

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

People will make the difference in planning

Possibly the most impressive aspect of last week's meeting to discuss growth and planning in the Back Mountain was the depth and breadth of talent and experience represented among the attendees. Old residents or new, they came not in the vain hope of stopping growth, but with sincere interest in planning and managing it so that the assets that drew them to the Back Mountain remain as undisturbed as possible, while new amenities are added.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Jim Ryan, the Penn State campus president, for volunteering its facilities for this and future meetings and for bringing his enormous skills in organizing large groups of people into effective units. Much was accomplished last week and we are sure that more will be in the future.

The overriding principle of this effort to better control growth pressures is that private citizens must get involved in the processes that create planning and zoning laws, and in other aspects of their government. Governmental bodies must be told consistently and persistently what their constituents want. Only then can they be held accountable for their actions come election day. Everyone who cares about how the Back Mountain grows must find the time to communicate their desires to their municipal officials.

We particularly like these ideas that came out of last week's meeting:

-Better planning will require the services of qualified professionals to help evaluate proposals and to develop long range plans.

-These services will cost money. Much of the cost can be raised by increasing fees required of developers. Also, when major increases in services are forced by a development, the developer should bear their cost. For example, if a new sewer line is needed, its full cost should be the responsibility of the developer who stands to gain by its installation.

-Esthetic and ecological considerations should be an integral part of the planning and zoning statutes. These could include regulations on destruction of trees, requirements for a certain amount of green space and other appropriate measures.

-Farmland should be preserved as much as possible. Aside from its purpose of providing food, agriculture adds a grace and sense of harmony with nature to the region.

We hope even more concerned persons appear for the next meeting of this group to be held Wednesday, August 17. It was a great start in the process of taking control of the Back Mountain's future; we believe it should continue.

Reassess - don't tax savings

As many readers know, Luzerne County sent bills for its so-called personal property tax this past week. This tax strikes us as discriminatory and a weak effort to put off the work that would contribute most to improving the County's financial status - revaluation of all real estate.

You won't hear politicians even mention this issue, since many more voters own undertaxed property than stocks and bonds. But until a complete reassessment is done, those who have purchased a new home will continue to subsidize those who haven't moved or who have managed to transfer property for a nominal fee.

Congratulations Maureen Connolly

Congratulations to Harveys Lake's Maureen Bridget Connolly for winning the Mary From Dungloe contest in County Donegal, Ireland. Miss Connolly, who had been named "Wilkes-Barre Mary" at the Donegal Ball earlier this year, was selected from 24 international contestants. We're sure she'll wear her title well.

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"I remember, I remember

the house where I was born, the little window where the sun came peeping in at morn." Thomas Hood 1799-1845.
(Photo by Charlotte Bartzek)

Letters invited

The Dallas 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 include a telephone number so that we may verify their authenticity. We will not publish anonymous letters. Send letters to: Editor, The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas PA 18612. Letters received by Monday may be included in that week's issue.

Thanks Post for library auction coverage

Editor
On behalf of the library staff and board members, I want to thank you for the excellent coverage and cooperation you gave to the 42nd annual library auction.

I am sure this coverage, making the people aware of what we were

doing, helped to make the 1988 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction so successful.

Once again, thanks for your cooperation.

Nancy S. Kozemchak
Publicity Chairman

Thanks to all who helped S.A.D.D. Day

Editor
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who supported the S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving) Day at Moon Lake Park.

-The Luzerne County Commissioners for their total cooperation and support.
-Gene Klein for his guidance and enthusiasm.

-John J. Charles, Luzerne County Recreation Director, and all his staff for sponsoring and coordinating the day's activities.

-Bob Pitcavage, Director of Parks, for giving us the use of Moon Lake Park and all its facilities.
-Jerry Fonzo, for taking time from

his busy schedule to start the race.

-Gaylund Ashton, for planning and organizing the race.

-Cliff Robbins, for calculating the results and helping with registrations.

-All the participants in the race, baseball and volleyball tournaments.

Thank you for showing your concern regarding drinking and driving, and underage drinking in Luzerne County, and for your support and participation in helping the S.A.D.D. organization in its prevention efforts.

Lenore Rosencrans
S.A.D.D. Bi-county coordinator

Please pardon our remodeling

You'll notice some different type styles and layout in this week's Dallas Post. That's because we are in the process of installing new typesetting equipment. This is necessary because under independent ownership, The Post must provide finished pages to its printer. Previously, The Post was produced entirely at the facilities of the

Press-Enterprise in Bloomsburg, its former owner.

While the transition will be difficult at times, in the end we will be able to give readers a more attractive and timely newspaper. Once we are fully installed, The Post will have full control of its layout and content.

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Aug. 12, 1938

Goss Manor under-goes building boom

Extensive building boom at Goss Manor Development made possible by Federal Housing Development with Lloyd McHenry directing the activity.

Dallas Borough Council names a committee to study Clarks Summit sewage system.

Civic leaders asked Luzerne County Commissioners to purchase the Dallas-Trucksville right-of-way from the traction company as the foundation for the new highway.

Arrows to end season Sunday when they play Carverton at home after securing a berth in the playoffs.

Deaths - Mrs. Elizabeth Jean Williams, Shavertown.

You could buy - Veal patties 5c ea.; potatoes 14c peck; cider vinegar 13c gal.; sugar 10 lbs. 44c.

40 Years Ago - Aug. 13, 1948

Legion will build new hall at Center Hill Rd.

Daddow Isaacs American Legion Plans to build a new home at the junction of Center Hill Road and Memorial Highway, Dallas.

A dozen or more \$12,000 to \$17,000 homes, F.H.A. approved, will be built on a new plot of land being opened along the Tunkhannock-Dallas Highway in the vicinity of Goss Manor.

Dallas Township won the Kiwanis League flag as it downed Trucksville 3-1, Friday.

Engaged - Mildred E. Price and Eugene Lavelle.

Married - Marion Heck and Alan Kunkle.

You could buy - Short ribs 45c lb.; red plums 19c lb.; Gold Seal flour \$1.69 24-lb. bag; Palmolive soap 3 bars 28c.

30 Years Ago - Aug. 15, 1958

First home opens at Haddonfield Hills

Norti Berti, Burgess of Dallas, dies during sudden heart attack.

Clifford Wilkes, Ruggles Hollow boy, drowns in Alaskan River in Fairbanks.

Lady of Lake Beauty Contest will be held this weekend at Susnet Park.

The first completed home in Haddonfield Hills, new residential area on the former Robinson property is open for inspection.

Dallas Post 672 players defeated Howard Isaacs nine 6-4.

Engaged - Ethel M. Ide and William Mims, Jr.; Viola M. Blizzard and George Crouse.

Married - Eleanor M. Ditton and T. Shepherd Moore; Shirley Meyers and Thomas M. Tobin; Marilyn Moore and Jesse A. Moffett; Ross Cressman and Thomas Saunders.

THRESHOLDS ready to begin

After 10 years of teaching good decision-making to inmates at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas, THRESHOLDS program plans its 1988 autumn sessions. Training for volunteers is scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 27-28 at Prince of Peace parish house on Main St. in Dallas. Mrs. Ingrid Prater is director. She can be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 71, Dallas, PA 18612, or by telephone at 823-9548. The actual teaching of inmates begins on Sept. 12, and runs for 10 weeks. Sister Barbara Craig, who has been active in the program from the beginning but is now on leave from her duties at the prison, says that only as many men as volunteers can be given the benefits of the program. Since it is a one-to-one program, there are always many more men asking to join it than there are volunteers to teach them.

No previous teaching experience

You could buy - Chuck roast 37c lb.; honeydew melons 39c ea.; American cheese 2 lb. loaf 89c; cranberry sauce 2 16-oz. cans 45c.

20 Years Ago - Aug. 15, 1968

John Pickett trying for Olympic spot

Minority members of Harveys Lake Borough Council voiced concern over the high cost of police protection.

Dr. Mellman announced that there are still openings for an Industrial Arts instructor and an elementary physical education instructor in the Dallas School District.

John Pickett, 17, Demunds Road, Dallas, also aimed for the Olympics, churned his kayak for three firsts and two seconds at the Canoe Racing Championship Regatta, Harriman State Park, N.Y.

R. Spencer Martin, Rotary Club president, announced that the sixth annual Rotary Fall Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15, on the Lehman Horse Show Grounds.

4-H Light horse and Pony clubs to compete in County Roundup, Aug. 17, at the Lehman Horse Show Grounds.

You could buy - Young turkeys 39c lb.; nectarines 2 lbs. 49c; elbow macaroni 2lb. pkg. 43c; dry liquid detergent 14oz. bot. 44c.

10 Years Ago - Aug. 10, 1978

Harveys Lake turns down boat launch

Harveys Lake Borough council voted to turn aside Back Mountain TV Cable and award the service to Gamma Communications. Council president Robert DeRemer said awarding the franchise to Gamma may be tested.

Lake Borough rebuffs the offer of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission to turn over the boat launching site to the borough at last Thursday's meeting.

The Annual Country Carnival of the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Association and the Ladies Auxiliary will be held Sept. 1, 2 and 3 at the Back Mountain Library Auction Grounds.

Dallas Township hopes to pass garbage ordinance Sept. 5.

Jackson township Planning Commission submitted the recently adopted zoning ordinance, comprehensive plan, capital improvements program, sub[division] and land development ordinances and zoning maps to the supervisors.

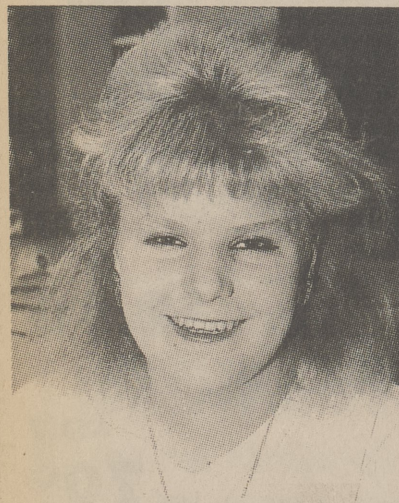
Engaged - Glenda Wagner and Army S/Sgt. John William Chambers Akers.

Married - Ruth Lewis and Capt. Gerald Alborn.

You could buy - Chicken breasts 99c lb.; frozen orange juice 12-oz. can 75c; celery 69c bch.; Viva towels 65c lg. roll.

Only Yesterday is compiled by Charlot N. Denmon

The Post asks: "Do you think recycling is worth the effort?"



Michelle Rusinko

Michelle Rusinko
Student
Lehman
"Yes, I think it is because that way it saves money on garbage collections and dumping."



Karen Lapallo

Karen Lapallo
Student
Trucksville
"Yes, I've been collecting aluminum cans from friends, neighbors, the streets and school yards for about 4 months and I think it's worth the effort. I haven't cashed them in yet so I don't know yet what my profits will be."



Angie Lapallo

Angie Lapallo
Student
Swyersville
"Yes, my cousin wanted my father's cans and now seeing her collecting and the fun she has I'm going to start collecting my own."



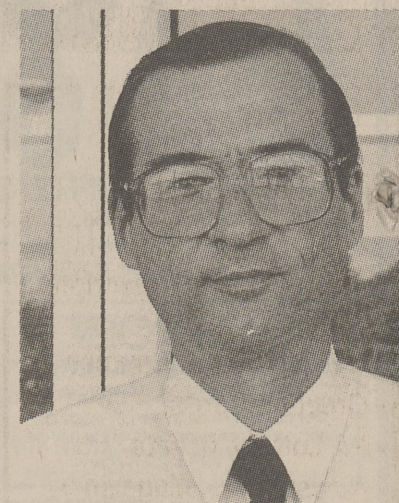
Carole Paxton

Carole Paxton
Clerical Dallas School
Shavertown
"Definitely, yes, our landfills are getting far too overcrowded, and of course there's the cost. Our garbage collection costs are twice as high as Wilkes-Barre, we pay \$60.00 quarterly."



Kevin Kadra

Kevin Kadra
Cook
Nanticoke
"Yes, I think it saves our natural resources. I also think there should be a deposit. If there were a 5 cents deposit on cans and bottles you wouldn't see them laying all over."



Tom Williams

Tom Williams
Salesman
Wilkes-Barre
"Yes, I think we waste too much. I think people should be more conscious."