

Perspective

Opinion

Voting: A painless experience

It only takes a few minutes of your time. It isn't hard to do. And it doesn't hurt at all.

That's right, voting takes less time than scrubbing the kitchen floor. It's easier than running a mile. And it's less painful than going to the dentist.

And, voting is something we all have the right to do. No one tells us we have to vote. No one tells us when to vote. And no one tells us how much time we have to spend voting.

Voting is a right to which we as American citizens are entitled. A right that has been given to us because we live in a democratic society. A right that we, as free people, have. Yet, it is a right so many of us don't exercise.

A lot of blood has been shed and a lot of lives have

been lost in years past over the right to vote. Now we have that right, yet the voter turnout at polls is never anywhere near 100 percent.

No one tells us for whom we should vote. And no one says we have to vote for "one of everything." We have been given the right to vote and we should take it. Even if we vote for only one candidate or one policy, we should still vote.

In times of battle with Marines falling on fields in places of which we have never heard before, with planes being shot out of the sky, and with national security heads discussing our country's options, it may seem that we, the people, don't have much say about what is happening in our country.

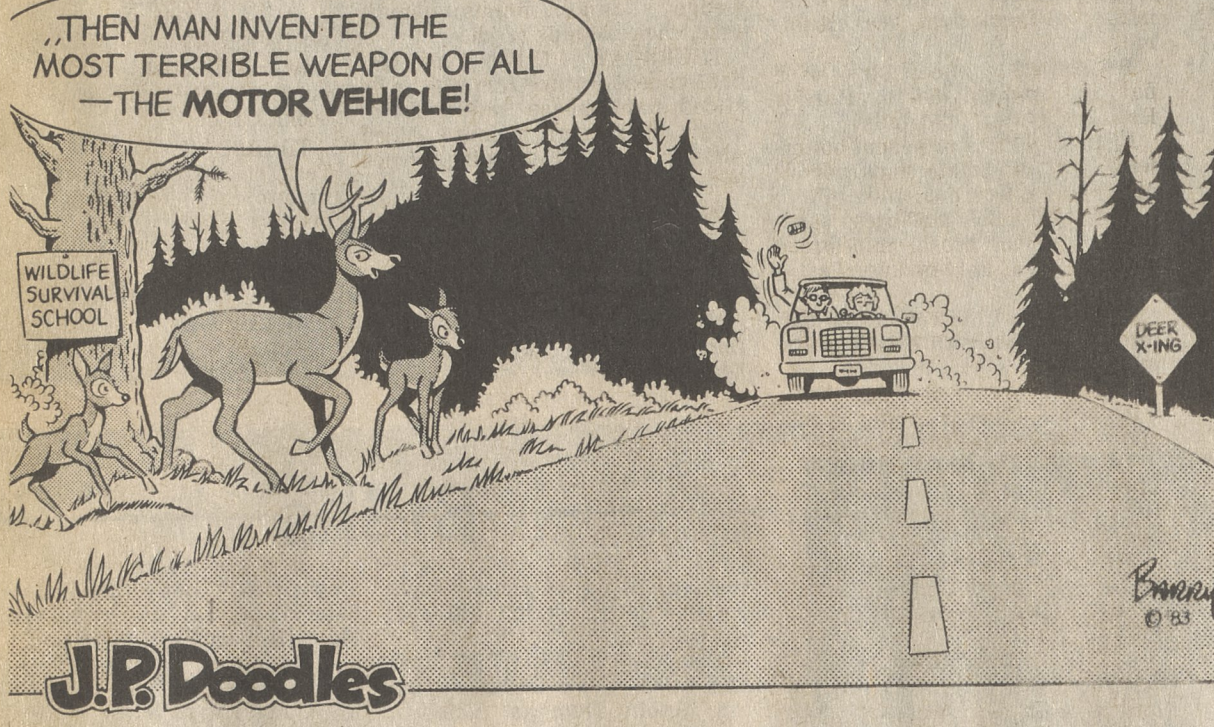
Your vote counts, though. Whether it be a vote in a

presidential election, a county election, or a local school board election, your vote counts. And it is your vote that will put people in office - people who will make your municipality a better place to live or people who will raise your school taxes without giving your children a better education for it. Whatever your vote, it's yours, and it counts.

You will have the opportunity to go to the polls next Tuesday. Take that opportunity. Remember, voting won't take as much of your time as scrubbing the kitchen floor. It won't be as difficult a task as running a mile. And it won't hurt nearly as much as a visit to the dentist.

You are an American. You have the right to vote. Your vote is your voice. Let it be heard.

— DOTTY MARTIN



Scary, isn't it?

Sometimes it seems that man created a monster when he created the motor vehicle as the statistics on automobile-accident related deaths grow.

Only yesterday

Huntsville Christian Church celebrates 90th anniversary

50 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 3, 1933

Huntsville Christian Church celebrated its 90th anniversary. Rev. Henry Hampton Halley, famous Bible recitalist, was speaker.

George L. Rice of Lehman was the newest member of Pennsylvania's 400 Bushel Club with a yield of 477 bushels of potatoes per acre.

You could get - Butter 2 lb. 49c; peanut butter 2 lb. 53c; White House Milk tall can 5c; Wisconsin cheese 17c lb.; Crisco 1-lb. can 19c; raisins 3 pkg. 19c; Hellman's Mayonnaise 33c pt.; Fleischmann's Yeast 3c cake.

40 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 5, 1943

Mrs. Jean Vercoe Mulligan resigned from her position as director of music at Dallas High School to accept a similar position at Berea College, Kentucky at a salary of \$1,900 annually. Mrs. Bernard Whitney of Fernbrook substituted until a replacement could be found.

Rachel Wyckoff, 95-year old, cast her vote early on election day. Mrs. Wyckoff was the oldest voter. She had missed voting only twice, due to illness, since she voted for President Harding in 1920.

Engaged - Hazle West to Sgt. James Kistler.

Married - Martha Jane Brace and Clarence F. Fegler.

Deaths - Harry L. Williver, Shavertown.

You could get - Granulated sugar 10 lb. 60c; cod fillets 38c lb.; peanut butter 1 lb. jar 47c; ASCO coffee 24c lb.; Swan soap med. cake 6c; Diamond Walnuts 45c lb.; napkins 7c pkg.; Pillsbury's Best Flour 25 lb. bag \$1.38.

30 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 6, 1953

Dallas-Franklin, Lake-Noxen, Dallas Borough-Kingston Twp. discussed the possible jointure of their districts with County Supervisor E.S. Teeter and James Tressler of the State School Building Facilities

Department. Raymond Hedden began construction of a \$100,000 building project in the woodlands just off upper Machell Avenue. Seven new apartment dwellings would present the finest in residential development.

Pennsylvania State Liquor Control Board signed a five-year lease with Dallas Borough to use part of the new Borough Building for a State Liquor Store.

Engaged - Nancy Schooley to James Atherton.

Married - Virginia Reckert to Claude Lapp, Jr.; Dorothy Edwards to Donald C. Searfoss.

Deaths - Edgar B. Worthington, Dallas; David Philip Thomas, Harveys Lake; Ellsworth Field, Noxen.

You could get - Oysters 69c pt.; standing rib roast 49c lb.; fryers 49c lb.; red rapas 2 lb. 25c; dates 29c lb.; potatoes 50 lb. gag \$1.09; Supreme bread 2 lg. lvs. 27c; frozen peas 2-10 oz. pkg. 29c.

20 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 7, 1963

L.L. Richardson and Andrew Kozemchak won director seats for the Dallas School Board. In Lehman, Barbara Vivian and Dean Shaver captured school seats. Republicans swept all areas except Harveys Lake.

Beverly Eck, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eck, Shavertown, captured the crown of Valley Junior Miss for 1964. Beverly was a member of the National Honor Society, basketball and hockey teams at Dallas Senior High.

Engaged - Gladys Crane to Thomas Hoppa; Alberta Joan Goble to Robert J. Crispell.

Married - Adeline Prynne Long to Robert Hasselwonder; Ann Mathers to Niles White; Donna Lee Givens to Arthur O. Owen; Mary Wheeler Cook to Rudolph Morgan.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Otto Olofsson, Alderson, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hosler, Dallas, 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Calk-

ins, Jackson St., Dallas, 30 years.

Deaths - Mrs. Effie Downing Sax, Huntingdon Mills; Bertha Kreller, Noxen.

You could get - Haddock fillets 43c lb.; halibut steak 59c lb.; sirloin steak 73c lb.; apples 3 lb. bag 35c; oranges 39c doz.; radishes 2 celo bags 13c; chunk light tuna fish 2-9/4 oz. cans 69c; cream cheese 8 oz. 25c.

10 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 8, 1973

Republicans swept the area in elections. Gen. Frank Townsend, candidate for judge, was defeated by Arthur Dalessandro. The strongest Democratic vote occurred in Harveys Lake Borough where William Sherknas, John McManus, William Connolly captured bids for councilmen and mayor respectively.

Walter A. Zell, RD 1, Lehman Twp. formed the Wyoming Valley Handicapped Athletes Association. Zell and his wife, both confined to wheelchairs led a very active life. Zell was forming a wheel-chair basketball team which already had 17 members.

Deaths - Alvin Meeker, Shavertown; Joseph Hanna, Shawnee Road, Harveys Lake; Harold Christiana, Lake Silkworth; Amanda Downs, Sweet Valley; Evelyn Ridall, Shavertown; Richard Lewis, Trucksville; Mae Jones, Harveys Lake; Emily Degutis, Sweet Valley; Orval Ferrell, Idetown.

Library aids area shut-ins

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has a shut-in service which is handled by volunteers, Janice and George Jenkins. They will deliver books and other reading material to people in the Back Mountain area who are unable to get to the library to pick up their own material. We try to select books according to the needs or preference of the shut-in. Anyone who is interested for themselves or knows of someone else who would like to receive books this way can contact the library.

New books at the library: "The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church" by editor F.L. Cross is in memory of Mr. Patrick Patton donated by Rosenn Jenkins and Greenwald. It is a remarkable book, an indispensable one-volume reference work on Christianity. It contains over 6,000 entries on all aspects of the Christian Church and religion. The main emphasis is on history, but it also explores a host of related subjects.

"Incarnate" by Ramsey Campbell is a novel of terror involving five people, from widely differing backgrounds, who are brought to London to participate in a controlled experiment in prophetic dreaming. But so ominous are the results, so disturbing the implications, that the scientists in charge are forced to cut the program short. It is an involving novel!

"Dead In The Water" by Ted Wood is a tough, fast paced and original novel. Reid Bennett is offered a job as the one-man police force of tiny Murphy's Harbour and it seems too good to pass up. A corpse turns up at one end of the lake and a New York woman looking for protection at the other; and his investigation uncovers the fact that this is not the idyllic haven.

Sign ordinance is working here

Hats off to Kingston Township officials for keeping their town clean during the election season. The ordinance calling for a \$100 deposit from any candidate who wishes to hang political signs in the borough seems to be working.

Candidates must first submit a \$100 deposit to the township before hanging any political signs in the area. Providing the signs are removed within 30 days after the election, the candidate is entitled to a return of his \$100.

According to Kingston Township Manager Mark Kunkle, the ordinance came into being after the township suffered some serious problems with political posters. When county and state candidates left their posters hanging six to eight months after the election, the township had juvenile delinquents who were doing time with the township remove the posters.

Kunkle said the idea of the \$100 deposit originated with the zoning and planning commission. It was then passed on to the board of

supervisors for approval before being drafted into an ordinance by the township solicitor.

This is the third election the ordinance has been enforced and it is working well. Every candidate who wants to hang political posters in the township has complied with the ordinance and, after removing their signs within the allotted period of time, has had his or her \$100 refunded. And, Kingston Township is certainly a better looking place for it.

— DOTTY MARTIN

Cheers to Dallas field hockey team

Cheers to the members of the Dallas High School girls' field hockey team for their accomplishments in winning the District 2 Class AAA Championship last week.

The Lady Mountaineers are to be commended for a gallant comeback effort after logging a disappointing 1-4 record at the start of the 1983 season. They showed

they are true champions when they bounced back to a respectable position in the league and eventually became champions.

A 2-0 victory over Tunkhannock last Tuesday gave the Dallas stickwomen the championship and etched them in the school's history books as the first field hockey team to attain such an honor - an achievement of

which they can all be very proud.

The Dallas Post wishes the members of the Dallas High School girls' field hockey team the best of luck when they enter Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Regional play-offs next week against the District 4 champion.

— DOTTY MARTIN

Letters

Reader feels these candidates need more than party loyalty

DEAR EDITOR:

Majority Commissioners Brominski and Crossin are asking the voters of Luzerne County to elect them this November to another term. Their party affiliation is the only reason they give for asking our support. Unquestioned party loyalty makes sense when the quality and integrity of all candidates are reasonably equal. Since this is questionable in Brominski's case, the voters should demand a more convincing reason than party loyalty.

The cause of good, honest, and representative government is not served by voting for the candidate's party. Except for his being a Democrat, Brominski has not given us one good reason to vote for him. Perhaps we should look at a few reasons why we shouldn't vote for him!

(1) The last four years he and Crossin squandered nearly a quarter of a million dollars of public money on lawyers' fees and out-of-court settlements, rather than to participate in a controlled experiment in prophetic dreaming. But so ominous are the results, so disturbing the implications, that the scientists in charge are forced to cut the program short. It is an involving novel!

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for his mistakes. Mr. Brominski may have set a record in the state for law suits filed against an administration.

(2) The United States Constitution guarantees each of us the protection from self-incrimination. Recently, Mr. Brominski used this right several times in a conspiracy and bribery trial in 1982 conducted in the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas. The State Attorney General's Office prosecuted this case in which I was a witness for the State. Anyone following this trial can't help but wonder who Brominski was protecting - himself or the defendants. We have a right to know.

The responsibility of every citizen, most especially an elected official, is to serve the cause of justice. For this reason alone every thinking voter should pause a moment and reflect on the meaning of his actions. At the very least, the public is entitled to an explanation of his reasons for refusing to answer questions while he was on the stand.

(3) Perhaps the greatest concern of the people is their taxes. During their term in office, Brominski and Crossin raised our property taxes by a greater percentage than in any other time in recent history, yet they lacked the courage to institute the more equitable property reas-

essment values. The County reassessment program cost hundreds of thousands of dollars which appears to be more money wasted.

As a result, the same property owners who carried the load in the past continue to bear the brunt of paying County taxes. I am not surprised that studies show that Luzerne County government is among the most inefficient in the state.

I'm sure Mr. Brominski and Mr. Crossin want to be re-elected to their \$30,000 a year positions, but to solicit the support of the voters exclusively on the basis of their political party is an insult to the intelligence and integrity of all the residents of Luzerne County, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike.

I would suggest to all the voters, Luzerne County that this is the time to change their County Government. An opportunity like this will not present itself again until 1987.

The interests of democracy are best served when no one group is allowed to become too powerful or too entrenched in their positions. We should choose to elect a government, whose credibility and integrity are above reproach. If we don't, it is not their fault...IT IS OURS!

WALTER PLACEK
HARDING

Band regrets inability to participate

DEAR EDITOR:

The Dallas High School Marching Band sincerely regrets that it was unable to participate in the annual

Back Mountain Halloween Parade in Dallas on Oct. 30.

The competitive band, under the direction of David C. Benn, partici-

pated in the Chapter 7 Group II competition held at Nanticoke.

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