

# THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

### Signs of economic health are all around

One needn't look far to see the signs of a healthy economy in the Back Mountain, especially in the retail and service area.

In Dallas, three projects are underway that will result in larger or improved establishments. In the center of the borough, the building that houses Rea & Derick, Tom Ochman Coins and the Jersey Shore Restaurant is being remodeled by its landlord, Lou Ruckno. The improvements will not only spruce up the site's appearance, they will also attract more business for its tenants by providing a more pleasant atmosphere for shopping.

At the intersection of routes 309 and 415, two more projects are in process. Weis Markets is expanding its store on both sides in order to add some new departments and expand existing ones, and Jim Davis is remodeling and expanding Jedidia's Restaurant with an eye toward the increased demands that a growing population will make. He hopes to add banquet facilities soon, saving some area families and organizations the trouble of going out of the area to hold large gatherings.

In Shavertown, Fred Lombardo has moved Cook's Pharmacy into brand new quarters that offer more room and better parking facilities than the old building next door. And in Trucksville, the Ruth K. Smith Real Estate office is poised for its transfer to the former Brittany House restaurant, which has been completely and handsomely remodeled.

These investments bode well for the economic future of the Back Mountain. Businesses do not make such commitments lightly; in the case of some, extensive research is conducted before such expenditures are made. Obviously these cases mean the owners have confidence in the region and its people. Certainly, the pending connection of route 309 to interstate 81 and the anticipated growth in demand for housing and commercial space was a large factor in some of these decisions to expand. As the completion date for that project nears, we can expect increasing investments like the ones above.

We are pleased that local and regional businesspeople see the Back Mountain as a place to invest for the future, and we think that, with attention and effort, growth can accommodate most of the concerns raised recently by concerned citizens in this region.

### Day care needs growing

In this week's Post, Sara Lundberg profiles three day care facilities for children that now operate in the Back Mountain. While each is different, they all fill an increasingly important need in the lives of families.

As more couples find it necessary or desirable that both work, and as single parents become more common, day care for their children becomes essential. That need, combined with many parent's wish that their youngsters become better socialized and educated, has spawned thousands of these facilities across America. Given the rate of growth in young families in the Back Mountain, it's likely we'll see more of them here.

In this election year, the funding of day care centers has become an issue on which the candidates differ, so it would be useful for parents to check out their positions before going to the polls.

### 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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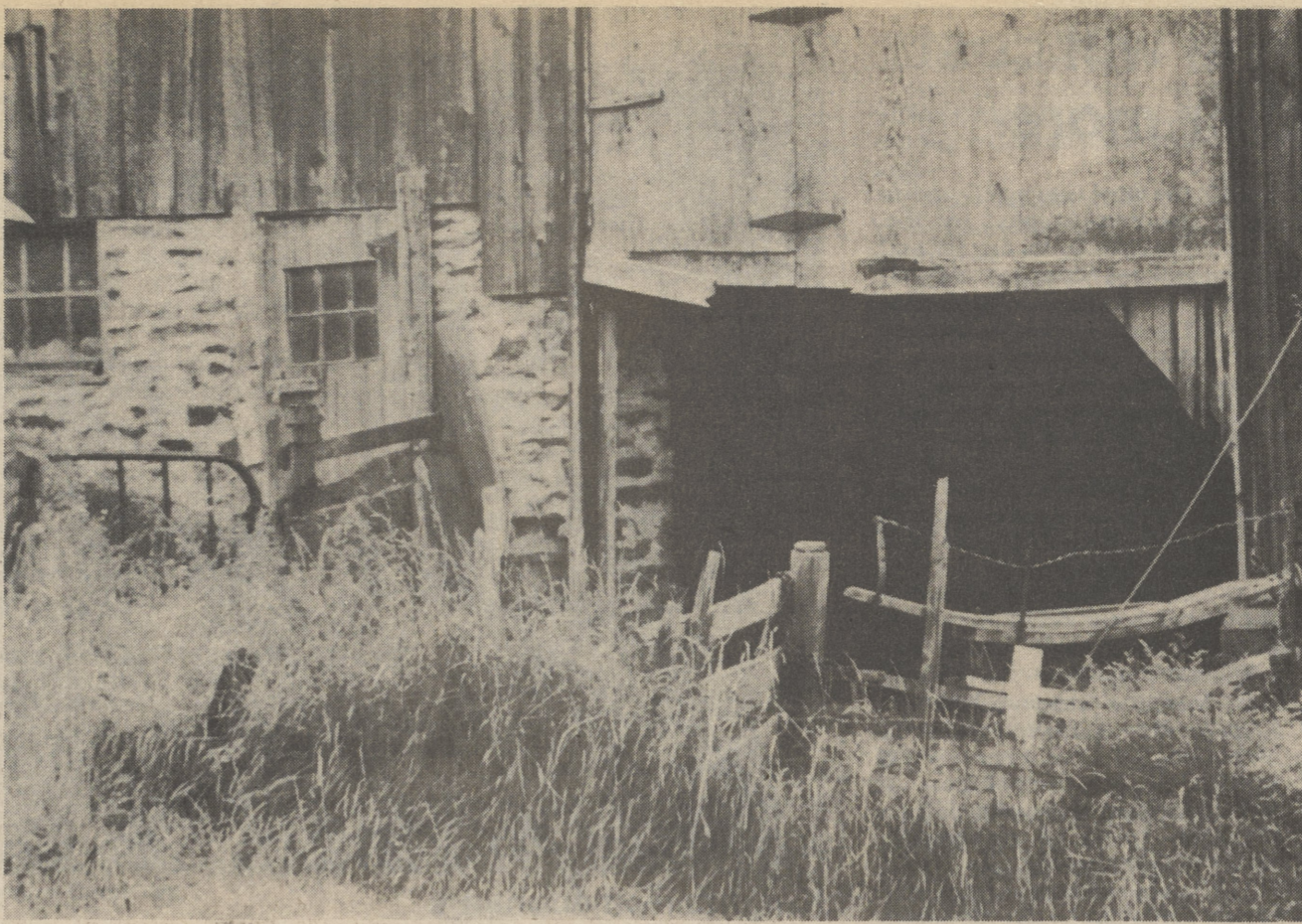
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### Welcome to the harvest

A barn along Tunkhannock Avenue in Dallas bids welcome to this fall's harvest. (Photo by Charlotte Bartzek)

### Only yesterday

#### 50 Years Ago - Oct. 21, 1938 Republicans hold 2-1 edge in registrations

New registrations give Republicans 2-1 lead in the rural and suburban areas around Dallas.

Mrs. Lloyd Kear of Dallas was installed as the new captain of the Ladies Golfers at Irem Temple Country Club.

College Misericordia whose campus was at one time a wheatfield faces the remote prospect of having to pay off a 138-year-old mortgage with 450 bushels of "good merchantable wheat", a possible but highly improbable settlement to establish a clear title to the college's 120 acres of land.

Plans by Dallas Borough to observe 60th anniversary will bring back memories of one of the stormiest feuds in 1878 when a new school was built to replace the old log schoolhouse.

Dallas Arrows won the baseball championship by defeating Vernon two out of three games in the Luzerne-Wyoming County League.

Married - Murl Bennett and Thomas Wallace.

You could buy - Pork loins 19c lb.; celery hearts 2 bchs. 15c; butter 2 lbs. 15c; Maxwell coffee 24c lb.

#### 40 Years Ago - Oct. 22, 1948 Kingston Township plans to tax signs

Many hunters take to the woods for the opening day of woodcock and dove season.

Peter Masonis of Luzerne is building a two-story brick structure with 16 rooms on the second floor just north of Kunkle on Route 309 and expects to have the hotel in operation by spring.

Kingston Township School District plans to tax signs to raise funds for financing the district's new cafeteria.

Clarence Laidler, Charles W. Lee, Walter Elston, Arch Brooks and Paul Warriner have been named to a Dallas Township zoning board to draw up a number of ordinances for approval by the supervisors and later reviewed by an appointed three-man Board of Review.

Engaged - Pearl Hopple and Bert Biggs.

You could buy - Hams 59c lb.; Tokay grapes 10c lb.; Velveeta cheese 3-lb. loaf \$1.01; sugar donuts 15c doz.

#### 30 Years Ago - Oct. 24, 1958 The Post is cited by Commonwealth

For the first time in Pennsylvania a country newspaper, The Dallas Post, received a citation from the Commonwealth for the outstanding contributions to the furtherance of traffic safety. Gov. Earl Leader presented the citation in person to The Dallas Post.

Westmoreland High School Band will lead the annual Back Mountain Halloween Parade Friday night which will form at the Commonwealth Telephone building on Lake Street, cross Memorial Highway, pass in front of the reviewing stand in front of Dallas Borough Building, down Mill Street, back up Memorial Highway to the reviewing stand where judges will select the prize winners.

Joseph Schneider, Sr. and son, Joseph operate their ham radio station on K3AEN.

Humphreys' Children's Apparel and Children's Shoes, Adam Hozempa's men's and boys suits and furnishings and Dicton's Bakery are new stores moving into the Back Mountain Shopping Center.

Engaged - Sandra Hislop and Alton R. Whittaker.

Married - Mary D. Kubastl and Aaron D. Sutton; Ethel M. Ide and William H. Mims, Jr.

Westmoreland loses 27-0 to Exeter for the local gridgers fifth consecutive loss.

You could buy - Frying or broiling chickens 27c lb.; Cortland apples 5 lbs. 29c; fresh eggs 45c doz.; frozen strawberries 16-oz. pkg. 25c.

#### 20 Years Ago - Oct. 24, 1968 Trucksville residents are without water

The current water problem in Trucksville, which has brought Department of Health action, apparently started in the Warden Street, Lower Pioneer Avenue where residents have been without water.

The long sought after Dallas Borough park and playground is underway with the letting of bids for paving the tennis courts last week.

Jackson Township Volunteer Firemen held their 21st annual turkey supper Saturday, Oct. 12.

Dallas Mountaineers defeated Plains 13-6 to win their first Wyoming Valley game of the season under Coach Jack Jones.

Mrs. Dorothy McAllister was installed as the new president of the

Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Auxiliary.

Married - Janet Vanderhoff and Lt. Keith L. Canouse; Karen Wilson and Ronald R. Walker.

You could buy - Chuck roast 59c lb.; cauliflower 29c lb.; margarine 2 1-lb. qtrs. 61c; elbow macaroni 25c lb. pkg.

#### 10 Years Ago - Oct. 25, 1978 Dallas Township park is dedicated

Harveys Lake taxpayers rap the Lake-Lehman School Board and the borough's recent decision to ask for an option to buy Sandy Beach for \$125,000.

The Governor's Justice Commission has awarded a grant of \$70,000 to the Luzerne County Police Information and Retrieval Center, according to Chief of Police Carl Miers, Dallas Township.

Dallas Township supervisors and Back Mountain Recreation Council will conduct dedication ceremonies for the Dallas Township Community Park, Sunday, Oct. 29.

Harveys Lake women plan talent auction.

Two misjudgments lost the game 13-6 to the Patriots, said Dallas coach Jack Jones.

Engaged - Sherry Lee Martin and Joseph T. Wright.

Married - Debra Philo and Gus G. Fourlas.

Lake-Lehman field hockey team defeated Meyers and Valley West to remain undefeated and continue on top in the league. The Lady Knights need to defeat Nanticoke and Coughlin to take the league title and head for states.

Dallas Booster Club faces possible disbanding.

You could buy - Chicken legs 69c lb.; white potatoes 20-lb. bag \$1.39; Reynold's wrap 3 25-foot rolls \$1.00; ice cream 99c 1/2 gal.

### "Animal Farm" at Misericordia October 27

The National Player's 40th Annual Tour will bring George Orwell's "Animal Farm" to College Misericordia's Walsh Auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

The National Player's annual presentations at Misericordia provide area residents with a rare opportunity to see an accomplished troupe which has performed around the world. This year's performance of "Animal Farm" has been praised

### Library news

### Computer seminars will be available at library

BY NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Book Club held its October meeting on Monday, the 17. Florence Crump presided at the business meeting. The 1988 Book Club has 211 members for the year with a total paid up dues of \$1,890 which has enabled the Book Club selection committee to purchase a large assortment of books on many subjects for the Book Club members. Dues for the balance of this year will be \$5.00 per member. The regular Book Club year runs from January through December.

In conjunction with National Stamp Collecting Month during October, Mrs. Jill Konnick is contemplating beginning a Junior Stamp Collecting Club to be held in the children's room at the library possibly beginning on October 29. Anyone interested in this club is welcome to contact Mrs. Rudolph, the children's librarian.

A new memorial book donated to the library is *Bonny's Big Day* by James Herriot presented by Elizabeth Lloyd in memory of Anthony V. Bogdon. James Herriot is the well-known author of many adult books about animals such as, *All Creatures Great and Small* and *All Things Wise and Wonderful*. This series of bestselling books for adults has established the author as perhaps the world's most beloved storyteller based on his stories from his experience as a country veterinarian. He has won the hearts of younger readers as well with his illustrations in children's books. Ruth Brown has done the illustrations in this new book and together they tell the unforgettable and endearing story of farmer John Skipton and his old carthorse Bonny. Though the mare has been "retired" from farmwork for years, Farmer Skipton visits her every day. When it is suggested that Bonny be entered in the Pet Show, the owner is shocked at first, but when the fair opens, the surprise will be on everyone else. This is a captivating story about the bond between people and their animals. With the illustrations capturing the rugged beauty of the Yorkshire Dales and the bustle of a country fair, this story becomes a treat for the new generation of Herriot fans.

Chuck Waite, our computer doctor, arrived this evening from Sweden and appeared at the library. He will be offering a number of short-courses and seminars on various aspects of using each of the computers now at the library. Topics covered will be: computer-based painting, word processing, MS-DOS and programming in BASIC. Anyone interested in this program is invited to call the library and leave their name and number and Chuck will be in touch.

nationally for its excellent acting and staging. "Animal Farm" explores the difficulties of sustaining an on-going social practice of "All men are created equal." Author George Orwell writes the history of one such experiment: "All animals are created equal." He spins an allegory about the almost inevitable devolution that "All animals are created equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

## The Post asks: Did the Presidential debate sway your opinion of the candidates?



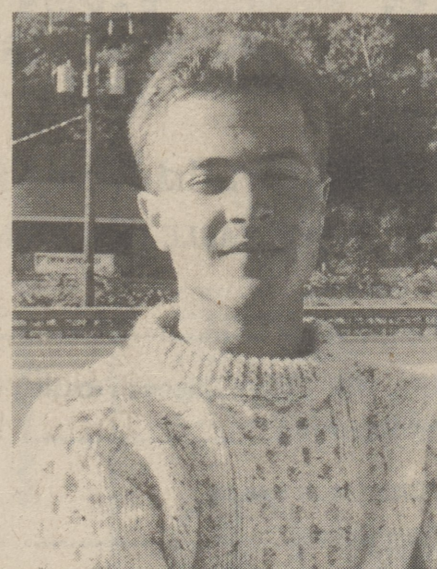
**Barry Moore**  
Truck Driver  
West Pennsylvania  
"I haven't really watched the debates as I work on the road and haven't had the opportunity."



**Barbara May**  
Self-employed  
Beaumont  
"No, I already had my mind made up."



**Sue Cawley**  
Country Club Waitress  
Trucksville  
"I didn't really watch much, I really like Bush a little better now, I was leaning toward Dukakis, but I could still be swayed."



**Mike Kirk**  
Unemployed  
Collegeville  
"Yes, it did, I think Bush kicked Dukakis' rear."



**Katrina Ruffing**  
Student  
Dallas  
"Yeah, it did because I feel Dukakis was really weak and had no support for any of his answers."