

## About letters

The Dallas Post welcomes "Letters to the Editor." They must be signed and provide the name, address and telephone number of the letter-writer.

If you do not wish your name published, this must be indicated. In instances in which the letter is deemed to be a "personal" attack on an individual or organization, the names of the writers must be published.

Letters should be short and to the point. Long letters are seldom read in their entirety. Letters may be returned for condensation or may be condensed by the editorial department.

We will not knowingly publish letters which have appeared elsewhere or material deemed to be legally actionable.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Comment warranted

Members of the Board:

It is my belief that a comment is warranted concerning the recent appointed directorship. Without any degree of doubt or defamation as to the newly acquired member of the board, I wish to point out the misgivings and potential faults that have or may arise over this subject.

It is a fact that the majority position of the Republican party has monopolized the Dallas Areas education system and it's issues in the past and it is an even more unfortunate fact that they will continue to do so with a now solidified consensus or unanimous format. Hence a potentially "bland" decisive body will exist.

This previously minority held Democratically representative seat has proven an asset in the supposed system of checks and balances guaranteed within local government.

I fear that we will now fail to see constructive criticism of issues that deserve such critique. An air of politically dictated agreement will most probably prevail. After all, we must also admit that politics has and always will play a part in the supposedly non-political arena of the Dallas school board's affairs.

It is quite unfair to assume that the previously represented people of Democratic persuasion will be satisfied with the Republican majority's fulfillment of their political voids via this action. We now lack cross-sectional representation. The board seems to be under the impression that there are no school children with Democratic parents. A poor condition due to political fancy which sacrifices the public good. An excuse to control for the sake of control itself.

Unanimity and mediocrity will perhaps prevail and therefore destroy the once held atmosphere conducive to true bi-partisan advancement. A pity.

Respectfully yours,  
Joseph A. Gorko, Jr.  
"Republican"  
Member The Commission on  
Functional Ethics and  
Federal Auspices  
Washington, D.C.

## New chapel

Hi There Everyone:

I thought I would tell you about a special service we had on Thanksgiving day to dedicate our new Chapel. It's been almost three years since we lost our meeting house.

Our congregation had built up at a regular meeting about 50 persons, but since we lost our meeting house in a fire about three years ago, we have been meeting in different members homes and sometimes we would only have three or four people in attendance, but now we have our own new Chapel and Thanksgiving day was our dedication service. There were 48 people

in attendance.

Our preacher, Rev. Charles Sewell, who is now stationed in New York, made the journey to lead the service and he agreed to make arrangements for us to have another preacher and he would come at least once a month for our service. All in all, we had a glorious Thanksgiving service and our members are very proud of our little church 'Neptune Chapel.'

Thanks everyone who made it possible!

Sandy Covert, Treas.  
Hunlock Creek, RD 3

## Letter in error

Dear Editor,

The letter from this committee that appeared in this column last week was published in error. It was not meant to detract from any present or future council fund raising efforts.

This committee respectfully requests that any support offered to Troop 281 in their effort to replace badly needed tents will not interfere with any donations being considered by Back Mountain area residents and businessmen to the local Boy Scout Council.

Sincerely,  
Troop Committee  
Troop 281  
Dallas, Pa.

## ONLY YESTERDAY

50 Years Ago-Dec. 12, 1930

A thrilling mystery play "OK! Kay" will be presented by the seniors of Kingston Township High School.

Milton Daughton and James Kozemchak narrowly escape death when a train hits the Ford in which they are riding. The automobile was demolished. Both boys were admitted to Nesbitt Hospital for treatment.

The state nets \$83,033 on hunting and fishing licenses in Luzerne County.

Deaths-Mortimer P. Goodwin, Noxen; Mrs. John Engler, Shavertown.

Now playing at-Himmler Theatre, "Santa Fe Trail," Frederick March and Claudette Colbert.

You could get-Salmon 2 cans 23 cents; whole grain rice 5 cents lb.; coffee 23 cents lb.; pastry flour 5-lb. bag 15 cents; raisins 3 full size pkgs. 25 cents; doll carriage \$5.

40 Years Ago-Dec. 20, 1940

Bob Girvan and his family host Jim Thorpe, famous Indian athlete, for an evening. Thorpe, on his way to a speaking engagement in New York, had car trouble and became stranded near Kitchen Creek. Girvan and a friend, Clarence Blackwell, were returning from Washington D.C. when they came to the aid of the stranded motorist.

Frank Edwards bags Canadian Lynx while deer hunting. Vary rare to our area, once mounted, the lynx will be on display in Charlie Gregory's Men's Shop.

Trumpeters will sound carols from the belfry of the Dallas Methodist Church on Dec. 23, 24, and 25.

Now playing at local theatres-Himmler Theatre, "Knute Rockne-All American," Pat O'Brien; Kingston Theatre-"The Mark of Zorro," Tyrone Power.

Deaths-Jacob Keller, Carverton; Horace Hall, Shavertown.

You could get-Wagon 89 cents; tricycle, \$5.45; Marx streamlined train \$9.98; men's all wool bath robe \$4.98; men's dress trousers \$1.95;

turkey 24 cents lb.; chicken 21 cents lb.; duckling 17 cents lb.; cranberries 15 cents lb.; cabbage 3 cents lb.; coffee, 1-lb. Maxwell House, 23 cents; butter 2 lbs. 77 cents; 5-lb. box chocolates 98 cents.

30 Years Ago-Dec. 15, 1950

Five Dallas couples, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Line, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Whipp, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mintzer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Rood and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dennis are honored guests at a dinner held at the Dallas Methodist Church. These couples celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries this year.

Sgt. Robert Kemmerer, who was seriously wounded while serving in Korea, has been transferred to Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. Kemmerer is learning to talk again and is now able to walk without a cane.

Kingston Township and Dallas Borough school directors informally agree to create a jointure.

Barbara Jean Malkemes, a junior at Kingston Township High School, has created a lucrative business, decorating windows of local businessmen for the holiday season.

Mrs. Jacob Anderes, Center Hill Road, returns from a three month trip to her childhood home, Bavaria.

Married-Mildred Parke and Warren Casterline; Virginia Wilson and Harold Souder.

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Boston, Ricketts Glen, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Major, 50 years.

Deaths-Ira Pifer, Idetown; Jacob Johnson, Idetown; Frank Edwards, Sweet Valley; Raymond Carlin, East Dallas.

Now playing at local theatres-Shaver Theatre, "Kill the Umpire," William Bendix; Himmler Theatre, "The Happy Years," Dean Stockwell.

You could get-Handbags \$1.99; slippers \$1.99; slippers \$1.99; Florida oranges 29 cents doz; mixed nuts 49 cents lb.; pitted dates 19 cents lb.; marshmallow fluff 20 cents; 7 oz. jar; flour 5-lb bag 39 cents; Crisco



TRIMMING THE TREE—A Brownie member of Ann Rowlands Brownie Scout Troop, Dallas, helps trim the tree on the Dallas Post Office property. The scouts undertake the tree trimming project each Christmas with the help of several adults. (Debbie Zurinski Photo)

## Police Reports

### DeLeur found guilty of assault

A Harveys Lake man was convicted of simple assault and disorderly conduct in regard to a July incident in the borough.

Found guilty was William DeLeur, Road Ave. He was charged with assaulting Rev. George Jeffrey, administrator of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harveys Lake, on church property in July. Sentencing will be made following a pre-sentence investigation.

Gary Mitchell, also of Harveys Lake, pleaded guilty in October to charges of simple assault and disorderly conduct in regard to a related incident and was sentenced to the minimum prison term.

### Youth arrested on bomb charge

A 15-year-old Dallas area youth has been arrested by Dallas Twp. Police in connection with the bomb blast at the Dallas Senior High School two weeks ago.

Chief of Police Carl Miers said that the youth has been petitioned to Luzerne County Juvenile Court under five charges. They include arson and related offenses of endangering persons, arson and related offenses of endangering property, aggravated assault, reckless endangerment of persons, and risking a catastrophe.

Assistant principal Brook Hunt and three students were injured in the explosion, which took place as the administrator was checking the device after a student discovered it in a locker.

### Harveys Lake cites junkyard owners

A Nanticoke couple operating a junkyard at Harveys Lake has been cited for alleged violation of borough zoning ordinances.

The borough alleges that Anthony and Helen Toluba, 554 East Main St., Nanticoke, have ignored an October 15 request to comply with borough zoning regulations.

The Tolubas have the option of requesting a hearing before District Magistrate Leonard Harvey, in whose office the citation was filed.

### Allunis sent to prison

Paul "Frenchie" Allunis of Harveys Lake has been sentenced to both a prison term and a probationary period in regard to a shooting and a drug charge dating from last year.

Judge Bernard Podcay on Monday sentenced Allunis to three-and-one-half to seven years in prison following conviction on charges of aggravated assault in connection with the shooting of Harveys Lake pornography dealer Allen Morrow. Sentence on the charge of recklessly endangering another person was suspended.

Allunis received a suspended sentence and a total of 10 years probation in regard to two charges of delivery of a controlled substance. The probation begins after the jail term ends.

He must also make restitution of \$2,550 on the drug charge.

### Thief takes furs

Dallas Twp. Police are investigating the theft of \$600 worth of furs from a fur dealer on Goodrich Rd. in the township.

Reported stolen from the Joseph Glova Fur Co. were six gray fox pelts, one red fox pelt, three possum pelts, two racoon pelts, and two muskrat pelts.

The theft took place last Monday.

### Tires and wheels stolen

A Dallas-area woman had all four wheels and tires stolen from her car last week, Dallas Twp. Police report.

Mrs. Ralph Balut, RD 5, Dallas, told police that sometime overnight between last Monday and Tuesday someone jacked up her 1980 Oldsmobile and took the wheels and tires, valued at \$250, leaving the car standing on the blocks.

### Driver runs off road

A Swyersville man escaped injury early Saturday morning when his car went out of control and left the pavement on Church Rd., Kingston Twp. Police report.

Police said the Henry Folk, 69, of 857 Shoemaker St. was driving his 1977 Buick south along Church when in the process of making a gradual left turn he went off the road to the right and hit a pole and a tree.

The car was towed from the scene. Investigating were Ptlm. Gary Beisel and Ptlm. James Balavage.

### Christmas decorations stolen

Kingston Twp. Police are investigating the theft of a pair of large Christmas decorations from a home overnight between Sunday and Monday.

Helen Bolton, 139 North Pioneer Ave., told police that someone took from her property two large Christmas candles, four feet tall, decorated and with the word "Noel" on them.

## Girvans host Jim Thorpe

50 Years Ago-Dec. 12, 1930

A thrilling mystery play "OK! Kay" will be presented by the seniors of Kingston Township High School.

Milton Daughton and James Kozemchak narrowly escape death when a train hits the Ford in which they are riding. The automobile was demolished. Both boys were admitted to Nesbitt Hospital for treatment.

The state nets \$83,033 on hunting and fishing licenses in Luzerne County.

Deaths-Mortimer P. Goodwin, Noxen; Mrs. John Engler, Shavertown.

Now playing at-Himmler Theatre, "Santa Fe Trail," Frederick March and Claudette Colbert.

You could get-Salmon 2 cans 23 cents; whole grain rice 5 cents lb.; coffee 23 cents lb.; pastry flour 5-lb. bag 15 cents; raisins 3 full size pkgs. 25 cents; doll carriage \$5.

40 Years Ago-Dec. 20, 1940

Bob Girvan and his family host Jim Thorpe, famous Indian athlete, for an evening. Thorpe, on his way to a speaking engagement in New York, had car trouble and became stranded near Kitchen Creek. Girvan and a friend, Clarence Blackwell, were returning from Washington D.C. when they came to the aid of the stranded motorist.

Frank Edwards bags Canadian Lynx while deer hunting. Vary rare to our area, once mounted, the lynx will be on display in Charlie Gregory's Men's Shop.

Trumpeters will sound carols from the belfry of the Dallas Methodist Church on Dec. 23, 24, and 25.

Now playing at local theatres-Himmler Theatre, "Knute Rockne-All American," Pat O'Brien; Kingston Theatre-"The Mark of Zorro," Tyrone Power.

Deaths-Jacob Keller, Carverton; Horace Hall, Shavertown.

You could get-Wagon 89 cents; tricycle, \$5.45; Marx streamlined train \$9.98; men's all wool bath robe \$4.98; men's dress trousers \$1.95;

turkey 24 cents lb.; chicken 21 cents lb.; duckling 17 cents lb.; cranberries 15 cents lb.; cabbage 3 cents lb.; coffee, 1-lb. Maxwell House, 23 cents; butter 2 lbs. 77 cents; 5-lb. box chocolates 98 cents.

30 Years Ago-Dec. 15, 1950

Five Dallas couples, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Line, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Whipp, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mintzer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Rood and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dennis are honored guests at a dinner held at the Dallas Methodist Church. These couples celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries this year.

Sgt. Robert Kemmerer, who was seriously wounded while serving in Korea, has been transferred to Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. Kemmerer is learning to talk again and is now able to walk without a cane.

Kingston Township and Dallas Borough school directors informally agree to create a jointure.

Barbara Jean Malkemes, a junior at Kingston Township High School, has created a lucrative business, decorating windows of local businessmen for the holiday season.

Mrs. Jacob Anderes, Center Hill Road, returns from a three month trip to her childhood home, Bavaria.

Married-Mildred Parke and Warren Casterline; Virginia Wilson and Harold Souder.

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Boston, Ricketts Glen, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Major, 50 years.

Deaths-Ira Pifer, Idetown; Jacob Johnson, Idetown; Frank Edwards, Sweet Valley; Raymond Carlin, East Dallas.

Now playing at local theatres-Shaver Theatre, "Kill the Umpire," William Bendix; Himmler Theatre, "The Happy Years," Dean Stockwell.

You could get-Handbags \$1.99; slippers \$1.99; slippers \$1.99; Florida oranges 29 cents doz; mixed nuts 49 cents lb.; pitted dates 19 cents lb.; marshmallow fluff 20 cents; 7 oz. jar; flour 5-lb bag 39 cents; Crisco

95 cents, 3 lb. can; 2 -lb. fruit cake \$1.75.

20 Years Ago-Dec. 15, 1960

Lake-Lehman High School brass choir enchants area residents with renditions of traditional Christmas carols.

Donald W. Hislop of Orange is elected to the Dallas School Board. Hislop fills a vacancy left by George V. Dymond who moved to Florida.

Fire robs a Back Mountain family of its home. The second fire to strike an area family in as many weeks, the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Besecker Jr. is destroyed.

Nine hundred and sixty prisoners at the State Correctional Institution at Chase will receive a Christmas gift and enjoy a traditional turkey dinner.

Two Lake-Lehman graduates Janice Bronson and Beverly Ann Major have been chosen for inclusion in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Students at Wilkes College, Miss Broson is a Sweet Valley native while Miss Major is from Lehman.

Dr. Richard Post opens a small animal hospital on Memorial Highway.

Combined choirs of Huntsville and Idetown Methodist Churches will present the Christmas Cantata "The Music of Bethlehem" by Ira Wilson.

Married-Patricia Sanders and Robert Thomas.

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. John Fluck, Sr., 23 years.

Deaths-Michael Brown, Dallas; Frank Klein, Carverton; Stanley Shesnefsky, Lehman Township; Richard Rowlands, Trucksville; John Mitchell, Ceasetown; Clarence Shook, Jackson Township; Clara Ann Klenotic, Luzerne.

You could get-Women's robes, \$4.98; pegoir nighties \$12.98 and up; transistor radio \$19.95; potted poinsettias \$2.49; Timex watches \$6.95; genuine leather billfolds \$1.98; rocking horse \$8.88; sled \$4.59; Baby Beth doll \$4.88; musical stuffed animals \$2.98.

10 Years Ago-Dec. 17, 1970

Guests enjoy "a sumptuous repast in the old English tradition of Christmas festivity" at College Misericordia's Madrigal Dinner.

Split trees, slippery roads and power blackouts result from a three-day snow and rain storm which cripples much of the Back Mountain traffic.

One hundred and forty-six Christmas trees are stolen from the Nesbitt Tree Farm at Lake Catalpa. A Bridgeport, Conn. man is charged with the robbery.

Harry Lefko is elected president of the Dallas School Board.

Deaths-Clarence Oney, Harveys Lake; Catherine Jones, Lake Silkworth; George Payne, Dallas Township.

You could get-30 inch automatic electric range \$179; country smoked hams 89 cents lb.; smoked kohlbas 99 cents lb.; bacon 49 cents lb.; butter 59 cents lb.; stewing oysters 89 cents 8 oz. can; dry roasted peanuts 49 cents 8 oz. can.

(Continued from P. 1)

## Employees reject offer

A large crowd of soccer fans was on hand to support a soccer team in the district. Spokesman Clyde Davis, III, explained there are many persons interested and the members of the audience attested to that. He has met with school officials and director Richard Hislop promised to report back to Davis with a concrete answer.

Dr. Fahmy said he was in favor of soccer as he is a soccer player himself. Clarke Bittner carried on a conversation with Davis concerning the details of the sport which is gaining in popularity daily. It appears Bittner is very interested in the program and will be instrumental in implementing it.

Some members of the board were authorized to attend a National

## The Christmas message

Due to the annual down turn in donations in December, and particularly over the Christmas-New Year period, it is necessary to establish a comprehensive Public Relations campaign to attempt to boost donations close to the known requirements. It is the case that, in the month of December 6,500 units should be obtained, based on a pro-rate for the year. A revised target of 5,200 units has been set to allow for the reduced number of collecting points available for the month. The Region should achieve a level of 4,750 if a barely adequate service is to be provided for our hospitals; previous years' achievements have been in the 4000-4250 range.

It follows that each December emergency reserves are heavily reduced, that many types of blood are held to limited or emergency release and that the patient, inevitably, receives a more expensive and restricted service.

Christmas and New Years are, in our society, a time of rejoicing and merriment; the concept of giving is strongly entrenched, but not always directed to those in need. Our message this year is to bring to the community a strong reminder of the true spirit of Christmas together with a statement of need; particular emphasis will be placed on the needs of children during Christmas. The aim is to provoke the community into a better response than before and, especially to ask for the first time donor to come forward.

The message will be based on the Wyoming Valley and Scranton Chapter and accentuate special collections on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve at the Center. Information on all collections from December 15 through December 31 throughout the Region will be published in connection with this message—on a 'regional basis'.

All chapters in the Region will be given the opportunity to participate and to this end, copies of relevant material will be provided for their use, including specimen press releases and radio scripts.

The names of six to ten children, aged up to 10 years, will be obtained for the message; these children will be those in actual need of blood during Christmas—e.g. leukemia victims. Parental consent will be required. The intention is to use names, ages and community locations in all media "releases"; if possible, color photographs (8" x 10") will be used in any TV coverage—either from the studio or in a Center setting.

Small posters will be printed for use in shopping centers and offices for 'bag stuffers' or 'payroll checks.'

Church leaders in the region will be asked to use the pulpit as an additional means of spreading the message.

TV coverage of the message and associated events is crucial to the success of the operation. Clearly, Public Service announcements should be used—and in their connection scripts must be prepared in time to enable taping and entry to the station's schedule. Ideally, the maximum news and feature exposure should be arranged; initially, a brief resume of the message on or about December 10, followed by periodic reports on progress, would be needed. Specific coverage would be needed of the Center Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Party—Collection—with emphasis on the former to benefit the latter. Throughout, as much attention as possible should be given to the immediate needs of the Wyoming Valley and Scranton Chapters—with at least some mention of other areas in the Region (known low collections).

Two additional collections to be arranged at the Center with the 'Party' theme (Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve). Enhanced refreshments, music, party decorations and 'personality' visits to be arranged. A point of focus will be a large Christmas Tree with lights (one lit for each donation on December 23, 24, 27, 30 and 31st) and decorative blood drops to signify the December target and achievement—all Chapters collecting in December to be shown. If possible a display stand to be set up, showing photos of children and similar material.

A special message to be directed to schools and colleges to enlist aid of young people during their holiday—as donors (if 17 or older) or as volunteers for the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve collections.

## Back Country Briefs

Members of the Youth Fellowship of Centermoreland United Methodist Church will assemble Sunday following the morning worship service in the church social rooms to bake cookies, after which the members will go caroling, leaving the church at about 5 Sunday afternoon. MYF members are asked to bring a change of clothing, a bag lunch and cookie dough. Counselors for the MYF are Mr. and Mrs. John Headley and Donna Munoz.

Youth group of Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church in Centermoreland will hold a bake sale Sunday morning in the church social rooms. Donations of baked goods are welcomed. Mass at Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church in Centermoreland will be offered at 10:30 Sunday morning.

Annual Christmas banquet for members of Northmoreland Baptist Church in Centermoreland will be held tomorrow evening at Thompson's Dairy Bar.

'Tis the season for extending Christmas greetings to friends, neighbors and relatives. Nice to remember folks like Irma Goldsmith of Demunds and William Labar of Mount Zion, who have been hospitalized for weeks at the Veterans Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

United Methodist Women of Carverton UM Church will hold their Christmas dinner Saturday evening at 6:30 in East Dallas United Methodist Church.

Plans for the All Charge Conference of the Centermoreland United Methodist Charge are complete. The All Charge Conference will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church. Rev. William Reid of Wilkes-Barre, District UM superintendent, will preside at the conference for the three churches comprising the Centermoreland UM Charge at Centermoreland, East Dallas and Dymond Hollow.

Cheerio Class of Orange United Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas party Saturday evening at 6.

A Christmas party for all families and friends of Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church will be held Sunday at noon at the church. Christmas cards will be exchanged and those planning to attend are asked to bring a covered dish.

Friends of Walter McKeel of Centermoreland will be glad to learn he is recuperating at home following surgery at Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

Miss Irene Murray of Carverton was among area lucky nimrods, who bagged a buck during the first week of the two-weeks buck season. She got her prize on the family farm in Carverton.

Wilmer Faux of Vernon was another area hunter, who came home with a buck. He shot his deer in the woods just beyond the Eggleston Farm in Vernon.

Sermon topic for Sunday morning's worship services by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Allen Cease, in the three United Methodist Churches of the Carverton UM Charge will be "Mary: Handmaid of the Lord," with the text from Luke 1:26-38. Service at the Carverton UM Church will be held at 9 Sunday morning; at Mount Zion at 10, and at Orange at 11.

Rehearsal for the Christmas cantata to be presented at Northmoreland Baptist Church in Centermoreland will be held Saturday. The cantata will be presented at the evening worship service at 7:30 on Sunday, Dec. 21.

Hoagie sale will be held today at the Carverton UM Church.

Administrative board of Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church will meet Monday evening at 7 in the church social rooms.

Board of education of Centermoreland UM Church will meet Tuesday evening at 7 in the church school rooms.

Warren Stanton of East Dallas is recuperating at home. He was stricken ill while in State College and was a patient at the State College Medical center.

United Methodist Churches are engaged in the annual Christmas stocking campaign for funds for the Brooklyn, N.Y., United Methodist Hospital. Among Back Country