

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Luzerne County Fair was a great event

You missed a real treat if you didn't attend this past weekend's 26th annual Luzerne County Fair. There was something for everyone, from agricultural exhibits to carnival rides and games; a horse show to exhibits of tractors (which exhibitors still allow young children to ride); the crowning of a queen to more great food than anyone could manage to eat in only one weekend.

Our compliments to the organizers and planners of this fine event. The care that goes into its planning was evident in many ways, not least of which was the cleanliness and good mechanical condition of the rides and games. It would have been easy for the organizers to have cut corners a bit by contracting a less attractive midway. But they didn't, and the result was a wholesome atmosphere with which parents could feel secure.

The weather even cooperated this year, as each day was dry and comfortable. It was a great time. We can't wait for next year.

Grotto will be missed

The destruction of Grotto Pizza by fire last week has left a void in the economic and social community of Harveys Lake. Joe Paglianite had built a fine reputation for a lot more than good pizza over the 32 years he had operated the landmark business. His habit of hiring young people who wouldn't otherwise have found work was well known in the area. Many of Grotto's employee's were deeply affected by not only the loss of their work, but the loss of the atmosphere that people there worked in.

The Grotto was also a social center of sorts for the community, with friends and families meeting there to enjoy the food and good company. Service organizations and clubs held many affairs there, also.

The good news is that Joe's Grotto will be back. Mr. Paglianite plans to rebuild on the present site, reopening in the Spring. We wish him all speed in that task. We know everyone in the community does, too.

"Minor sports" are just as important as majors

While most sports fans are closely following the fortunes of their favorite high school, college or professional football teams this time of year, hundreds of young athletes are participating in other, less well publicized sports. They include field hockey, cross country, soccer, golf and many more.

You won't find thousands, or even hundreds, of fans where these events are staged. And you'll seldom see the results of their contests on the front of the sports pages. But they are real sports nonetheless, requiring determination, skill and practice to succeed. Participants in them enjoy the same thrill of victory and suffer the same agony of defeat that big-time athletes do.

We congratulate the young people who give their best in their favorite sport. While newspapers probably won't publish special field hockey sections soon, we hope they all know that their efforts are recognized by their schools, parents and communities.

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 authenticity. We will not publish anonymous letters. Send letters to: The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas PA 18612. Letters received by Noon on Monday may be included in that week's issue.

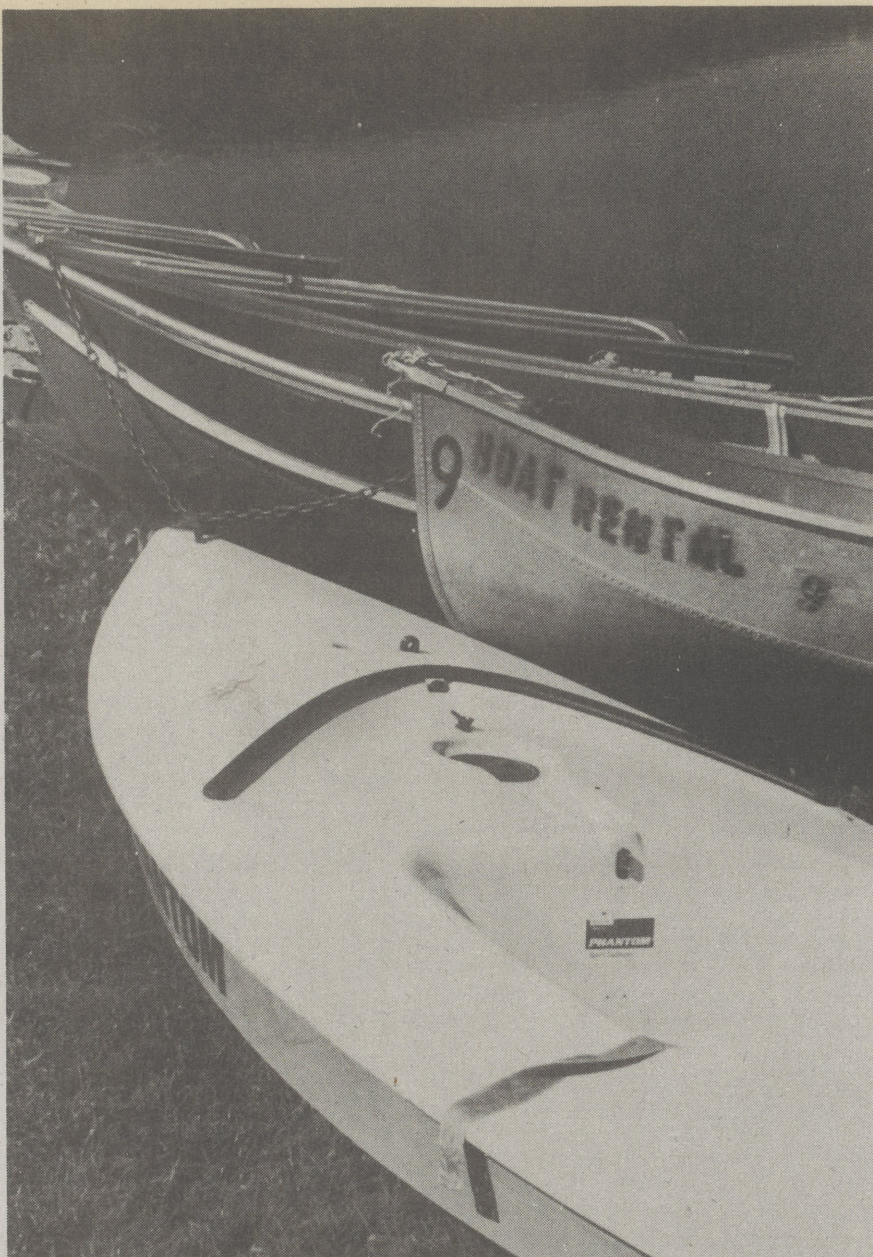
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Where have all the boaters gone?

Boats beached at Francis Slocum State Park remember summer days and activity. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Opinion

Commercial development should be controlled, too

BY HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

Corridor development permeates the heart and soul of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Along the major highway arteries of the region are found much of the commercial development which is often labeled strip commerce. Associated with this is traffic congestion, and extensive egress and ingress, points which create highway safety problems, and often presents a false image of what the region is really like.

This corridor development has many examples. Route 309, in the Back Mountain Area of Luzerne County, has experienced much change in the last decade, as a result of new commercial growth, and the startling increase in population and development. While the problems of congestion and left hand turns off the highway have been around for a long time, it was not until recently that steps were taken in an attempt to improve safety conditions on the roadway.

This example is multiplied many times over throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. It is further aggravated by highways which are split by municipal boundary lines, in which a single highway contains development represented by three or four municipalities. Such is the case in the Back Mountain, with Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township, having municipal jurisdiction along the Route 309 corridor.

In Lackawanna County, the most famous example of strip commercial development is Route 6, between Scranton and Carbondale.

Another example is the East End of Wilkes-Barre, along Route 315, which has undergone significant strip commercial development, but

in recent years has experienced a cluster of shopping centers. While ingress and egress is controlled, the amount of traffic pouring out to Route 315 is of immense nature.

These characteristics are not unique to Northeastern Pennsylvania. Any community, area, or region of sufficient size, will face situations similar to the above examples. What can be done to control and mitigate adverse results from corridor development? One possible response is planned commercial development, which includes cooperative planning and zoning techniques, to limit development along existing or expected congested highways, so that a uniform system of control is applied. Similarly, the possibility exists to direct and shape development within planned commercial clusters, to avoid strip commercial activity from taking place. Techniques such as these have been proposed in many urban and suburban type municipalities, such as those in Southeastern Pennsylvania, where development over the last 30 years has continued at a strong and hectic pace. Through the cooperative efforts of municipalities, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and a variety of other public and private sector agencies and officials, the growing trend toward strip commerce or corridor development, can be more effectively controlled than heretofore has been the case. Agencies such as the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs, county planning commissions and others, can be of assistance in helping to provide new techniques for controlling and shaping the use of land in Northeastern Pennsylvania and its constituent municipalities.

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Sept. 16, 1938 Lake-Lehman High School to cost \$100M

Fate of the proposed \$100,000 Lake-Lehman High School rests with the voters prepared to go to the polls September 23, to vote on proposed \$55,000 bond issue to finance the building.

L.A. McHenry reported that at least 25 owners intend to build homes on their property in Goss Manor.

Dallas Borough School directors authorized the purchase of band supplies for use by band members.

Dallas Arrows tangle with Vernon Sunday in the championship series for the league pennant.

Dallas Junior Woman's Club opened its new year with dinner at Tally Ho Grill in Dallas.

Kingston Township High School football coach Walter Hicks will depend on a light, fast team to seek the championship this season.

You could buy - Pink salmon, tall can 10c; cheese 23c lb.; grapes 2 lbs. 15c; sugar 10 lbs. 45c.

40 Years Ago - Sept. 17, 1948 Contract awarded for 9 houses at Goss Manor

Natona's real estate subsidiary awarded \$100,000 for nine new houses to be constructed in Dallas Township by Douglas Kulp, Goss Manor, building contractor.

Bobby Rice of Orchard Farm is proud of his artificially bred calf which won second place among artificially bred Ayrshires at NEPA Field Day at Tunkhannock.

Three hundred dairymen at Lehman denounced the milk control commission because of their price control actions.

Jackson nine defeated Riverside 9-2 in the semi-final playoffs Sunday.

Married - Helen Ruth Frick and Fred G. Wolverson Jr.; Rita Brayford and Donald Robins.

You could buy - Hams 59c lb.; potatoes 49c peck; bread 13c lg. loaf; coffee 43c lb.

30 Years Ago - Sept. 19, 1958 Norti Berti scholarship fund established

Scholarship fund established in memory of late Norti Berti to be held by the trust department of Dallas Branch of Miners National Bank.

Paul J. Klug, Church Street, Dallas and Fred A. Shoop, Kingston, purchased the 114-acre Meyers Estate opposite the "Maples" on Upper Demunds Road.

Contract was awarded to Raymond R. Hedden Monday night to build an annex to Shavertown Methodist Church.

Revamped Dallas football team will meet Tunkhannock Tigers in season opener in tonight's game.

Playing at Dallas Outdoor Theatre - "No Time For Sergeants" with Andy Griffith, also "The Last of the Fast Guns", with Jock Mahoney, Gilbert Rowland.

Married - Julia Skopic and Vernon Crispell; Marianne Parsons and Walter Hennebaul.

You could buy - Leg of Lamb 63c lb.; carrots 2 pkgs. 19c; ice cream 87c 1/2 gal.; frozen broccoli spears 2 10-oz. pkgs. 39c.

20 Years Ago - Sept. 19, 1968 Monsignor Kane honored at dinner

Open House at the new addition to Dallas High School is Sunday, Sept. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Orientation week for freshmen at Hayfield, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus began Monday with a general assembly.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor F.A. Kane was given an ovation by his parishioners Saturday night at a dinner in his honor at Gate of Heaven signifying their delight at his elevation to the status of Prelate of Honor.

Dallas Mountainers under Coach Jack Jones defeated the Northwest Rangers 19-6 in the opening game of the season.

John Pickett heads for Denver on his way to the Olympics in Mexico. Engaged - Gail Leslie Hughes and William E. Simpson, Jr.

Married - Elaine Hunt and William H. Glahn Jr.; Linda Shonk and Stanley S. Scott.

You could buy - Round steak 99c lb.; sweet potatoes 3 lbs. 29c; orange juice 41c 46-oz.; coffee 73c lb.

10 Years Ago - Sept. 21, 1978 Dallas Township asks volunteers for park

Dallas Borough Council issues stop work order against the construction of the new dental offices on Route 309 until the builders come before council and make arrangements about tearing up the road and determining which property is owned by them.

Kingston Township supervisors made it apparent that they are displeased with the amount of time needed by Kabeschat Construction Company to complete the addition to the municipal building.

Dallas Township supervisors urge cooperation of volunteers to help in having the recreational park ready for ice skating this winter.

Sinfonia da Camera begins its new season.

Knights trounce Mountaineers 42-12 and take the "Old Shoe".

Two hundred and fifty youths turned out for the newly-organized Back Mountain Soccer Association. Boys and girls between the ages of nine and 17 registered Saturday.

You could buy - Eye roast \$1.99 lb.; McIntosh apples 3-lb. bag 79c; spaghetti 2 16-oz. pkgs. 79c; Dawn dish detergent 48-oz. \$1.69.

Girl Scouts registration Sunday

Leaders and service personnel of Shavertown/Trucksville Neighborhood 25 of Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council recently held their organizational meeting at the home of Mrs. Rosemarie Kravits in Trucksville. A flag ceremony under the direction of Pat Robinson opened the meeting. Plans for the coming year were made and new troop leaders were introduced.

Girls in the Shavertown/Trucksville area in Kindergarten through Senior High School interested in becoming Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to learn more about Girl Scouting in the Back Mountain at a registration program to be held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18, between 1 and 3 p.m. in the Trucksville United Methodist Church Educational Building. Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior program levels will be represented by displays and activities

under the coordination of Jamie Kozemko and other troop leaders from the Shavertown/Trucksville area. Information about meeting places and times will be available about the two Daisy troops, the five Brownie troops, three Junior troops, the two Cadette troops, and the Senior troop. Daisy Girl Scouts are Kindergarten girls enjoying their first Scout experience; Brownies are girls in first through third grades; Junior Girl Scouts, fourth through sixth grades; Cadette Girl Scouts, seventh through ninth grades; and Senior Girl Scouts, 10th through 12th grades. All the age levels have available space and welcome new Scouts.

For further information on Girl Scouting in Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council, contact the office at 829-2631.

The Post asks: What do you like to do best at the fair?



Lesley Abromovage

Lesley Abromovage, 14
Student
Wyoming
"Look for the boys, even though I'm already taken."



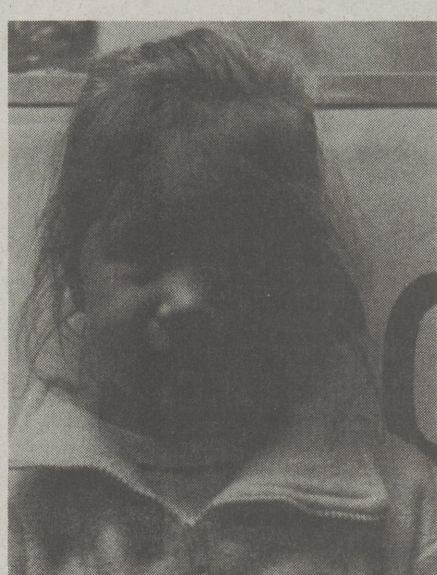
Marla Rostock

Marla Rostock, 14
Student
Sweet Valley
"Look for the boys with my best friend Lesley."



Alison Cavanaugh

Alison Cavanaugh, 8
Student
Wilkes-Barre
"I like to see all the animals, and I like the food."



Cristin Cavanaugh

Cristin Cavanaugh, 4
Wilkes-Barre
"I like going on all the rides."



Melissa Titus

Melissa Titus, 4
Dallas
"Pony rides and fast rides."