER'S BEREAVED,

Anyone interested in helping

with a Dallas-to-Dallas fund

for the family of officer J. D.

Tippit, murdered while seeking

the killer of our President, can

send them via the Dallas Post,

whose employees will start the

It would be only a token

thing, but Mrs. Tippit and her

three children have no life in-

surance benefits or pension,

and, since her husband was

killed in the service of the na-

tion as well as his city, it

would be nice if we could show

them we are grateful. Write: J. D. Tippit Memorial,

Dallas, Penna; c/o Dallas Post.

Dallas Post will be closed Wednes-

New coveralls and a new radio

will be bought for Dallas Commun-

Post Holiday

Ambulance Will Buy

Radio And Coveralls

tee for annual elections.

### Cadet Of The Year



LT. DAVID P. ESLER

Cadet Second Lieutenant David P. "Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year in Pennsylvania Wing," in competition with other cadets of Pennsylvania Wing, Civil Air Patrol. Receiving a plaque from Penn-

sylvania Wing Commander Col. Philip F. Neuweiler at a general meeting November 13 at Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport, he found his name the first to be engraved on the General Alfred Kalberer Trophy which will remain on permanent display. The twenty year old information officer for Group 20 Headquarters

in Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Esler, Elmcrest, has information in his blood. During the summers he is a reporter on the Valley Daily News in Tarentum; during the school year, while majoring in English as a sophomore at Wilkes College, he whips into shape the weekend newscast for WBRE.

Esler, a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, entered the Civil Air Patrol in March, 1961 as a member of Wilkes-Barre Composite Squadron 205; became cadet executive offi-cer in May, 1962; transferred to Group Headquarters as information officer in October 1962.

In 1962 he composed the "Civil Air Patrol Cadet Code of Conduct' for which he was commended by Colonel Paul C. Ashworth, USAF, CAP National Commander, and Col. Philip F. Neuweiler. The code has been considered for adoption on a National basis by the CAP. Since entering the CAP cadet

program he has graduated from 1961 Ranger and Survival School at Hawk Mountain; 1961 summer encampment at Ohmstead AFB; 1962 and 1963 Cadet Officer Candidate School at Shippensburg.

## Store Sold After

A Pittston pharmacist has pur-

### And Elects J. Vivian President Harry "Buckey" Edwards, Hunts- | ground, which is essential for an ville, was named to the Lehman understanding of the work. He also

Lehman Authority Names Edwards,

Farewell To

Township Authority at a meeting noted that, although the new Lake-Thursday, and John Vivian was Lehman High School Building was of the late John Hewitt.

Nursery, replaces Edward Darby on distant future. man school building.

Lewis B. Thomas, secretary-treas- Authority.'

LEFT WITHOUT ANY MONEY

elected president to take the place dedicated in September, the group expects to implement further ex-Edwards, owner of Huntsville tensive improvements in the not too the Authority, which finances Leh- The School Authority expressed

on an school building.

Other officers elected were: Har
Mr. Hewitt, whom John Vivian old Major, vice president; and Dr. termed "the guiding light of the

Appointment of Mr. Edwards was Mr. Vivian said the Authority felt approved by Lehman Township Edwards was eminently qualified for Supervisors.

### the job because of his business back-Founded In 1960, Surface Processes Laboratory Has Phenomenal Growth

It may not be the biggest out- new laboratory; and that Vincent people stared at the floor. fit in the Back Mountain, but it is Civiletti, whose art work has apthe fastest growing, and its output peared in the Dallas Post on many adds prestige to the local scene. occasions, should have made the

out as very small potatoes two years page. was being established on Country

back off the road. solidly behind its founders, Dr. being expanded. George J. Young and Joseph P. Hall, Jr. "This is the type of thing "a real asset to the community."

Surface Processes Research and sketch of consulting research Development Corporation started engineers which highlights the first

ago. People heard that a laboratory | Fitting also, that the wife of the Club Road, but for the most part | Margaret Hall, should have contribthey did not take the trouble to uted her knowledge of the growth hunt it up, concealed among its and worth of the plant, to furnish sheltering saplings, and situated far material for the artistic brochure

and for the attendant publicity. Not so Howard Risley, Mr. Risley, Mrs. Hall, over a mug of coffee day at 4:30, will reopen Monday at former editor of the Dallas Post, in the directors' room, said that 8, to give the staff opportunity to was enthusiastic about the venture two more professional employees Esler, Dallas, was recently named enjoy a long Thanksgiving holiday. from the start, visiting the infant would be added to the staff in Deplant on frequent occasions, and cember, and laboratory space was

> It was moving day at the plant. we need in this area," he stated, explained Mrs. Hall as she guided flags to half mast. Civic leaders a representative of the Dallas Post | were on the phone cancelling events It is fitting that a former Dallas through spaces that would eventual- scheduled. ity Ambulance, according to a vote employee, Robert Bachman, should ly be equipped for the growing voltaken at the November meeting be instrumental, through his ad- ume of research being done for the cancelled; Gate of Heaven PTA named to the nominating commit- bringing before the public in an in one building, David Ell of Shaver-(Continued on Page 2A)

Lehman Odd Fellows 712 Will Hold Third Annual Auction Saturday

imposing brochure, the facts of this



Disque, Ruth Shupp, Robert Disque, ments will be served. gymnastics, and isometrics. It has sale, but that she will stay on to Shown here is a group of Odd Gary Baker, Dorothy Baker, W. J. Persons having items to donate, row." The next day it poured rain. been successful in past years, and help Robert Fino operate. Mr. Fino Fellows and their wives who met Robbins, Mildred Baker, Mrs. F. R. please leave at the home of Lancethis year looks even better. The said there will be no substantial recently at the Lehman Lodge Hall Searfoss, Mrs. Torrence Naugle, ford Sutton, Wesley Moore or Alan down: "It would be more under-

Odd Fellows, Osage | Seated left to right around the Wesley Moore and Herbert Pritt. Lodge No. 712, will hold their table are: Mrs. W. J. Yeisley, Bill Noble Grand, Alan S. Major, said third annual auction at the Lehman Rineman, Myrtle Rineman, Si Ev- that a variety of goods is being ices. mits of size and weight of packages town, entered the 123 pound divi
He is also the student leader of chased Kuehn's Drug Store, Main Lodge Hall on Saturday, November ans, Jean Evans, Emma Ide, Lewis donated to go over the auction the Physical Fitness Club at the Street, ending a three-generation 30th. Items will start over the V. Ide, Myron Baker, L. C. Sutton, block. Included is much farm pro-Send all Christmas mail going The contest was sponsored by the school. This Club was organized control of the store. Mrs. Lillian block at noon and continue through Alan S. Major, Noble Grand; Doroduce, furniture, appliances, clothing,

to get the Dallas Postmark on all before leaving this office.

Dave and Peter Castillino, nation boys practice twice a week during changes under the new manage to make auction plans; members of the Toby Creek Lodge were guests. ner after the photo was taken were the Odd Fellows for pick-up.

Torrence Naugle. Attending the din-standable if he'd been killed by a changes under the photo was taken were the Odd Fellows for pick-up.

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hour, pay day, haircut day, shopping

Suddenly someone stood in the doorway of a shop, quietly waved someone from across the street in and they stood in front of the radio

A car drew to a stop in the middle of Main Street, blocking traffic, the driver and a pedestrian listening to its radio: "Full details are not yet available" (the same voice blared from the restaurant, the barber shop, the car), "but it has been confirmed that the President, Governor Connally of Texas, and possibly a Secret Service man, have

been shot!' From a locker in the High School, a transistor radio: " . . . have been

A small group gathered in the barber shop. "That's really something," the barber and the repairman shook their heads. "A guy would have to be nuts!" growled a passerby. "I just came from the restaurant," said the police chief,

"and all the women there were Someone noted that the President wasn't dead yet, and eyes met each

First punch: "A Secret Servi man was heard to have said 'He's dead!' at the scene of the shot."
Second punch: "Two priests who were with the President in the hos-

pital say he is dead! I repeat . That was it. A radio station which plays rock 'n roll tunes twenty-four hours a day switched immediately to hymns

At Shavertown Postoffice patrons

and solemn music

clushered around a small radio, at first unbelieving, later with heads bowed as it was announced that the two priests had seen him dead. At Noxen, postoffice customers television. Business in town drew Postmasters all over the Back "Things are in sort of a mess," Mountain scrambled to lower their

Dallas High School senior play-

Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Bill vertising connection with Harring- Government and for private firms. Guild dance - cancelled; Lehman Wright, and Les Tinsley were ton, Walker and Strickland, Inc. in Up on top of a tall stepladder Church group meeting and Dallas varsity football team trip to Bucknell-all called off. A few events, such as the Lake-Lehman dance, continued, with scant attendance, because the organizers were too benumbed by the news to cancel. Schools did not let out early. In

most cases, a student or janitor picked up the news, spread it to the teachers. Elementary schools in the Dallas district let it up to the teachers to announce it in their own way. A junior high school teacher said:

"I've never seen anything like it. Everybody and everything immediately became quiet. When the kids left, there was none of the usual fooling around. They just walked College football games for Saturday, of course, were cancelled. The American Legion turkey party was

Lake-Lehman football banquet was forced to go on because the turkeys had already been roasted before the President was killed. The redoubtable Kunkle farmer dance went on Saturday, but at-

postponed until December.

tendance was noticeably off. After President Lyndon Johnson and Governor William Scranton declared a day of mourning, both Lake-Lehman and Dallas Schools were closed for Monday. So were College Misericordia and Gate of Heaven.

Many churches scheduled special services for yesterday, and businesses which did not close, let employees out to see the funeral serv-Some Went Hunting

A few people questioned were un-

impressed by the impact of the day: "I'll still go hunting tomor-A young man slammed his fist