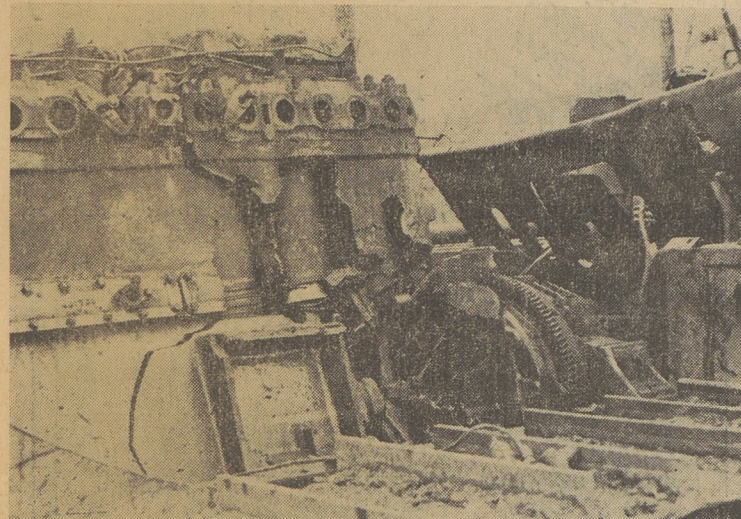


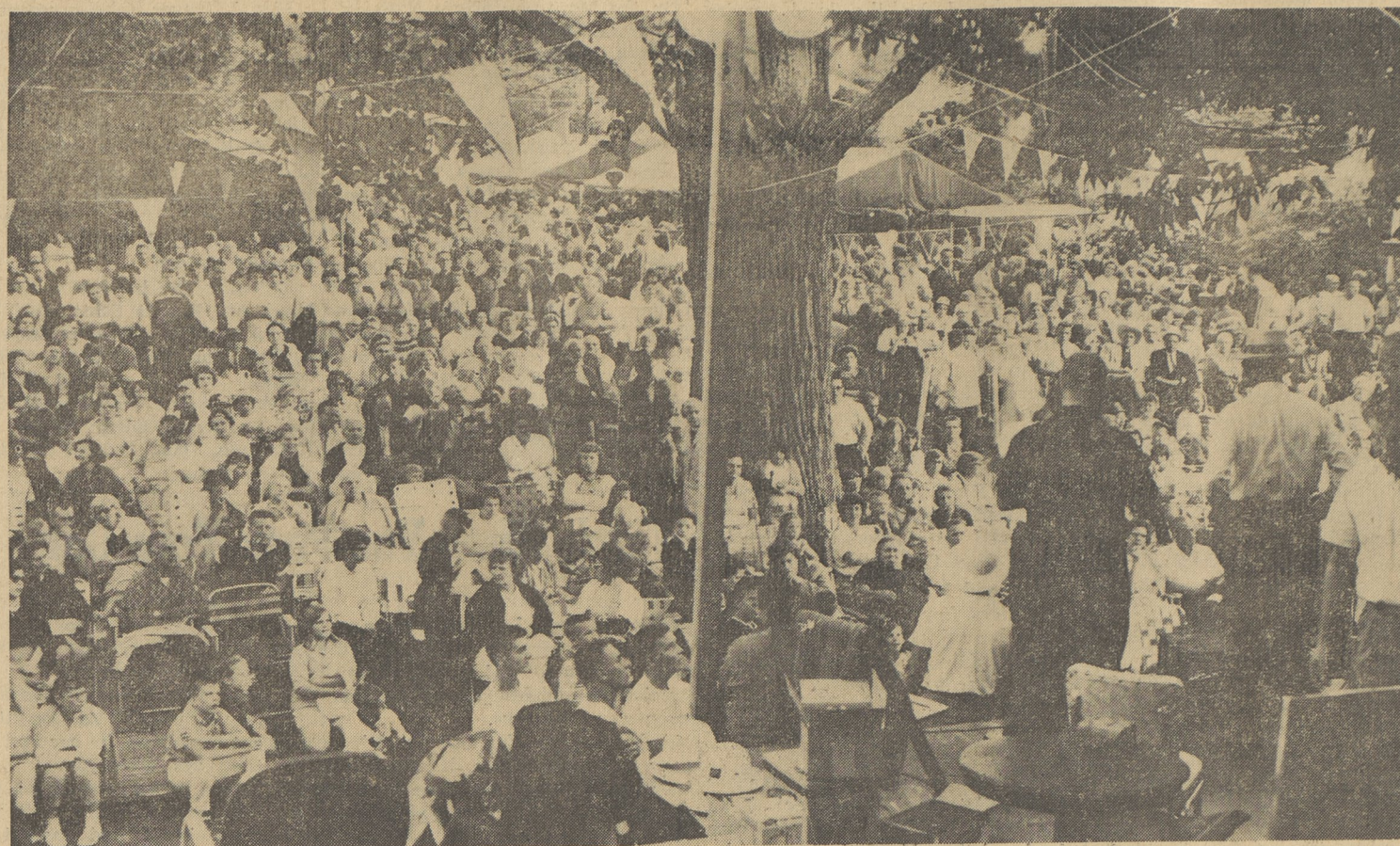
These Pictures Told The News Of The Back Mountain For 1964



NEW YEAR'S DAY fire at the home of A. Harden Coon Jr., Huntsville, was probably the worst tragedy in the Back Mountain in twenty years. Five lives were lost, an entire young family.



MYSTERY STORY of the year, and still unsolved: seven contractors' machines, mostly dozers, one shovel, were dynamited very skillfully one Friday night in March, at Harverton state dam project.



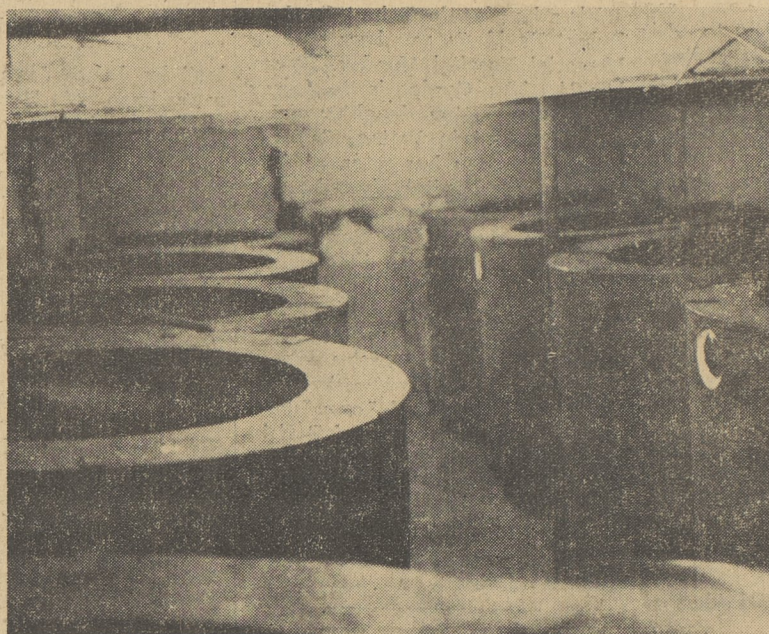
EIGHTEENTH LIBRARY AUCTION: It drew a nice crowd, as usual, and remains the number one social event of the Back Mountain. This excellent Kozemchak panorama packed in a lot of faces. (July)



END OF AN ERA: That's what we captioned it, when Harry Ritts Jr. got permission to salvage the "Dallas" sign from the doomed old freight station, late in March.



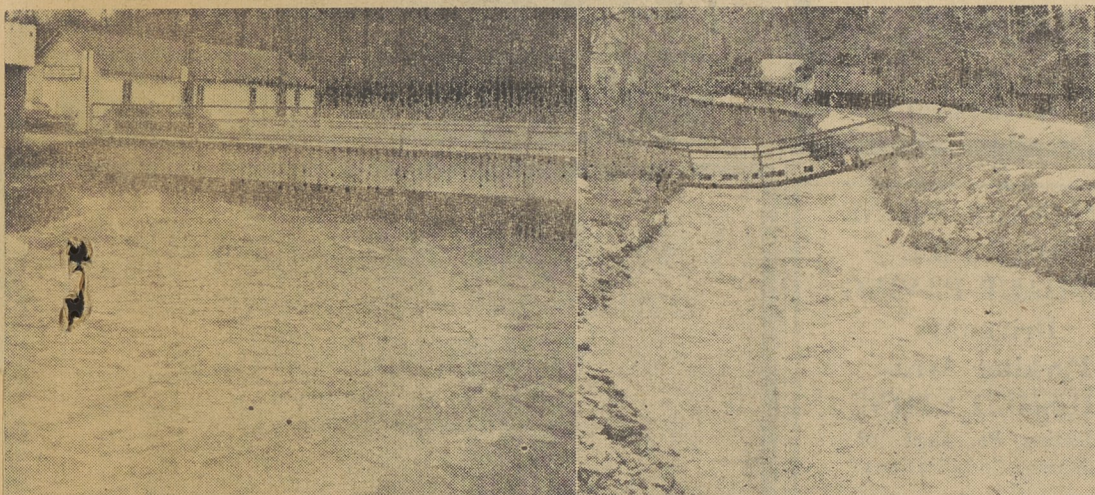
TWISTING HIGHWAY, between the "big bend" and Hillside road, was straightened out some, as part of the new highway work completed this year. Picture shows shovel chewing away the mountainside in April. Highway was dedicated in October.



THE DISTILLERY: Government agents nabbed this still in a barn just over the county line on the old Kunkle-Beaumont road, in January, and the case of a number of out-of-town men, allegedly involved, is up for trial this January. Post put out a little 9X12 extra on Sunday, breaking the story.



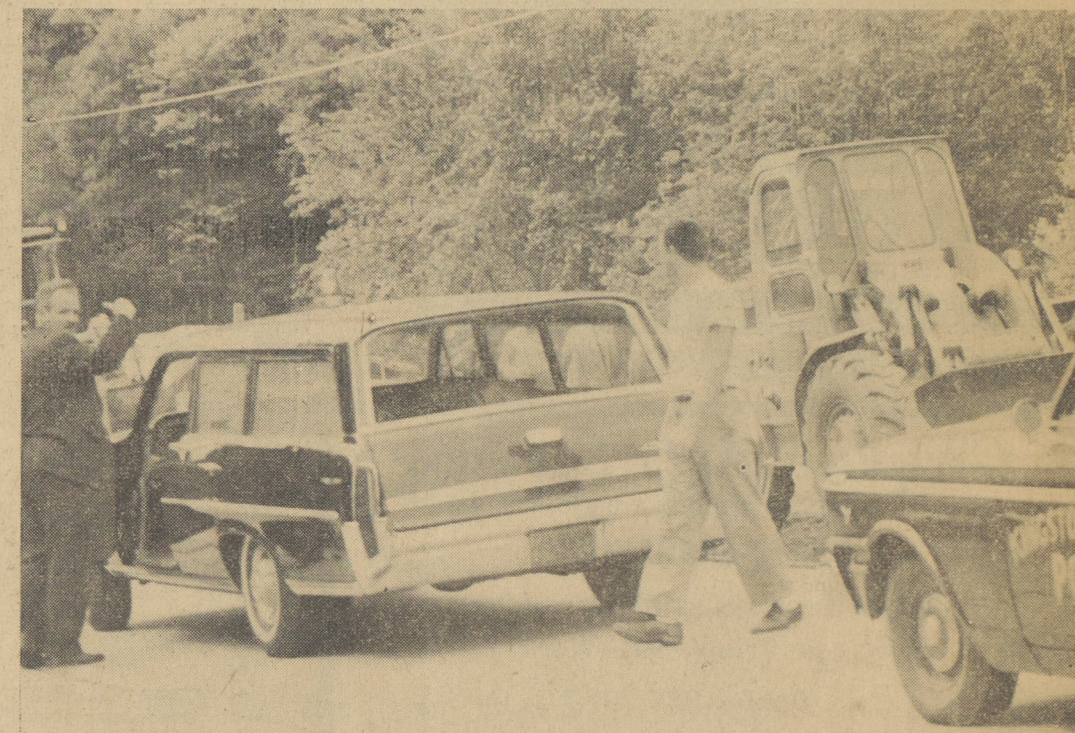
MOUNTAIN BURNED OVER, as did quite a few acres in the region, which was drought-stricken during the summer and fall, and water is low even now. Creeks ran dryer than in anyone's memory, and volunteer fire fighters put on a lot of mileage. (October)



RAIN AND FLOODS: Hard to remember, but the year wasn't all dry. March rains made Bowmans and Tobys Creeks look like this.



WORST TRAFFIC FATALITY in some years, and the second to occur on the completed four-lane highway, an elderly couple in the dark sedan were killed when their car hit the other head-on, just south of Route 309 intersection, late November. Three others were seriously injured. Dead were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Achuff, Shavertown.

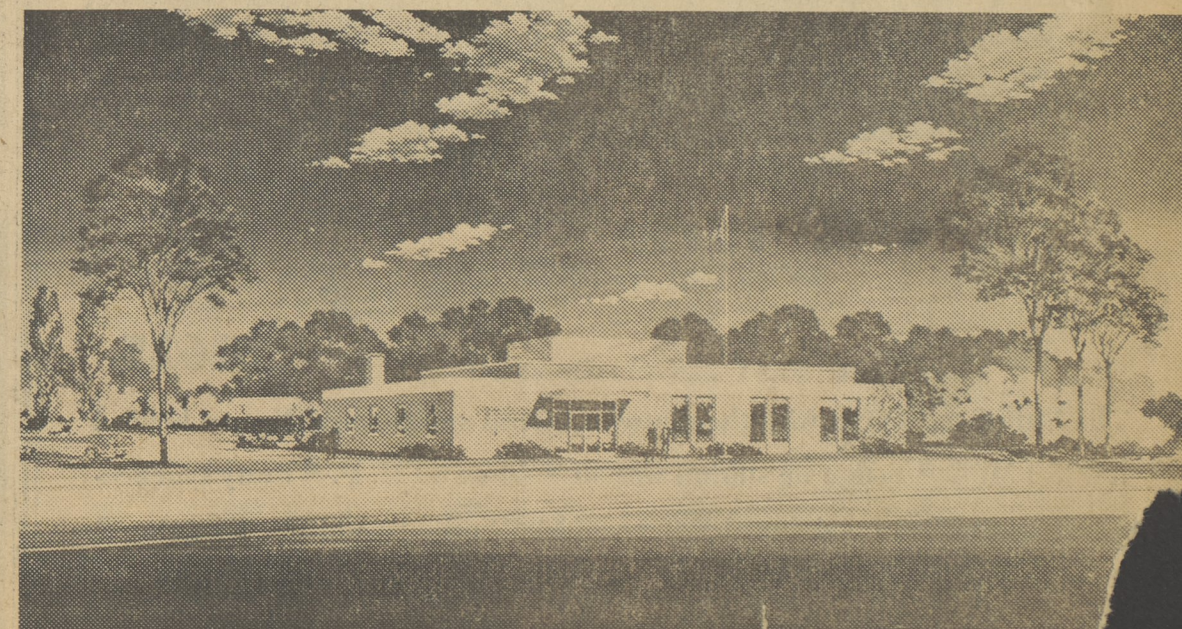


FIRST FATALITY on the new highway, ironically, was not a traffic victim, but a construction worker, Carl Brobst, of N oxen, killed by the front-end loader seen in this picture. (August)



FIRST HIGHWAY TRAFFIC CASUALTY: Mrs. Nora Hall was victim of an accident in front of Shavertown Shopping Center, late October. As she walked across the road, an out-of-state car struck her, knock-

ing her 25 feet into the air, and skidding 194.7 feet. Coroner's inquest found no speeding and no negligence on part of driver.



PROPOSED DALLAS POSTOFFICE: Architects Roushey, Smith, and Miller drew it to look like this, and ground was broken on the old railroad depot site in the center of town, early December, 1964.