

Editorials

Water committee should get its work done fast

It was heartening to see that five of the six members of the recently formed ad hoc committee to study the Back Mountain's water situation attended a meeting with the Kingston Township Water Commission last Thursday. These two groups will benefit greatly by meeting together as the ad hoc committee works to develop recommendations for each of their representative's communities.

The committee's first task is to decide whether to recommend forming a regional water authority to their municipal governments. We urge the committee to quickly set an agenda for itself and to come up with their recommendations. While water shortages are on everyone's mind right now, an end to the current drought and the temporary elimination of recent problems will mean other topics will replace water on the front pages of newspapers and in conversations. Once that happens it will take another major shortage to begin the process of finding solutions to long range water source needs.

Because a thorough study and plan for water sources and use is such a large topic, it would be easy for the committee to become bogged down in endless detail and to spend months, even years, evaluating the Back Mountain's water resources. The committee members must avoid that trap. What is needed quickly is to find out whether the concept of regional control of water is even possible given the variety of communities and water needs in the area.

We hope the ad hoc committee will move carefully, but quickly to make its recommendations. We don't want to see another hot, dry summer go by without some action on our water needs.

Library Auction was a great community event

Is there any better example of community spirit than last week's Back Mountain library auction? If there is, we would like to see it. Despite record hot weather, residents and visitors turned out in force to bid on items, buy old books and have some fun while helping to provide \$50,000 for the operation of the library.

And how about the organizers; and the auctioneers and helpers who braved the heat for five days? They all deserve a vote of thanks and a "well done" from all of us who will benefit as a result of their efforts. Within weeks, many of them will begin planning the 43rd edition of this Back Mountain tradition.

Our hats are off to them all. See you again next year.

Fire danger is high - be careful

While the worst of the current heat wave appears to be over, it is still necessary that care be taken to avoid the ever present threat of fires. Woodlands and roadsides are dry and could easily be ignited by a spark or wayward match. If you are outside, continue to be extra careful with cigars or cigarettes, and avoid making fires. If you plan a barbecue, be sure that your cooking fire is under control at all times. Be especially wary if it's windy. Your local firefighters and your neighbors will be thankful for your concern.

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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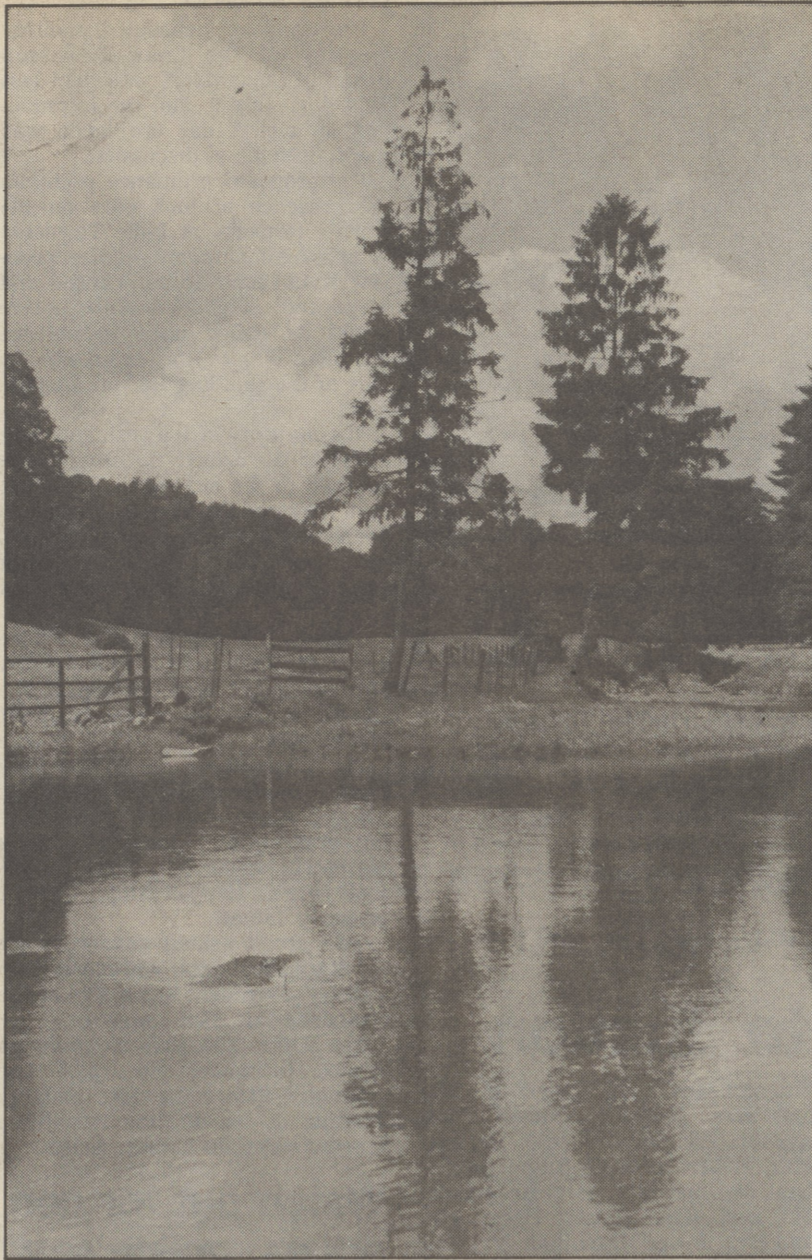
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Peaceful pond

This bucolic scene greets motorists along Hillside Road in Trucksville. (Photo by Charlotte Bartzek)

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - July 13, 1938

Thieves steal \$55 from Hanson's

Dallas School Board directors will decide in 10 days whether to drop the charges against teacher E.C. Line or to continue hearings in an effort to dismiss him.

Thieves broke in John Hanson's Restaurant at Harveys Lake and got away with \$55 worth of cigarettes and some change.

Dallas Arrows pulled a surprise 7-1 upset over the league-leading Vernon last Sunday.

Mrs. George Sawyer of Dallas is invited to exhibit her dahlias at the 1939 World's Fair in New York City.

Married - Elgie V. Prutzman and Howard Woolbert; Vivian Davis and Alec Rinkin.

You could buy - Bacon 15c 1/2 lb.; fresh peaches 5c lb.; spaghetti 2 cans 17c; Wheaties 10c 8-oz. pkg.

40 Years Ago - July 16, 1948

\$1000 in prizes at Firemen's Fair

John Mallin, plumber's helper, was severely burned in both eyes Thursday when struck in the face by molten lead while working at Dixon's Store.

Soap Box Derby and \$1,000 in prizes will be featured at the Trucksville Firemen's summer fair.

Dallas Legion team lost a 7-2 game to the Railroad A.C. team when they gave up five runs in the ninth inning.

Married - Jane Elizabeth Joseph and Daniel Thomas; Daisy Jane Bellas and Robert Lee Williams; June Reinhardt and William C. Alling; Emily Fisher and Clyde Veitch.

You could buy - Hamburg 59c lb.; lettuce 12c hd.; margarine 45c lb.

30 Years Ago - July 18, 1958

\$5,748 raised in coin drive

Kingston Township Fire and

Ambulance shared in \$5,748 collected in their recent coin card drive.

Dismissal of complaints against an increase in rates by Dallas Water Company followed a hearing before Judge Harold Flannery Tuesday.

Daddow-Isaacs American Legion elects Thomas Reese as Commander succeeding Gordon F. Mathers III.

Dallas Senior Teeners team upset a strong Plymouth team 4-3 to make the league race tighter.

Married - Joan M. Croop and Donald E. Cornell; Janet Mae Kithcart and Wayne T. DeRemer.

You could buy - Chuck roast 39c lb.; grapes 2 lbs. 39c; stuffed olives 2 jars 39c; sharp cheese 59c lb.

20 Years Ago - July 18, 1968

Library auction grosses \$23,000

Successful 22nd Auction grosses \$23,000.

It was announced by the Lake-Lehman School Board at its July meeting that the final steps had been taken in purchasing the former Garey tract adjacent to the high school grounds.

Caddie LaBar of East Dallas threw his opponent in a Judo exhibition recently at the Y.M.C.A. in Wilkes-Barre.

Centermoreland Methodist Church Annual Auction set for August 9-10.

Married - Mary Anne Fidati and Robert Himmler Eggleston; Sarah Schimide and Donald Derby.

Deaths - David W. Coslett, Sweet Valley; John Ondish, Sr., Dallas; Reba Heath, Harveys Lake.

You could buy - Young turkeys 39c lb.; cantaloupes 3-\$1; grape jelly 2-lb. jar 49c; salad dressing 59c qt. jar.

10 Years Ago - July 13, 1978

Auction raises over \$40,000

Harveys Lake Firemen's Fair is

Letters to the editor

Praises work of all who restored water service

Editor:

On Saturday, July 2, the main well of the Shavertown Water Company was rendered inoperative by persons unknown, creating an outage of water service to approximately 50 percent of its customers. What ensued demonstrated the spirit of the public service personnel of this area. Because of this organized civic minded cooperation, full water was restored before the day was over.

Many thanks go to Fred Potzer, Kingston Township Manager who managed the command center freeing himself to attend the task of getting the well back on line and the distribution system in order. The police chiefs, fire chiefs, policemen and volunteer firemen gave generously of their free time to meet the needs of the community. Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company supplied water to fill tankers as well as their own tank truck and Mahaffey Oil Company hauled water in their truck.

It was a heart-warming experience to see such a hideous act superceded by a community willingness to serve those in need.

The communities of this area can be proud of these people and should

be appreciative and supportive of these organizations.

Thanks again to all of those who helped and all those listed below.

Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company, Chief William Eck; Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company, Chief Gary E. Beisel; Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company, Chief Rollie Evans; Dallas Fire Company, Chief Robert Beseker; Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, Chief Bob Appleby; Northmoreland Volunteer Fire Company; Wilkes-Barre Township Fire Department; Plymouth Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, John Temerantz, Fire Chief.

Other participants: Chief Paul M. Sabol, K.T.P.D.; Patrolman Joseph Bren, K.T.P.D.; Robert Chamberlain, K.T. Road Superintendent; Mahaffey Oil Company, Mr. Joseph Survilla; Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company, Mr. Joseph Butcher, Vice President, Consumer Relations; Mr. James Siracuse, Executive Director, Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency; Mr. William Shaffer, Acting Chief, Dispatcher, Back Mountain Control.

Joseph F. Salla

General Manager
Shavertown Water Company

Says illegal fireworks are bad example for young people

Dear Editor:

I sit in my home on the night of the 4th of July - while all around me the night rocks with the rat-tat-tat of firecrackers and reverberates with the boom and thump of much bigger fireworks. This is not the sound of a licensed, controlled fireworks display. This is just individual people celebrating. "Celebrating?" but it sounds like World War III has started.

I thought fireworks were illegal. If they are illegal - how can law abiding parents aid and abet their children shooting them off? Or do the shooting for them? What kind of message are these parents giving their children - that it is okay to pick and choose which laws we will keep and which ones we will ignore in the name of fun? I don't think that that is the right message to give our children when celebrating this most patriotic of holidays. It gives our young people the idea that freedom means that we don't have to abide by laws we don't like - and is wrong.

I guess I should be glad if none

of these celebrating citizens loses an eye or hand - or if they don't start a brush fire that costs lives and property, but maybe those are the hard lessons that have to be learned again and again before adults stop buying and shooting illegal fireworks. In my book, the message sent here is just as bad as adults buying booze for the underage drinkers. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO STOP???

I'm not really a Scrooge about this, I love fireworks in the right setting. I think they are beautiful and thrilling - and a wonderful way to celebrate the 4th. But I don't think they belong in every back yard where no one is paying proper attention to what happens. They are illegal because they are dangerous in the hands of inexperienced children. I'll make the first donation to a fund for a real fireworks display. I hope that everyone else will donate what they spent on bootleg fireworks for a legal display next year.

Eleanor Kandler Rodda

Health care meet Friday at LCCC

To promote better understanding and cooperation among major Medicare program participants, Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski (D-PA) will conduct a Health Care Conference to promote improvement in the administration of the Medicare program.

The all day conference is scheduled for Friday, July 15, between 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Luzerne County Community College Educa-

tional Conference Center, Auditorium 131 in Nanticoke. The public is invited to attend and ask questions.

Health care practitioners such as hospital administrators, home health care providers, nursing home operators and hospice care givers have contacted Congressman Kanjorski concerning difficulties they are experiencing with the Medicare program. Some of the problems 11th district health care providers face concern general claims processing and denials, and Medicare reimbursement under current Health Care Financing Administration, (HCFA) rules and regulations.

To respond to these problems, Congressman Kanjorski has invited senior HCFA officials and Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Philadelphia representatives to meet with area health care providers. The conference will serve as the beginning of a dialogue aimed at resolving reimbursement and coverage disputes under the Medicare program.

"The Medicare program is extremely important for meeting the health care needs of our senior citizens," Congressman Kanjorski said.

The Post asks: "What do you like best about the Library Auction?"



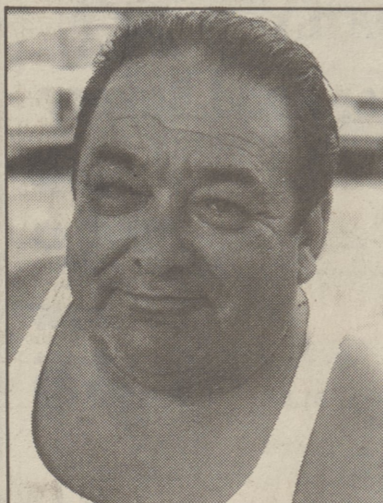
Dottie Rice

Dottie Rice
Staff clerk
Plains
"I like everything, the atmosphere, the people, the things for sale, when I have a chance to turn around and look, I'm usually busy working."



Bernice Bauman

Bernice Bauman
Housewife
Dallas
"I like the friendliness of it all, meeting the people, the excitement. I'm an antique buff so I like the sales. And you certainly meet a lot of people you don't get to see too often."



Ron Schartz

Ron Schwartz
Truck driver
Dallas Township
"The old-time camaraderie, seeing the people who come for years and years. It's like family home week. I've been coming here for 17 years."



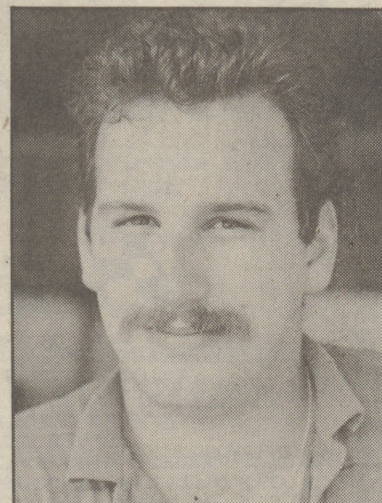
Fred B. Schultz

Fred B. Schultz
Retired Episcopal priest
Salem, N.J.
"I like the spirit of it, the friendly atmosphere. This is my second time at the auction, I'm from South New Jersey, but we have a place in Harveys Lake."



Dorothy Davis

Dorothy Davis
School teacher
Dallas
"I like it all, seeing all the townspeople getting together."



Lee Eckert

Lee Eckert
Territory Manager, Bevac
Dallas
"I would say the tremendous community support, the antiques, specifically Terry Eckert for her tremendous efforts for the food booth and all her tireless volunteers."