

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Preservation is important to region

Two examples of efforts to preserve the Back Mountain's past are featured in this week's issue of The Dallas Post. While they differ greatly in their motivation, each will assure that a part of the region's heritage will be visible to future generations.

Sarah "Missy" Turner is capturing visions of the landscape as we know them now, so that a record is available in the future. She uses her art to illustrate both the existing natural beauty and the inevitability of change. As she works to fulfill her goals as an artist she is doing a valuable service to the community.

We like to see this kind of activity. A sense of history is important to individuals and to the region as a whole, and not enough has been done to report and preserve it here. Missy Turner's work will help to correct that. The Dallas Post will carry items of historic interest from time to time, and readers who wish to contribute should feel free to contact us with ideas for stories.

Jim Harkins is preserving something in a different way, for a different reason. His effort to restore and reopen the Beaumont Inn will give area residents the opportunity to experience a bit of what the region was like in the past. The Inn should be a fine new addition to the Back Mountain's social life.

We are pleased that Harkins has chosen to restore an existing building, rather than knock it down and build a new one. Preservation of architectural styles from different eras adds to the visual appeal of the area - we are more than shopping plazas and housing developments alone.

We would like to see more recording and preservation of the area's history done. Perhaps these two very different projects will spark others of the same nature.

Water commission is a step forward

Congratulations to the members of the ad hoc committee formed to study the Back Mountain's water resources. This group took only three months to come to the conclusion that a regional water commission is needed, and to create one. The water commission now joins other organizations like the Dallas Area Municipal Authority and the Back Mountain Communications Center as evidence that regional cooperation can take place here.

We wish the commission well in their mission to solve existing concerns about water quality and quantity, and to plan for future needs. We hope their work is done as efficiently as was the ad hoc committee's was.

Autumn splendor

Can any of the other seasons compare to Autumn? We don't think so. Not too cold, nor too hot, with clear air and brightly colored leaves, Autumn brings the harvest season beautifully to a close as it prepares us for the winter to come.

There's hardly any other outdoor experience as satisfying or relaxing as a stroll down a country lane during this season, viewing leaves ablaze with color. We hope everyone gets the chance to enjoy at least one such walk soon.

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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Water pump

This old-fashioned water pump reminds one of days past. (Photo by Linda Shurmaitis)

Opinion

BY HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

An exciting opportunity exists in Northeastern Pennsylvania, including the Back Mountain, to establish a Municipal Partners Program. Such an idea does not cost money, but it does cost time and creative energy by which one municipality enters into a partnership agreement with an adjoining municipality for the purpose of carrying out cooperative activities, not in a traditional sense, but in a conscious day by day and week by week commitment, in which municipal boundary lines are disregarded for the benefit of all. Imagine what it would be like if each municipality entered into a partners agreement with adjoining municipalities, and the concept spread throughout Luzerne County and all of Northeastern Pennsylvania. A declaration of interdependence would be the keystone behind which Back Mountain municipalities, and other places in Northeastern Pennsylvania, share a vision of the 1990's and beyond, as public and private sector organizations enhance their capability by combining their ideas, resources and technical support, municipality by municipality. A Municipal Partners Program becomes the basis for communicating what is best for all, rather than what is best for a single entity.

At the second town meeting sponsored by Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus, examples were cited as to cooperative relationships between two or more municipalities in the Back Mountain. Imagine if this process were extended the way it should, and all municipalities exchanged written partner agreements, and assigned an individual who would be responsible for seeing to it that these agreements were more than paper arrangements. It would excite the people and institutions of Northeastern Pennsylvania, both public and private, and enable the Back Mountain and all of Northeastern Pennsylvania, to set an initiative

unlike any seen in the United States.

There is help available to establish a Municipal Partners Program. The Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP), over many years, has proposed that the internationally renowned Sister Cities Program be utilized in the region. A Municipal Partners Program would be a domestic version of Sister Cities. EDCNP, the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs and others can be helpful in stimulating the Partners process.

The Municipal Partners Program can be considered closely aligned to the "adopt a school" program. The latter provides opportunities for the private sector to participate in specific projects important to school districts which cannot be funded within the context of a school district budget. Such programs have been created in many of the largest school districts in the nation, and some smaller ones as well. A Partners Program is almost an adoption process by which one municipality links its future to adjoining neighbor municipalities and creates a stronger base and foundation upon which all can improve their planning, land development, and economic development decision-making.

Municipalities have a tremendous responsibility to work with one another for the betterment of all. The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus Back Mountain Planning process, much like the pioneering Hartford process initiated in the 1960's to help revitalize the Greater Hartford Connecticut Area, is a unique adventure which benefits all citizens and officials in the Back Mountain. A Municipal Partners Program is a logical adjunct which can rivet attention on the assets of cooperation and communications which many municipalities can enjoy as a result of the adoption and maintenance Partners theme. All citizens should encourage municipal governing officials to support this approach.

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Sept. 30, 1938

Richardson Dodge agency opens

Monroe and Northmoreland Townships announced they would join to build a new high school at Beaumont at a cost of \$100,000.

Trolley wire over the right-of-way between Luzerne and Division Street, Kingston were removed this week and Dallas street cars were rerouted over Bennett Street, Luzerene preparatory to the start of the new highway.

Coach Walter Hicks' Kingston Township 11 opens its season tomorrow against Clarks Summit.

Championship game between Vernon and Dallas ended in a fist fight over an umpire's call in the bottom half of the seventh inning with the score tied 7-7. The game will be played over the next week.

L.L. Richardson and Andrew Lumley announced the opening of a Dodge and Plymouth agency in the former Besecker building, Dallas.

Engaged - Irene Belford and Rev. Robert W. Lancaster; Eleanor Machel and William Brickel.

You could buy - Pork shoulders 13c lb.; celery 5c bnch; fruit preserves 2 12-oz. jars 25c; corn flakes 2 pkgs. 13c.

40 Years Ago - Oct. 1, 1948

First night football game is held

Daddow-Isaacs American Legion has approved plans for a permanent plaque and inscription to be placed on the borough honor roll.

Jackson Township School board is considering imposing a tax for general school purposes on sand and gravel and crushed stone removed from, processed or sold in the township.

Kingston Township and Lehman football teams meet for the first time under the lights at Kingston stadium Saturday night.

Married - Dorothy Sullivan and Frederic Vallentri; Lillian Baer and Fred Schobert.

You could buy - Rib roast 65c lb.; cauliflower 25c hd.; margarine 41c lb.; bread 13 loaf.

30 Years Ago - Oct. 3, 1958

Methodist Church School finished

Dallas School District School Board appoints Reva Fehr as a regular English teacher in the junior high school and Joanne Biebel as a regular kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Ruth Ambrose and Mrs. Margaret Garris were appointed as substitutes.

R.E. "Pop" Neal of Goss Manor, Dallas, member of Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 Legion Post was elected head of Retreads Inc., an organization of veterans who served in World War II.

Employees of Raymon R. Hedden put the finishing touches on the exterior of the \$123,750 Sunday School building being built for Dallas Methodist Church.

Back Mountain police will attend a 24-233k course in advanced police work at Dallas Borough building. Twenty five police men attend the first two hour course held Monday night.

10K race at Misericordia October 8 will benefit American Cancer Society

"Run For Your Life", a 10K (6.2 mile) race sponsored by the Student Nurse Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP) will be held at College Misericordia, Saturday, October 8, starting at 11 a.m. from behind McHale. It is the first 10K race to be held at the college.

Six medals will be presented to first through third place in the male and female divisions. Ribbons will be presented to the first 50 finishers.

Engaged - Ethel Ide and William Mims; Mary D. Kubastl and Aaron D. Sutton; Mary Elizabeth Everts and William R. Young.

You could buy - Smoked hams 49c lb.; Bartlett pears 2 lbs. 25c; eggs 59c doz.; Miracle Whip salad dressing 59c qt. jar.

20 Years Ago - Oct. 3, 1968

New wing on high school opens

Two members of the Dallas Legion, both past commanders were winners of this year's community service award presented annually by the Legion. The first winner of the award was Howard Risley, former publisher of The Dallas Post, in 1958.

New addition of the new wing to Dallas Senior High School drew a large crowd at the Sunday Open House.

Burglars robbed Evans's Drug Store, American Legion, Huston's Feed Mill and PenPen-Fern Oil company early Wednesday morning. As far as could be determined the burglaries must have taken place from midnight on.

Sp/4 Conrad Gonzalez crashed in his helicopter near Plei Ku and his appendix ruptured from a severe blow on his side when he landed.

Lake-Lehman Coach Curry's grid-ders trounce Meyers Mohawks 24-6.

Engaged - Phyllis L. Price and Robert Bullock.

Married - Dorothy J. Eck and Daniel Mark Strauch; Helen E. Meighan and Clarence A. Randall.

You could buy - Chicken legs 59c lb.; MacIntosh apples 3-lb. bag 39c; potato chips 55c 1-lb. bag; tuna fish 2 cans 69c.

10 Years Ago - Oct. 5, 1978

Light is suggested for 309 at Offset Paper

Dallas Borough councilmen will review a revised edition of the Dallas Borough ordinance prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages in outdoor public places and vote on it at next month's meeting.

There was no riot, according to Hearstone owner Ron Post commenting on comments made in a Wilkes-Barre Sunday paper about the extent of a Sept. 21 incident on Main Street in Dallas.

Dallas Township supervisors suggest cooperative light with Dallas Borough for the intersection of Route 309 and Main street near the Offset Paperback, Fernbrook.

Jackson Township purchased a new tanker for use in the township.

Dallas Kiwanis Women feature their annual salad luncheon at Shavertown United Methodist Church.

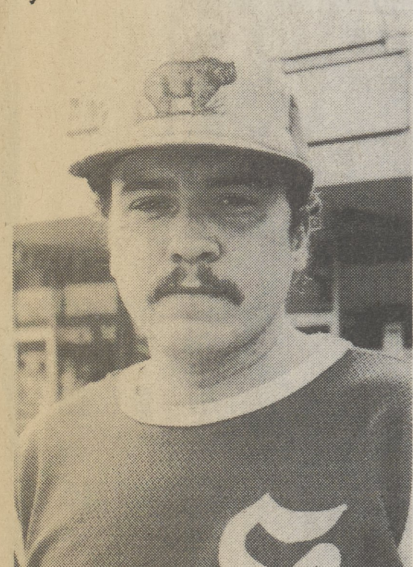
Lake-Lehman Coach Rich Gorgone said after the Wyoming game that the Warriors were so big, physical and experienced that they wore the Knights down in the second half to defeat his grid-ders 28-14.

Lake-Lehman Band wins four trophies in the 4th Annual Band Cavalcade in Harrisburg.

Engaged - Daria J. Kizis and Robert D. Considine, Jr.

You could buy - Spare ribs \$1.29 lb.; Stove Top chicken stuffing 65c 6-oz. box; tomato soup 5 10-oz. cans \$1.00; potatoes 69c 5-lb. bag.

The Post asks: "Would you test your home for Radon gas why?"



Jeff Misson
Contractor
Noxen

"I know the area has a high cancer rate, but new houses have to meet government standards. No, I think it's pointless."



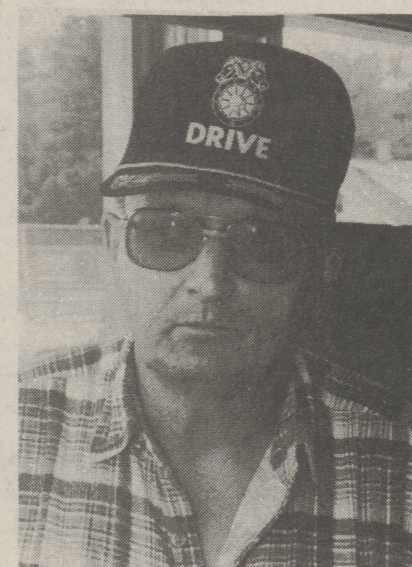
Denise Emkey
Student
Dallas

"Yes, for my children, I would test my house."



Heather DeNunzio
Student
Dallas

"Yes, I would, I think there is a danger. I would do it for my children's sake."



Almann Engle
Truck driver
Wilkes-Barre

"Yes, I would, I believe it is hazardous to your health."



Mandy Adamitz
Student
Shavertown

"Yes, I would test my home because I would like to get rid of it if I had it in my home."



Bernadine Mihal
Secretary
Shavertown

"I did cut out the coupon for the \$10.00 test kit, but I haven't used it yet because I head they may do it for free."