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ONLY YESTERDAY Gas & electric company cuts rates

40 years ago - March 5, 1937

A new rate reduction announced by Luzerne County Gas and Electric Company is its 10th voluntary cut in nine years and will cut the bills of consumers \$125,000 annually.

The official colors of the Daddow Isaacs American Legion, Dallas, will be dedicated at a public service in Dallas Township High School auditorium, Tuesday, March 11.

Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane is the new proprietor of Suburban Inn, Main Street, Dallas, which has been operated for the past several years by Mrs. Emma Shaver.

Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort of Lancaster this week notified officials of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, he will accept their invitation to the pastorate of the

church. The six room addition to the Kingston Township High School building is among the PWA projects approved under the county's allocation of funds.

The Fashion Show, presented by the Dallas Junior Woman's Club with the cooperation of Zimmerman's Apparel Shop, proved to be one of the most outstanding social events of the season.

Deaths - Joshua Welter, Dallas; Mrs. Lucille Race, Alderson.

You could get - Pork loin roast 21

cents lb.; pure pork sausage 23 cents 20 years ago - March 1, 1957 lb.; stewing oysters 3 doz. 25 cents; beets or carrots 2 bch. 9 cents; jumbo Florida oranges 39 cents doz.; salad dressing 35 cents qt. jar; bread 8 cents lf.; butter 2 lbs. 75 cents; coffee 2 lbs. 39 cents; cheese 23 cents lb.

30 years ago - February 28, 1947 Back Mountain Library Board discusses big spring auction which

will be held June 7. Dallas Borough Band Association directed by Robert Henderson, selects March 27 as the date for the spring

Schoonover, George Centermoreland, was killed by a truck, while he was directing towing of a State highway truck, broken down near Vernon.

The newsprint shortage has grown increasingly worse during the past several months and is now critical for this newspaper. This condition makes it necessary for us to remove from our mailing list the names of all past-due subscribers.

Kingston Township citizens are contesting the move to raise taxes. Supervisors met with the citizens committee to try to solve the difficulty.

Many Back Mountain residents enroll in the adult classes at Shavertown Elementary School which are conducted by the Wyoming Valley and Recreation Playground Association.

Now playing at local theatres - "The Plainsman", Gary Cooper, Jean Arthur, Charles Bickford, James Ellison, Shaver Theatre.

Married - Doris Monk to John W. Mallin; Lester McCarty to Alberta Denmon; Paul Clemow to Roberta

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hazeltine, 18 years; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lloyd, 50 years.

Birthdays - Mrs. W.S. Kunkle. Deaths - Ruth Wagner, Dallas; Harvey W. Danks, Huntsville; Mrs. Susan Petrie, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Caroline Gregory, Muhlenburg.

You could get - Chuck roast 39 cents lb.; hamburg 35 cents lb.; smoked bacon 57 cents lb.; bread 10 cents lf.; eggs 57 cents doz.; coffee 41 cents lb.; solid tomatoes 25 cents pkg.; new potatoes 3 lbs. 23 cents; Palmolive soap 2 bath bars 29 cents.

GROSSMAN

Eleanor Jones tenders resignation

as Dallas Area school secretary. Local girls will take part in March ballet production. They are Lynn Jordan, Jane Graham, Judy Gross, Tally Thomas, and Beth Weaver.

The new Hislop and Daring Kitchen on Memorial Highway went into production this week manufacturing delicious home made food products. Harveys Lake Chief of Police Edgar Hughes says the lake smelt fishermen

are making nuisances of themselves. Foundations for state buildings are taking form and the Jackson Institution will soon begin to rise on

the hill top at Chase. Now playing at local theatres "Anastasia", Ingrid Bergman, Yul Brynner, Himmler Theatre; "Don't Knock the Rock", Forty Fort Theatre; "Northwest Passage",

Spencer Tracy, Robert Young,

Luzerne Theatre, Engaged - Charlotte Ann Michael to Donald Watchulonis; Rita Kuczborski to Lewis Kitchen; Daisy Fitzer to Alyn Sulyk; Margaret Weigel to George Poynton.

Married - Bardue Germick and Richard Jatkowski; Mary Ann Darbie and A.E. Edgington.

Lake-Noxen High School girls cagers take the championship fifth consecutive year.

Lake-Noxen matmen top the Rural Urban League, winning six consecutive league meets. Huntsville Christian cagers take title in the Church League by defeating Alderson 61 to 56.

Deaths - Mrs. Belle Jenks Smith, Centermoreland.

You could get - Pork chops 69 cents lb.; rib roast 59 cents lb.; frozen oyster stew 4 cans \$1; Sunkist oranges 49 cents doz.; fresh spinach 19 cents cello pkg.; American cheese 2 lb. loaf 99 cents; tomasto paste 6 6-oz. cans 55 cents; Gold Seal spaghetti 2 lb. pkgs. 37 cents; Vienna bread 17 cents lf.

10 years ago - March 2, 1967 Herman Kern, Lake resident, is mayor candidate chosen by the Lake economy council.

Sheldon Ehret is the only Back Mountain high school musician to make the State Band. Ehret is a student at Lehman High School. Senior Women's Club to present

Borough

to reinspect

president of Community College.

Two Back Mountain area matmen

win District 2 championships. Carl

Zimmerman of Dallas with a record of

14 wins, one tie and one loss took the

165-lb. title. Ron Sorber with 16 wins

and one loss took the 127-lb. title. Both

boys will enter the regionals at

Dallas cagers take the District 2

Class B championship when they

downed Forty Fort 62-53 Friday night.

Walter E. Wendel, Jr.; Margaret Ann

Married - Lillian Traver and Frank

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Merle

J. Pope, 26 years; Mr. and Mrs.

Donald Josuweitz, 15 years; Mr. and

Deaths - Walter T. Rowett, Dallas;

Charles M. Tyrrell, Shavertown;

Anthony Ross, Trucksville; Edison H.

Lanyon, Orange Road; Mrs. Isabelle

A. Ritchie, Dallas; John Davis, Jr.,

Midway Manor; Walter Marger,

Girl Scout Troop 656 Carverton,

presented flags by veterans and

Interfaith tea draws many

members from churches in the Back

Mountain, to take part in what has

become a living testimonial to

Elfriede Heftt, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Sherman G. Hefft, Carverton

Road, has been notified that she

successfully passed the state board

examinations for registered nurse.

She is presently a member of the staff

at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre,

where she is assistant head nurse, on

night duty, in the intensive care unit.

You could get - Porterhouse steak 85

cents lb.; smoked pork chops 85 cents lb.; sliced cheese 69 cents lb.; white

solid tuna fish 3 7-oz. cans \$1; Florida

oranges 2 5-lb. bags 69 cents; pascal

celery 2 lg. stalks 29 cents; hot cross

buns 39 cents pkg. of eight; ice cream

½ gal. pkg. 59 cents; Jif creamy

peanut butter 1-lb., 2-oz. jar 59 cents;

frozen sliced strawberries 3 1-lb. pkg.

\$1; frozen french fries 8 10-oz. pkg. \$1.

brotherhood and understanding.

Mrs. Homas W. Evans, 25 years.

Giampietro and Joseph Manzoni.

Engaged - Lois Jean Weaver to

Williamsport on Saturday.

Lubasavate.

Idetown.

Sunday School Class.

Maher house

A reinspection of the Harveys Lake participation in the planning and "boarding house" of Mrs. Elizabeth Maher was accepted as a first step in Successful efforts have recently the legal review of the nonconforming been achieved in the New York use approved for that property by the Metropolitan area through a program Lake borough council.

Attys. John Thomas, borough solicitor, and Arthur Piccone, counsel television stations air town meeting for 20 neighboring property owners who oppose Mrs. Maher's use of the Newspapers were also asked to single family residential zone for participate in providing space for boarding house, agree to have Borough Zoning Officer secretary Roy Roberts inspect the home.

> Roberts will review the prior use confirmed by his predecessor, William Yuscellas, which was the basis for the approval of the "nonconforming" boarding house by the borough council.

executive and legislative leaders Mrs. Maher, who is not directly could be performed at the state, involved in the actual litigation at this regional, county and municipal levels point, was given council's formal approval for the home as a boarding A broad scale public participation house because she formerly housed Northeastern college students there, according to Pennsylvania, for example, would go presentation made to borough a long way toward achieving far more of a public input on critical matters

Mrs. Maher previously sought to obtain variance from borough zoning ordinances for operation of the structure as a "rest home." The variance was denied and she presently reports two boarders in the

A borough official reported Tuesday the matter has not been resolved and the reinspection is probably just the first step in reopening the matter. The agreement was reached in the

presence of Judge Athur Dalessandro. All parties will be notified of the report following the reinspection and all parties will have the right to the report.

the conference which resulted tin the reinspection decision.

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COMMENT & OPINION

MY TYPEWRITER TALKS

Tire dough

by the Rev. Charles H. Gilbert I have not long been in the habit of thinking of myself as an "Old Timer." Certainly not as one who was fond of how things were done and with what manner of tools and customs "way back when'

I have not been used to comparing things as they were when I was a boy to comparable usages of today. I have not been much inclined to think of those days and conditions as ideal. The "good old days" is not favorite quotation of mine, I have not come to the place where I wish things were as they used to be.

I have come to the place, however, where I do look backward more than I used to do. Perhaps it has come to be the time in life when there is not so much to occupy the mind and one feels it might be a good time to look ahead and see what of the future I can piece together to make the fabric of life. Has my world become so nearly like the ideal world I used to think of as "when I grow up", or "when I get

Once in a while something comes into my mind which I recognize as something that used to be but is only a memory now. There came unbidden occupation that I used to do when I was trying to earn some money to help and shaking rugs was something that tasks; some got shaken so hard that

Barbara T. Evans, a Back Mountain

reporter has entered the race for tax

Mrs. Evans is completing her final

term as judge of elections in the

Middle District of Dallas Township

this year and she was until recently

the secretary-treasurer of the Dallas

Township Planning Commission and

Mrs. Evans is also the new

emergency communication controller

for the civil disaster unit of the

She became familiar with the

workings of local governments

beginning in 1966 when she worked as

a stringer for the Wilkes-Barre

Morning Record, covering municipal

Photo by Alex Rebar

Barbara Evans

collector in Dallas Township.

the Zoning-Hearing Board.

Shavertown Fire Company.

Barbara Evans seeks

had to be done, and many they became mere rags. housekeepers found themselves without quite enough muscle to do

When I was a boy it used to be quite a process to take the tacks out from the edges of the carpet. Who tacks down a carpet now? I don't know. It was quite a job to lay the carpet on the floor and then by a series of stretches and grunts and groans to pull the edges into place along the side from one corner of the room to the next corner, fastening it down every few inches with a tack.

Professional carpet layers filled their mouths with tacks, from which they would have a tack on the tongue to pick out and hold while using the tack hammer. Some tack hammers even had magnetic heads to hold a tack for the first stroke.

The opposite occupation, of course, would be that of taking up the carpet, pulling out all those tacks, then hauling that mass of dust and lint out the door to the big back yard clothes line, spreading the carpet tent-like along the line

Then get the beater from its place hanging on a nail somewhere and fall to the job of beating that carpet and to my mind just the other day an see the clouds of dust take to the wind and away. That was hard work; I did some of that to get my education. me through school. Beating carpets Shaking rugs was another kindred

But a different type of chore from any I ever heard of was furnished by a young student who had money he could spend on fellow students. He had a car at school there at Middletown, Connecticut, where Wesleyan University stood on a hill. You had to be good and husky just to walk up that hill from your boarding place to your

This rare student had a car, and that car had tires, and those tires had to be cared for with tenderness. Those were the days when Weed Tire Chains advertised with the slogan "At the first drop of rain...", and that first drop always fell on the hand grasping the steering wheel, for covered cars had not been invented yet. Who puts on chains that early now?

Tires had to be protected from the wet. If you did not have to drive your car in the winter you jacked the car up on blocks, and then you wrapped the tires on the wheels with cloth to protect them until spring.

This special student friend hired me to do "plastic surgery" on his tires. Bits of glass and sand could work into that delicate rubber and ruin a tire. He had a can of "Tire Dough", and I was to dig out any such bits and pieces and then fill the little holes with 'Tire Dough'

I worked with a putty knife, smoothing over the many small cuts and holes to protect the tire from further moisture getting in. It was a time consuming job, but my friend was glad he could hire some of the needier students to do that life-saving chore for his tires. I think tire companies have done a lot of research in the matter of making their tires hardier!

Well, students still have to work to get through college. Perhaps if I had had more muscle in the "Good Old Days" I would have made it all the way through!

Town meeting on recreation planned April 17

The second town meeting on recreation in the Back Mountain is scheduled for Sunday, April 17th, at the Dallas Senior High School Auditorium at 2 p.m. according to an announcement by a group of citizens concerned with improving recreation in the Back Mountain.

The April 17th program will feature Bob Neff, director of the Luzerne County Recreation Commission, a presentation of slides on recreation in the Back Mountain by two members of the Recreation Council and specific action programs on recreation which have proven successful in parts of northeastern Pennsylvania and

As one of the first promotional recreation programs of the Recreation Council, it was announced that the Dallas Junior (seventh grade) Basketball program will hold an evening event on March 14th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Junior High

Specifically invited to the April 17th town meeting are all municipal officials in the Back Mountain including school board personnel as well as the general citizenry.

The next meeting of the Back

township tax position meetings and writing the Back Mountain column for that newspaper. She then was moved to the Times Leader where she reported in the

> Mrs. Evans left the Wilkes-Barre papers in January of 1973 and became a reporter for the Dallas Post. She subsequently served as a communications clerk for the Dallas Township Police Department and is presently an office clerk at the Back Mountain Lumber Company, Shavertown.

> She still covers meetings on a part time basis for the Dallas Post in Dallas Township and at the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA).

Mrs. Evans is the wife of Matt Evans, a familiar face at Evans Drug Store, before his retirement. They have lived on Church Street in Dallas for nearly 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans have five children; Barbara, at home; Mrs. Anthony (Carol) Honko, Shavertown; Christine, Edison, N.J. Jeanne, a sophomore student at La Salle College, Philadelphia and Matthew William a sixth grade student at Gate of Heaven School. The Evanses are also the proud grandparents of two year old Anthony Matthew Honko.

Born in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Evans moved with her parents to the eastern part of the country in her early teens. She lived in Scranton for several years and then moved to New York City where she resided with her family until marrying Matt Evans.

The Evans family are members of Gate of Heaven Church where Barbara was active in the Parent Teachers Guild and The Altar and Rosary Society.

Mrs. Evans said she feels women are essential in politics and that they have a certain insight men do not

Gymnasium.

Mountain Recreation Council will be April 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Town meeting returns Both at the national and state level by Howard J. Grossman in Pennsylvania as well as the In a recent issue of the Washington regional, county, and municipal levels in Pennsylvania such projects would be a major step toward more public

development process.

environment and poverty.

process in

participate.

called "Choices for 76" by which

films on such issues as housing,

printed ballots for citizens to fill out.

in Washington state and Chicago,

Milwaukee, Roanoke, New Orleans,

Hartford, and Corpus Christi. Some

private sector organizations have

launched similar programs. Televised

national town meetings by federal

than heretofore has ever been the

A well thought-out, carefully

conceived, and planned public

participation program involving

many agencies in Northeastern

Pennsylvania would be a significant

step toward true public involvement

at a level which would help create new

ideas and involve persons who have

not had, thus far, the opportunity to

establishing goals for the country

Any new federal program toward

Similar efforts were also launched

Post, Neil R. Peirce, a contributing editor of the National Journal writes that the new Carter Administration may well have a proposal which could dramatically affect the way decisions are reached by the federal government. The concept is to "present to the

public alternative policy courses on such tough national issues as inflation, unemployment, health policy, and energy. Through an updated version of the traditional New England town meeting, using press and television, the public would be candidly briefed on the benefits, costs, and trade--offs for each policy option and asked to give its opinion.'

This prior to, rather than after, proposal by which decisions are unleashed on the public would indeed a major move toward democratizing public decision making at the national level.

Another concept being thought of is a "goals for America" project. This concept was originally tried in 1960 under the Eisenhower Administration and then recently revived through a special commission headed by former Vice President Nelson Rockefeller just prior to his being appointed in that office.

Both of these attempts led to little lasting value and the new attempt might not succeed any better but should be tried as a basis for framing state, regional, county, municipal, and private sector decision making across the country

(Continued from P. 1) Stranded very beginning. He said that there are not many industries in the area-only several lumber mills, which use coal. The main institution to suffer was the school. Travis said "Five years ago they were told to install gas, that economically and ecologically it was the most desired.'

One good thing-the college snack bar remained open which was an advantage, since it was the only place to get anything to eat after 8 p.m.

He was glad to get home, however, and enjoyed the two weeks with his family but he looked forward to returning to school which he did this past Monday where he will resume his studies, do some white water kayaking when weather permits and go hiking in the mountains.

"When I left W. Virginia to come home, it was snowing. But when I landed in Washington, the weather was beautiful. I hope the trip back and the weather in Elkins is milder and as beautiful as it has been since I have been home. But, in all, it was a challenging experience and those of us who remained at school for two weeks found it a new experience."



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Mrs. Maher and her attorney, Joseph Kasper, were present during

should tie closely to other efforts by other levels of government as well as the private sector to be an effective device for arriving at important decisions as we move toward the 21st