

## Editorials

### More Growth Means More Planning

The recent water troubles in the Back Mountain are a symptom of more profound needs in this popular growing area. Answers to The Post's question to readers this week, shown below, point out that many residents are concerned about rapid growth and its impact on their quality of life. And that's the real issue, since so many people have stayed or moved here to improve the conditions in which they live. They came for open space, clean water, minimal traffic, quiet evenings and better education for their children. To many, that promise seems now to be threatened by uncoordinated development and lack of planning. Even some businesspeople with whom we talked were concerned about the potential deterioration of their lifestyle and the threat to the region's future from inadequate facilities.

The answer, though, is not to ban growth. That can't nor should it be done. A preferred choice is to better control and regulate development. Since the Back Mountain is such a desirable location, those who wish to invest in its future must be required to meet higher standards. The quality of streets, landscaping, drainage plans and water supplies must be monitored. New, more stringent rules should be applied where necessary. Fortunately, this is already being done in some communities, most notably Kingston Township. While some developers may contend that more restrictions hamper their ability to give people what they want, the reverse is usually true. People want attractive, adequate facilities for their communities. They know that in addition to making them more livable, better planned and executed development will make their investments in those communities more valuable.

With the completion of the Cross Valley expressway to route 81 just two years away, it's not too soon for local municipalities and citizen groups to find ways to assure that the Back Mountain becomes the attractive and highly desirable region it can be, and not just another suburban sprawl.

### A Little Water Savings Can Help Neighbors in Need

At the conclusion of our reporter's meeting with residents of the Stonehedge development Sunday, one member of the group said, "If there is only one thing you do with this story, please ask residents of other areas in Dallas to conserve just a little water so that we can have some." That doesn't sound like a lot to ask of one's neighbors. Being without water for fourteen days out of the past month has been a very unpleasant experience for those families; one that we expect most people wouldn't want to share. So, if you can do without one car washing, or extra long shower, or lawn watering, you can be sure there are several area families who will appreciate your sacrifice. And who knows, you may be asking the same from them at some point.

## Letters invited

The Post encourages readers to share their opinions with the community by writing a letter to the editor. All letters for publication must be signed and contain a telephone number so that we may

confirm their authenticity. Send letters to: Editor, The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, PA 18612. Letters received by Monday will appear in that week's issue.

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Looking toward the heavens

St. Paul's Lutheran Church on North Main Street in Shavertown seemed to be pointing to the heavens this weekend. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

### Andy Rooney

#### Did Summit excite Andy?

BY ANDY ROONEY  
Special to The Post

Are you pretty excited about the Moscow Summit meeting between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev? Probably not. Should you be? Probably. Me, too.

If we could rate the importance of this peace meeting compared to most of the other things that happen in our lives, this meeting would be one of the most important. The trouble is, we're either dumb or unable to translate major international events in terms of what they mean to our own lives. We're against war, but we can't imagine our house being bombed.

This meeting could change our lives. If, by having a weapons agreement with the Soviet Union, we could spend billions less on arms, we could spend more on the good things. Life could get dramatically better for a lot of people. You have to admit, that's more important than what's for dinner tonight.

Even though we're vaguely aware the Summit is a Big Deal, the things we're thinking about are what we'll be doing this weekend, how much gas is in the car and why things aren't the way they used to be with an old friend. We're mildly interested in how President Reagan looks and behaves in Moscow, but the details of this momentous treaty are largely a mystery to us. If he thinks it's a good deal for the United States, we believe him.

If we don't know a lot about this Moscow Summit, it isn't the fault of the press. I use the word "press" because I don't like the word "media," but I mean both newspapers and broadcast news. (I'm not crazy about the word "Summit," with a capital S, either.)

For all the terrible things critics, amateur and professional, say about television news all the time, the country ought to be grateful to have it. Each of the three networks is spending several million dollars a minute. This isn't a lucrative situation comedy with a high rating. This is a big money-loser for the networks. They're broadcasting it because they know it's important and they feel a responsibility to the public. This is as good as television gets. The networks are ignoring what the American public wants to see and giving them, instead, what they OUGHT to watch. Give the networks some credit on this one.

Several years ago, I couldn't, or wouldn't, have had anything nice to say in a newspaper about the television news. Newspapers were leery of TV. They were both after the same advertiser's dollar.

Years ago, when radio was invented, there were people who predicted the demise of newspapers. When television was growing up, the prediction was that television news would kill radio and hurt newspapers.

One of the happy stories of our times is how much better informed

## Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - June 10, 1938

A member of Dallas Borough faculty denied charges against him by the school board that he misled directors about his certification or caused trouble among teachers, refusing to cooperate with officials.

T.A. William of Liberty, assistant superintendent of Tioga County Schools, was elected supervising principal of Dallas Borough schools by a unanimous vote Wednesday night.

Sixty seniors received diplomas from Kingston Township High School at graduation services tonight.

Mrs. Floyd Oplinger of Huntsville, the former Marion Anthony, was guest of honor at a bridal shower given by Mrs. Robert Shottwell.

Playing at Shavertown Theatre, June 10-12, was "Souls At Sea" starring Gary Cooper, George Raft and Frances Dee.

You could buy - Fresh stewing chickens 27c lb.; red radishes 2c bunch; sugar 10 lbs. 46c; sweet cream butter 31c lb.; bread 9c loaf.

40 Years Ago - June 11, 1948

Dynamite blasts set off by a local builder ruptured a 1,300 volt cable from Luzerne County's Gas and Electric Company's Swoyersville sub-station and a sheet of electrical flames five and six feet high kept all spectators at a distance.

General manager John McCusker of Natona Mills announced the plant's summer vacation schedule will extend from July 3 through July 11 with more than 325 employees taking their vacation during this period.

Dallas Hardware & Supply is building a 48x48 addition to its store on Church Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Platt Bennett's bull terriers are judged among the best in the country.

Engaged - Claire Stevenson and Glenn Nissley; Mary Catherine Stephens and M. E. Southeimer; Jane Elizabeth Joseph and Ernest H. Thomas.

Married - Barbara Ruth Phillips and Richard Simonton.

You could buy - Smoked hams 59c lb. carrots 2 lg. bunches 29c; peanut oil 49c pt. bot.; coffee 49c lb.; Lux toilet soap 3 bars 28c.

30 Years Ago - June 13, 1958

Dallas Township residents crowded the board room Tuesday night to complain to board members about proposed bus routes which threatened to cut off transportation for children who lived within walking distance prescribed by the State.

Lehman and Jackson Township school directors signed an agreement for a larger jointure with Lake-Noxen Tuesday at the June board meeting.

Lehman plans a parade for the 14th annual Back Mountain Horse Show, according to co-chairman Gilbert D. Tough and Myron S. Baker. Entries include antique cars, driving horses, Marine color guard, school bands, fire companies, scouts and floats.

Dallas Teeners defeat Shavertown Teeners 6-3.

Engaged - Irene Snyder and Clayton Traver; Ruth Ann Williams and A-3C Kenneth Wayne Turner.

Married - Marilyn Mosier and Albert Yale; Anne Palmer and Robert J. Rebennack.

You could buy - Chuck roast 39c lb.; sweet red plums 2 lbs. 39c; frozen cauliflower 5 10-oz. pkgs. \$1; sharp cheese 59c lb.; hot dog or bar-b-que buns 22c pkg. of 12.

20 Years Ago - June 13, 1968  
Vantroy Robinson, night attendant at Birth's Service Station, victim of brutal beating while on duty. Robinson was found alive in a pool of blood by a customer at 3:40 a.m. but died in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital at 4:10 p.m.

Lake-Lehman High School Band traveled to Sherburne, N.Y., where they entered competition for the eighth consecutive year and won four awards.

Lehman Volunteer Fire Company announced that "The Starfires" of the leading rock and roll groups in the area, will play for dancing and entertainment on the horse show grounds as part of the Lehman Horse Show.

Renovation under way after fire damages Dallas Methodist Church Saturday morning.

Dallas Senior High School was presented with championship trophies for their winning golf team and District 2 track team.

people are than they were 50 years ago. Predictions that television would hurt newspapers and kill radio were wrong. More people are reading more newspapers than ever before in history. Television, by making people more aware of events of all kinds, has made them more interested in news. Viewers aren't satisfied with what they see on television. They want the full story and they go to their newspapers for it.

Newspapers borrow very little

### PACE deadline approaching

With the deadline only one month away, more than 70,000 older Pennsylvanians have yet to submit renewal applications for continued membership in the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) Program.

Current PACE cards will expire on June 30, 1988. Beginning July 1, pharmacists should not honor PACE cards bearing a June 30, 1988 expiration date.

Nearly 450,000 renewal applications were sent to PACE cardholders last February; about 380,000 have been returned. Cardholders who have lost their applications should call the PACE toll free number at 1-800-225-7223. Applications for renewals will be sent upon request. Applications who want to inquire about their renewal status

from television; television borrows shamelessly from newspapers. About three-quarters of the stories on any local news broadcast on an average night originated in the newspaper and TV news ought to be ashamed of itself for that.

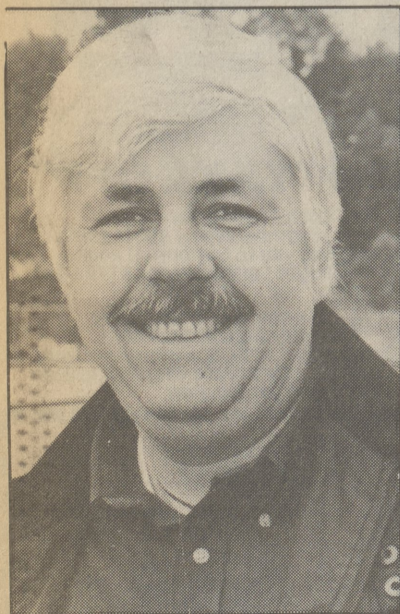
I wish there was someplace for network anchormen to stand other than in Red Square with St. Basil's domes behind them, but coverage of events in Moscow this week by the networks is not what's wrong with television.

should call the toll free number for the information after June 15, 1988.

During the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 1988, PACE enrollees will be notified individually of their deadline to submit renewal applications. The process will be staggered over several months to avoid a late surge of applications which can delay getting new cards to applicants.

PACE is a lottery-funded program that allows income-eligible Pennsylvania residents age 65 and over to purchase prescription drugs at a reduced cost. Single persons are eligible if their annual income does not exceed \$12,000 a year; married couples are eligible if their combined incomes do not exceed \$15,000 annually.

## The Post asks: "Should building in the Back Mountain be limited?"



George Valanski

George Valanski  
Retired  
Loyalville

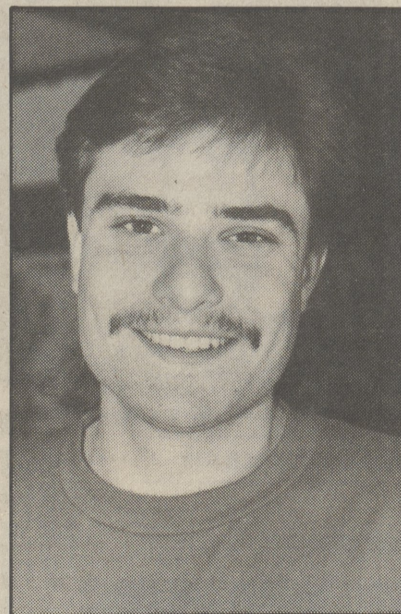
"The town councils have to make sure everything is in order before they build. Spot building is what's going to hurt the area. Let the builders be responsible for the water, sewerage, etc., it should be mandatory to have proper water and sewerage for what they build."



Michael Petrowski

Michael Petrowski  
Retired  
Sweet Valley

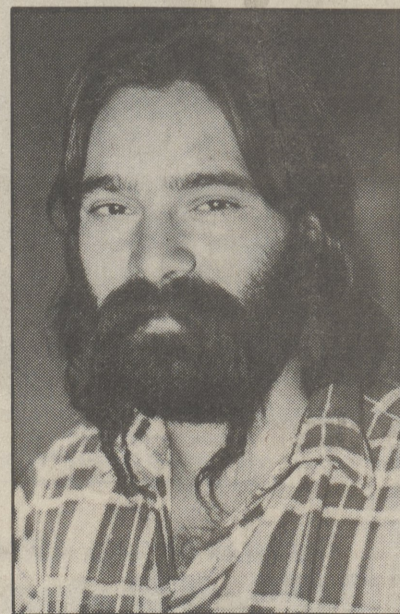
"Well, I don't know, they can't get enough water now as it is, they can't exactly put more people here."



Patrick Hozempa

Patrick Hozempa  
Student and bartender  
Dallas

"I think it's O.K. as long as it is more positive for the community. There should be limits, the building should be adequately planned, as long as it's in the best interest of the surrounding community."



John Mattie

John Mattie  
Construction Worker  
Wyoming

"Yes, I do, they should cut back a bit, it's turning into a city back here. It used to be a nice place to go for a ride in the country, now with all the traffic and congestion you have to go farther up the mountains to get away."



Delores Sorber

Delores Sorber  
Housewife  
Hunlock Creek

"Yes, because you can't shop, or go places because the traffic is unbearable. It takes you two hours to get home. It's also more dangerous."



Jean Long

Jean Long  
Housewife  
Muhlenburg

"I think they need more sporting events locally. I don't think they're building too quickly, but since it's country they should leave it country."