



EDITORIAL

A good snow job

Our compliments to Dallas borough council for doing its share to foresee a difficult problem and agree on action to reduce its impact.

It doesn't take Moses to prophesy that the borough can expect more snow again this winter and it's an equally sure bet that PennDOT will continue to decrease its ability to cope with snow-covered roads.

Since PennDOT offers municipalities a few dollars for taking snowplowing responsibilities on state roads running through their jurisdiction, Dallas took them up on the deal—partially, as we understand it.

PennDOT budgeters require that financial arrangements for such a transaction be agreed before the winter begins. If the snowfall is exceptionally light the borough could win—if the snowfall is extra heavy, the borough could wind up with costs it does not recover from the state.

Most boroughs have been reluctant to take up the deal. Jack Finn, PennDOT's district engineer, reported earlier that only about a dozen municipalities in his jurisdiction availed themselves of the plan.

But Dallas appeared to play it pretty smart—recognizing that their snowplows must travel certain state roads, e. g. Main St. and Lake St., in order to plow streets under borough maintenance.

So they agreed to lower the plow, which they might have to do anyway to get through to borough streets, and pick up some state money. Since there's no real increase in mileage, there'll be little likely increase in cost to the borough other than for an additional amount of cinder and salt materials.

Perhaps some other area municipality can benefit from the plan.

ONLY YESTERDAY

40 years ago—August 26, 1938

School days will be here again on Sept. 6 when 340 Dallas children return to classes.

Dallas Borough council members were very impressed by the Clarks Summit sewage disposal plant which they saw in operation early this week.

Six hundred letters have been sent to Harveys Lake residents by the D.C. Roberts Fire Company asking for annual membership dues of \$3.

Owners of the Harveys Lake steamer "Natoma" claim the Big Apple dance, done by 30 or 40 couples every time they had a party on the steamer, was the nemesis of the steamship.

Long awaited construction of the Luzerne By-pass will begin in October with completion expected by next summer.

Homicide pending

A small sedan with Massachusetts license plates sedately and safely makes its way from Harveys Lake back to Dallas, passing the 42nd St. crossroad on Route 415.

All of a sudden, two racing cars—a late model Pontiac Trans-Am and a slightly older GTO—race past. One car cuts in so closely that the Massachusetts car is missed by inches.

The driver of the Massachusetts car estimates the speed of the racing cars at in excess of 100 miles per hour. By the time his car reaches the crest of the hill approaching Route 118, the racing cars are disappearing over the crest of the hill past the bowling alley.

This exact scenario took place Saturday, shortly before supper time. By the time the Massachusetts car reaches the Dallas light, the racing cars are pulled over at a service station, one with hood raised and smoke pouring from it.

We shudder to think of the innocent lives jeopardized by such homicidal actions. We believe motorists offended by dangerous drivers should not only report offenders to local police but also assist by testifying for their prosecution.

The life you save may be your own.

PHILLIPS

Much ado about nothing



Whatever do you supposed happened to Henry Kissinger? I wonder if he ever thought of changing his name? Then everyone could say, "I wonder who's Kissinger now?"

And I see where former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz has just cut a record extolling the virtues of the American farmer. If his singing is as bad as his joke telling he'll probably fall on his name again. Of course he has a fighting chance with this one. He didn't record it on an airplane.

I understand actor Fred McMurray has a terrible problem these days. He's unhappy about a group of nude bathers on the beach in front of his California home. It seems that if he goes up to the third floor, stands on a chair and looks out the window he can see them cavorting in the buff. His problem? He's getting too old to lug that chair up all those stairs.

Mohammed Ali has a candy bar

named after him now. Chocolate covered tongue?

And how about the recent 'Sex for Favors' scandal in PennDOT? Puts a new twist on the old riddle: "Why does a PennDOT official cross the road?" "To get what's on the other side." When those fellows play chicken, they ain't foolin'. Or when those fellows play chicken—they play CHICKEN!

And all this time you thought they were leaning on their shovels because they were tired from working too hard.

Speaking of which—Why is it that a married man lives longer than a bachelor, but an unmarried woman outlives her married sister? Or does it just seem that way?

And I saw a startling statistic the other day. There are more men in mental institutions in this country than women. Just goes to show who's

driving who nuts.

And while we're on the subject—it doesn't pay to argue with a woman—besides, the hours are too long.

The last time I had an argument with my wife I had her on her knees—yelling, "C'mon out from under that bed, you coward."

Actually I always have the last word in every argument. Usually, it's "I'm sorry, dear."

You have to learn early in every marriage that you get along better if you bring home a little applesauce along with the bacon.

Moving to a safer subject, I see where an accused murderer is being transferred from Farview this week.

It strikes me that there will never be any real progress in prison reform until we start sending a better class of people to jail. Come to think of it we tried that after Watergate didn't we? Then a couple of legislators from the hallowed halls of Harrisburg; a dozen or so school directors; a few Agnes Flood (Flood) officials and a few other assorted specimens. Well, at least we're trying.

Kinda makes you see the sense to the bumper sticker I saw on a teenager's car the other day, "Help stop pollution-stamp out politicians."

And on that cheery note I bid thee farewell til next week—maybe.

MY TYPEWRITER TALKS

The starting point

by The Rev. Charles H. Gilbert

Rummaging among some papers that have been lying around among some old and musty smelling books, I found a page of typing that had the word ALPHA at the top. It might even be some highly important writing, sort of a document kind of thing. But that is no place to leave valuable papers that might be needed some time.

It was the word ALPHA that caught my eye. Not much of a word to get excited about, for there is no action in it or it would never have a chance to gather mould. From the first Greek I ever studied as a young fellow I know that it is the name of the first letter of the Greek alphabet. Anyway, it strikes me that it could be something mighty important to have as a label.

Catherine called, "Interested in having a piece of pie?" And I said, "Could be." Then she said, "Might be a good idea to have some bread and cheese and a glass of milk to start with." I suppose that is the necessary order of things when it is supper you are talking about.

But why does something as special as a piece of pie made from freshly picked huckleberries have to take its place in line as the end of a meal? Sure is a funny idea of importance. WWell, who am I to complain about where in the order of things a piece of pie comes, as long as it comes.

But the interesting thing about this word ALPHA. Its the starting point from which you can proceed to list all we know or can know about the world and the people, animals, plants, universe, and constituents of all we know and don't know.

What a brave word! It means well, for in the realization that in itself it has no action, it insists at least in making a start.

We had another delightful visitor this weekend. Early in the week came one of those telephone calls which

Catherine took while I tried to figure out who and what she was planning for. When the arrangements were made, she said happily, "That was Ron; he's coming Saturday afternoon and will be here Sunday morning, too."

A few weeks ago we enjoyed seeing our neighbor Ron who was home from Texas, so this must be a different Ron. Of course; it's my niece Ruth's son Ron, coming down from Schenectady, N.Y. We don't see him very often, so it's always a special event.

Something else was happening Saturday morning which also required some special preparation. Cathy has a large collection of hymnals and song books which occupy two shelves on top of the piano. So when the piano is to be tuned, all those books have to find some other place to be stacked so the tuner can find his way in to the piano strings.

I used to do a little piano tuning as a hobby, but now we leave it so the professional and are happy when he can find his way here even if it turns out to be the same day as a favorite nephew's visit. The job didn't take very long, partly because I stayed out of the living room while he was working. And when Ron sat down and played something beautiful, we were glad it had been done just then.

Kynarion and Cathy had walked all the way around the pond Friday evening and discovered that the huckleberries were ripe. So later Saturday morning Cathy went out and picked a sand-pail full and made that beautiful pie. When I was a boy, the proper thing for picking berries was lard pail, but I don't think lard comes in pails anymore. Whatever they are picked in, I hope there are more before the birds eat them up.

And Sunday in church, what a joy it was to hear Ron's strong tenor on the hymns, right next door to my good electronic ear.

GROSSMAN

1980 near

by Howard J. Grossman

In a short two years, a new census will be taken in the United States. Within two years after that, the detailed information will be made available as to the extent of population changes and other characteristics throughout the country. What will these results be in Northeastern Pennsylvania?

Will the Back Mountain in Luzerne County show the positive growth rates which many characterize for this area?

Will Mountaintop in Luzerne County continue to be a residential community sharing in the growth rate of the County?

Will the Abingtons in Lackawanna County demonstrate the growth which is attributed to this area? And more importantly, will the urban centers of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, Pottsville, and other cities reveal the decreases in population which many experts predict has happened already?

Additionally, will the four county Pocono Mountain area consisting of Wayne, Pike, Monroe and Carbon show the growth rates which have been attributed to them as the fastest growing area of Pennsylvania?

There is a need to analyze the statistics which will be generated as a result of the 1980 Census of Population, Housing, and related characteristics. For example, will the 1980 census reveal the continuing growth of our senior citizen age group which already is an extremely high percentage of the total population, 13.2 percent with indications that this trend is continuing?

Like many other regions of the nation, parts of Northeastern Penn-

sylvania are growing and parts continue to stagnate. Communities vary as to their ability to respond to citizen needs, and tax rates become more important as the family structure in Northeastern Pennsylvania turns more toward fixed incomes and transfer payments for income support rather than job development and job security.

The 1980 census will be crucial in establishing new bench mark data to carry out economic strategies which hopefully will enable the region to improve its standing in the ranking of economic areas and regions.

The Census carries with it tremendous impact on the financial resources available for communities. Revenue sharing dollars and many other federal programs are geared to population data as well as age group information which will become available in 1980 to replace the 1970 information.

Just as important is the new dimension of population fact gathering. For the first time, in 1985, we will have a mid-decade census to at least give us important population information of an official status.

Thus, in a brief three to four years, there may well be significant changes in the allocation of dollars at the federal and state levels to communities throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. There may well be some new facts which will change the course of history throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

This may be true for both our urban centers as well as the newer growth areas. Every citizen and official should be alert to these pending changes in the region's data base and use the information accordingly.

Coffee--15 cents a pound

Lehman Schools will open Sept. 9 with a record enrollment and several changes in the faculty.

Mrs. John Letson, Mt. Greenwood, won first prize at the eighth annual flower show of Alderson Methodist Church, for her dahlias.

Bernard C. Banks is named Luzerne County member of the Pennsylvania Electoral College by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Republican nominee for president of the United States.

Kiwanis Club hosts wives at a picnic supper at Irem Temple Country Club.

Engaged—Miss Felice Miers to James Cuthbert.

Married—Miss Mildred Price and Theodore Lavelle; Miss Joan Phillips and Donald Naylor.

Anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Perry, 50 years.

Birthdays—Mrs. Allie Morris, 84 years.

Deaths—Mrs. Sarah Smith, Kunkle; Mrs. Catherine Gregory, Huntsville; Charles Jones, North Mehoopany; Casper Salansky, Harveys Lake.

Now playing at local theatres—"The Egg and I", Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray, Marjorie Main, Shaver Tehatre; "Bells of St. Angelo", Roy Rogers, Sandy Beach Drive-In; "Magic Town", James Stewart, Jane Wyman, Star-Lite Theatre.

You could get—Chuck roast 59c lb.; short ribs 45c lb.; cracked wheat bread 15c loaf; margarine 39c lb.; coffee 43c lb.; dog food 2 cans 29c; kosher pickles 27c qt. jar; potatoes 55c peck; Calif. oranges 33c doz.; carrots 2 bchs. 17c; cooking apples 3 lbs. 25c.

20 years ago—August 29, 1958

Dallas School District announces appointment of George Dombek, Howard J. Shiner and Patsy Reese. Dombek has coached wrestling and football.

Dallas Schools announce bus routes for elementary pupils.

Dallas American Legion presents distinguished service award to Howard W. Risley, editor of the Dallas Post.

Willard Jones, former Noxen man, now residing in Florida, invents sparklers for baton twirlers.

Dallas Legionnaires defeat Pringle 10-8 in 11-inning game.

College Misericordia offers regular and extension courses.

Engaged—Sarah Ann Gregg to Charles Pimm.

Married—Patricia Ann Smith and Stephen R. Waldow; Virginia Jane Bolen and Kenneth P. Wenz; Regina Sedler and Lewis Powell; Kathleen Kern and A-2C Ardeae Richardson. Anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Husted, 20 years.

Now playing at local theatres—"The Vikings", Kirk Douglas, Janet Leigh, Himmler Theatre; "Indescreet", Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, Forty Fort Theatre; "Cattle Empire", Joel McCrea, Luzerne Theatre; "The Sheepman", Glenn Ford, Shirley MacLaine, Sandy Beach Drive-In; Walt Disney's "Peter Pan", Dallas Outdoor Theatre.

You could get—Smoked hams 63c lb.; chickens 33c lb.; Wise potato chips 4-oz. pkg. 25c; tuna fish 32c 6 1/2-oz. can; margarine 33c lb.; bread 17c loaf; cheese 2-lb. loaf 89c; frozen leaf spinach 4 pkgs. 49c; frozen French Fries 4 pkgs. 59c; peaches 4 lbs. 29c; Pascal celery 2 lg. bchs. 17c; iceberg lettuce 2 hds. 19c; Bartlett pears 2 lbs. 25c.

10 years ago—August 29, 1968

Dallas Fall Fair to feature Miss Pennsylvania Sept. 14 and 15.

Local schools, including Gate of Heaven, will open on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Jackson Township residents will breathe the easier after learning that a six foot fence will be erected around a quarry pit belonging to American Asphalt and Paving Company in

Chase.

Dallas Fire Company and Dallas Community Ambulance Association coin card drive will end on Sept. 7.

Fernbrook team wins Back Mountain Little League championship.

Dr. Charles B. Lawley and Dr. Paul J. Henry open dental office on Carverton Road, Trucksville.

Engaged—Kathleen Connell to Donald Casey; Betty Risch to Joseph Mattioli; Mary Agnes Derhammer to William Arnold Patton; Marie Swire to Donald Marth.

Married—Gloria Dolbear and Arno Miller.

Seventeen are added to professional

staff in Dallas School District.

Now playing at local theatres—"Fitzwilly", Dick VanDyke, Sandy Beach Drive-In.

Deaths—Mrs. Anna Pardusky, Shavertown; Mrs. Celia Phillips, Beaumont; Samuel Reakes, Hunlock Creek; Harry L. Cisco, Idetown.

You could get—Smoked hams 49c lb.; Swiss steaks 99c lb.; Cornish hens 49c lb.; coffee 2-lb. can \$1.29; tuna fish 4 6-oz. cans 99c; raisin bread 2 lvs. 59c; frozen lemonade 6-oz. can 10c; frozen meat pies 5 8-oz. macaroni 25c lb.; elbow macaroni 25c lb. pkg.; cantaloupes 3 for \$1; sweet corn 49c doz.; nectarines 2 lbs. 49c; yams 2 lbs. 29c.

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