

Editorials

Graduation is the beginning for seniors

High school is now over or soon will be for Back Mountain seniors. For some, graduation means the end of a rewarding time when challenges were met and many skills mastered. For others, the past four years have been less satisfying and may have seemed without usefulness. No matter what the memories are, this June is more beginning than end for all the graduates. It may be the beginning of more education for those who are going on to college; the beginning of a life of work for those who have chosen a field of endeavor; and the beginning of more years of searching for those who haven't yet decided on their course in life.

In all cases, though, graduation means one more step in a lifelong process of learning. Some of us learn early and fast and others save our growth for later years. It's important that all the graduates recognize that fact and go on about their lives with the confidence that there is a time for everyone, and with the knowledge that becoming a useful and productive member of society is not something that happens on the same timetable for each of us.

We wish all the graduates well, and look forward to seeing what they have accomplished many years from today. We're confident it will be measurable.

Give Dad his day

Despite the fact that Father's Day, like Mother's Day, may have been a product of the promotional mind of merchants, we still like it. It's good to recognize the too often overlooked contribution that so many people make in their everyday lives. None of those is more important nor frequently more difficult than raising children. The rewards are sometimes slow to come, and the results postponed. Often, parents are harder on themselves than their children would ever be.

That's not to say that fathers are infallible. They make plenty of mistakes, and because our culture presents images of perfect people to them, they frequently don't like to admit their failings. It's unfortunate that we've developed such unrealistic expectations for ourselves and others, especially in the relationships of parent and child.

You can do something about that. If you are a father, give yourself a break today, and a pat on the back, too. You deserve it. If you are a child, no matter what age, take some time and tell your dad that you love him and appreciate what he's done for you. And tell him that you know he's not perfect, but he's just right for you. There's no time like the present to let him know you care.

Irish Heritage Run is June 25

The Irish Heritage Games and officials of Harvey's Lake Borough are finalizing plans for the popular Irish Heritage Runs. Joe Klings, Chairman of the 1988 Committee expects a record entry this year, and expressed his determination to maintain the event's reputation for outstanding organization, prizes and amenities.

Now in its 10th year, the games will take place on Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m. at Grotto Pizza and as usual will feature the 8.25 mile Genesee Lake Run. There will also be a 5K Intermediate Run at 10 and a one mile "Fun-Run" at 9:30.

The featured run which annually attracts a field of over 500, is one of Pennsylvania's biggest and best. The course follows a tree-shaded level path around the lake's scenic perimeter. Course amenities include several water stations, time splits, marked miles, police monitored traffic control, ambulance service, and post-race refreshments. Special T-shirts will be provided to the 500 runners to register. Time keeping is furnished by officials from the Wyoming Valley Track Association under the supervision of Race Director Joe Moran.

Primary sponsorship has again been accepted by the Genesee Brewing Company and its local affiliate Arrow Beer Distributing Company. Co-sponsors United Penn Bank and Bartikowsky Jewelers will again award diamond rings which have become an IHG tradition to the first place male and female finishers. Anthracite trophies, and medals will also be

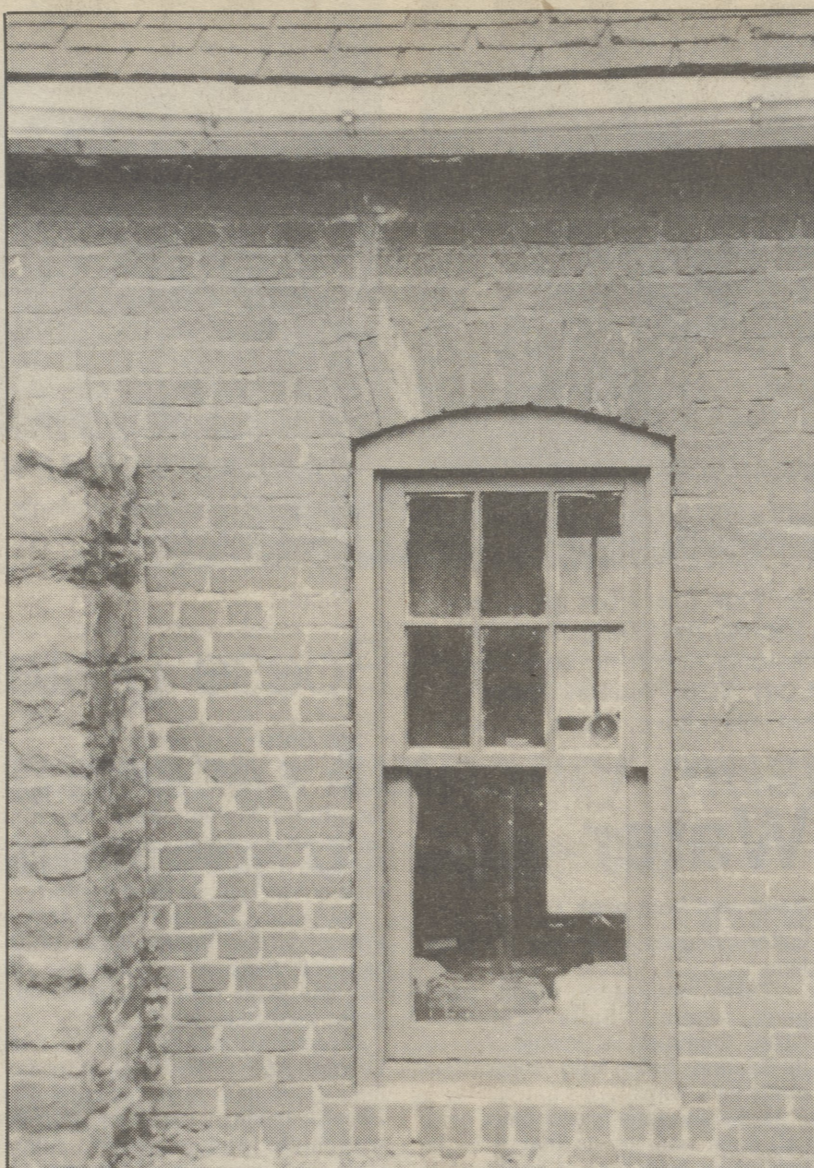
furnished to place finishers in a wide range of age groups.

Course records for the distance event are held by Scranton's Bill King (40:09.5) and Pittston's Sue Carden (48:54.3) who has earned top honors (and a diamond ring) for six straight runnings. At last Tuesday's organizational meeting, Chairman Klings quipped "We're all waiting to see if she'll run out of steam before she runs out of fingers."

Proceeds from the competition benefit St. Joseph's Center for Children in Scranton. Recent runs have generated \$2000 donations to that institution which provides heroic care for profoundly retarded and handicapped children. The Center is funded by private contributions, and Chairman Klings is encouraging run registrants to include whatever donations they may care to add to their entry fee.

Pre-registration forms are available by writing: Irish Heritage Games, PO Box 748, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. The pre-registration fee of \$6 for the Genesee Lake Run and the 5K Run includes the 1988 T-shirt. Chairman Klings encourages early registration to insure reservation of the correct size. The "Fun-Run" registration is \$2. "Walk-on" registration for the two distance runs is \$8.

Additional information and entry forms can be obtained by calling Mr. Klings at (717) 824-4277 or Co-chairman George Moore at (717) 824-1010 (days) or (717) 678-7902 (evenings).



Cool and calm

Buildings at the old Wilkes-Barre reservoir on Hillside Road show no sign of the current Dallas water turmoil.

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - June 17, 1938
Lightning strikes Ralph Welsh barn, five cows and bull destroyed.
Nicholas Staub named Trucks-ville Postmaster.

Dallas Arrows baseball team will attempt to gain revenge for 5-4 defeat by Beaumont last month when the teams meet Sunday.

Engaged - Elgie Prutzman to wed Howard Woolbert.

Deaths - Mrs. Fred Kunkle, Kunkle; Fred Riley, Dallas.
You could buy - Veal 23c lb.; coffee 15c lb.; lemons 29c doz.; Crisco 18c lb. can.

40 Years Ago - June 18, 1948
Dallas Borough approves installation of two more fire hydrants.

Local businessmen affiliate with Wilkes-Barre Credit Bureau as credit control.

Prize Hayfield Clydesdales to be seen at Lehman Horse Show.

John Hanson is building new drive-in theatre at picnic grounds.

Deaths - Harold J. Price, Dallas; Mrs. Sophie Evans, Shavertown.

You could buy - Pork chops 69c lb.; tomatoes 19c pkg.; margarine 47c lb.; bread lg. loaf 13c.

30 Years Ago - June 20, 1958
Lt. David Kunkle critically hurt in car wreck in Maryland.

Panama Williams Corp., Houston, Texas, awarded gas pipe line construction contracts.

Judges will pick Rodeo Queen at Lehman Twp. Firemen's Western Square Dance.

Married - Therese Leeder and Ronald S. Woolcock, Jr.; Barbara A. Kern and Charles A. Lasher; Alice May Spencer and Airman 3-C John Paul Jr.

You could buy - Sausage 59c lb.;

blueberries 33c basket; mayonnaise 33c pt.; Dove soap 2 reg. bars 33c.

20 Years Ago - June 20, 1968

Solicitation for usable articles underway for Back Mountain Library Auction.

Edward Richards is named secretary of Kingston Township supervisors.

Joseph Boyle, Dallas, will show his quarter horse "Shilo" at the Lehman Horse Show.

New Frances Slocum State Park attracting picnickers as weather warms.

Engaged - Judith Ann Schneider and David L. Elston.

Deaths - Emma Kocher, Lehman; Bessie Thomas, Dallas; Lewis J. Reese, Noxen; Elsie Mae Harvey, Dallas; Charles F. Lord, Pikes Creek; Willis Sorber, Cragle Hill.

You could buy - Beef liver 39c lb.; cucumbers 4-29c; cheddar cheese 69c lb.

10 Years Ago - June 22, 1978

Jackson Township Planning Commission resolved a number of township residents complaints concerning zoning of property by making several changes in the zoning designations.

Truckville firemen planned their 60th anniversary with the annual "Summer Fair".

Phoenix is local cable television bidder.

Robert Belles, superintendent of Lake-Lehman School District, and Miss Hannah Culp, second grade teacher were guests of honor at a retirement party given by members of the faculty at Perugino's.

You could buy - Chopped ham \$1.69 lb.; grapes 99c lb.

Andy Rooney

Some tips for TV hosts

BY ANDY ROONEY
Special to The Post

The other day I was watching a little of the Today Show with a cup of coffee and I heard Sen. William Armstrong of Colorado call Jane Pauley "Miss Pauley."

I liked it and thought how unusual, how proper and how appropriate it was. The senator might have called Jane Pauley several things:

He could have said "Jane" as most guests do even though they aren't on what is known as a "first name basis."

He might have said "Mrs. Trudeau" because Jane Pauley is married to the cartoonist Garry Trudeau but has not taken her husband's name for her professional career so calling her "Mrs. Trudeau" would not have been appropriate.

Sen. Armstrong might have endeared himself to some women by calling Jane Pauley "Ms. Pauley" instead of "Miss Pauley" but Ms. is awkward to use. It's awkward because, while the idea of not identifying a woman's married status may be a good one, people don't know what the letters stand for so they aren't sure how to pronounce it. Like Harry S. Truman's middle initial, the letters Ms. aren't an abbreviation for anything. They're just an invented word, and it's pronounced Miz. (To further confuse the issue, that's the same way Southerners pronounce Mrs.)

Sen. Armstrong's "Miss" was perfectly friendly though slightly formal and it sounded good for a change. He wasn't trying to kid us into thinking that he was one of Jane Pauley's close friends.

Guests on television shows who have never heard of each other before they go on the air, often strike a false note by sounding too chummy. Everyone is, Ed, Linda, Helen or George. You can listen to an hour discussion on television without ever hearing a person's last name. Politicians, in their effort to be everyone's best friend,

are the worst offenders.

I often watch the MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour on public television. The guests usually call Robert MacNeil "Robin" because they've heard that's his nickname. A nickname should be reserved for good friends. If we don't stand back and preserve some of these little formalities, we're going to destroy the good things about genuine familiarity. When I call a close friend by his or her nickname, there's a touch of affection that goes with the nickname, the virtues of a nickname are lost.

Television hosts also do too much greeting and thanking. They thank everyone to death. When you thank someone, the implication is that the person has done you a favor. When the anchorman or woman on a television news broadcast comes back on camera after a report from the field by a correspondent, he or she invariably says "Thank you, Ed" or "Thank you for that report, Ed."

In so doing, the anchor person is assuming an importance for himself that he doesn't have. He's being condescending. The correspondent is not doing the report for the anchorman. The reporter is doing the report because that's what he does for his salary. They both work for the same company. It is no more appropriate for an anchorman to thank a correspondent than it is for the correspondent to thank the anchorman. Time is precious on network news broadcasts and even small amounts of it shouldn't be wasted on trivial and meaningless formalities.

There are several other meaningless phrases that ought to be eliminated from television interview shows. One is the obligatory "Come back and see us again."

The television host's idea of the best way to end an interview, no matter how dull it may have been, is to say "Thank you for being here and please come back and see us again real soon."

He knows, the guest knows and everyone watching the show knows there isn't a prayer the person will ever be invited back.

Library news

Matchbox cars on display

BY NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The display case in the foyer of the Back Mountain Memorial Library will be featuring 82 Matchbox cars plus a few Hot Wheels for the next three months. These were borrowed from Jeremy Shultz of Shavertown who was kind enough to let us have them considering the fact that he has more than twice that many still at home. Jeremy is 7 years old and will be going into third grade next year at the Wyoming Valley Montessori School. He has been collecting the cars for four years and takes good care of them. A special selection of tiny micro-machines is also in the display, along with some very fancy hot wheels. The display includes tractors, dump trucks, bulldozers, pick-up trucks and some special ultra hots. There is a double decker bus, a shuttle tracking NASA bus, an orange van, and many sleek racing cars, along with an army tank, a helicopter, a US Mail truck and an ambulance. Jeremy's favorite ones are the tiny ones. These cars make a nice exciting display for Summer '88 and will be at the library until September 4.

The library will no longer have a change in hours for the summer season. The hours during which the library is open will remain the same all year long.

One of our first New Goods items

has arrived at the library for the 42nd library auction. Margaret Dwinchick of Franklin St., Dallas came into the library bringing Blueberry the Brontosaurus, who is a dinosaur in shades of blue, handmade by Mrs. Dwinchick. He will be on display in the office area of the library until auction time. Corinne Pawling, New Goods Chairman for 1988, has her committee members working on solicitations and has said the response so far is satisfactory. New items do a worthwhile job, adding to the profit of the auction. The hours of this year's auction will be changed slightly. The auction will begin Wednesday, July 6 at 6 p.m. and conclude at 10 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 10; Friday, 6 to 12; Saturday, 3 to 12 and Sunday, 3 to 12.

A reminder to the Back Mountain children; we would like to borrow your small stuffed toy dinosaur for our office display case. We need the child's name, age and the name of the dinosaur. The first 25 will be displayed at the library and will coincide with the summer reading program which is centered around dinosaurs. Our first dinosaur has arrived; his name is Coca and he belongs to Susan Dwinchick, aged 6 of Dallas. The summer reading program will begin on Monday, June 20 in the Children's Room.

The Book Club will meet Monday, June 20 at 1:30 in the reference room at the library.

THE DALLAS POST

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The Post asks: "What do you plan to do after graduation?"



Michelle Kirchner

Michele Kirchner
Student
Dallas

"I'll be going to Syracuse University to study Bio-medical Engineering. Right now I work in a drug store but I plan to vacation with friends in Ocean City, Maryland before school starts."



Sandy Rutkowski

Sandy Rutkoski
Student
Dallas

"I got engaged but I plan to go to college before marriage. I plan to study Art and Illustration at Keystone College then transfer to Kutztown, Pa. My fiance and I are planning a trip to Florida and Maryland before starting college."



Christine Shalata

Christine Shalata
Student
Dallas

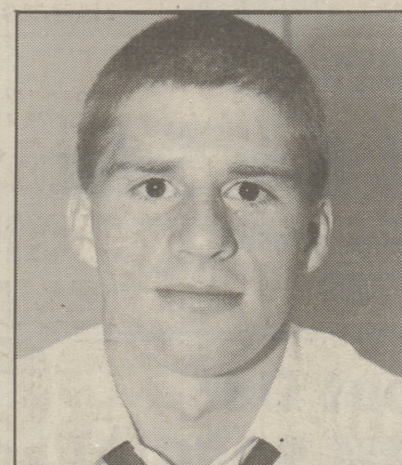
"I'm going to L.C.C.C. to study Journalism, then I'm transferring to Bloomsburg University to continue studying Journalism."



Tom Charney

Tom Charney
Student
Dallas

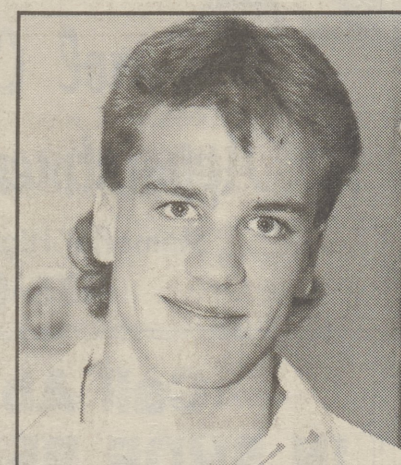
"I'll be going to college at Kutztown where I plan to play football."



Keith Graham

Keith Graham
Student
Dallas

"I'm going to Temple University to study pre-pharmacy. After graduation I'm having a party; then another one on Sunday for relatives. Then I'll be going to Daytona Beach, Florida for two weeks."



Scott Drasin

Scott Drasin
Student
Dallas

"I'm going to I.U.P. (Indiana University in Pa.), where I'm thinking of studying psychology. I'm also going to Oakland, California before school starts. I have relatives there."