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Barbara Mead elected to Dallas School Board

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Barbara Mead, of Ambrose West Road, Dallas, has been named to fill a vacancy on the Dallas School Board, thus completing the board for 1984. The appointment was made at a meeting held Dec. 27.

Mead, 39, will fill a vacant two-year seat, left by John George who was elected to both a four-year term and a two-year term and chose to serve the four-year term.

Although she has never before been politically active, Mrs. Mead has been attending Dallas School Board meetings regularly for several years. She submitted a letter of interest and resume to the school board in mid-December when the vacancy was first announced.

"I have always attended Dallas School Board meetings," the newly-elected director said, just one day after her appointment. "And I have always been interested in what goes on within the district."

Mead explained that as a nutrition consultant for the Commission on Economic Opportunity, a position she currently holds, she was, at one time, heavily involved with area school boards and the implementing of breakfast programs in schools. Also as a nutrition consultant, she was involved with the designing of lunch programs and worked very closely with school boards. It was here that her interest in the workings of school boards first blossomed.

The appointment of Mead came during the third vote taken by the Dallas School Board on filling the vacancy. Following the board's first attempt to fill the seat, the score was deadlocked at four votes each for Thomas Moyer and Robert Bolton.

According to Mrs. Mead, her name was proposed by Dr. William Campbell, president of the Dallas School Board, as a possible candidate and, following a second attempt to fill the vacancy, the vote was tied at 4-all between Moyer and Mead.

The third vote, taken at the Dec. 27 meeting, saw seven votes cast in Mead's favor while Moyer received one vote.

Mead claims she did no particular political campaigning between the second and third votes because she was "busy with Christmas preparations." She admitted, however, she was "pleasantly surprised" by the



BARBARA MEAD

outcome of the final decision.

The newest board member is looking forward to an orientation session and feels the time is not yet ripe to outline an itinerary. She does hope, however, that whatever changes are necessary within the school district can be made.

"At this point, I am not sure what can be done," Mead said the morning after her appointment. "The (school) system is good as it stands. But I do hope we can make whatever changes may become necessary."

Being the lone female member of the board does not scare Mrs. Mead.

"There have been women on the board before," she said. "And they have always been treated as one of the members."

Mrs. Mead has resided in the Back Mountain area all her life. She is a graduate of Dallas High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition from College Misericordia and a Master's Degree in Nutrition from the Pennsylvania State University.

She has been very active with the Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) and is one of its founding members. Currently, she is serving as treasurer of that group.

A member of St. Francis Cabrini Church, Trucksville and its choir, Mrs. Mead resides with her husband, Marvin, and their nine-year-old daughter, Heather, a fourth grade student at Dallas Intermediate School.

Mrs. Mead will be sworn in as a member of the Dallas School Board on Monday, Jan. 9, and will serve until the first Monday in December, 1985.

LOOKING BACK AT 1983

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The staff of The Dallas Post has compiled this summary of happenings and events in the Back Mountain area during 1983. We hope you find this enjoyable reading and would like to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy New Year.)

JANUARY 5

A rash of burglaries throughout the Back Mountain had local police convinced that a ring of thieves had become more brazen with the holiday season; the Lake-Lehman School Board considered the institution to a high school soccer program; and Kelly Elizabeth Wagner of Dallas was the first baby of the New Year.

JANUARY 12

The State Correctional Institution at Dallas Citizens Committee met with officials of the prison and discussed the procedures followed during an escape of prisoner William DelBuno; Kingston Township police and municipal officials received notification of an arbitration award; and the Budget Bakery on Route 415 opened to the public.

JANUARY 19

Back Mountain baseball added a 13-year-old Teener Hard Ball League; the possibility of netting ducks at Harveys Lake was discussed; and the Shavertown Water Co. received a \$26,800 rate increase.

JANUARY 26

Drivers involved in accidents along the Hillside Road in Kingston Township caused almost \$10,000 in damages to Pennsylvania

Gas and Water Co. property; Sterling Construction Co. prepared to build the first of 10 English Tudor Homes; and Jackson Township sought a daytime police officer.

FEBRUARY 2

The debate over a full-time day-time police officer in Jackson Twp. continued; Dallas Correctional Institution superintendent Glen Jeffes was transferred to Graterford; and Richard Myers was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Harveys Lake Borough Council.

FEBRUARY 9

Bill Kalinowski accepted chairmanship of the 1983 Fall Fair; more than 75 percent of the local area's independent truckers parked their trucks in support of the nationwide shutdown; and David Bolton was charged with criminal mischief following a fire at the Dallas Senior High School.

FEBRUARY 16

Harry Lefko resigned as a member of the Dallas School District's negotiations committee; the Lake-Lehman Education Association's first "Free Store" was a big hit; and Jay Miller, director of activities at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas discussed burglary protection.

FEBRUARY 23

Arnie Garinger decided not to seek re-election after serving 13 years as a Lake-Lehman school board member; Harveys Lake Police prepared to participate in a crime watch training program; and the

Magee Public House opened at the former Newberry Lodge.

MARCH 2

Vandals wrecked the refreshment stand on the grounds of the Back Mountain Library Auction; Harveys Lake Democrats prepared a slate of candidates; and Jackson Township auditors informed the board of supervisors of their intent to hire an attorney and take legal action on issues concerning the Audit Report for 1982.

MARCH 9

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Alva Taylor, the Beaumont man accused in the hit and run deaths of two Larksville youths; the Ned Hartman Insurance Agency was cleared of a violation of Lehman Twp. zoning ordinances; and Thomas Doughton was honored as "Outstanding Young Firefighter" by the Back Mountain Jaycees.

MARCH 18

"Look alike" drugs began appearing in Dallas schools; a new housing development was considered for Dallas Township; and concerned citizens and law officers questioned the safety of area roads.

MARCH 23

Motorists continued to ignore a flashing fire light in Shavertown; Edgar Hughes had mixed emotions about retiring as Dallas High School principal; and District Magistrate Leonard Harvey announced his candidacy for re-election.

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Tips for coping with this freezing weather

With temperatures in the sub-freezing range, Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company offers the following tips to avoid frozen water pipes:

Wrap your water pipes in cellars and other areas where they are exposed to sub-freezing temperatures. Best insulation results are obtained by using commercial pipe wrapping material.

Residents should also inspect cellars for drafts. Cellar windows should be closed and locked and the windows covered with plastic. Any other openings in the cellar such as around window sills and coal chutes should also be closed and sealed to minimize drafts.

A slow trickle of water from the cold water tap at a rate that will fill an eight-ounce glass in one minute generally is sufficient to prevent the freezing of water pipes.

PG&W encourages customers to practice these precautions against frozen water pipes in light of the cost of otherwise repairing the service should it freeze.

Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company also offers the following

reminders for gas heating customers.

Keep your thermostat set at a comfortable position. Generally, unnecessary dial switching will use more gas - just as stop and go driving uses more gasoline. However, if you plan to be away from several days, reduce your thermostat about five degrees. If you will be away more than a week, turn it down to 55.

Try to keep the warm air in your home circulating. Don't block air flow from registers and cold air returns with furniture and consider the use of a paddle-type ceiling fan if you have high ceilings.

Take advantage of solar assistance by opening draperies to allow solar radiation to come in. Close draperies in the evening to prevent room air from leaking out around windows and sliding patio doors.

Check your home for possible air leaks not only around windows and doors, but around less-commonly thought of heat loss areas like mail chutes and fireplaces. Caulking, weather stripping and insulation can help stop heat loss and maximize the efficiency that gas heated homes normally produce.



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Contest winners

The Dallas Post recently presented \$50 Savings Bonds to the two winners of the 1983 Great Back Mountain Home Decorations Contest. Shown in the photo at left, Beverly Kravitz, left, accepts her prize from Dotty Martin, Associate Editor. Ms. Kravitz home at 220 Davenport St., Dallas, was



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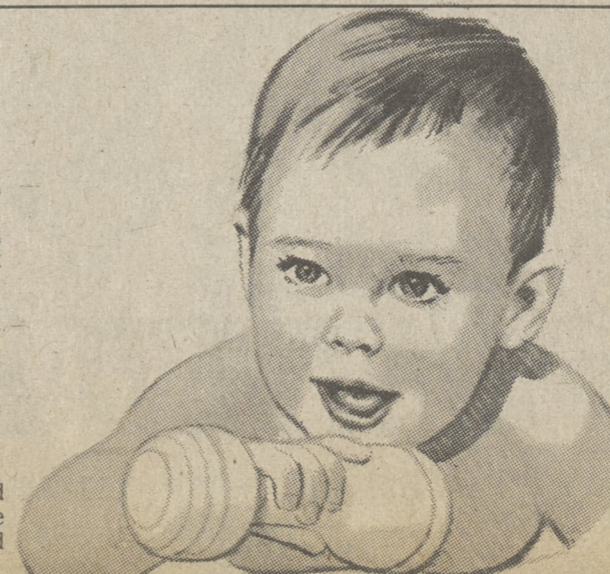
selected as the winner in the unlighted display category. In the photo at right, Martin presents Beverly Neiman, left with her prize. Mrs. Neiman and her husband, David, who reside at 32 Old Mill Road, Dallas, were awarded as winners in the best lighted category.

First New Year's Baby announced next week

The Dallas Post will announce the winner of its Third Annual New Year's Baby Contest in its Jan. 11 edition. The winner of the contest will be the first baby born in the New Year to parents who reside in the Back Mountain area.

Parents of the first baby born will receive a one-year subscription to The Dallas Post, a \$5 gift certificate from Stapinski's Drug Store, a \$5 gift certificate from the Jean Shop, a seven-inch cake from Carvel Ice Cream, dinner at Pickett's Charge Restaurant and a floral arrangement from Gail's Flowers.

Kelly Elizabeth Wagner, daughter of William R. and Michelle Wagner of Dallas was the 1983 winner while Katrina Marea Fanti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fanti of Dallas was the first winner.



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Believe it!

A Trucksville man was gathering radishes from his garden a week before Christmas and eating home grown lettuce on Christmas Day.

The largest Christmas stocking in town was hung by Paul Sabol, courtesy of Davey Gregory who made the giant for his buddy. As for what Paul was hoping Santa would put in the stocking, we hear it was a zoom lens so he could chase wildlife with a camera instead of a gun.

A radio dispatcher called a local police station from home to ask how to tell when his dog was finished delivering puppies. At last count, the Doberman-Shepherd had three pups and one very worried grandfather at Harveys Lake.