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### Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, all of whom are non-profit corporations, duly incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, will on the 25th day of June, 1964, at 10 A.M. E.D.T., apply to the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, for permission to merge, the surviving corporation to be PENN'S WOODS GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL, and set forth the following information:

- The names of the constituent corporations and their registered offices are as follows:  
1. PENN'S WOODS GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL, 383 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, Pennsylvania;  
2. WYOMING VALLEY GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL, 66 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania;  
3. COLUMBIA COUNTY GIRL SCOUTS, INC., 36 West Main Street, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

b. The surviving corporation shall be PENN'S WOODS GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL whose registered office is No. 383 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

c. Said merger is to be effected pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, approved May 5, 1933, P.L. 289, as amended.

d. The Plan of Merger provides that the said councils shall merge into one, the surviving corporation to be PENN'S WOODS GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL and whereby title to all of the real and personal property and other assets of said merging Councils shall vest in PENN'S WOODS GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL as the surviving corporation which shall likewise, assume all of the obligations of said merging councils; and that upon approval thereof, by the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, the corporate existence of WYOMING VALLEY COUNCIL OF GIRL SCOUTS shall cease and terminate.

e. The Articles of Merger have been filed in the Office of the Prothonotary of Luzerne County to No. 17, October Term, 1964. Application for said merger will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County on the 25th day of June, 1964.

PENN'S WOODS GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL  
WYOMING VALLEY GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL  
COLUMBIA COUNTY COUNCIL OF GIRL SCOUTS, INC.  
ANTHRACITE COUNCIL OF GIRL SCOUTS.

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Board of Directors of Lake-Lehman Area Joint School, Lehman, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, until 8:00 p.m., D. S. T., Monday, June 22, 1964, for general supplies, art supplies, ditto supplies, and mimeograph supplies. Specifications and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the Office of Administration, Lehman, Pennsylvania. ELEANOR HUMPHREY Secretary

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## Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

### 30 Years Ago

The World's Fair in Chicago was off to a flying start. The Street of Villages was the eye-catcher, a tour of the world in a single day. Many additions and improvements had been made since 1933, with better night illumination highlighting the exhibits. Closed for the winter, the Fair reopened with renewed enthusiasm.

Dallas M. E. Church was nearing its goal of \$5,000. A wave of burglaries hit the area, with business establishments and cottages being entered.

Killed by a truck as he crossed the road on Main Street, Dallas, John Dolski, 19, Tunkhannock RD. Dr. Sherman Schooley was called and the body was taken to Brickell's morgue.

Jap beetles war on the march, with greater invasion expected. Parasites were liberated to combat the plague.

Miss Lillian Rood's piano pupils were given their recital at Shavertown M. E. Church.

Wyoming Seminary held its 89th commencement.

### 20 Years Ago

Three two-column pictures on the front page: Samuel Galetti, killed in action May 23, 1944, in the Italian Theatre of War; Robert A. Girvan, reported missing in action May 14; and Peter Skopiec, missing in action over Austria May 29.

Sam Galletti, the Lehman boy who took part in some of the most vicious tank warfare of the whole combat in North Africa, lost his life in Italy. His last letter to the Dallas Post ended with "Excuse the writing, I'm a little nervous. Some shells just landed fifteen yards from my tent."

Staff Sgt. Raymond F. Sutton, former Kingston Township boy, was missing in action during a flight over Germany.

Charles Lacey, former Alderson boy, was wounded while with the Seebees in the Pacific.

Al Shaffer was among those injured when a bridge at Fairfax, Va., collapsed under a troop truck. His spine was chipped.

Heard from in the Outpost: Evan Jenkins, South Pacific; Bob Roberts, South Pacific; Roland Lamoreaux, Pacific; Fred Schobert, Fort Jackson; Tom Templin, Italy; Howard M. Johns, Iceland, and Joe Wallo, Italy.

Duda boys, Victor, Leo and Frank, all in uniform, appeared on the broadcast from England, American Eagles.

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Died: G. W. Frantz, 70, Dallas Township; Mrs. Alpha G. Smith, formerly of Alderson; John Bertsche, formerly of Trucksville, contractor for brick work on Kingston Township high school, and Maurice Jones, 74, Beaumont.

Lehman - Jackson - Ross High school graduated 53 seniors.

John Fielding was elected to the Jackson school board.

Lake - Noxen had 38 graduates. The four Eck children played on one keyboard at Sarah Ferguson's recital.

Air raid test in Dallas was a total flop. Signals failed to come through from headquarters, and wardens waited in vain.

Married: Elsie Jean Ide to Alden Wagner; Marilyn and Lorraine Sicker to David Davis and Wheeler Hess; Alice Zelta to John C. Wilson, and Mary Zora Porter to Carl Evans.

Died: Mrs. Emma Cooilbaugh, 55, Hillside; William H. Deal, 77, Fernbrook; John A. Bartel, 70, Dallas; Fletcher Myers, 88, Sweet Valley; Stanley Wilson, 55, Dallas; Frank Monroe, 74, formerly of Noxen; Raymond Warner, 57, formerly of Dallas, and Mrs. Catherine Redmond, 82, Pikes Creek.

## Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

For about twenty-five years overlapping the turn of the century, before automobiles and hard-surfaced roads became common, the small town of Dallas probably had more part-time and transient residents than we have now. This area was then way out and quiet, compared to the settled parts of the Valley.

Several families owned, and others rented summer homes here. Dr. Ernest Buckman owned the present Laidler place. Judge Rice built the present Warcola residence. The old Norton place, in which the Harris family has lived thirty or forty years, on Lehman Avenue, was the home of Daniel Fell. The entire row of houses on Terrace Street was built as summer homes, including those of Mayor Fred C. Kirkendall, Contractor W. C. Shephard, Architect Kipp, and two families named Morgan, one of which had a shoe store in Wilkes-Barre.

A little later Miss Edith Reynolds built the Northrup place on top of Huntsville Street hill. Several of the Baldwin Street area places were then summer homes.

Some local families regularly rented their furnished homes, keeping a simple cottage nearby for themselves. Two of these were on Norton Avenue, the Alexander Prestons and James Hildebrandts. The present Durrell Scott place was rented regularly to Rabbi Salzman. There were various others. A Gates family lived where Bert Lewis is now, but I am not sure whether they owned or rented. I believe they owned it.

The Raub Hotel, where the Acme Market and Atlantic Gas station are now, was a big place and did a lot of business, some guests living there for long periods. The High-land House, about where Dallas Junior High School is now, also had a lot of guests in season. I lived nearby when it burned. They had a spring of "Mineral Water" which they featured. Some neighborhood kids called it "nasty stuff. Morgan Wilcox subdivided the old broom factory, formerly the Methodist Church, now Rosary Hall, for summer residents. A lot of local people kept "summer boarders". Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barker on Barker Lane, sometimes called Rice Street in the house later occupied for decades by the Czuleger family and now by Oscar Culp, had so many that they had firework on July 4. Barker's regular job was delivery man for A. Ryman & Sons.

Dallas made a good headquarters for salesmen covering the surrounding villages by horse and buggy. rented here by Bart Mott on Lake Street or Billy Bulford, back of the L.V.R.R. station. They stayed at Raub's Hotel, and some of the same ones came periodically for years, so that they were on a first name basis with many local men. The poker games played in the hotel were notorious, when certain men came to town. The salesmen came on the 4 p.m. train, stayed one or several nights, and left on the train about 10:30 a.m., sometimes taking back, besides plenty of orders, considerable poker winnings.

The Dallas Fair, late in September, attracted a lot of transients, some of whom hung around after the Fair closed. A few became responsible residents here, including Fred Riley, who married the former Nora Bulford, then the widow of Porace Bealer, mother of Mrs. Minnie Brown. Some of the people remaining after the fair were slippery characters, running up bills wherever they could and borrowing left and right.

George Brace was on duty in the Chet White's butcher shop, in the site of the present Barber Shop Building on Main Street, adjoining Bert's Drug Store, when one of these fellows came in and said, "George, I am trying to get enough money to go home and have nearly enough, I am just a quarter short. Can you let me have a quarter?" Said George, "I am a good many quarters short."

## James Goodwin Dies Aged 61

Ill for three weeks, James H. Goodwin, principal of Shavertown Elementary School, died Sunday night at Nesbitt Hospital, where he had been admitted to the medical service late in May.

Mr. Goodwin, 61, resident of Harris Hill Road, had been associated with the educational life of the Back Mountain for many years. For 42 years, ever since graduation from Mansfield, he had taught. Dallas Township children, now grown, had him as teacher and elementary principal. He was supervising principal in Courtdale, returning to the immediate area to become principal at Shavertown.

A native of Plains, he was educated in Plains schools, took his degree at Mansfield, went on to do postgraduate work at Bucknell and at University of Pennsylvania.

He belonged to many educational organizations, State and National Educators Associations, Shavertown PTA, National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Masonic affiliations were Lodge 61, Keystone Consistory, Irem Temple; church, Trucks-ville Methodist.

Always interested in sports, he belonged to the YMCA, and Wilkes-Barre Tennis Club. He was one of the founders of Back Mountain Little League, serving as manager. He also managed the Back Mountain Teeners and Seniors Teeners League.

He leaves his widow, the former Margaret Rice, Trucksville; two sons: James Carl, trucker in Plymouth-Whitmarsh schools; and Donn Allen, student at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, N. C.

## Harry Ritts, Sr. Laid To Rest

A longtime Back Mountain resident, Harry H. Ritts, Sr., 84 N. Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, died early Thursday morning at General Hospital, where he had been a patient since May 13 after suffering a fall at his home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, eighty four years ago, son of the late John and Rosanna Relator Ritts, he was educated in the public schools of that city and was a graduate of the former Woods Business College.

Mr. Ritts married the former Elsie Nesbitt with whom he moved marked his 59th wedding September and resided with his family in the Heights section of Wilkes-Barre until 42 years ago when he built his present home in Shavertown. Few residences were in the vicinity at the time he settled here.

He was employed by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company for 48 years, retiring in 1947. Mr. Ritts was extremely interested in world events and community politics and was an interesting conversationalist.

He was a member of Shavertown Methodist Church and Lodge 442, F. & A. M., Wilkes-Barre, from which he received a fifty year pin five years ago.

He is survived by a son, Harry, Jr., Dallas; a daughter, Mrs. Stanley Harmon, Tarrytown, N. Y., and

old-time extinguishers on the 1927 engine got away from one of the boys who was checking it.

Is the turn-off on the highway at Hillside an improvement? Some people think it's so blind since redesign that it will be the scene of a bad accident.

It's now good sport around town to see who's aligning himself behind Governor Scranton. I can't get very excited about him, but I'll extend an open invitation to argue about it with anyone I meet in the next two weeks.

Inside of Dallas's emergency vehicle garage was dappled with fire froth last week after one of the

## From — Pillar To Post...

By Hix  
People who live within hearing of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will wonder what has happened on Sunday morning, when the familiar bell is silenced.

Strangers in our midst have wondered upon occasion if the Lehigh Valley Railroad were running a special train, completely ignoring the fact, well known to residents, that the Lehigh Valley has been trying to abandon service to this area over a period of years, and has finally succeeded.

The engine bell, swinging its lusty clapper for services, has become a part of the scenery, and people will miss it. It was startling in the beginning, but it was a child of necessity. It developed, after the bell tower was erected, that the side portals were too small to admit the bell which has been selected.

This was no fault of the architect or of the builders. The bell originally scheduled to hang in the belfry was aloft in the belfry of the old Goss School at the intersection of Church Street and Center Hill Road. When plans for demolishing the old school were projected, Dallas Township School Board said that the bell would be available, at a token figure.

The belfry gave up its bell, and it was trucked down to the Prince of Peace.

Arrived on the grounds, it was hoisted up to the tower, but no amount of jockeying could get it through the narrow openings. This posed a problem. The church was faced with a decision. It could either chip away a few fragments of stone, or it could get itself another bell.

The Goss School bell was trucked down to the once quiet triangle formed by intersection of Route 309 and Memorial Highway, and erected on a stout scaffolding for use as a fund-raising come-on at a church fair.

Each time a parishioner made a donation, he was entitled to give the bell a lusty whack, and the resultant din was amazing. But more amazing still was what happened in the watches of the night.

Some time between midnight and dawn, the Goss bell was spirited away, and the theft remains a prime mystery to this day. It took four stout men to raise the bell to the scaffolding, so it seems reasonable that it took four men to remove it, but there is no accounting for misplaced zeal.

It is entirely possible that two men, or even a man and a boy buoyed up by the thought of preserving the old Goss bell and putting it out to pasture, may have been able to accomplish the miracle.

But somebody, or maybe several somebodies, know where the old bell is stashed away, and could a tale unfold. It would be interesting to know what became of it, especially as it is now perfectly safe.

Prince of Peace is installing the newest thing in electronic systems. The Lehigh Valley bell, which once swung wildly as a Lehigh Valley RR train approached a crossing, remains in situ.

But it is bolted down, completely immobile, its brazen clapper stilled forever.

The new electronic bell, judging from its try-out, will be melodi-ous, but it will lack atmosphere.

People get used to sounds. The engine bell took some getting used to, but it meant Sunday morning to everybody within earshot.

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