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Highway will be repaired

By JUDIE MATHERS
Staff Writer

Dallas residents, businessmen and tourists traveling to Harveys Lake may be in for some traffic headaches beginning in the near future.

Two weeks ago, American Asphalt got official notification from PennDOT to proceed with construction, rehabilitation and paving of Routes 415 and 309. The company has already set up a parking area for its equipment — a temporary enclosure surrounded by chain link fence located along Route 415 next to Pickett's Charge Restaurant in Dallas.

According to Bob Bayer of American Asphalt, included in the \$1,610,000 contract, is the repaving of Route 309 from Franklin's Restaurant to the entrance of New Goss Manor and the repaving of Route 415 from Franklin's to Harveys Lake.

"This will involve a lot of rehabilitation and reconstruction before we apply the 1½" overlay," Bayer said. "That probably won't occur until next Fall. First, we're going to rehabilitate all the bad spots, do some drainage work, some reconstruction, and make some new shoulders. We should be started on some of that repair work by May 1."

"One of the first things we're planning is some work on 3 small bridges in Dallas, two by Fino's Pharmacy and one by the Post Office," he added. "While we're going to maintain two-way traffic at all times, there will be some traffic delays. Residents should plan on finding alternative routes or leaving for work a few minutes earlier than usual."

"We probably should have a press release, because there will be some traffic disruption," one official told The Dallas Post.



Prom night

It sure was a night to remember for Linda King and her escort Phil Brown as Ms. King was crowned 1985 Prom Queen during the Dallas High School Junior/Senior Prom Friday evening. Ms. King was crowned by last year's Prom Queen Judy Fitch during ceremonies at Gus Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. This year's Dallas prom was titled, "One More Night."

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Whoops! Foul-up forces council members to run again

By JUDIE MATHERS
Staff Writer

A misunderstanding by the Dallas Borough Council may cause Borough residents some confusion when they go to the polls to cast their ballots this May.

Everyone seeking a position on the council, including the incumbents, registered to run for the three 4-year seats that will be filled this year. Apparently, when the March 12th deadline for registering rolled around, no one noticed that there were also three 2-year terms that would be up for grabs. Consequently, no one registered to run for those positions. What this means to the voters is that when they go to the polls to make their choices, they will have to write in the names of those persons they would like to see in the two year positions.

The three 2-year positions that will be available are those currently occupied by Susan Stine, Gary Ide, and Russell Stone. Each of these individuals was appointed to their position during the past year to fill vacancies that existed on the borough council.

According to Harold Brobst, chairman of the council, "We all felt

that each of these persons would fill the seat until the term of those vacancies would have expired. We just found out that isn't the case. We're not sure now what we're going to do. We've had no legal opinion as yet from our solicitor."

When asked if she planned to run as a write-in for her position, Susan Stine commented, "I don't know if I'm at liberty to say. We just weren't informed that these seats would be available. I don't know what I'm going to do."

Russell Stone told The Dallas Post he did not plan to run for a position on the council. "I was only filling in for what I thought was a 3-year term. It just ended sooner than I thought it would," he laughed. "I have no interest in running for the position."

A representative for the Luzerne county Board of Elections said the election board had no idea how the misunderstanding occurred.

"We guess the council just assumed the seats would be filled until the terms ran out," the spokesperson said. "That's the only thing we can surmise. The only alternative for anyone who wants the position is to run as a write-in. At this late date, there aren't any other choices."

UP Bank, Council at odds over traffic

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The phrase, "The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray" may well apply to the plans of the Dallas branch of the United Penn Bank to relocate the drive-in windows in order to eliminate the traffic situation that has existed for years.

Most area residents are aware that for many years the drive-in windows were situated on the side of the bank building toward Fino's Pharmacy. With the entrance to those windows coming off Main Street, part of a state highway, cars were often lined up into the street, creating a dangerous traffic situation.

During the past year, the United Penn Bank of Wilkes-Barre and its branch banks were acquired by a Philadelphia Holding Company. Among the first improvements taken under study was the traffic situation at the Dallas bank and the project to re-design the windows and the traffic flow was put in the hands of a local firm, Pyros & Sanderson Architects and Planners of Wilkes-Barre.

The firm, according to James Baloga, facilities management officer for United Penn, surveyed the situation and devised their proposed

plan to take out the drive-in windows next to the bank, moving them to the rear of the bank property. The plans allowed for four drive-in windows which could be handled by two tellers located in the rear section of the bank building. This increased the banking windows by one and decreased the number of tellers by one.

"The firm, engineers as well as architects also re-arranged the traffic flow in order to reduce the hazardous conditions," said Baloga.

The original plan was to have drivers enter and exit by Main Street as well as from the rear of Fino's Pharmacy where drivers also could enter and exit. This plan, however, was not to be. Main Street being a state highway, the Commonwealth would not approve an exit on to Main Street, explaining it would increase the danger since cars coming around the corner from Route 415 could not see cars coming out from the bank on to Main Street. This left only the exit on to Route 415 in the rear of the drug store, and with the expected approval of Dallas Borough Council, the exit or entrance in the rear of the bank on King Street.

The bank's attorneys searched the title to the bank property and informed United Penn officials all was okay to proceed with the plans.

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Photo contest winners announced

The Back Mountain Memorial Library and The Dallas Post are pleased to announce the three first-place winners in its jointly-sponsored photography contest.

The contest, surrounded by the theme, "A Nation of Readers," invited area amateur photographers to submit their entries of photographs dealing with reading in America.

The three winners are Carol M. King, 241 Machell Ave., Dallas, first place in the Adult Color Category; Rhonda Bartorillo, 882 Chase Road, Shavertown, first place in the Adult Black and White Category; and Kris Ertley, Country Club Road, Dallas, first place in the Student Black and White Category.

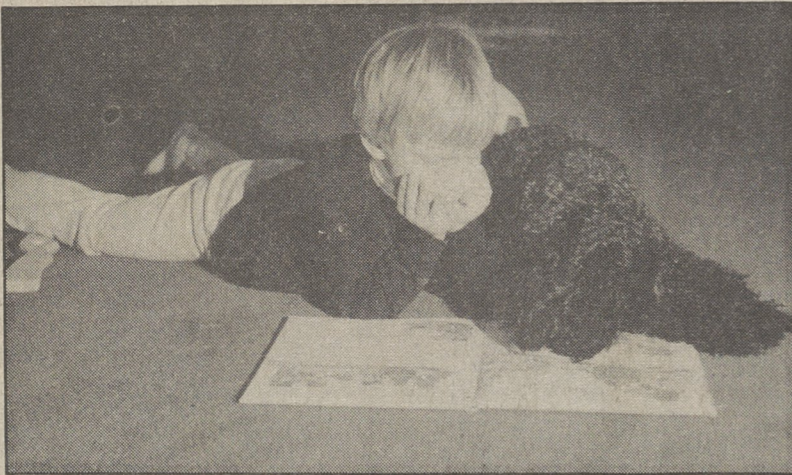
The three winning photographers will receive \$25 cash prizes from The Dallas Post and will have their photographs entered in the national contest sponsored by the American Library Association. By having their work entered in the national contest, these photographers become eligible for over \$7100 in cash prizes.

All three winning photographs will also be on display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, Huntsville Road, Dallas.

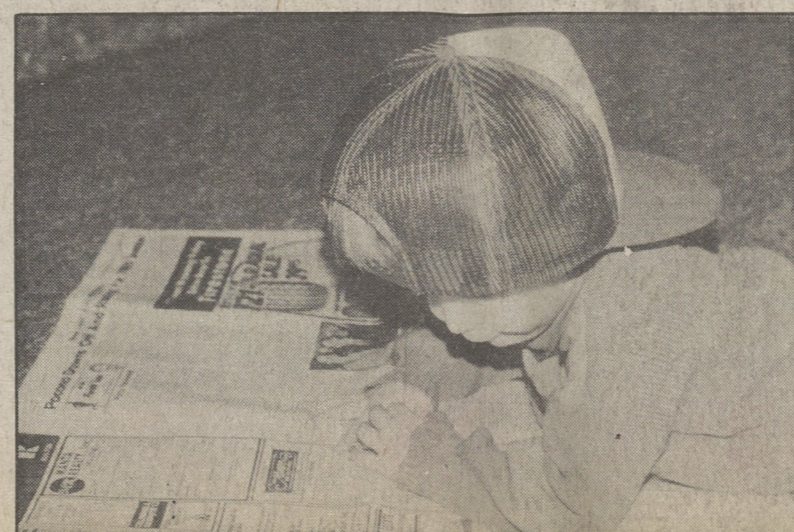
The Dallas Post would like to thank all those photographers who entered their work in the contest and would also like to thank the staff of the Back Mountain Memorial Library for their cooperation in sponsoring this contest.



Carol M. King
Adult Color Category



Kris Ertley
Student Black and White Category



Rhonda Bartorillo
Adult Black and White Category

Post gets new home

We've moved!

The Dallas Post has taken up residence in its new home in the Route 309/415 Plaza on Memorial Highway in Dallas.

Located between Kasarda's Floral and Rachel's Real Estate, The Dallas Post will continue to serve the Back Mountain Community the way it has for the past 96 years.

The mailing address for The Post will remain the same at P.O. Box 366, Dallas, Pennsylvania, 18612, and the telephone number will remain the same at 675-5211.

However, for those of you who may find need to visit us at our office or for those of you who might wish to simply stop in and say hello, visit us in our new home in the Route 309/415 Plaza.

PG&W levels trees near dam

If you've driven past Huntsville Dam or along Hillside Road lately and wondered what's behind the drastic change in scenery, you aren't alone. Many local residents have questioned why so many old trees are being leveled by the Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company.

Bill Bachman, spokesman for PG&W says there are several reasons why it was necessary to remove the trees.

"Some were cut down at the request of the county," Bachman said. "They were too close to the road and created a hazard. That was just part of general maintenance."

"Ken Anderson, head of our forestry department, stipulated that others should be cut down because they had reached their maximum growth-their life expectancy of 40 to 50 years," Bachman continued. "Still others, the soft wood trees such as aspen and white birch, were cut down as part of our beaver habitat program. Since the problem with giardiasis last year, we are trying to eliminate soft wood trees

upon which beavers feed, from the proximity of our shore lines."

When asked what plans had been made by PG&W to clean up the area where the trees had been cut down, Bachman said some kind of replanting program was planned, but he was unsure about details.

— JUDIE MATHERS

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