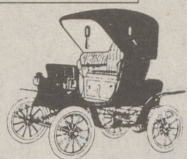


ONLY YESTERDAY



**70 Years Ago - Jan. 24, 1930
WINTER PUTS FREEZE ON DALLAS WATER CO. SERVICE**

One of the first to suffer the effects of the cold snap during the early part of the week was The Dallas Water Company. For several hours Sunday, residents of Parrish Heights were without water while company employees were thawing out the big feed pipe which conveys water from the Parrish Heights pump to the storage tank which is used for that section of the community.

During the past week two shower baths were installed in the basement of the Dallas high school. The showers are greatly appreciated by the students and they are even more welcome to the basketball players. Professor Bowen was largely instrumental in getting them installed.

**60 Years Ago - Jan. 26, 1940
COLD TEMPERATURES YIELD GREAT ICE HARVEST**

On lakes and ponds about Dallas, the annual ice harvest was in full swing this week as cutters labored to take advantage of the frigid, clear weather. Already about 5,000,000 pounds of ice have passed through Dallas from the dams at Mountain Springs, where A.L. Stull operates the most modern ice-cutting plant in this section. Most of the 650 cars of ice which Mr. Stull has loaded at Mountain Springs, have gone to storage houses along the Lehigh Valley Railroad and will be used for icing refrigerator cars.

February 1, will be a big day for many elderly Americans. For on that day the U.S. Treasury will make its first old age retirement payments, under the terms of the social security act. Maximum benefit at this time is \$82.40, for a worker with a wife over 65 and one or more dependent children.

**50 Years Ago - Jan. 27, 1950
ADULT CLASSES OFFER FUN, LEARNING FOR ALL**

Over forty men and women attended the first meeting of the Adult Recreation Classes sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Playground and Recreation Association under the direction of Miss Ruth Sweezy in Kingston Township High School Wednesday evening. Classes which are entirely free, coming under the Red Feather Organizations, will be held every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30, for the next nine weeks. A request for classes in any particular field may be made if ten pupils are interested. Games could be taught for a nominal sum.

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**40 Years Ago - Jan. 28, 1960
LOCAL AUTHOR DONATES BOOK PROFITS TO SPCA**

A Back Mountain woman, Mrs. Platt Bennett, whose dogs are known internationally, is author of a new book, "The Dogs of Coolyn Hill and Other Stories." All proceeds from the book will go directly to the Luzerne County SPCA, to help its new shelter. There are not too many authors of fine dog books; there are fewer who donate entire proceeds to the cause of bettering the unhappy lives of waifs and strays.

"The Knights" was selected by Lake-Lehman students by popular ballot as the name for their athletic teams, replacing "Scotties" for Lehman, and "Warriors" for Lake Noxen. Of the 716 votes cast, "Knights" won by a scant ten votes over "Colts".

**30 Years Ago - Jan. 29, 1970
DHS POETS ADD VOICES TO "YOUNG AMERICA SINGS"**

The original poems of ten Dallas Senior High School students will be included in a poetry anthology entitled "Young America Sings" which will be published early in February by the National Poetry Press.

Harold J. Rose Jr., Trucksville, was named president and chief executive officer of the Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre at the annual reorganization meeting of the bank, held Tuesday afternoon following the annual stockholders meeting. Rose, at age 34, is one of the youngest bank presidents in the country.

**20 Years Ago - Jan. 24, 1980
STOP STEALING STOP SIGNS**

Dallas Township Supervisors Chairman Phil Walter requested that parents be on the lookout for "STOP" signs brought in the home by their children. Five such signs were vandalized last week. The cost to replace the signs is \$17 per sign of a total of \$85. This is money paid by taxpayers. The price of such vandalism is going up, said Walter.

Dallas Senior High School power technology students have received a certificate of merit from the editors of "Mechanix Illustrated" magazine. The students received the commendation for excellent craftsmanship in workshop projects. It will be presented in an upcoming issue of the magazine. The students completed a custom-made motorcycle, four student motorcycles and restored 25 cars for the program.

Poster

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W.J. Honeywell one mile west of the center of Dallas. It was organized by the Dallas Union Agricultural Association whose first president was A. D. Hay. Started to promote and celebrate farming in the Back Mountain communities the fair, with its one-half mile horse racing track, attracted 1,200 people its first day. Music was provided by the Nanticoke Cornet and Lehman bands. The Wilkes-Barre to Harvey's Lake railroad was under construction during the same year.

"The Dallas Fair lasted until 1921," according to Petrillo. "In 1920 the fair ran from September 21-23, had 60 horses entered in races and a 2,400 pound bull was one of the main attractions. There were 11,000 paid admissions on one day alone," he said. "The fairgrounds were sold to William Bulford for \$7,500 and he later resold them at twice that price."

The century old fair poster was part of a large collection of local historical items on display at the Wiant Museum. "My parents built a large room on the end of the house. They had a lot of special rocks and fossils on display," said Mrs. Harvey. "My father did taxidermy and he had a lot of those animals. He collected ledgers and post card from local hotels. He also had a lot of histories from Columbia, Luzerne and Wyoming counties. There were many historical items and Indian artifacts, things from all of the places my parents traveled to. Geologists, nature lovers and people doing research frequently visited the museum."

Located in Pleasant Valley, the private house museum was open to the public from 1956 to 1979. "I remember when a state trooper came in one day. He asked my father where his security system was. We didn't have one. My father believed that you could learn more from touching so ev-



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Mrs. Doris Wiant Harvey held a newspaper article written about her father, Charles Wiant, who had an uncanny ability to tame wild birds. Mrs. Harvey has kept many of the items from a "country museum" operated by Charles and Jessie Wyant in the Sweet Valley area.

"We're very happy to receive it because of its historical interest. We're looking for a good place to hang it so that the community can see it."

Martha Butler
Library director, Back Mountain Memorial Library

everything was out in the open." Mrs. Harvey added, "I continued with private appointments at the

museum after my parents died. Then my family divided the things up when I moved."

"A few years ago two carloads of people went to the old house. When the new owners directed them to me, one of the men said he wanted to show his children this museum that his father used to take him to. I brought some of the things I have right out to the front porch to show them," said Mrs. Harvey. "I still hear from some of the nice people I met through the museum."

Trucksville Nursery holding open house

Trucksville Nursery School is accepting applications for the 2000-20001 school year. Developmentally appropriate programs are offered for preschoolers from 2 1/2 to 5 years of age. Positive self concepts are nurtured in a caring environment enabling children to feel good about themselves, their peers and the world around them. "Hand On" learning activities encourage the development of social skills, communication and the love of learning.

Staff members will be offering tours of the facility during an open house held Jan. 26 - 28. Please call the school office at 696-3899 to reserve a tour.

L-L Theatre Dept. presenting musical

The Lake-Lehman Theatre Department announces this year's Junior High musical will be *Freedom Bound*.

Freedom Bound will be performed by students of the Lake-Lehman Junior High under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Pineno

and Miss Gail Meeker.

Performances of *Freedom Bound* will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 3 p.m. Both performances will be held in the Lake-Lehman High School Auditorium.

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