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Editorially Speaking
New County Superintendent

It couldn't have happened to a better man. Wesley Davies, Overbrook Avenue, has been assistant superintendent of Luzerne County for many years. It was high time that he moved up into the top post, to fill the unexpired term of Eugene S. Teter, whose retirement becomes effective January 1. Mr. Davies is not a man who pushes his weight around. He goes quietly ahead, getting the job done. And as assistant superintendent, he is completely conversant with the demands of the position. The shift will be made as if on ball-bearings, with no interruption of necessary procedures.

Bad Accident Indicated

Unless the highway department installs some directional lights at the intersection of Pioneer Avenue and the main highway, there will be an ugly accident. The reflecting buttons which now point the way to Lehman turnoff, where route 118 leaves the Harveys Lake Highway towards Williamsport, have been of great assistance to motorists. They could not have been very expensive, and they require no upkeep. Headlights pick them out without trouble, and an intersection which many out-of-town motorists could not find at all, is now plainly visible. At the Pioneer intersection there is a complex of roads, all of them plain enough by daylight, but sheer murder at night to any motorist who wants to make the left turn at the crest of the still existent hump near Duke Isaacs. Start up one of those crossings, and you find yourself facing south-bound traffic, up against a curb, with cars wildly beeping, and with good luck, stopping in time. There is absolutely nothing to point the way at night. Directional buttons would iron the whole thing out.

Antique Shops Cooperate To Stage Open House Friday And Saturday

It was a horrible day for any kind of an open house on Friday, but the four Antique Shops which advertised an Open-House for the weekend were ablaze with lights, decorated for the holidays, and displaying the welcome mat. Nobody could deplore the wet weather, for the rain was too badly needed, but it held down the sightseers on the first day. People have discovered that a Boston rocker is at home in a modern setting, affording solid comfort and a tie between the generations, and that a bit of cranberry glass lights up the china cabinet; that a polished copper kettle beside the fireplace is a convenient place for keeping small logs, and that a cherry secretary from the 18th century, with its secret drawer makes a good conversation piece. The Powder Horn, on Main Street, Dallas, had a miniature village in its window, and dolls hobnobbing over a cup of tea at a table set with tiny dishes. Inside, there was a wide selection of antiques, some of them designed for the delight of children. Mary Frantz says that the array of books from the Wide-Awake Book Shop is drawing many customers, especially in the children's department. The fashion show staged here last month was a huge success. Francis Scriber, Overbrook Road proprietor of Stone Gates, has done the impossible. Without one suggestion of crowding, he has compressed into a doll-house sized space a remarkably fine collection of colored glass, bits of decoration suitable for any establishment, treasures to pass on as heirlooms. Wasting not one inch of space, but with the decorator's touch, he has utilized small stone shelves for display, corner cupboards, under

Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

30 Years Ago
Eugene Lazarus headed the Dallas School Board; Kingston Township retained Howard Appleton as president; Dallas Township reelected C. J. Eipper.

A poem, 'Confession' by Sister Miriam, College Misericordia, was published in The Commonwealth, weekly review of literature. Luzerne Gas and Electric lowered its rates. Bobby Edwards faced death for the slaying of his sweetheart at Harveys Lake. Scarlet fever epidemic checked, only one new case. Rev. George L. Sweet, pastor of Meeker Methodist Church, used to be a tight-rope walker in a circus. Tiring of the Big Top, he studied for the ministry. Once in a while he demonstrated tumbling and rope walking. Coffee was 19 cents a pound; sugar 10 pounds for 50 cents; stewing oysters, 2 dozen 19 cents; pork loin 14 cents a pound; chuck roast, end cuts, 7 cents pound; potatoes 10 cents a peck.

20 Years Ago
Howell Rees, former editor of the Dallas Post, was commended by General George A. Acheson for his public relations work with the 15th Division in Italy. Arthur Lasher, Jr. was in the jungles of the Southwest Pacific, fighting rats and lizards as well as Japs. Herman Sands bought a new herd sire, Montvic Pathfinder Peitge. George E. Jacquish, son of County Farm agent and Mrs. John J. Jacquish of Tunkhannock, was killed in action in France. Killed in action in the Back Mountain roster: 12; missing, 11; prisoners, 8; died in service, 5. Beaumont Union Church was re-dedicated. Rev. John Ten Hove officiating. Heard from in the Outpost: Don Smith, Florida; Earl Williams, Georgia; Louis Achuff, Hunter Field; Jack Carey, Arizona, Treblcox, in the Mariannas; Dave Evans, Europe; Bob Considine, Belgium; Elmer Wyant, France; John Stofko, Belgium. Married: Alice Deater to Benjamin Badger Jr. Instantly killed when thrown from a bicycle on Carverton Road, was Raymond Sherwin, 16. He was hitching a ride behind a truck.

10 Years Ago
Lehman football team won the Bronze Shoe for the fourth time. Edgar Lashford was elected president of Lehman-Jackson-Ross schoolboard. Dallas Senior Womens Club was first aboard the drive to purchase a Dallas community ambulance, with a gift of \$100. Jointure of Kingston Township, Dallas Borough, Dallas and Franklin Townships, was thrashed out again, with a final vote for the jointure, the goal a new high school. The sticking point was relocation of elementary school children, resisted by Franklin Township. Dallas Borough 'Y' canteen opened at Dallas Borough grade school, sponsored by Dallas Rotary and Back Mountain YMCA. Mrs. Maude I. Klug, 70 Shavertown, suffered a fatal stroke. Janet Smith's story hour attracted many children to the Library Saturday mornings. Robert Laux was elected president of the Dallas Ambulance Association. Lake School still closed, well down 150 feet, no water. Russell Edmondson resigned as Shavertown fire chief. Married: Eleanor Snell to Theodore Biggs. Joan Williams to Edward A. Makowski. Anna C. Adams to Edward G. Clark. Frances Lorraine Gettle to Malcolm Butler. Died: Charles L. Deats, 72, Harveys Lake.

my cousins who lived in Dallas many years, the Sherman Richards family, the Ziba Schooley's and the Arthur Turners. I knew many people in Dallas so naturally I am interested in the Dallas Post. Dr. Gilbert is a very warm friend of mine. With my congratulations and my thanks, I send my best wishes to you and the future of the Post. Cordially yours, Mrs. William Stark Tompkins

Uses The famous ATF Chief Offset Presses The Dallas Post

KEEPING POSTED

- December 2: FORMER DICTATOR Peron refused admittance to Brazil, flies back to Spain, meets lukewarm welcome. BOBBY BAKER inquiry. Theme, "You're a liar."
December 3: REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS demand change in party, in light of the recent debacle.
December 4: FBI LINKS murder of three civil rights workers to KU KLUX KLAN; two lawmen implicated.
Weekend: SLEET, FREEZING RAIN, Schenectady area in darkness, bitter cold drives residents to school buildings.
December 7: PEARL HARBOR DAY, 23rd anniversary. REPUBLICANS CLAMOR for Dean Burch's scalp. BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER confers with President Johnson. TSHOMBE ON WAY to United Nations. NBC SARNOFF protests barring of TV at trials. FOUR SHIPS TRAPPED in St. Lawrence Seaway, ice thickens.
December 8: CONGO PROTESTS rescue of white hostages by Belgians and U.S.
December 9: RAILROAD STRIKE again threatens, set for December 15.

Better Leighton Never

When the water started to run like a river down Main Street, it was tough to keep from cussing the weather. Water poured into my shoes, and the wet wind soaked my collar, but I kept telling myself "You love it."

What a great day to settle down with a good book, so I dropped over to the antique shop, with a particular one in mind, figuring Mary Frantz could get it from the downtown shop, which she could, and proceeded to do. Well, then I got so excited over the prospect of reading the book, I decided to go get it myself, right away. Walking across Market Street bridge in Wilkes-Barre not only puts one in a reading mood, but was an experience in itself, as it has been about half a year since I saw any substantial rain hit the waters of the Susquehanna. Then at the book store, Mrs. Evans sized me up as a likely customer for lots of other late offerings, all of which had only momentarily slipped my mind since last Sunday's Times perusal. She was absolutely right, and I only held off on most of the others as a bad bet financially, what with the shape of my wallet, the first of the month bills, the pound sterling crisis and world finance, and all that stuff. What the heck, you can only read one book at a time anyway.

Seen And Heard
Last week, the fire chief caught on fire. Don Bulford built a fire to get warm, out hunting, and a spark caught in one leg of his insulated underwear, and started burning up along the outside of his leg. He showed me the red mark on his ankle to prove it. It's Ross Williams who's got the Sunoco station slated for above O'Malia's, which gives him pretty tight quarters, smack against the mountain. Anyway, the corner will look just like old times. Is the window in the center of the new Kingston Township building upside down, or was it designed that way? "Is there really such a thing as the Christmas rush?" I asked Ed Labatch at the postoffice. "People

are in a rush all the time," he replied. That's true. I never even notice when people are brief with me, anymore. The only time a response registers on me is when the party is particularly polite and friendly. Christmas is a bad time to be in a rush. SECRET WEAPON Glancing at the town papers, we noticed quite a spread given to announcement Saturday of the gift of Hayfield Farm to Penn State Center. I would have been a little hurt by the same "news" release which we got in the mail two days later, if we hadn't broken the substance of the story back in the October 8 Dallas Post. Thanks to a Main Street tip-off. Anyway, at that time, I remember speculating on the size of Hayfield House with some of the boys at lunch. Our modest estimate, without having much idea, of the breath of the plant was something like 90 rooms and 20 bathrooms. The latter feature appealed to my fancy, and I thought that if all the toilets were flushed simultaneously, the US government could, at the expense of blowing the bottom out of Lehman Township, intimidate Red China into full surrender. FOG Fog settled over the area Saturday morning, so thick a bum couldn't see a silver dollar on the pavement, teaching us something else about the new highway. It's a good idea to have some kind of a divider in the middle of the road, but trying to find a crossover at major intersections is a real problem in this kind of weather. Traveling south at 7 a.m., I wanted to get a cup of coffee at Orchard Farm, and finally made my left turn, fortunately without any big trucks on my tail. But feeling out the cross-overs in the divider was like landing in ceiling zero at Djibouti airport. In time, I suspect, somebody will see fit to put up reflectors, so we can see our way.

THE CHRISTMAS BALL
by Juliette Pillarella, 9
I
When I look in a Christmas ball
I see myself so big and tall,
And then once more I look to see
The candles glitter on the tree.
II
It's fun to look at the Christmas tree,
It's a beautiful sight, we all agree,
The candy canes and tinsel bright
Will bring us joy on a Christmas night.

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Wesley E. Davies Superintendent

Elected By Board, Succeeds E. S. Teter

Wesley E. Davies, assistant superintendent of Luzerne County Schools moves up to the top post, appointed by the County School Board to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Eugene S. Teter. The change takes effect January 1, 1965. Mr. Davies, Overbrook Avenue, assistant for thirty years, comes of a family of educators. His father, the late Professor Gwilym Davies of Kingston, was for many years supervisor of music in Wilkes-Barre schools, closely associated with former Superintendent of Schools Harry H. Zeiser, father of Mrs. Howard Risley. Many teachers at GAR and Coughlin, now living in this area, have great regard for Mr. Davies. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howell. Mr. Davies, a native of Kingston, obtained his education at Bloomsburg State College, Pennsylvania State University, Columbia, and Syracuse. His first teaching assignment was at Forty Fort High School, from 1926 to 1930. For four years he was supervising principal of Nescopeck schools, leaving in 1934 to take the position of assistant superintendent of Luzerne County schools. In his younger days he was called "The flying teacher," and elected president of Wyoming Valley Flying Club. During his college years he was active in athletics. He is past president of Forty Fort-Kingston Kiwanis, of County Superintendents of N. E. Pennsylvania, and County Superintendents Department of Pennsylvania State Education Association N. E. District. Locally, he is on the official board of Shavertown Methodist Church, and chairman of its Commission on Education. His wife is the former Gertrude Gordon, Forty Fort, a former Kingston school teacher. A daughter, Mrs. John W. Klob, Williamsboro, N. J., is married to the controller of Drexel Institute of Technology. There are three grandchildren.

Art Show By Former Dallas Instructor

An art show by J. Philip Richards, is now going on at Gallerie 20, 20 E. Market Street, Wilkes-Barre. Closing date is Saturday, December 12. Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Recent oils and water colors are included. Mr. Richards, now art instructor at Wilkes College, was former art instructor at Dallas Junior High School, where his enthusiasm for his subject sparked many a student into performing far beyond his apparent capabilities. Each summer the Library Auction shows some of his work at the art booth, and he also exhibits at the Rotary Fall Fair.

On TV Panel

Mrs. Lyle Slaff, Pioneer Avenue, Trucksville, served on a panel over Television Sunday afternoon, discussing what can be done to halt the sale of pornographic literature to children.

Pillar To Post...

By Hix

What I want to know is, are the starlings eating everybody out of house and home? Put out a tasty chunk of suet, wired to the bird feeder, and the starlings descend upon it, bill and claw, knocking the bird feeder galley-west in the process, while the chickadees wait hopefully in the lilac bush. I am purely sick of supporting a herd of starlings. The horrid things have no manners, they simply descend upon the feeder in droves, and gorge. Chickadees and nuthatches, hairy and downy woodpeckers, titmice and cardinals politely take their turn, but not starlings. They are as voracious as evening grosbeaks, without the good looks. At least evening grosbeaks are colorful, lending a very fancy touch to a winter landscape. If somebody could get a color photo of a blue-jay, a cardinal, and an evening grosbeak against a background of snow, it would be a marvel of color. Leave out the starlings. No pretensions to beauty at all. They look just exactly like scavengers, with as much appeal as a turkey buzzard. Where did they come from? Did the campaign against them in the city divert them to the Back Mountain? The city fathers should have blasted them with rock salt instead of simply frightening them away. There must have been a population explosion to end population explosions in the starling hide-outs. Apparently nothing discourages a starling or cuts off its reproductive powers. Can't we import something that eats starling eggs, and leaves robin eggs and chickadee eggs alone? Or do I have the only starlings in the Back Mountain?

Library Will Change Its Loan Period, Beginning In January

In order to speed up the process of charging out books, the Back Mountain Memorial Library will change its loan period. All new books, both fiction and non-fiction will be loaned for 14 days. All other books for 28 days. There will be no renewals. For the borrower this means that they will no longer need to phone or come in for a renewal. The present system allows 14 days per book plus on renewal of 14 days total 28 days. Beginning Jan. 5, 1965 all but new books will be due 28 days later. For the librarians this means eliminating the constant interruption of telephone calls for renewals. It will reduce by more than half the notifications on overdue books, and reduce errors which are a hazard of renewing. The system is in use in the majority of libraries not using mechanical charging systems and has proved most effective in reducing the wait for charging out books. It should be a convenience to the borrower and a help to the librarians. Because of the long holiday weekends this year the library schedule will be as follows: Closing Thursday Dec. 24th at 5:00 P.M. Reopening Tuesday Dec. 29th at 1:30 P.M. Closing again Dec. 31st at 5:00 P.M. Reopening Jan. 5th at 1:30 P.M. By remaining closed on the two Saturdays for the long weekend a considerable savings in heat expense will be possible.

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