

Commentary

Editor's notes

A little of this... ...a little of that

THREE CHEERS for all those people out there in the Back Mountain who are really and truly doing something about crime in our area.

Since The Dallas Post sponsored the initial crime watch meeting in April, several neighborhoods have banded together and held their own crime watch meetings to organize neighborhood programs.

At a meeting held at Franklin's Restaurant last week, more than 30 people attended in an attempt to stop crime in the Park and Elizabeth Street sections of Dallas Borough.



DOTTY MARTIN

I've heard a crime watch program is underway in the Elmcrest section while a few programs are at least in the talking stages in Kingston Township.

A tip of the hat to these people who are really trying to battle crime in our area. Remember, the police officers in your neighborhood can only do so much. But, they actually become better policemen when they have the residents of a neighborhood on their side and can assist them in doing their jobs to the fullest.

Again, The Dallas Post stands behind these people who are organizing crime watch programs. We will publicize your meeting dates, we will send our photographer to your meetings and we will do anything we can to help your neighborhood program get underway.

Simply call me at 675-5211 for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Lake-Lehman Athletic Director Rodger Beard and his spunky wife, Addie, on the birth of their first grandchild.

Their daughter, Deanna, gave birth to a "whopping nine-pound boy" (as Grandma Addie described him) at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, last week.

Wonder what sport this little tyke is going to excel in.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our production manager, Sandy Sheehan, who celebrated her special day this past Monday, June 3.

Although we would have loved to have given Sandy to day off, she's much too valuable to us on Mondays and was forced to have her birthday celebration Sunday night.

I RECEIVED TWO LETTERS to the editor this week from a person who really hit home on some things happening in the Dallas Elementary School system. Unfortunately, those letters are not published in our paper this week because the author did not sign his or her name to them.

Once again, our Letters to the Editor policy states that all letters must be signed and must include a telephone number for verification. We will withhold names upon request, however, we must have provided with the proper information in order for us to verify these letters.

Imagine what kinds of letters would find their way into our Letters to the Editor column if we did not uphold the policy of verifying all letters we receive. This service protects both the readers and the writers of such letters and we will

not sacrifice that policy for anything.

I have kept these two letters on file and encourage their author to come forward to sign these letters and verify their intent. I will keep that person's name confidential if he or she wishes it that way. It does, however, seem a shame to waste these letters since they both deal with very important issues.

OUR SPORTS STAFF sure knew what they were doing when they chose our very first Student/Athletes from Lake-Lehman High School, didn't they?

Why, just last week the male recipient of that award, Dave Janiczek, pleased the Back Mountain community by bringing home a state track title. And, this week, Sandy Diction, our female student/athlete from Lake-Lehman, will represent the 1985 graduating class from that school as this year's salutatorian.

Congratulations to both students and to the members of our sports staff for making such wise choices.

A DALLAS MOTHER sure was surprised last week when she dropped off one of the family automobiles for some repair work.

Seems the woman decided to remove all valuables from the car before leaving it at the service station and, in so doing, looked behind the back seat of the car. Much to her surprise, or dismay, she found all kinds of clothing belonging to her children.

Rumor has it the mother is still trying to figure out whether the kids were planning a quick get-away or just forgetting to clean out the car every once in a while.

A BACK MOUNTAIN FAMILY who recently dug out their yard for a swimming pool decided to "give away" the dirt they removed for the watering hole.

Having advertised the dirt for "free," the family was stunned when a gentleman called to inform them he would be at their house shortly, to back his truck into their driveway so they could shovel the dirt into the truck for him.

Not only did he want the dirt for nothing; he wanted the family to load the truck for him, to boot. The nerve of some people.

I HAD THE PLEASURE of helping a good friend celebrate a new job by enjoying dinner with a few friends Friday evening.

After we had spent a few hours solving the problems of the world, the conversation turned to children as a few members of our group have several.

Having no children of my own, I find these kid-stories rather amusing as I watch my friends' hair turn gray even as they tell the stories. One of the cuter stories of the evening, however, was the one about two brothers. Seems the oldest of the two boys is currently recuperating from a rather nasty case of chicken pox. The mother, being cautious like most mothers are, warned the younger of the brothers that he would probably get chicken pox next week.

The boy looked rather puzzled at first, then said to his mother, "Why should I get chicken pox? I haven't been around any chickens lately."

How does it go? Out of the mouths of babes!



REMEMBERING

Early map

This is one of the earliest known maps of the Lehman Township area as divided in 1843, shortly after the separation of Lake Township.

Only yesterday

Three area schools have 74 graduates

50 YEARS AGO - JUNE 7, 1935

Kingston Township, Dallas Township, Dallas Borough graduated a total of 74 students. This was the largest group to receive diplomas from area schools. College Misericordia graduated 50 students.

Theodore "Ted" Weiser, golf professional at Irem Temple Country Club was listed in fair condition following a serious auto accident. An employee of the club for nine years, Weiser was on his way to his home on the club grounds when the accident occurred.

You could get - Long Island duckling 21c lb.; boneless rump roast 33c lb.; chuck pot roast 20c lb.; fillet of haddock 2-25c; Grape Nuts 16c pkg.; Lifebuoy soap 3 bars 18c; spinach 2 lb. 9c; strawberries, 2 qts. 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - JUNE 8, 1945

Twelve seniors, two of them serving in the Navy, received their high school diplomas at Lake Township High School. T. Newell Wood, president of the board of education, presented the diplomas. Lucy Wolfe was valedictorian while Audrey Boone was salutatorian. Pfc. David Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Decker, was killed while serving with the armed forces in Okinawa.

Engaged - Jean Brown and Leslie Agnew. Married - Marietta Emmanuel and Ernest Gay; Nancy Jeanne Metz and Edwin Carl Kelch; Agnes Marie Clark and Clarence Corby.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Verne Kitchen, 25 years.

You could get - Skinless franks 37c lb.; trout 19c lb.; tomatoes 25c lb.; spinach 2 lb. 17c; cherries 43c lb.; peaches 2 lb. 33c; 4 med. bars Ivory soap 23c; Ball Mason jars, pints 59c doz.; licorice 49c bag; sugar coated peanuts 33c bag.

30 YEARS AGO - JUNE 10, 1955

Robert A. Eyerman was appointed architect for the \$30,000 addition to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown. Building committee members included Frederick Eck, chairman; Robert H. Voelker, Carl Frey, William H. Pethick and Alfred Boysen. The addition provided for greater seating capacity and additional Sunday School rooms.

Westmoreland High School was the first area school to graduate. Fifty eight received diplomas. Barbara Mame Hirlman was valedictorian; Robert Dallas Sheperd was salutatorian.

Engaged - Ethel M. Coslett to Eugene G. Warmouth;

Beverly Mae Bogart to Lawrence H. Shupp; Lois Jane Ward to Albert Thomas Creamer.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Roth, 50 years. Deaths - William R. Hammer, Trucksville; Judge George W. Folta, Juneau, Alaska; Anna Helfrich, Dallas.

You could get - House paint \$4.95 gal.; screen doors \$5.95; ground beef 3 lb. \$1; veal roast 49c lb.; legs o lamb 53c lb.; strawberries 39c lb.; lemons 35c doz.; lettuce 2 lg. hds. 15c; green beans 10c lb.; cheese 49c lb.

20 YEARS AGO - JUNE 10, 1965

Bill DiBuo, formerly associated with Forty Fort Ice Cream Company held a Grand Opening of his own business in the former Bolton Diner, Shavertown.

Dallas Area Lettermen/Booster Club installed officers. Ned Hartman was elected president; Jack Porter, first vice president; Carl Kaschenbach, 2nd vice president; Reese Finn, secretary; Charles Lockard, treasurer.

Engaged - Clara Hopler to Elmer Lyons. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hess, Kunkle, 45 years; Mr. and Mrs. Welton Farrar, Maplewood Ave., Dallas, 20th anniversary.

Deaths - Nettie J. Post, Sweet Valley; Norman B. Lamoreaux, Lake Twp.

You could get - Chickens 29c lb.; standing rib roast 85c lb.; bacon 65c lb.; blueberries 35c pt.; honeydews 59c ea.; cherries 45c lb.; watermelons 99c; 3 lb. can Crisco 89c; Lipton Tea Bags, pkg. 48 55c; pkg. of 8 rolls toilet tissue 89c.

10 YEARS AGO - JUNE 12, 1975

Members of the Dallas School Board, administration and faculty met in an attempt to bring six months of contract negotiations to a close.

Methodist Churches in the Back Mountain received new pastors; Rev. Lee Brehm, Trucksville; Rev. Robert Harris, Lehman; Rev. Edward Sebrig, Ruggles, Noxen Charge.

Engaged - Betty Jean Heffner to Robert Faneck. Married - Theresa Derwin to Richard E. McCarty.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. John Bebey, Dallas, 35 years.

You could get - Boneless pot roast \$1.09 lb.; pork roast 89c lb.; turkey drumsticks 39c lb.; 1/2 gal. ice cream 85c; Wesson Oil \$4.49 gal.; Promise margarine 73c lb.; Italian dressing 16 oz. bottle 79c; pineapples 49c ea.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Summer hours will begin at the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Saturday, June 8. The library will be closed on Saturdays and will close on Monday and Wednesday at 5:30. These are the summer changes. The library opens at 9:30 and will be open Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 8:30.

The children's room has a very intricate science display thanks to David Fogel of Dallas. David is in the 4th grade at the Dallas Intermediate School and this was his social studies project. The project covers 'How warm deserts are formed' and includes coastal, rain-shadow and tropical deserts with flora and fauna of each of the types.

"Your local government in action" was the theme at the library on Election Day, Tuesday, May 21. The library served as one of Dallas Boroughs voting districts and with the parking lot filled to overflowing, people handing out political cards, library users coming in and out; we really felt like we were part of a community institution. Everything went well even with the rubber stamps and the peel off stickers for the write-in candidates.

The Hilltop Nursery with Charlotte Watchulonis as director paid their last visit to the children's room for the season. The children presented me with a nifty handmade greeting card and a lovely planter, which they had put together themselves. They were a joy!

A school bus arrived at the library during the month and brought the first grade students from the Ross Elementary School for a tour, stories and library orientation. They were shown a tape on the VCR of the library's coverage on the Hatchy Milatchy Show.

I bumped into Bruce Davies at Franklin's the other day and asked him if he still had some maps of the Dallas area. He did, went home and found them and brought them in to the library. I made several copies of them and now we have two different maps of Dallas and vicinity, which includes the street names and locations, in our vertical file for public use which may be borrowed or purchased by our patrons. Thanks, Bruce, for that quick response.

The Back Mountain Collector's Group recently purchased a book for the library in memory of Kenneth Young. "The Complete Book of Swimming" by Dr. James Counsilman is for swimmers of every level, from beginning through competitive. There are chapters that describe each stroke with pictures and drawings. Whatever your aquatic ability level, this book is a must.

Recent Memory Book additions include: The Schlumberger adventure by Gruner Schlumberger in memory of Conrad and Mrcel Schlumberger gift of Anne Gruner Schlumberger; The Complete Walker III by Fletcher in memory of Ken Young gift of Barbara and Charles Lemmond.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

Here is a summary of important events that occurred on Capitol Hill last week from Rep. Frank Coslett, 120th Legislative District.

LEGISLATORS PREPARED to begin final deliberations on the state's 1985-86 general fund budget this week. The current budget expires June 30. Both Republicans and Democratic lawmakers agree that the state's personal income tax rate should be reduced in the upcoming fiscal year. Gov. Dick Thornburgh had recommended a tax cut from the present rate of 2.35 to 2.15 percent. House Democrats have suggested a reduction to 2 percent. The 1984-85 fiscal year is expected to end with a budget surplus of almost \$300 million.

PROTECTING CONSUMERS from unjustified rate hikes and unworkable insurance programs would be part of the job of a proposed public insurance advocate, according to Rep. Jon D. Fox (R-Montgomery). Fox introduced legislation to create the advocate post, which would operate within the attorney general's office. The bill, if enacted into law, would require the insurance advocate to monitor all matters of rates and coverage before the Insurance Department which could have an impact on Pennsylvania consumers. "The insurance advocate would represent the public not only in auto insurance matters, but in rate increase and coverage change requests involving all types of insurance," said Fox.

OWNERS OF registered vehicles in Pennsylvania are being billed \$5 for an accident insurance fund, the state Insurance Department has reminded motorists. The money will go into a new Catastrophic Loss Trust Fund (CAT), a financial safety net for individual medical expenses resulting from an auto accident which exceed \$100,000. The \$5 fee is mandatory and vehicle owners who do not pay may have their car or truck registrations revoked. The CAT fund is part of the state's new auto insurance law which took effect last year.

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LETTERS

Fire company support urged

DEAR EDITOR:

People in the community seem to think that when the Lehman Vol. Fire Co. puts on a horse show, tractor pull or a demo derby, that the firemen have nothing better to do.

Well, they do, but this is the only way they can raise enough money to support the fire hall and all the fire fighting equipment — they get no

state or federal funding. They have to depend on people from other areas to support their own community's fire company. Whenever there is a horse show, their main fundraiser, look around the show grounds - you'll see the firemen and people from out of the community. Where are our local residents, the ones who really benefit from the Lehman Vol. Fire Co.?

Lehman Twp. residents should make an effort this year because the firemen really need your support and help. Come out to the demo derby on June 23 and the horse show July 13 and 14.

The only way the fire company can better serve you is if you try to help it.

LEHMAN FIRE CO. SUPPORTER

Mother thankful to neighbors

DEAR EDITOR:

How do you say "thank you" to our law enforcement volunteers and neighbors? I would like to say thank you to them for helping in finding our three-year-old child on Sunday, May 19.

I think I've known, in part, the

heartache that parents have experienced when you do not have any idea where your child is.

Again, I wish to give thanks to J. Fowler, Dallas Borough Police; E. Ide, Dallas Township Police; L. Sheehan Sr., Dallas Volunteer Fire Co.; C. Lamoreaux, Dallas Police;

H. Brobst, Marion Lamoreux, dispatcher, Dallas Township; and anyone else who helped in finding my daughter.

Thank you and God bless you all.

SHIRLEY RITTENHOUSE
DALLAS, PA.

Reader misses 'Dear Aunt Patty' column

DEAR EDITOR:

I was upset when your (Dear Aunt Patty) column wasn't in the paper this week.

I like that column and want the paper to bring it back!

MRS. WILLIAMS
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Aunt Patty

has been on vacation for the past two weeks. Her column is expected to return in the June 12th issue of The Dallas Post.)