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Editorially Speaking

HE WHO RIDES A TIGER

"He who rides a tiger cannot dismount."
None of us like the situation in Vietnam, but we are there, and we cannot leave, with or without honor. We still have men in Korea. We have men in Germany. We have men scattered about the globe. Whether we like it or not, whether we approve or not, we are committed. No longer can we wrap the security of our two oceans about us and dream of being left undisturbed to enjoy our prosperity and our abundant harvests. We have commitments to the people of the world. At heart, we are all isolationists. We want to be left alone to enjoy what the Top Brass is fond of calling The Great Society. We resent the millions of dollars bursting over battlefields in the form of missiles tagged for destruction of military objectives, and all too often wiping out whole villages. We wish we could call the whole thing off. We wish there was no such thing as war. We wish that leaders could bring themselves to sit down quietly together at a table and compare goals. But the Millennium is far away, and no amount of wishful thinking is going to hasten its coming. We are stuck with a war that nobody wants and that nobody can win. We are fighting it on foreign soil instead of in Sweet Valley, or Harveys Lake, or Dallas. We could easily be fighting it in our own villages, with bombs tearing up our roadways, and strange looking soldiers trying to comfort our homeless children in between more bombings. Never, since the War Between the States, have we fought a war on our own soil. We have no conception of what war really means. For our own fine young men, when they come home, will return, not to ruined villages and devastation, but to their own familiar surroundings. Vietnam will take its place in the category of dreams, with no possible relation to everyday living. Do any of us know how fortunate we are?

Story Hour To Begin Again At Library, Girl Scouts Sponsoring

by Connie Havir

Girl Scout Troop 644 will conduct a story hour at Back Mountain Memorial Library. The Story Hour will begin this coming Saturday, February 12. A selection of stories and poems will be read. Children in the Back Mountain who are aged 4 to 7 inclusive, are invited to come. Hours are between 1:30 and 3 p.m. Cadette Girl Scouts, Connie Havir, Chris Demmy, Priscilla Reese, Carol Crawford and Vera Balshaw will conduct the Story Hour. There will be adult supervision in addition to the ninth grade girls. The place is upstairs in the Annex, where there is a rug on the floor for easy sitting in a close circle. Some old favorites will be read, and pictures will be shown. Your youngster will learn a game or a new story. This will help interest young people in becoming

Lifeless Body Discovered

The lifeless body of an aged man was discovered Tuesday morning in the shack in Lehman Township which he had occupied for forty years. Death of Cameron Brown, 83, was attributed by Coronor Richard Disque to natural causes, presum-

ably pneumonia. There was no heat, and little food in the shack. Two dogs were attempting to keep the man warm, curled close on the makeshift bed. There are no known survivors. In Many Designs Sales Slip Pads PAPER NAPKINS Try The Dallas Post

Severe House Fire Held To Some \$8000 Damage



Quick response by Jackson Fire Company saved the home of the Joseph Levi Jr. family on the lower Chase road, Monday afternoon, but between \$6000 and \$8000 fire damage resulted, Fire Chief Dale Wright told the Dallas Post at the scene. Wright is seen here examining the smoky remains of the gutted upstairs room where the fire started, apparently in a bed. Levi's mother-in-law and one small son were home at the time, shortly after 1 p.m. Neither Mr.

Only Yesterday 30 Years Ago

Capsule history of the area shows Matthew Scouten as the first white settler in Lake Township. In 1792 he cleared a small tract, later taken over by Jacob Sorbey, who set out a few apple trees. Lake Township was carved out of Lehman and Monroe Townships in 1841. Early settlers included: Otis Allen, Daniel Lee, the Kochers. The roster shows Jackson, Freeman, Lewis, King, Roberts, Davenport, Casebear, Moss, Fosnot, Perrego, Bronson, Williams, Wolfe, Kitchen, Shupp, Hawley and Ide. See issue of February 7, 1936. Movement for a Luzerne By-pass was revived. Hayfield Farm appealed its status as a "Show Place," said loss was substantial in operation, \$600,000 from 1913 to 1933. Assessment of ternal Revenue for year of 1933. Luzerne was launching a campaign for business from the Back Mountain. Married: Esther May Jackson to Raymond Gray. Mildred Price to Phillip Reynolds. Died: Clifford Moss, 16, Hunlock Creek, aftermath of a hunting accident December 2. Arthur Bradbury, Trucksville. Miss Mary Wilson, Huntsville. Charles Matukitus, 58, Orange. You could get chuck roast for 19 cents a pound, round steak for 28, oysters 4 dozen for 29 cents or two bits a pint. Prunes were 16 pounds for a dollar. (Boarding house demand?)

20 Years Ago

Youth Center at Shavertown was one year old. Ord Trumbower, newly returned from military service, resumed his duties as manager of Dallas Acme store. Sweet Valley Fire Company, organized January 31, had funds at hand to buy a pumper from the Surplus Commodity Corporation, a model originally designed for Civil Defense use. Mrs. Arthur Culver headed the Dallas Woman's Club. News of Servicemen: Charles Masters celebrated his birthday in Germany. James Healy became staff sergeant in Germany. Discharged: Royal Culp, Stanley and Raymond Hoyt; Albert Crispell, Harry LeValley. A plea for scores of the basketball season netted Joe Hardisky in Germany ten recent issues of the Dallas Post. Married: Margaret Jones to John Jewell. Died: Delbert Husted, 84, Shavertown. Test-tube calf, first fruit of NEPA, born in Wyoming County.

10 Years Ago

A big consolidated high school for the entire Back Mountain was in the wind. A counter proposal was for a high school for a five-way jointure including Monroe, Raymond Kuhnert and George Dymond wrote a letter expressing their belief that united support was needed to finance a good high school. Jim Hutchison, retired farm agent, started a program of farm news on station WILK, five mornings, a week. Claire Ohlman headed the Woman's Club. Dallas Borough Council, Joe MacVeigh president, offered a budget of \$38,831, millage to remain the same. 22. Frank Policare, Pittston, purchased Lundy's Restaurant. Married: Lenore Bierly to Albert R. Swithers. Phyllis Swan to Alvin Cragle. Lois Jones to Harry J. Johnson. Mrs. Freda Shupp to Howard Woolbert. Died: Mrs. Addie Austin, 91, Plattsburg. Her great-uncle Bradley was the first baby born in Dallas. Morgan W. Ruch, 65, East Dallas. Mrs. Esther B. Richards, 66, Trucksville.

KEEPING POSTED

February 3: NIPPON PLANE CRASH takes 133 lives in Tokyo Bay. TEST OF U.S. soft landing space vehicle in desert adjudged success. U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL votes to debate Vietnam question. Jordan casts deciding vote. February 4: SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE starts review of Vietnam and request for supplementary appropriation. SOVIET SPACE CRAFT makes soft landing on moon, starts broadcasting. Britain pirates messages, puts them on the air in advance of Soviet release. Apparently hard surface, not dust. February 6: CASTRO SHOUTS invective against China, another beautiful friendship sunk. MARINES MAKE another amphibious landing in Vietnam. 14TH ANNIVERSARY of Queen Elizabeth's accession to throne. PRESIDENT FLIES to Honolulu, accompanied by Top Brass, meets opposite number from Saigon, also with Top Brass. Guests evacuated from hotel at Waikiki to make room for presidential party. February 7: DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM for South Vietnam plugged by LBJ. More arms, more soldiers, greater war effort plugged by Saigon. VIETCONG VANISH as pincers close around vast area in Vietnam. NEW G.I. BILL, benefits for servicemen of the Cold Wars, education, housing. FHA INCREASES interest to 6%. February 8: RETIRED GENERAL GAVIN grilled by Senate Foreign Relations Committee on recent article in Harpers, Mag. Says he was misquoted. CONFERENCE IN HONOLULU winds up, education, welfare as well as guns. LBJ MEETS HUMPHREY in Los Angeles, Humphrey flies to Asia after hour's conference, President to Washington. TASS SAYS CONFERENCE is a symptom of uneasiness. FRANCE, GERMANY warm slightly to each other, envisage closer relations of countries in Common Market.

Better Leighton Never

Main Street, Dallas, awoke Saturday morning to the steady tap, tap, tap of parking tickets on windshields. One such car was that of an employee of a business on Main Street who had parked in front of a hydrant the better part of a day. Another was a borough road department employee parked in the wrong direction. When another borough employee was threatened with a ticket, a verbal hassle with the officer ensued. All of which would appear to indicate that Dallas people find ticketing an uncustomed annoyance, which they nonetheless don't seem to take precautions to avoid. The blitzkrieg ticketing may or may not have been the result of a vehement conversation in a store the day before, in which several merchants decried the state of affairs where cars are parked all day in what is supposed to be a one-hour zone. If a coincidence, it sure was coincidental. In any case it was noteworthy because cars are not ticketed on Main Street very often. A businessman has said to me, in the aftermath: "Why should everybody be so surprised when illegally-parked cars are ticketed?" Behind the one-hour parking rule is the fact that customers of those businesses which do service by appointment or by the glassful tend to linger in valuable space, which the merchants whose business is done in minutes feel they are also entitled to. However, that isn't so bad, the latter say, because everybody has a right to do business when he can. What's worse is when the proprietors take up their own parking space all day. That doesn't make anybody any money.

IN MEMORIAM

Billy Belles, who was killed on February 10, 1962. Sadly missed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Belles and brothers and sisters. Mrs. Rhoda Kitchen, 62, Ruggles Ralph Harrison, 75, Shavertown. Joseph Randall, 89, Fernbrook. Anniversary: Mrs. Charles Tremayne, 87, Yeager Avenue.

Safety Valve

February 7, 1966
THE RADIO SAID, "STAY HOME"
Letter to the Editor:
In last week's Dallas Post a question was asked in regard to the cancellation of church worship services on Sunday, January 30. I cancelled services after talking with some of the church leaders from each of the three churches. I then notified the local radio stations of my decision. Many of the church members, indicated that it was impossible for them to make it to church because of the snow drifts. I did not want to risk the lives of my church members by having them venture on to the highways, or endanger the lives of others by needless driving. The third reason was that I must travel a long distance between my three churches. I did not want individuals to venture to church only to find that there would be no service because their pastor was stuck in the snow somewhere between the parsonage and their church. I must think of the welfare of all my people. It is necessary for man to risk his life for his God and his faith, but not carelessly. I hope that the reasoning of one minister will shed some light upon the question that has been raised. Sincerely yours, Howard E. Hockenbury Center Moreland Methodist Church
The editor of the church page sees no reason why you should apologize for exercising your best judgment. Radio broadcasts begged people to stay off the roads.—Hix

Dallas School Board
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ed many vehicles the same time. Mrs. Vernon, chairman, who called a halt to the heated exchange between Richardson and Gerald, said the matter would be turned over to the transportation committee for study. Mr. Kozemchak asked that a reappraisal of the building program be made. No action has been taken by the board on construction of a new elementary school and additions to the Junior High and Senior High Buildings. A meeting of the Dallas Board, School Authority and Architects was held Monday evening. John Grimes was appointed surveyor. Separate Age Groups Mr. Kozemchak also advised that the board consider a decentralization move. He said he was not in favor of the young students being placed so close to those of high school age. The new elementary building will house kindergarten, 4th, 5th and 6th grade pupils and has been planned for erection near the Rice Development. Kozemchak continued that he approved sending the elementary students to schools closer to their homes and criticism from the parents who had harrassed the board in the past for transportation facilities. Mr. William Austin refuted Kozemchak's statement that this would necessitate many more buses. Mr. Kozemchak added he was opposed to building Taj Mahals. Mrs. Louise Steinhauer suggested that the Board advertise its intention to impose a wage tax and specify the money for the new building program.

No Action On Tax
Solicitor Jonathan Valentine stated there would be no purpose to doing so at this time since it is too late to collect for this year and it would jeopardize the budgets of the municipalities. Mr. LaBerge said the school board does not know at this point how much is needed for the new structures and there would be no reason to file at this time. He advised waiting until the local governments express their intent to levy the tax.

Bids for numerous educational items and fittings for Project 197 were read and referred to Mr. Austin, Elementary School Supervisor, for tabulation.

Ralph Fitch was awarded the contract for boiler repairs at Westmoreland School at his low bid of \$800.

William E. Stratiff, Punxsutawney, was appointed to the faculty. He will replace Mr. Kozick who resigned. The following were appointed professional employees under the Special Education Act of 1965: Mrs. Mary Ann Mehalco, Art; Robert C. Harding, Elementary; Philip Zachary, Jr., Elementary; Mrs. Doris McCain, Elementary, part time; Mrs. Mary Ward, Home and School Visitor; Mrs. Mary Shaver, Clerk. With the exception of Mrs. Ward, who will begin her duties March 1, all new employees were placed on the payroll as of January 28.

From— Pillar To Post...

by HIX
It was such a lovely classified ad, a forge with tongs for sale, motor-driven, no less. It was possible to imagine the happy purchaser, hunched on the forge, going coasting down Huntsville Road waving a pair of tongs in each hand. It was too good to pass up. "Scott, this is just what you need, a motor-driven forge. You can remove the glowing coals before seating yourself for the ride. The residual warmth will let you toast as you coast." To which Scott replied, "I'm way ahead of you. I've already called up and bought the forge." "Well, if you propose to turn out bits of fancy ironwork, and of course horseshoes, you are going to need an anvil." Further back-and-forthing left Hix with the anvil. It weighs 250 pounds. The project grew. The forge, with the 300 pounds of soft coal included in the deal, could be set up in the craft section of the Library Auction, anvil alongside, plus a tub of cold water in which to dunk the glowing ironmongery. It would draw a crowd, to watch the brawny blacksmith doing his stuff under the spreading chestnut tree (oak, poplar?) It also, with luck, would prove irresistible to men in the audience, who for a modest fee would form in line to hammer out a horseshoe or convert a rod from an abandoned Ford into a poker with a ring on one end and a right-angle turn on the other. After all this build-up, the forge, plus the anvil, plus the sacks of soft coal, could be expected to bring top dollar over the auction block. It was a blow to discover that the motor on the forge simply took the place of the bellows, and did not provide motive power. No wheels. Up in Cooperstown where the past is recreated for the benefit of the benighted youth of today who have never seen a hot horseshoe fitted to the hoof of a horse and tapped home with horseshoe nails, they employ a device which gives the proper smell as well as a feast for the eye. When the blacksmith forms a horseshoe with deft blows of his big hammer, flattening it and shaping it, he surreptitiously drops a few shreds of horse-hoof parings into the forge, and the smithy is filled with that indescribable acrid aroma that arises when there is a horse at hand in the flesh, being fitted to a pair of new shoes. Two pairs. Could be somebody with imagination could work up a grist of small horse-shoes in advance of the Auction, and use them as a come-on. Scott already has a book on blacksmithing, obtained from the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Ambulance Logbook
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Youngblood as crew. Ami P. Cope, 178 Lewis Avenue, Trucksville, was taken to Nesbit Hospital on Sunday, Davis, Jack Lasher, and John Sperl attending. Robert Scott, 66 Pioneer Avenue, was taken to General Hospital on Monday, Smith, Davis, and Tony Plata attending. Lehman Township Mrs. Mary Gabel, RD Shavertown, was taken to Mercy Hospital on Sunday in Lehman ambulance, Lee Wentzel and Pete Hospodar attending.

BACK MOUNTAIN POLICE
Back Mountain Police Association will tour the Correctional Institution at Jackson for its regular meeting, February 10, and is to meet promptly at 7:30 at the main gate, where Warden Johnston will conduct the tour. An important business meeting will follow.

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