

That Was The Year That Was

1817
James Madison left the White House after two terms, to be succeeded by James Monroe, with John Quincy Adams as Secretary of State.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were still living.

Lincoln, Lee, Harriet Beecher, Whittier, Kit Carson, P. T. Barnum, and Poe were children. Thoreau and Frederick Douglass were born.

Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett, Aaron Burr, John C. Calhoun, Andrew Jackson, S.F.B. Morse, Benjamin West, Eli Whitney, and Andrew Jackson lived.

George III was nearing the end of his sixty years on England's throne, but his son, soon to become George IV, served as Regent. Granddaughter Victoria would not be born for two more years.

Keats, Shelley, Wordsworth, James Watt, Edward Jenner, William Blake, and Beau Brummell were alive. Jane Austen died.

The Brownings, Tennyson, Dickens, Disraeli and Charles Darwin were under twenty.

The Napoleonic Wars had finally ended, and Bonaparte was in exile on St. Helena. Louis XVIII sat briefly on the restored Bourbon throne.

LaFayette, Rouget de Lisle, Daguerre, Balzac, Berlioz and Corot were living. Chopin was a child.

The Italian peninsula was divided into many states, ruled by Austria, the House of Savoy, a Bourbon and the Pope.

Garibaldi, Mazzini, and Verdi were children. Paganini played his violin.

The German Confederation was a loosely tied group of sovereign states under nominal Austrian leadership.

Bismark, Bessemer, Wagner.

SESQUICENTENNIAL COVER

Oxen, like the team shown on our cover, were a common part of Back Mountain life during the early years. Steady, strong, patient, they were ideal for the work of clearing the land and farming.

Coming up the road from the old Outlet sawmill at Harveys Lake, Abid Hoover pauses beside his team, brindle Bennie and spotted Charlie. Riding the cart are Jessie Raudenbush, Richard E. Hoover and Franklin Hoover.

Mr. Hoover's daughter Mrs. Amelia Anderson, who loaned the picture, recalls standing on a stoneboat as a child, guiding this same team with a long switch, helping her father haul rocks from the family fields.

Mendelssohn and Schumann were children. Schopenhauer, Schubert, Goethe and Beethoven were living.

Greece and most of the Balkan states were controlled by the Ottoman Turks. In 1817 Serbia revolted.

George Byron was living. Romanov Tsar Alexander I kept a tight grip on Russia, trying to bar all foreign influences and unrest.

Pushkin wrote. China's Manchu emporor permitted foreign trade only at Canton, feeling no need for the approval or products of the barbarian West.

Africa was unknown beyond coastal areas, such as Capetown where the British had recently taken over from the Dutch.

David Livingston was four years old. Spain's South American colonies were growing restless.

Simon Bolivar fanned the sparks of revolt. The Industrial Revolution brought opportunity for many, while it changed centuries-old work patterns.

The world was well into a century of turmoil and change which sent many people looking for a new life and opportunity on the frontiers of America

150 Years

The sesquicentennial marks the formation of Dallas Township in 1817. Since much of the surrounding area was included at that time, the whole Back Mountain joins in the celebration. Some facts of early history are condensed from the "History of Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wyoming Counties", published in 1880 by W. W. Munsell & Co., New York, and appeared in more extensive form in the Dallas Post's Community Progress Edition, November 27, 1953.

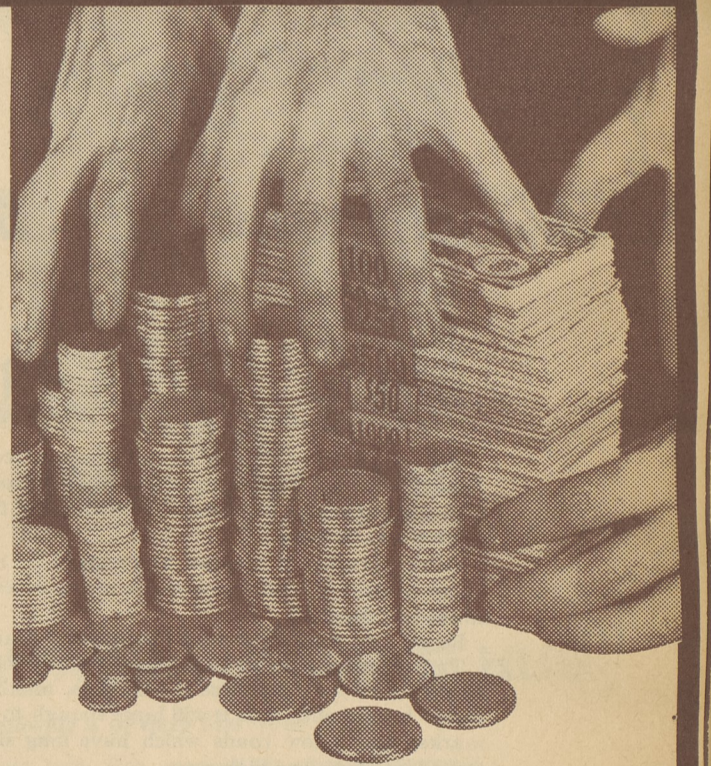
This tabloid makes no attempt at a complete history of the area. Rather, it tries to give a picture of the life and world during the early days.

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