

# THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

### Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is a uniquely American holiday - one that springs from our roots as a nation. The Pilgrims of Massachusetts set aside the day to give thanks to God for a good harvest and safekeeping from the perils of the time. They had endured much in their journey to the New World and in their first days of living here.

We have moved far from the agricultural roots of those days and the early years of this nation. That may make it more difficult for us to appreciate the cycles of wind and rain, heat and drought, that had such a great effect on our forefathers. And many of us come not from Pilgrim stock but from families of later immigrants who came to work in the mines and factories of a different America.

But the idea of a Thanksgiving Day is good for all of us, regardless of background or religion, creed or color. On reflection, most of us have many things to be thankful for, but often not enough appreciation for them. Perhaps, in our modern world, we have become too busy to consider our good fortune. Or maybe we have come to feel that we'll never have enough as long as someone else has more. Whatever the case, we hope everyone who has many of the fine things in life - health, family, friends and comfortable living conditions - will find satisfaction in them on this Thanksgiving Day.

Unfortunately, not everyone in America has reason to be thankful. Despite our prosperity, the number of homeless and poverty stricken persons is at an all-time high. We think this is unconscionable in a great nation that likes to think of itself as kind and caring. And we are those things, at least many of those among us are. But for too long we have chosen to ignore the increasing number of less fortunate citizens as we have reached for ever more material comforts. On this Thanksgiving Day, let's remember those less fortunate, and more than that, let's begin to plan how we can each offer help and comfort to those who need it. That would make the day special for all of us.

### Go for the title, Dallas Moutnaineers!

At the beginning of this year's football season, we allowed that it would be great if Dallas and Lake-Lehman were to play for the conference title. Both teams were looking forward to successful campaigns, and there was a real prospect of their challenging each other for the championship.

That almost came to pass, as the Old Shoe game was very nearly the Wyoming Valley Conference B Division playoff. After that game ended in a tie, we hoped that Dallas would keep on winning and would go on to the Class II title. They took the first step in that quest Saturday with a convincing 28-7 win over Riverside, the Big 11 Conference champs.

The Mounts showed both skill and character in their victory. After giving up a touchdown to Riverside on their very first possession of the game, Dallas regrouped to hold their opponents scoreless the rest of the way, while scoring four touchdowns of their own. Several players turned in outstanding individual performances, and the coaching staff should be proud of how well-prepared their team was.

Now it's on to Danville next Saturday for the Eastern Conference title match against Danville. We wish the Mountaineers the best of luck - and the best of their talents - as they prepare for this championship game.

### 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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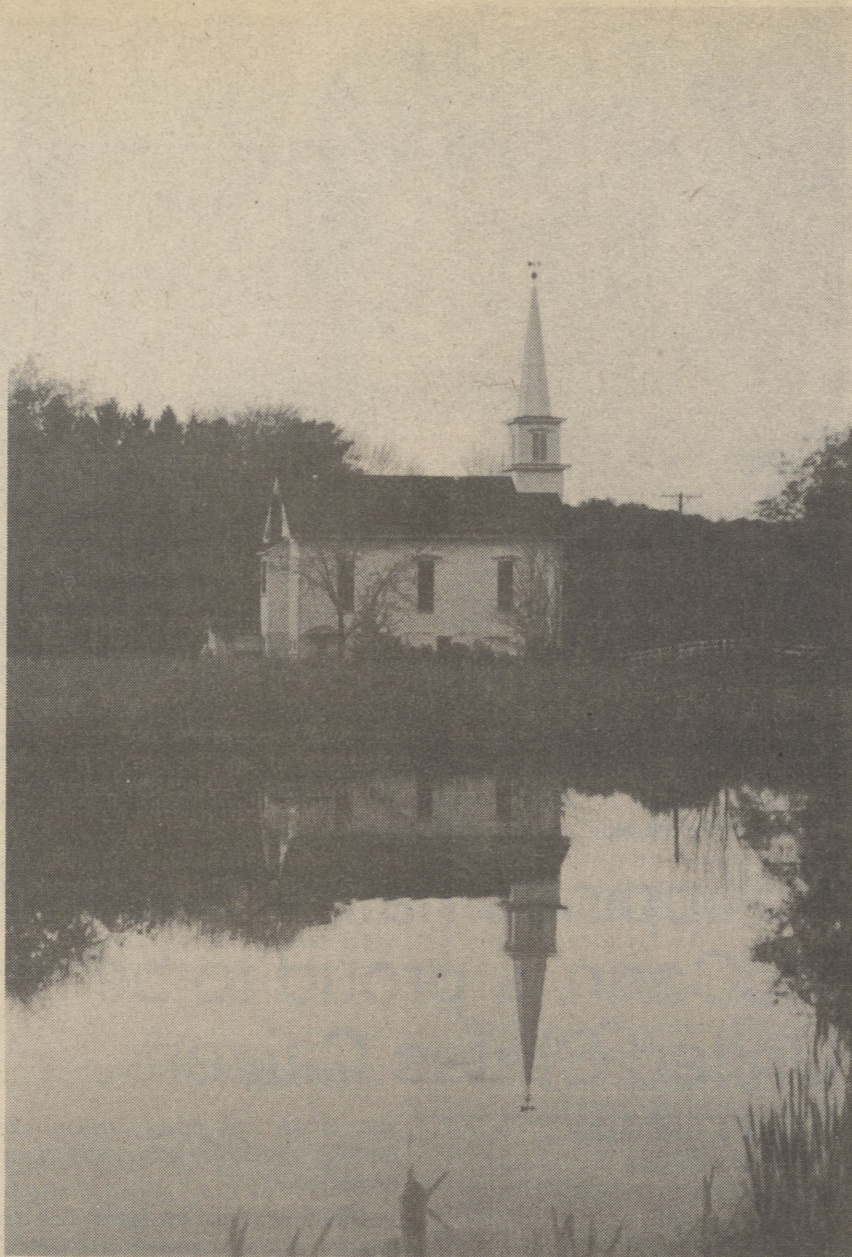
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### Be thankful, be happy

Huntsville United Methodist Church, Huntsville, looking much like the churches our forefathers may have worshipped in, stands ready to welcome the faithful on Thanksgiving Day or Sunday mornings. (Photo by Charlotte Bartzek)

### Letters

#### Says democracy was not served at Dallas Borough meeting

Editor:  
Websters Dictionary defines Democracy as "Government by the people. A form of government in which the supreme power is lodged in the hands of the people collectively."

Anyone who attended the Dallas Borough Council meeting on Nov. 15, 1988 and the past few meetings knows that the wishes of the people were not heard. They were listened to but not heard.

There were many voices of the people expressing negative opinions of the Deer Meadows project. Even

The Dallas Post editorial on the subject was ignored.

Except for the Council, there were no voices in favor of the resolution, which was bulldozed through.

Whether this project is right for Dallas is secondary to the fact that the wishes of the people were not heard. The 1419 registered voters should be furious!

Let us not forget, that a petition of 335 to 10 against the rezoning was ignored by council.

Anees Barakat  
Dallas

#### Reader wonders if referendum on rezoning is called for

Editor:  
Pennsylvania's present laws prevent challenges to decisions made by elected officials—no matter how stupid, self-serving, or short-sighted these may be.

Recently, Dallas Borough Council rammed through a rezoning ordinance in spite of substantial opposition by a borough citizens group which cited a number of anticipated problems that should have been considered. As a consequence, projected development of Deer Meadow will become a heavy cost burden on the shoulders of present Borough residents.

To put a curb on such actions of unresponsive elected officials, an organization, The Pennsylvania League of Taxpayers (PLT), is trying to have a law adopted by the State legislature which would give citizens the right to petition the State government by initiative and having

particular questions put to referendum.

On November 15, Allan Cook and Scerafino Mancini, representatives from the PLT spoke to members of the Luzerne County Public Forum and urged them to join the fight for Initiative and Referendum which is now law in 23 states. If passed, such a law would enable Pennsylvanians to petition the state government to put a referendum question on the election ballot.

There are some pros and cons to the Initiative and referendum idea. Unquestionably, our representative form of government has many flaws. Maybe we should begin considering the arguments of PLT. A referendum on the question of Dallas Borough re-zoning, for example, might have had some useful results.

Hugh P. King  
Dallas

### Only yesterday

#### 50 Years Ago - Nov. 23, 1938 W-B newspaper strike goes 55 days

American Newspaper Guild passed its 55th day of its strike against four Wilkes-Barre newspapers

Gang war turns out to be a "skim-melton" at Center Hill home of newlywed Add Woolbert Jr.

Local leaders see improvement in business with inauguration of James.

Married - Alma Parris and Addison Woolbert; Alberta Lyne and Burton Holcomb.

#### 40 Years Ago - Nov. 26, 1948 40 Back Mountain students at Wilkes

Deer Season opens Monday, Nov. 29.

Dallas Rotary holds father and son night.

Forty Back Mountain students enroll at Wilkes College.

Married - Alicia Flanagan to Raymond A. Baumgartner.

Girvans return from 7,000 mile trip to visit children.

#### 30 Years Ago - Nov. 28, 1958 Humphreys open stores in center

A Kansas man visiting in Dallas was nabbed by the FBI for armed robbery.

Joe Mundy's nephew coaches U.S. Championship kids team.

Shavertown firemen erect big new siren.

Edward Humphrey and son open

two stores in Back Mt. Shopping Center.

Dictons open a family bakery in Back Mountain Shopping Center.

Married - Betsy Rowlands and Robert Williams.

#### 20 Years Ago - Nov. 28, 1968 Dallas High has first homecoming

Superintendent declares there's no trouble at Chase prison.

Dallas student council and junior class sponsor first homecoming day in school's history.

A second water company in Kingston Township is plaguing residents.

Tom Wallace, Jr. is named new Eagle Scout.

William H. Baker, Jr. replaces retiring Harry Vivian as vice president of Miners National Bank's Dallas Office.

#### 10 Years Ago - Nov. 30, 1978 Jackson Township rejects zoning

Dallas Jay-C-ettes host Santa at the Dallas American Legion for children.

Jackson Township say they don't need and don't want zoning.

Cable TV continues in Harveys Lake while borough's suit is pending.

Cults in area pose threats claims Donald Fetterolf of Scranton, who is seeking to reclaim his son from the "Forever Family".

First day of deer hunting hampered by visibility.

Married - Anne McMenamin and Ray Kuderka, Jr.; Sherry Lynn Casertline and Patrick A. Burak.

### Library news

#### Virginia Davis is one of many helpful volunteers

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has a number of very dependable and faithful volunteer workers who come to the library once or twice a week on a given day and donate their time and talent to the ongoing project of keeping our library and its inventory of books and magazines available for our patrons. One such volunteer is Virginia Davis who is working for us through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Wilkes-Barre. This program helps senior members of our Valley get involved in some constructive volunteer help at worthy non-profit organizations. This is not a financial program, the applicants are interviewed and placed in positions where their help is needed. Virginia has worked for Hospice St. John and Parents Anonymous and has been here at the library for two years. She works at the library on Tuesday and Friday afternoons for three hours each day. She has one section of the reading room which she reads for accurate shelving each day she comes in. She also helps at the front circulation desk, slipping books, filing cards, taking new borrower registrations, helping patrons with questions and answers the telephone. Virginia is a much-appreciated volunteer. The library is always in need of volunteers who ease the work load at the library. Interested people are invited to come into the library and fill out an application and become involved.

The library is continuing to collect all kinds of aluminum for our recycling drive. These may be brought into the library during regular library hours or left on the loading dock in the rear of the library.

NEW BOOKS: "Mitla Pass" by

Leon Uris is a new Book Club purchase which tells us the story of Gideon Zadok, a modern man trapped by his own contradictions: ambition and fear; desire and obligation; the past and his future. The story takes us from the pogrom-cursed Russian shtetls to the American dream; from Hollywood in its heyday to the new state of Israel in 1956. The story is breathtaking in scope, painfully human and alive with earthy humor.

"Eva Luna" by Isabel Allende is an ambitious and original work, a book that makes the foreign both familiar and welcoming. It is a picturesque tale of a woman's life; born poor, orphaned early, who will eventually rise to a position of unique influence. It is a story of the people from all levels of society that she meets along the way, including the rich and eccentric, for whom she works as a servant...a novel filled with character and incident.

"Medusa" by Hammond Innes is the story of two men caught up in a conflict that threatens to overwhelm them. The men are swept up in a series of political and personal storms.

#### Meeting to plan Dallas High Class of '79 reunion

There will be a meeting of anyone interested in helping to plan the program for the Dallas High School class of '79 reunion Saturday, November 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Franklin's Restaurant in Dallas. Persons who would like to help but can't attend the meeting may call 333-4150.

## The Post asks: "What special food do you enjoy with your Thanksgiving meal"?



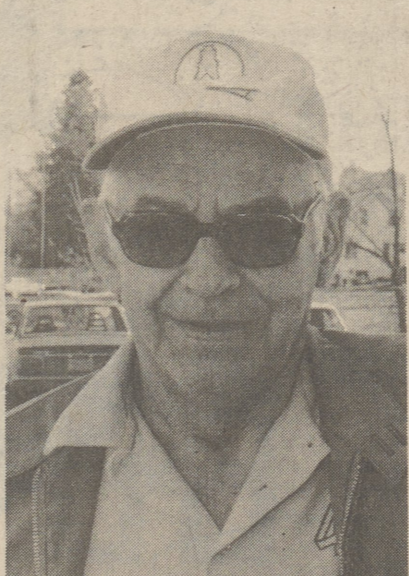
**Mary George**  
Housewife  
Shavertown  
"Baked corn, it's like a custard, something I picked up myself, it's got eggs, milk and butter with the corn and you bake it."



**Dolly Redington**  
Housewife  
Duryea  
"Cranberry sauce."



**Doreen Walkowiak**  
Floral designer  
Hunlock Creek  
"Pumpkin squares, you use pumpkin, evaporated milk and yellow cake mix."



**H.H. Cocking**  
Retired  
Shavertown  
"Black-eyed peas."



**Janet Metzgar**  
P.J.'s gift  
Kingston  
"Corn muffins that are a secret recipe handed down in our family."



**Barbara Milko**  
Waitress  
Dallas  
"Rutabagas, I boil them and mash them with salt and butter, they have a very different, delicious taste."