

## Editorial/opinion

### Editorials

## Come to the auction - support your library

This week's Dallas Post contains our annual special supplement devoted to the Back Mountain Library Auction. The Post and the auction share a long history; this will be the 42nd annual auction, and for as many years The Post has produced special coverage of the event.

Often described as the "social event of the year," the auction started in 1947 when volunteers and library personnel were seeking a new source of funds for the maintenance and expansion of the facility. That first effort was held in a barn owned by Howard Risley, who was then the publisher of The Post. It raised \$3000.00 and started a Back Mountain tradition. The early organizers, headed by Ruth LeGrad and Mrs. Fred Howell, probably could not have foreseen the scope of the auction of this year. Their ingenuity, though, will be evident in the range of items offered for sale to support the library.

This year's goal of \$50,000 is ambitious. The funds are needed to continue the growth of the library in its new quarters on Huntsville Road. The chairman of the event, John Shaskas, and a group of dedicated volunteers have worked long and hard to reach their goal. All that is needed now is for the people of the Back Mountain communities to attend and support the event, as they always have done.

A library is one of the most important institutions in any community. It is a source of learning and adventure for all ages and persons of every status. Your help will be the final stage in a true community effort that will assure the health of the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

We urge all readers to check the schedule and visit the auction this Wednesday through Sunday. You're sure to find something of interest, from antiques to food items. You'll have some fun, meet your neighbors and contribute to a very worthwhile cause.

## Young "ambassadors" represent us well

In the past two weeks, Post writers have profiled two Back Mountain young adults who have each in their own way served as ambassadors for their society in other parts of the world. Scott Francis visited the Soviet Union with a group of college baseball players in a program to teach the game to Russian athletes. While there, Francis and his teammates were able to get a taste of life in the Soviet Union and were seen as representatives of American youth.

Darci Davis visited the Far East with another purpose in mind. She and her compatriots were attempting to introduce their religious beliefs to other cultures, although in some cases she was not allowed to do so and had to become a tourist.

We are pleased that these young persons were able to meet people in other countries and to share with them the experiences they have shared as American citizens while gaining some insight into different cultures. Both Scott and Darci returned from their travels with a greater appreciation of their own society. We're sure they also left a good impression of Americans with their hosts, many of whom are unable to visit the United States to enjoy a similar experience.

## Letters invited

Letters to the editor on topics of local interest are welcome. They add to the discussion of important issues. All letters for publication must be signed and include a telephone number so that we may

confirm their authenticity. The Dallas Post invites you to send your letters to: Editor, The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, PA 18612. We reserve the right to edit letters as space requires.

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### A way of life, a time of year

Old furnishings and articles make their appearance along route 309 in Dallas - now attracting collectors casual and the most professional (Photo by Charlotte Bartzek)

## Library news

### 147 children are in summer reading program

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

Our Dinosaur Summer display case is looking better each day. Three more dinosaurs have been added and the name of the owners of the dinosaurs now sits in front of each animal. Mark Grabarits, 6 years old, brought in an orange Tyrannosaurus Rex named Dewey (after the library dinosaur); and Selina Konnick, aged 6, brought two rather large Stegosaurus dinosaurs for the display, colored dark green and light green. The display is attracting a lot of attention and the children are fascinated by it.

The Summer reading program, called Dinosaur Days, now has 147 members trying to help Dewey find his way and the Read to Me for preschoolers has 47 children involved. The Toddler story time for 2 year olds began on Tuesday evening. This is a bedtime story hour from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and the children are welcome in nighttime attire. There are three regular story hours on Wednesdays with 22 children in each session. The classes are filled to capacity with names on the waiting list. This past Wednesday, there were little groups of story tellers in every nook and cranny of the library. Many were sitting in the reading room at the tables in small groups and there was a group of younger children sitting on the floor in the office area with their male story teller having a nice story read to them. Summer time and reading with children. A happy combination!

A former active borrower and patron of the library, Christine Kravits, is attending the London School of Economics and visited Russia recently where she purchased two books of best loved fairy tales from Russia. She brought these books in and donated them to the children's room at the library. These are lovely books and

the children will enjoy them for years to come. We thank Christine for this thoughtful gesture on her part.

The Book Club of the library held its June meeting in the reference room recently. Liz Lloyd, a member of the library board of directors, spoke to the women about future goals of the library. She asked the members to make a wish list and then find a financial way to make the wish come true. The most expressed desire of the group was for the Community Room which is named for the basement of the library. There are many organizations in the community which have expressed a desire for a place to hold their meetings and this room would be ideal for this purpose. There were 12 members present at the Book Club meeting which will not meet again until September.

## Area schools using new education program

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN  
Special to The Post

School Districts across Pennsylvania have become deeply involved in a new curriculum for economic education. Spearheaded by the Pennsylvania Council on Economic Education, a State-wide organization originally sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the AFL-CIO, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, many school districts have committed themselves to the Developmental Economic Education Program (DEEP). As of July 1, 1987, close to 1400 school districts were enrolled nationwide in the DEEP Program. DEEP is a process that enables the school district to commit a quality economic education, to use materials of the Joint Council on Economic Education and to engage in teacher education

## Only yesterday

50 Years Ago  
July 8, 1938

### Monk, Houser head sewer planners

Mrs. Jennie Howland of Binghamton, who set type for The Dallas Post in 1899 returned to the Back Mountain for a visit this week.

Earl Monk and Russell Houser head the committee proposing the possibility of an area sewage system with funds available with the new Federal Appropriation Act of 1938.

Dallas volunteer firemen started a letter drive this week to raise \$1,500 to pay for maintenance of equipment and a new hose.

Dallas Arrows will meet the leading Vernon team this Sunday at 2:30 on the Espy diamond.

Deaths - Mrs. Joseph Rood, Dallas; Mrs. Audrey C. Strausser, Trucksville; Mrs. Betty Wilbur, Dallas; Gilbert D. Still, Fernbrook.

You could buy - Peanut butter 8-oz. jar 9c; Elberta peaches 4-qts. 39c; coffee 17c lb.

40 Years Ago  
July 9, 1948

### 600 lb. boar is sold at library auction

The three floors of Howard Risley's barn were filled with thousands of items for the Back Mountain Library Auction to be held Saturday in front of Risley's barn on Lehman Avenue.

A 600-lb. boar presented by Col. Henry Pool of Huntsville will be sold at the library auction.

Married - Claire June Malkemes and Anthony V. Slavis, Jr.; Charlotte Shoultice and James H. Perkins; Betty Jean Wagner and Thomas Batey.

Deaths - John N. Jones, Dallas. You could buy - Pork loin 54c lb.; red beets 2 bchs. 9c; raisin bread 18c loaf; coffee 49c lb.

30 Years Ago  
July 11, 1958

### Gauntlett pitches no-hitter

A registered Dachshund, registered spaniel and a registered boxer will be sold over the auction block this week.

An imported Escort English Ford will be chanced off at this year's library auction.

Trout season extended to October 31 on 30 ponds and lakes in Pennsylvania.

Tommy Gauntlett pitched a no-hit game against Trucksville last Tues-

day. Deaths - John F. Steele, Mooretown; Joshua S. Ferry, Sweet Valley; Rosa Wagner, Sweet Valley; Curtis Gibson, Dallas.

Married - Florence Dawn Dick and Edwin Riutta; Barbara Joan Cheney and Clark F. Cornell; Jamie Eileen Schwall and Edward D. Carey.

You could buy - Steaks 79c lb.; lemons 33c doz.; frozen spinach 2 10-oz. pks. 25c; stuffed olives 2 2-oz. jars 39c.

20 Years Ago  
July 11, 1968

### Dick Pearsall gives lamb for auction

Richard Pearsall carried on the tradition of giving a lamb to be auctioned off which was started by the late Herman Thomas.

Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson announced that the contract has been leased for the new post office at Lehman.

Engaged - Evelyn S. Kunigel to Sgt. Frank Zarychta; Gloria Dolbear to Arno Miller; Mary L. Daley to Rodney N. Button.

Idetown Fire Company plans annual horse show for August.

Deaths - Alma Viola Lee, Hunlock Creek; Mary Naugle, Sweet Valley; Richard Wallen, Fairmount Springs.

You could buy - Chuck roast 69c lb.; Bing cherries 49c lb.; Vienna bread 2 lvs. 41c; salad dressing 45c qt.; cottage cheese 31c lb. pkg.

10 Years Ago  
July 6, 1978

### New York Times cites library auction

This year's 32nd Library Auction has received more publicity than ever. Recently, the New York Times ran an article on it and a man from Long Island called for directions to the auction because he had lost the Times article giving directions.

Rena Rothschild, general chairperson of the Auction, is the first woman to hold that position.

A fatal crash in Dallas took the life of a Plymouth woman and sent three other persons to the hospital.

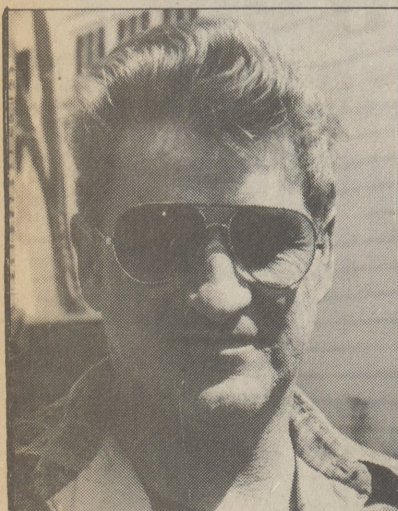
Harveys Lake Lions Club will hold its annual square dance jamboree Saturday, July 8, at Irem Temple Country Club.

Orange Yankees take Horlacher Little League title.

You could buy - Frying chickens 49c lb.; sugar 2-lb. pkg. 89c; Swiss cheese 8-oz. pkg. \$1.29; white seedless grapes 79c lb.

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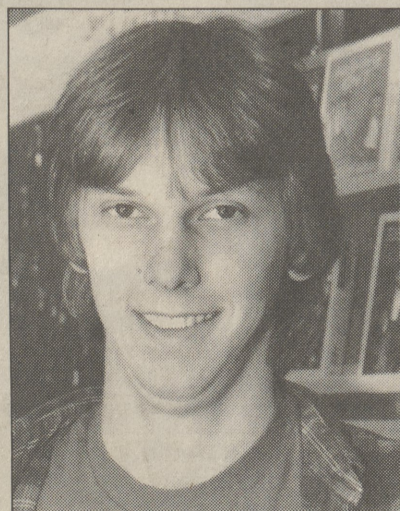
## The Post asks: "Do you think development is good for Harveys Lake?"



Al Martin

Al Martin  
Proctor & Gamble  
Loyalville

"It all depends if it's done in the right fashion. It's nice to have new people move in our area, but we have to think of if we have the resources to provide properly for everyone."



Greg Javer

Greg Javer  
Student  
Harveys Lake

"It really doesn't matter to me at all."



John Kovach

John Kovach  
Pizza Baker  
Plymouth

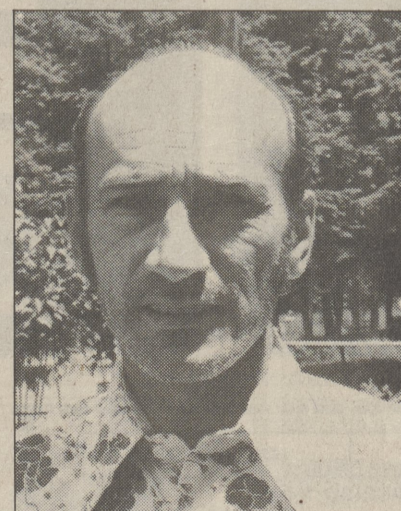
"I'm sure some development isn't going to hurt, but too much wouldn't be good. We used to come here since we were kids and it's gone downhill since then. If they over-develop it you might as well stay in the city. They need some public beaches, the lake would die if it turns all private."



Carolyn Stratford

Carolyn Stratford  
Student  
Harveys Lake

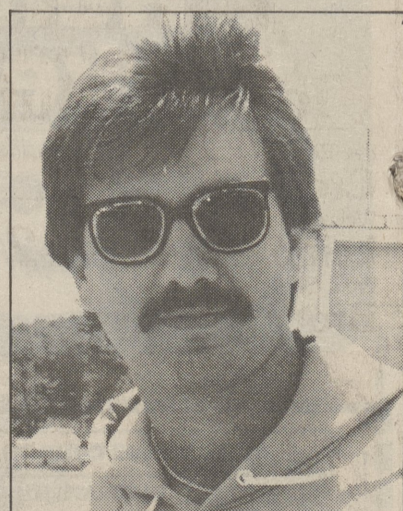
"I guess so, it couldn't hurt anything to have it more developed. You can understand why people who visit here would like to move here, it's a nice area."



Charles Edwards

Charles Edwards  
Retired  
Harveys Lake

"Yes, they need more stores, more places for kids to play, recreational areas."



Walt Labick

Walt Labick  
Truck Mechanic  
Plymouth Meeting

"No it's gonna ruin the whole lake, it won't be the same, it'll be too commercial."