

Day Of Memory Rites In Dallas

Dallas Post, American Legion, escorted by Dallas Junior High School Band, halted traffic briefly on Memorial Day as Paul Shaver, traditional marshal, led his forces down the Memorial Highway from the Legion Home, and held services at the Honor Roll.

Here, Rev. Francis A. Kane, pastor of Gate of Heaven Church, offered prayer. The laying of the wreath was performed by a Cub Scout and a Brownie, Davis Laidlaw and Gail Richard, shown in the center picture.

The parade formed again, making the circuit of Main Street and Mill Street, back to the highway and thence up Lake Street to Center Hill Road and Warden Cemetery.

Here, the fire apparatus left a procession to hot-wheel it to Sweet Valley, where it was due to take its place in the parade of pumpers at 1 p.m.

The rest of the marchers gathered in the quiet of the cemetery for the traditional observance.

Dallas Junior High School Band, directed by Alfred Camp, played, accompanied by twirlers.

The speakers stood beneath a spreading tree, hoary with age, which shades the Kunkle plot.

Rev. James Randle, pastor of Dallas Free Methodist Church, gave both invocation and benediction.

Rev. Andrew Pillarella, pastor of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, took as the theme for the main address, "Lest We Forget."

He envisaged those who had died in former wars for the sake of gaining and preserving freedom in this country; those who were now fighting for the cause of freedom in Vietnam; and those to come, who would continue to fight, that liberty shall not perish from the earth.

He spoke feelingly of the colored boy, the man in the Green Beret, who had been denied burial in his own home town in Alabama because there "was no room at the Inn." He would have lain anonymously in a plot reserved for former slaves, had not a sister Southern State of Georgia offered him full military honors, and burial in a National Cemetery.

This is one of the things, he said, for which we are fighting, a realization that each man is entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, under the Constitution of the United States of America.

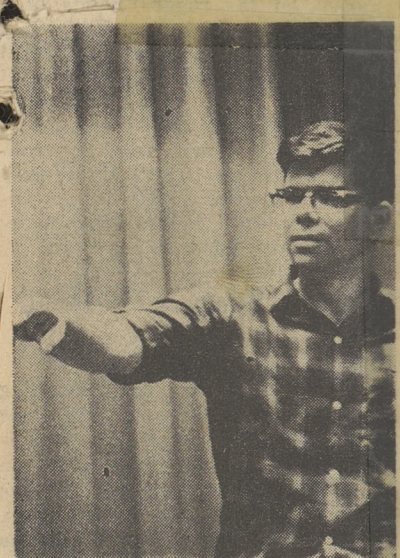
Peace, he said, exacts a great price.

YMCA Cavaliers, directed by Robert Crosson, offered two numbers, the Battle Hymn of the Republic and God Bless America, their small piping voices almost lost. Color guards were Ed Dymond and Jay C. Hill. In the chorus were Karen and Wayne Long, Carl Dymond, Mark Kloeber, Steve Roan, and Clifford Parker.

There was the sharp crack of rifles as the firing squad gave the salute for the dead, directed by Leonard Harvey.

Taps was sounded by Vince Roman, the muted echo by Ed Robosky.

Waves Goodbye To The Dallas Post



LEIGHTON SCOTT

Leighton Scott, whose name has appeared on the masthead as managing editor of the Dallas Post for the past several months, after an apprenticeship as an Associate Editor, is waving goodbye to both the Dallas Post and the Back Mountain.

As he has steadfastly refused to have a picture taken, except in groups where he was pushing a stretcher into the Dallas Community Ambulance, rehearsing a play at College Misericordia, or looking at the mangled remains after a highway accident, the Dallas Post was faced with a quandary:

Cut off his ears on the one hand, or cut off the hand on the other.

A toss of the coin said, sacrifice his ear and retain his hand.

The last issue, that of May 26, was the final issue which he put together.

His swan song appears in a last Better Leighton Never on the editorial page, and his reasons for leaving.

Back Mountain On Parade

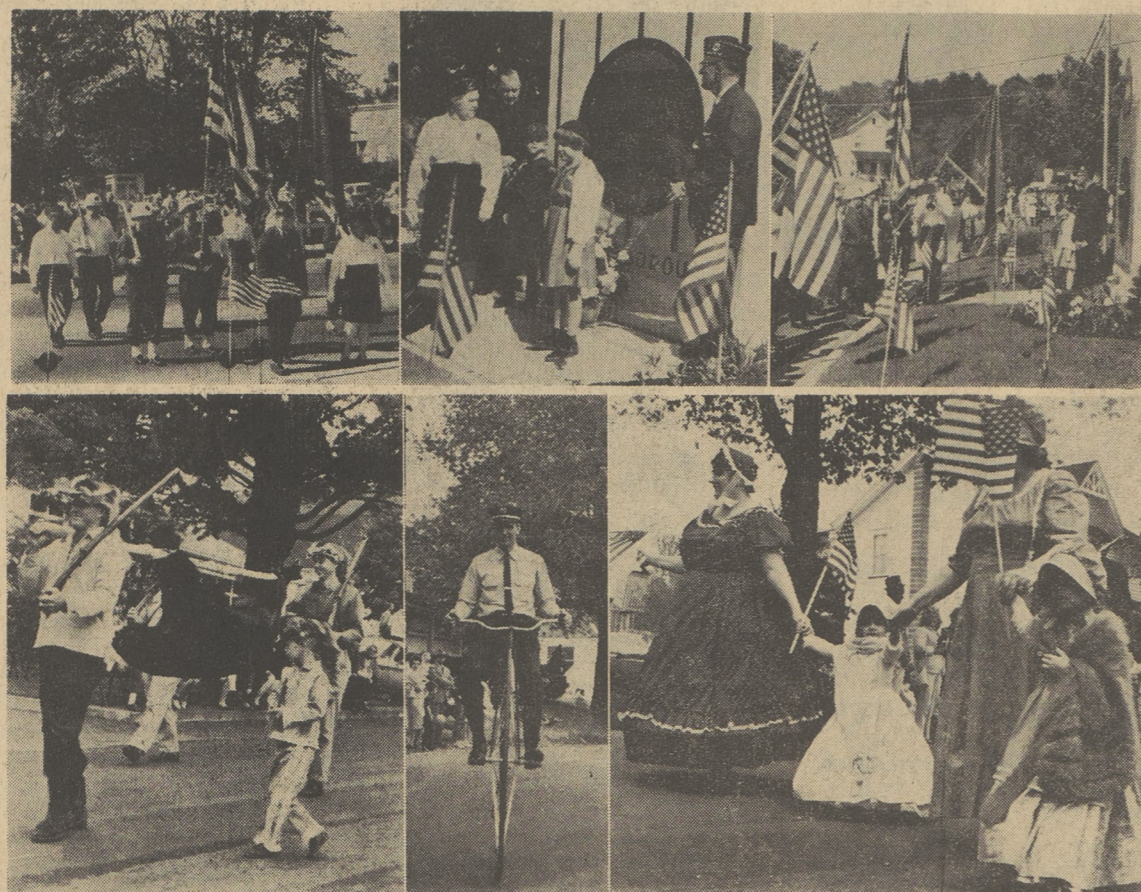


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Memorial Day was chilly, with a constant threat of rain after the morning sunshine, but the Back Mountain turned out for its parades in Dallas, and Noxen and Sweet Valley.

Cemeteries everywhere were clipped and green, graves of soldiers marked with flags.

In the picture above, The American Legion stages its annual sober observance, the parade coming down Memorial Highway, pausing at the Memorial tablet for a prayer, starting toward the ritual services at Warden Cemetery.

In lighter vein, Sweet Valley puts on its first Memorial Day celebration for ten years. In the center is the high-wheeled bicycle which has

graced parades for the last half century, ever since it was resurrected from somebody's barn.

Pioneer ladies with their pantaloned children trudge along, and two versions of Daniel Boone, flanked by a microscopic aide in a conical cap, carry a large black bear on a pole.

Biggest Day Ever For Sweet Valley 30,000 View Parade, Remain For Fun Dallas Break-In Follows Pattern

It was the biggest day ever in Sweet Valley, bigger even than it was eleven years ago when the annual Memorial Day Parade was abandoned.

Eight weeks ago a committee headed by Russell Major got cracking, businessmen contributed, and the entire community got behind the project.

Response was terrific, 30,000 spectators lining the roads and swarming over the grounds behind the Ross School where the 151 entries in the parade disbanded and made for the food stands and the fun and games.

There had been a Western Horse Show at 10 a.m., a limbering up exercise for the Big Parade.

From Horse-Show to Fireworks at night, there wasn't a dull moment.

A motorcycle unit from Pagoda Motorcycle Club, their appearance financed by businessmen, wove intricate patterns in precision riding.

Churches from as far away as Shickshiny entered colorful floats. Last remaining members of the old Rifle Club of Broadway, men who are the proud owners of flintlock muskets from Revolutionary days, carried a black bear swung from a pole.

The high bicycle which has appeared in parades for half a century, was ridden by Hank Bonham, fire chief of Kingston, wearing a fireman's cap in honor of Sweet Valley Volunteers.

Toni Macri was parade marshal on his horse.

Drill-team from Dallas High School, Colorettes, and Keyettes, went down by special bus.

Lake-Lehman Band and Northwest Band were in the line of march.

Fire trucks from everywhere brought up the rear, leaning on their sirens and adding a note of raw power.

The crowd ate: half a ton of french-fries, 5,000 hot dogs, 400 pounds of hamburger, several acres of hot pizza.

By 3:30 the cupboard was bare. Hazleton had been contacted for thousands more rolls, and hamburger and hot dogs had been sought for and found, but not enough to satisfy the demand.

The greased pig, carefully nurtured by the Fire Company since it was a piglet, encouraged to root in the woods in order to toughen it and render it fleet of foot, looked about it at the circle of catchers, and gave up, after a few half-hearted attempts to get away.

The boys all fell on it at once. On the bottom was the winner, Tom Francis, embracing the pig, both out of breath and willing to call it a draw.

The greased pole, 21 feet tall, survived a series of assaults before Joe Kovaleski reached the top. In between times, candidates for the

ing have been immortalized in a Pillar to Post.

The staff and the community both wish him well in his decision to get his Masters Degree and embark on a career of teaching history.

honor rolled around in the dirt to provide friction for the next try.

Lake Silkworth downed Sweet Valley Firemen in the final tug-of-war, winning the outsize trophy.

There were games, and pony rides, a white elephant table which was cleaned out promptly, and a bake booth that did \$300 worth of business before 4 p.m.

Back Mountain Police were on hand to unsnarl traffic, finding two-way radios of enormous value.

When a car parked in a damp spot on one of the many pastures offered for free, a truck was on hand, also for free, to pull it out. It had been a wet weekend.

The gross take was over \$5,000. Deducting about \$2,000 for necessary expenses, happy firemen expect at least \$3,000, almost all of it on food.

People contributed from as far away as Berwick, where James Larrabee, a former resident, financed the fireworks in cooperation with the Apex Auto Parts and Willard Sattliff.

The Fleas and the Hill-Billies entertained.

By Tuesday night, Mr. Major reports, everything had been cleaned up, a one-day job.

Many folks who wanted to come, were discouraged when they saw cars parked two miles down the road, and turned back. Traffic was bumper to bumper.

Charles Gosart says, "What's our loss is Jackson Township's gain. A lot of people who couldn't get near Sweet Valley, went to the Jackson doings instead, and had themselves a peck of fun."

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board. To the right, Anthony Marchakitus, High School Principal, and assistant to Robert Z. Belles, Supervising Principal of the Lake-Lehman Jointure.

Joseph Stager, chairman of the gift committee, presented the sign

to Walter Sorber, class president, who in turn presented it to Mr. Marchakitus.

Mr. Marchakitus, in accepting the gift on behalf of the student body and the community thanked the class, and commended the group

Auction Notes

The Library Auction will now fall heir to Scott's forge, tongs, and sack of soft coal, plus Hix's 250 pound anvil. The wills drawn up in each other's favor on these items have been abrogated. Look to the appearance on the auction block of the anvil, hoisted by three perspiring men.

One of the two heavy sideboards in the barn, the one with the carved corner posts, comes from Nathalie Cray, now 91 years old, and willing to relieve herself of some of her very heavy furniture as she moves to smaller quarters. It was procured through the offices of Mrs. Mae Townend, member of the Auction Antiques Committee.

General Solicitation Committee announces its chairmen: General chairman, Mrs. Edward Ratcliffe; pick-up, Mrs. John Rogers.

In charge of pick-up in Shavertown, Mrs. Robert Bayer; East Shavertown, Mrs. Louis Orloski; West Shavertown, Mrs. Joseph Aljen.

In Dallas Borough: Mrs. A. Duncan Whitehead.

Dallas Township, Mrs. Andrew Pillarella.

Trucksville, Mrs. James Nixon. Solicitation at homes will begin after solicitors have been briefed at a meeting June 10 at 8 p.m. in Prince of Peace parish house.

Anybody who would like to help in house to house coverage, may call the area chairman listed above.

Antiques Committee will make final plans for the Auction June 16, when members are asked to bring one of the two articles for which they are responsible to the tea.

Mrs. Robert Weaver and Mrs. Ray Turner, Sutton Road, are collaborating on the tea, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Turner. The offer to stage the annual tea was generously made to general chairman Jerome Gardner before the Antiques chairmen were named.

Preliminary arrangements have already been made. Sub-chairmen will be announced June 16.

Girl Remains In Critical Condition After School Bus Brakes Fail On Hill

A far greater tragedy could have been the result of the Dallas school bus accident which occurred Friday afternoon on Church Street, Dallas.

With a large trailer truck passing through the intersection and other traffic moving through the green light, the little convertible carrying five Dallas High School students bore the brunt of collision stopping the brakeless bus in its descent down the hill.

With Edward Van Horn, a long time driver at the wheel, the man made every attempt to miss the car in front as he felt the vehicle go out of control.

One girl, Stasia Newberry, 17, Roushey Plot, Dallas, remains in the Intensive Care Unit at Nesbitt Hospital with critical injuries. Attended by three doctors, Dr. Lester Saldman, Dr. Joseph Sgarlat and Dr. Emil Howanitz, the accident victim has aroused the admiration of all hospital personnel as she courageously fights for complete recovery.

Miss Newberry, who was seated in the left rear seat of the car driven by Gary L. Harris, Claude Street, Dallas, underwent surgery

on Friday evening to remove a ruptured spleen. She also suffered a fractured hip, fractured pelvis, deep laceration of the back which will require plastic surgery and a bruised pancreas. Miss Newberry was wedged in the wreckage.

Mr. Harris, who was pinned behind the steering wheel managed to extricate himself and rushed to pull Miss Newberry from her prison. He held the girl in his arms until an ambulance came. Harris suffered crushed ribs in the mishap which could have claimed the lives of all five occupants.

Richard Kitchen, E. Franklin Street, Shavertown, crawled out of the right side of the demolished car, assisting Joy Harris, sister of the driver and Patricia Carey, Claude Street, to safety, as the engine smoldered and then burst into flames. Kitchen and the two girls were taken to the office of Dr. Henry Gallagher, who examined and discharged them. The young people underwent X-rays this week for minor injuries.

Puts Out Fire

The quick action of Frank Roginsky, Harveys Lake Light Company employee and Kingston Township Special Police Officer, prevented a fire which might have turned into a holocaust. On the scene immediately after the crash, Roginsky grabbed a fire extinguisher and quickly put out the flames.

Part way down the steep Church Street Hill, Driver Van Horn felt his brakes fail. Shouting a warning to the children in his bus to hang on, Van Horn bent every effort to avoid a final crash, but there was no place to go. He sideswiped the new automobile of Donald Dennis, Huntsville Road and a foreign one owned by James Knecht, Harveys Lake, before plowing into the Harris convertible and shoving it into the Dallas School bus in front which was waiting at the red light.

Bystanders said the bus went up over the rear and top of the Harris car and all were of the opinion that it was a miracle the occupants escaped with their lives.

Velma Davis, Dallas Post employee, who was seated in the Acme Parking Lot saw the bus coming down the hill at a fast rate of speed and steered herself as she saw the inevitable crash coming. She reported the flames broke out upon impact and then the young folks crawling out after impact.

A broken prong attached to the brakes is held responsible for the mechanical failure. Leon Emmanuel, bus owner, has said the bus will never be used again to transport pupils.

Students aboard the bus involved which was No. 14 have reported that in two other instances the brakes had given the driver trouble. Although there is seating for 56 students who are assigned to the carrier, there have been reports of students forced to stand. Andrew Kozemchak, is chairman of transportation committee.

Richard Disque was among those rushed to the accident scene and rendered assistance as Miss Newberry was rushed to Nesbitt Hospital in the Dallas Ambulance, manned by Lynn Sheehan, Jim Davies and Bill Berti. Gary Harris was also taken to the hospital in the same ambulance.

John Rosser, principal of Dallas Junior High School, George McCutcheon and Thomas Carr, guidance instructors at Dallas High School were also among the first on the scene. Brad Kitchen, father of one of the victims, was driving the trailer truck at the intersection and immediately recognized the Harris vehicle.

The battered car, almost unrecognizable, was hauled away to Wesley's Service Station. There were none injured aboard the school bus.

Collie Is Shot Near His Home

A beautiful collie dog was shot in Sweet Valley on Saturday evening a few short steps from his home.

The friendly pet of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sayre and children was killed as he ran to hide from the thunderstorm.

Neighbors saw a car slow down near the area and heard shots but did not see the animal.

Next morning when he did not return, the family found his body. Another dog was reported shot in the Lake Silkworth area last week. An investigation is in progress.



New Dallas Post Office To Open

Postmaster Edward Buckley, Dallas, has announced a moving date for the new postal quarters under construction for the past year and a half.

Located at Church Street and Memorial Highway intersection, the new office will be open for business on Monday June 13.

Mr. Buckley said moving will take place on Saturday June 11 but patrons may pick up mail from their boxes all day.

Ground was dedicated in December 1964 and construction started in January 1965. Many changes were made in plans and the work has been dormant for a period. The new post office will boast a square footage of 7500 feet, double the size of the quarters now being occupied on Lake Street.

Between the lobby and counter the boxes for patrons will be placed similar to the design used at Shavertown.

Owned by the Federal Government, no word has yet been received from the department as to a grand opening ceremony.

Fourteen employees and four sub carriers work out of the Dallas Post Office covering two city routes and four rural areas.

Back Mountain Area Ambulance Logbook

Dallas Borough

On Thursday, Edward Dubil, Chase Road, was taken from the Junior High School Baseball Field to Nesbitt Hospital. Jack Berti, Jim Davies and William Wright attending.

Friday afternoon, Gary Harris, Claude Street, and Stasia Newberry, Fernbrook, were rushed to Nesbitt Hospital, following an accident. Davies, Berti and L. Sheehan attending.

Harold Rhone, Luzerne, was taken to Nesbitt Hospital on Friday. Crew was Berti, Davies and Wright. Rhone was visiting on Parrish Street.

Sunday, William Eipper, Demunds Road, was taken to General Hospital, Davies, Wayne and Leonard Harvey as crew.

Arlene Bessmer was brought to her home on Huntsville Road on Monday from Nesbitt Hospital. Attendants were Sheehan and Davies.

Robert Gill, Edwardsville, was rushed to Nesbitt Hospital on Natomia Mills on Tuesday, when he was stricken. Sheehan and W. Harvey in attendance.

Kingston Township

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In addition, the class will present a ping-pong table which will be used for recreation and will become a part of the individualized physical education department.

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