

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Litter is a blight on our area and ourselves

How often has this happened to you: A friend returns from a trip to just about any other part of the country, and remarks, "It was so clean there. There was hardly any litter beside the roads." If you are like most of us, this conversation has occurred more than once.

There are many explanations for why the roads and parks in this region are so loaded with trash, but none of them justify our continued brushing aside of the problem. While some might argue that there are more important things to be concerned about, we think cleaning up our public areas is a priority. The unsightliness of many of our roadsides is evidence of our low esthetic standards. Spoiling one of region's greatest resources - its natural beauty - is a sign that we don't have great enough respect for ourselves. After all, we're the ones who have to look at the trash every day.

The economic development people will give us a more pragmatic reason to clean up our act; visitors from other states (those places our friends went on their trip), are uncomfortable with our untidyness, and this may have an effect on their decision about whether or not to locate here.

But these arguments are all one and the same. By despoiling our environment as we do, we despoil ourselves. The place and reason to start cleaning up are in ourselves and our families; habits of cleanliness are learned like any others.

Beyond our individual contributions, the government must work to develop laws and regulations that create incentives for cleanliness. Many states now have bottle bills requiring containers to be returnable. This legislation has worked wonders in many cases, with a minimal disruption of the economy. In other places, anti-litter laws carry stiff penalties, and in some cases there are rewards for turning in a litterer just as there are for other crimes.

We urge the authorities, state and local, to get to work soon on legislation that will help to clean up our state and region. And we also salute all private efforts to eliminate the blight of trash and litter from our sight.

Get more ideas before spending school money

We applaud the Dallas School Board's decision to postpone committing itself to costly renovations of the district's schools until more information is presented. And we urge them to seek additional proposals before making a final decision.

We are uncomfortable with the notion that because one architect has been working on the proposal for some time, other firms needn't be asked to submit plans. This is not because we have any reason to think anything untoward is going on, but because we think every alternative should be explored when public monies are being spent. That simply can't happen if only one vendor is in the running.

We have heard nothing that indicates a quick decision on the work is necessary, and look forward to seeing the Board take a closer look at this important matter.

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: 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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'Tis the last rose of summer, left blooming alone. All her lovely companions are faded and gone. An old Irish air. (Photo by Charlotte Bartzek)

WVIA-TV will show program on elder abuse

Elder Abuse: A Family Secret will air Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 9 p.m. on WVIA TV, Channel 44 and repeated on Sunday, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.

A CLOSER LOOK: ELDER ABUSE is a television outreach program which explores the problems of elder abuse and takes a look at its causes. The WVIA production will air on member stations of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network (PPTN).

In the program, viewers learn how to identify cases of abuse, as well as gain insight into how abuse can be prevented. The response to the problem by government and the community is also highlighted.

The special features the Metamorphosis Performing Company, a well-known theater group, role playing various aspects of elder abuse. Each play is followed by discussion from a panel of experts.

The panel includes: Dr. Linda M. Rhodes, Pennsylvania Secretary of Aging; Elizabeth Capezuti, chairperson of the Philadelphia Elder Abuse Task force and a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing; and Joan Davitt, chairperson of the Pennsylvania Elder Abuse Prevention Project.

Moderator for the discussion is Kathy McLaughlin, an award-winning news anchorwoman.

Back Mountain Library announces upcoming events

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, announces the following upcoming events.

On October 7 and 8, the library will be holding an Octoberfest. It will be held on the library grounds. There will be an auction, vendors, food booth, book store and a flea market on Saturday. The auction will be mostly antiques and new items. It starts on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, the flea market will be held during the day and the auction will begin at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in a space for the flea market, please contact the library at 675-1182. It will be a fun Octoberfest.

On December 8, the library will hold a Christmas Dinner Dance. The dance will be held at The Barn at Newberry Estates, Dallas. It begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, a buffet, a band for dancing and a chip bar. The cost is \$25

per person. This is by invitation only, so please contact the library to get your invitation sent to you.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is proud to serve the people and hope that everyone will try to attend these functions. Your support is needed.

Teddy bear Day at Bay Window Shop

The Bay Window Shop, 100 E. Overbrook Rd., will have their fifth annual Teddy Bear Day on Sunday, Sept. 25. Visitors will be enchanted by the specially decorated Teddy Bear House, and tempted to sample the home-baked goodies and Hillside Dairy Ice Cream. Before you leave you'll want to take a chance on the raffle, with the hope of giving a permanent home to our large cuddly puppet bear.

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Sept. 23, 1938

Buses to replace streetcars for travel

Lehman Township voters will decide today whether the school district should be authorized to increase indebtedness by \$55,000 to construct a new high school building.

A fleet of modern 25-pasenger buses are ready to take the place of the street cars which have linked Wyoming Valley and Dallas for more than 40 years.

The two story building adjacent to the post office, Main Street, Dallas, occupied by Tally Ho Grille and Dallas Pharmacy was sold by Warden Kunkle to A.C. Devens.

Lehman football players will test their ability in today's open contest, according to the football coach Malcolm MacCullough who is aiming for the title this season.

Married - Pauline Neyhart and Omar Michaels; Jane Bevan and Elmer Frantz.

You could buy - Crisco 19c lb. can; grapefruit 5c ea.; preserves 31c 2-lb. jar; jellow desserts 3 pkgs. 14c.

40 Years Ago - Sept. 24, 1948

Dallas unemployment office closes as claims drop

Masons honored William Evans, Lawn Street, Shavertown, in recognition of 50 years of active service and membership in the F.&A.M. Lodge, Ashley.

Dallas Township Athletic Association plans a two-day fair. Copperhead snake strikes a valuable Coon dog owned by Jack Baloch near Trucksville.

Pennsylvania State Employment Service closes its Dallas office because weekly claims drop from 300 to 68.

Jackson team enters the finals of the Anthracite League by defeating Riverside two consecutive games.

Married - Annabelle Crispell and Harold Eshelman.

You could buy - Steaks 79c lb.; cauliflower 23c hd.; sharp cheese 65c lb.; coffee 40c lb.

30 Years Ago - Sept. 26, 1958

Acme market opens in Shavertown

Architects lay plans for new Dallas Senior High School.

Acme opens its newest store in Shavertown in the Back Mountain Shopping Center. The store will remain open at night until 9 p.m.

College Misericordia art course is opened to Back Mountain residents. Lehman and Westmoreland will

meet tomorrow in the Back Mountain "Old Shoe" game.

"Twilight For The Gods" with Rock Hudson and Cyd Charisse plays at Dallas Outdoor Theatre.

Married - Patricia Ferry and William Richardson.

You could buy - Ground beef 3 lbs. \$1; mushrooms 8-oz. can 35c; bananas 2 lbs. 25c; Fordhook limas 4 10-oz. frozen pkgs. 89c.

20 Years Ago - Sept. 26, 1968

Eastern Star burns mortgage

Robert Brown of Dallas is sworn in by Justice of Peace Mrs. Margaret Moen, as mayor of Dallas Borough.

Leighton Scott, former managing editor of The Dallas Post, leaves for England where he will study at Cambridge University.

Members of Dallas Chapter Eastern Star held a burning of the mortgage ceremony, Sunday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. in their new building.

Dallas Attorney Burt B. Lewis observes 60 years of practice.

John Pickett trains for Olympics in Mexico City.

Engaged - Sherry Lee Gutzler and Lt. W.B. Williams; Sandra Hinkle and Frederick Joseph Earl; Linda L. Seever and Howard L. Olver.

Married - Donna Lee Wesley and Russell Zimmerman.

You could buy - Pork loins 49c lb.; salad dressing 49c qt. jar; onions 69c 10-lb. bag; cream cheese 2 3-oz. pkgs. 25c.

10 Years Ago - Sept. 28, 1978

Mark Carter wins bronze medal

Lake-Lehman Knights band scores again at Eagles game.

Lake Taxpayers Association agreed to send to the borough council a letter urging purchase of a breathalyzer and an application for a certificate of incorporation.

Lehman Township patrolman Larry Oney has been granted an extension from the Pennsylvania State Police effective until March 19, 1979.

Leroy Roberts recalls the bands of Fernbrook Park where he worked 1937 through 1941.

Dallas Rotarians will hold annual turkey dinner at the Dallas High School.

Mark Carter wins bronze medal in the 1978 National A.A.U. Junior Olympics Multisports Center on the campus of the University of Nebraska.

Married - Cheryl Cotton and Alan E. Brown.

You could buy - Roasting chickens 49c lb.; Delicious apples 3 lbs. \$1; frozen orange juice 16-oz. can \$1.09; Salada tea bags 100's \$1.79.

Bike-A-Thon for St. Jude's Hospital Sunday in Dallas

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced recently that Hugh King has agreed to be the Coordinator of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-A-Thon which is to be held in Dallas on Sunday, Sept. 25.

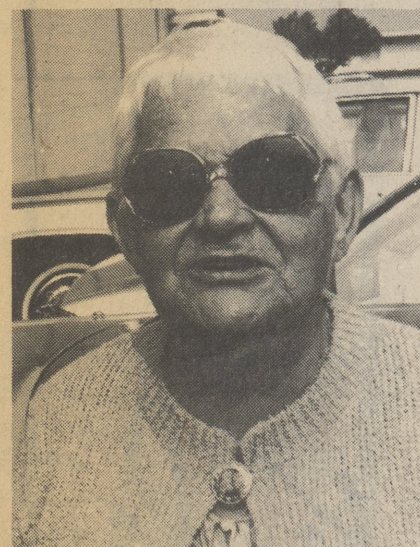
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas. The institution opened its doors to the public in 1962 to combat catastrophic diseases which afflict children. St. Jude Hospital is non-sectarian, non-discriminatory, and provides total medical care to all patients.

All findings and information gained at the Hospital are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world. Thanks to St. Jude Hospital, children who have leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, sickle-cell anemia, and other child-killing diseases now have a better chance to live.

This year's Bike-A-Thon program is dedicated to Brian McCollister. Brian, a native of Louisiana, was diagnosed with leukemia in October, 1984. Since that time, Brian has come to St. Jude every six weeks for treatment, and every 12 weeks for a bone marrow test and spinal tap to make sure his cancer stays in remission. While at home, Brian receives oral medication daily. Brian is a living example of the research, patient care, and educational program of this internationally recognized hospital.

We sincerely appreciate the concern that Hugh King has for our work, and we hope that the citizens of the Back Mountain Area will support the Bike-A-Thon this Fall to help provide the funds needed to preserve the world's greatest asset... "our children".

The Post asks: "Have the Olympics become too commercialized?"



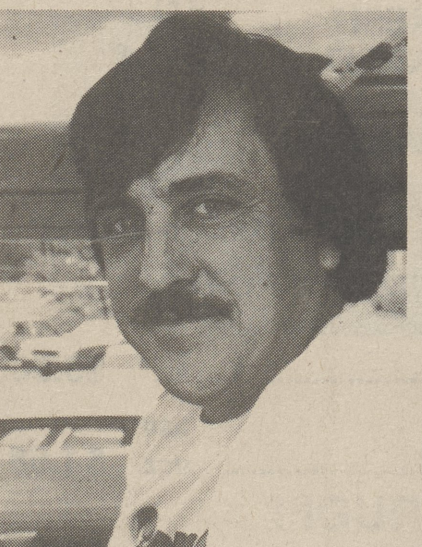
Irene Trifender
Retired
Dallas
"I'll be truthful with you, I'm not much for sports and I think it's a little too much."



David Zim
Student
Harveys Lake
"Yeah, because on medicines and T-shirts all kinds of merchandise you see sponsored by U.S. Olympics."



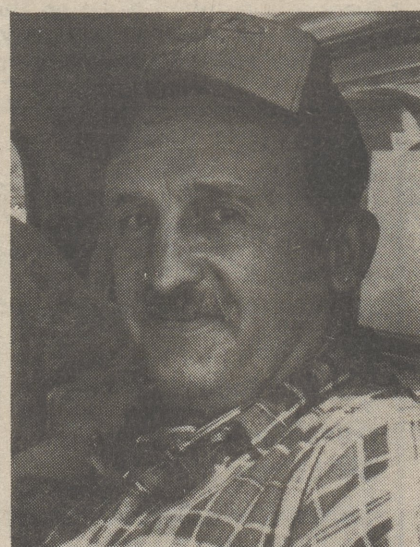
Mrs. Harmon
Housewife
Pikes Creek
"I'm not much of a sports person, and I don't enjoy watching sports. It makes me mad that they cut the T.V. programs I enjoy watching, they cut all the channels, even pay T.V. I'm home all day and rely on T.V. for company and I don't like having my shows cut."



Charles Stockage
Procter & Gamble Employee
Sweet Valley
"Probably not. I'm sure they need money and they get money through commercials. Someone's got to pay the way."



Melissa Nokraz
Student
Dallas
"No."



Robert Boring
Construction worker
Dallas
"Not really, how often does it happen. But then I'm not home all day so I don't really know."