

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Citizens' council needs your participation

Next Monday evening, December 5, the third open meeting of the citizens' group that formed to help guide the Back Mountain's growth will be held at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman. If you weren't able to attend the first meetings, we hope you'll make every effort to come to this one. If you attended either of the first two meetings, you know what dynamic, concerned neighbors you have.

The Back Mountain is fortunate to have as many talented and caring residents as are evident in this group. Whether natives of the region or relative newcomers, they have shown a breadth of concern that is refreshingly free of strident rhetoric or selfish motives - except for the one of wanting the place where they live to be as attractive and comfortable as possible.

There will be a guest speaker there that evening, someone you can be sure will bring valuable advice and aid. And there will be an adoption of by-laws and election of officers to make the whole thing official.

But the real story of this group is that it is Democracy in action; citizens - taxpayers - getting together to take part in the decisions that affect their lives and property. There has been too little of this kind of citizen participation in this area for too many years. For too long, residents of most communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania have relied on their municipal officials to make the right decisions for them. And too often, they have discovered too late that a better alternative was available.

That's not to mean that our officials have been uncaring or irresponsible. On the contrary, most of our municipal officials are to be commended for the time and attention they give - often without monetary reward and with little thanks - to their towns. But without input from citizens, how are they to know when they are moving their communities in the right direction? One of the strengths of the citizens' group thus far is that it has made a sincere effort to work with community governments rather than take the easier route of blaming them for every problem.

We hope everyone who has an interest in what the Back Mountain is to become will attend Monday night's meeting. It will be well worth your time.

Mountaineers proved they are champions

The Dallas Mountaineers come from behind victory over Danville Saturday to take the Eastern Conference Class II title showed just what a great team they are. Never giving up, the Mounts overcame a 14 point halftime deficit to take the final lead with only four minutes to play in the game.

By winning this championship, Dallas has become one of very few teams to win back to back titles at this level. It was a great effort - one the coaches and players should be proud of.

Happy Hanukkah

December 4 marks the beginning of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. This eight day celebration commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrians in 165 B.C. and the rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem, which had been desecrated.

Highlighted by the ceremonial lighting of a new candle on a Menorah for each day of the celebration, Hannukah is also called the "Feast of Lights". The candles symbolize the Talmud story of how a small supply of oil - enough for one day - miraculously burned in the Temple for eight days.

While the holiday has recently tended to emphasize the military victory over the Syrians, it also stands as a reminder of the resilience of the Jewish people throughout the years.

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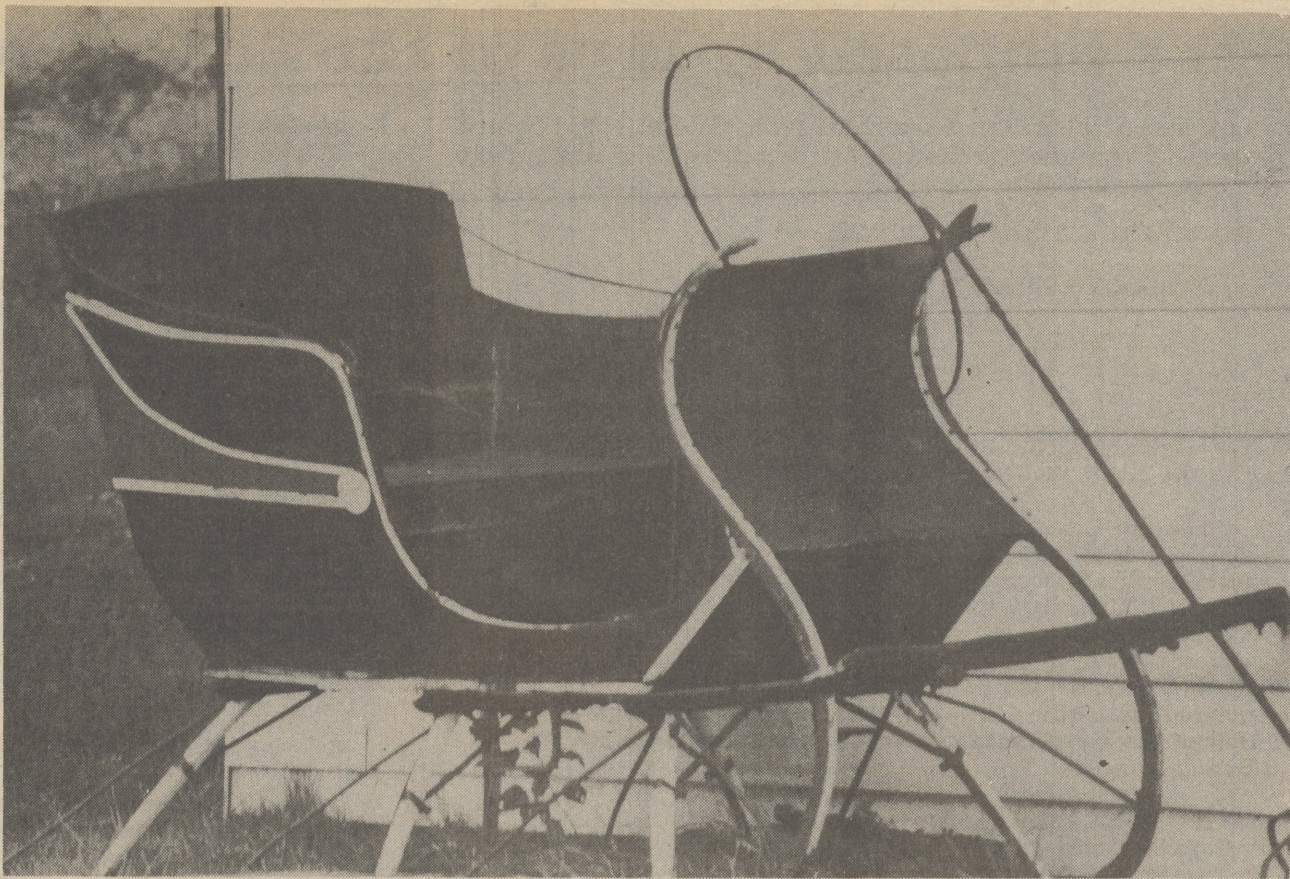
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Dashing through the snow?

This one horse open sleigh on the Beaumont Highway awaits a snowfall. Will there be snow by December? (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago-Dec. 2, 1938

Consumers petition against poor water

A second petition will be filed by Dallas consumers against Dallas Water this week because of poor service.

Walter Covert is named Dallas Borough police chief to fill the vacancy left by the recent death of former chief Leonard O'Kane.

Wilkes-Barre Newspaper Guild ends strike with the Sunday Independent.

Kingston Twp. gridders take local title for second consecutive year.

Spotlight swings to scholastic basketball season which begins December 13.

Wed-Mary Leona Smith and Owen M. Jones.

40 Years Ago-Dec. 3, 1948

Shirlee Allen is "Miss Football"

Shirlee Allen, Dallas Majorette won "Miss Football" title of Wyoming Valley.

Wilkes College students plan Cuban holiday tour.

Mrs. Clyde Cooper named president of Woman's Kiwanis Club.

Misericordia's new \$32,000 disposal plant is placed in operation. Storm hampers deer hunters on

opening day of the season.

Wed-Ruth Lozier and Austin Wertman.

30 Years Ago-Dec. 5, 1958

Methodist church to be consecrated

Dallas Post Office adds 12 assistants in office and on routes for holiday rush.

Thieves take \$1,107 of hunting equipment from Caddie LaBar home. James Kozemchak Jr., 15, shot his first deer on the first day of deer season.

Dallas Methodist Church building to be consecrated this Sunday.

Church basketball league starts its 12th season tomorrow night.

Engaged-Priscilla Boston and Dana Westbrook Swan, II; Lindda K. Hetrick and Edward F. Gaulin; Janet Marie Stahl and Thomas W. Evans.

20 Years Ago-Dec. 5, 1968

Moss's honored for library service

Dallas Borough Council approved the use of mace by police on troublemakers.

Bill Moss and his wife Gertrude were honored by Dallas Kiwanis for their service to the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

Library news

BY NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The library display case in the office area is holding some old newspapers from the Library of Congress dated 1911. These have been borrowed from Andrew Schlosser of Dallas. Along with the old newspapers we have included some old coins, pennies and silver. Mr. Schlosser has been preserving these items at his home for some time and felt the library and its patrons would be interested in viewing them. He has offered to allow us to keep the newspapers in the library as a permanent display for the future. These items make a very interesting display and present a nostalgic memento of things that were happening in yesteryears. These items will be at the library until December 21.

Book Club meets

The Book Club met at the library and had a very enjoyable meeting. Peggy Love brought home-made fairy

cakes as part of the refreshments and gave us the recipe, which was from England, for our cookbooks. Frances Linskill read some Thanksgiving poems and stories and Jo Bonham gave us some highlights from some current newspapers. The Book Club membership for 1988 has reached 215 members, which means that \$1,910 has been used to purchase books for this special section in the library. The library Book Club is a unique part of the library. It provides a social afternoon once a month and supplies books for year round use.

Owl on display

We have a special visitor in the children's room at the library. A Great Horned Owl is on loan for a few weeks so that the children and adults alike might enjoy it. Carolyn Tillery of Shavertown brought this stuffed and mounted owl who is sitting on a tree branch in for us to enjoy. It is quite large with a white throat and ear tufts, and is attracting some attention where it sits on a

shelf inside the door of the children's room.

New children's book

A new children's book has been donated to the library by Joan Harvey Miner in honor of her grandson, Ben Homrighausen; who is the subject of the book. The title of the book is "Taking My Cat to the Vet" by Susan Kuklin and it offers a candid look at a real-life experience that preschoolers often find baffling. The simple, informative text, likable narrator, and full-color closeups will make this reassuring documentary a popular choice with young pet owners and their parents. Ben is the subject in the book, his sister appears in one illustration as does his mother, in several of the pictures. The story centers around Ben taking his cat to the veterinarian, watching the examination and hearing about health problems. This is a publication of Bradbury Press and is special to us because it includes the grandson of a very special friend of ours, Mrs. Joan Miner.

Letters

Thanks Post for coverage

Editor:
Thank you for publicizing the recent Community Health Fair at the Meadows Nursing Center. We had many visitors from the community who visited the screening booths and informational tables. Over 370 screenings were completed that day.

We appreciate your support!
Marilyn A. Gregorski
Health Fair Coordinator

Lake-Noxen names sixth grade honor students

Robert S. Kunkle, Principal, Lake-Noxen Elementary School, announces the following sixth grade students have achieved the honor role for the first marking period:

Jennifer Birt, Hope Boston, Nathan Dale, Allison Jurkowski, Crystal King, Llewellyn Kopko, Richelle Kovach, Joshua Longmore, Megan Mosier, Jessica Noon, Cara Nygren, Gary Rogan, Jennifer Sandstrom, Christopher Scott, Jenny Shook, Judy Sichter, Tom Smigelski, Michael Stuart, Farrah Wall, Christy Jo Welter.

Area students named to honor roll at Seminary

Thomas E. Meseck, Dean of the Wyoming Seminary Lower School, Forty Fort, recently announced that 70 students in grades five through eight were named to the Academic High Honor Roll and Academic Honor Roll for the first trimester of the 1988-89 school year.

Named to the Academic High Honor Roll were: Grade 5 - Carly Mendelsohn, Dallas; Grade 6 - Jennifer Savage, Harveys Lake.

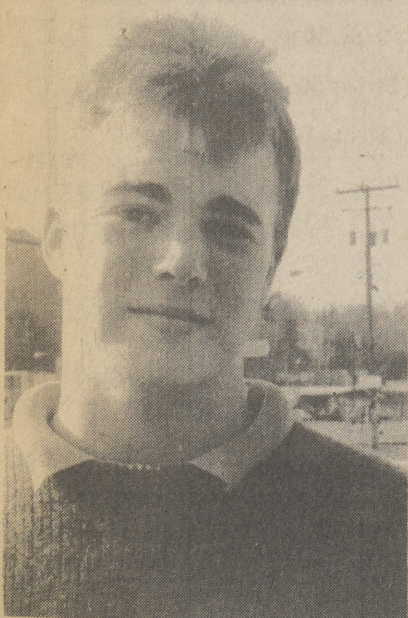
Named to the Academic Honor Roll were: Grade 5 - Carolyn Anzalone, Shavertown; Claire Hedden, Dallas; Sarah Richards, Dallas; Sarah Sordoni, Dallas; and Jonathan Valentine, Dallas. Grade 6 - Benjamin Brown, Dallas; Susan Mugford, Dallas; Randy Slaff, Dallas; Matthew Sordoni, Dallas. Grade 7 - Sonia Kimm, Shavertown; Molly Shea, Dallas. Grade 8 - Lauren Anzalone, Shavertown; David Choi, Dallas; Laura D'Anca, Shavertown; Stephen Rosenthal, Dallas; Janice Shynn, Shavertown.

Water group will meet Thursday

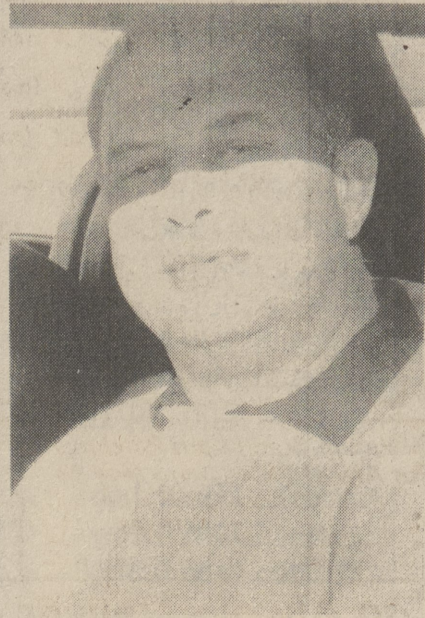
Back Mountain residents have been encouraged to attend the meeting of the Back Mountain Water Commission, Thursday, December 1, 8 p.m., at the Kingston Township Municipal Building, Trucksville.

Chairman Jim Ward said that the Commission needs input from citizens of the eight municipalities represented on the commission in order to fulfill its responsibilities. These municipalities include Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Harveys Lake Borough, Franklin Township, Jackson Township, Kingston Township, Lake Township and Lehman Township.

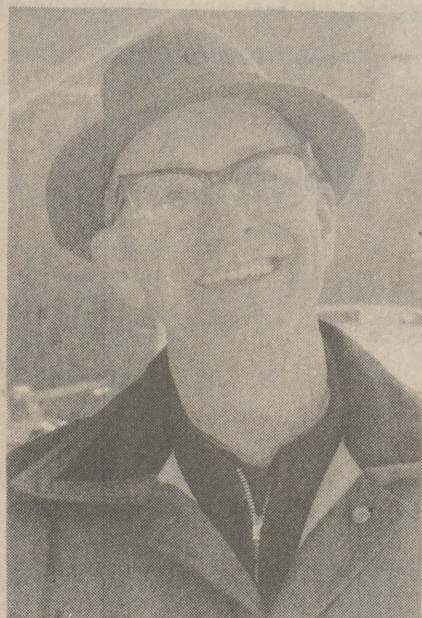
The Post asks: "Have you started your Christmas shopping yet"?



Pat Philllips
Student
Luzerne
"No, I didn't start yet, I probably will this weekend."



Jim Philllips
Self-employed
Luzerne
"No, I'm always late, I shop the last minute."



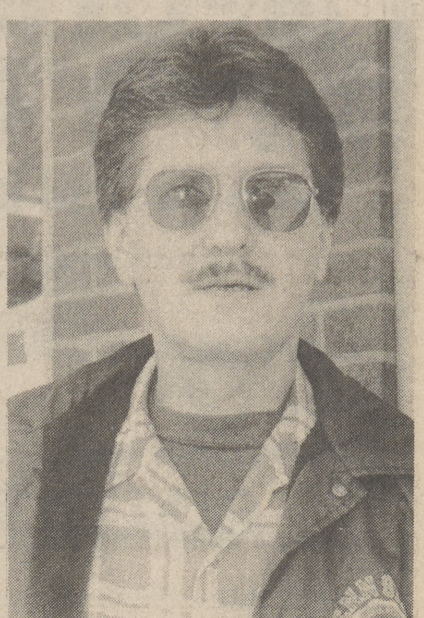
Jim Futch
Crane Operator
Franklin Township
"Yes, it's all finished, my wife does everything for me, even most of my thinking."



Dianne Demnicki
Housewife
Dallas
"Yes, I have, I actually started back in June, the bulk of it, I'm doing a bit more now."



Steve Batory
Teacher
Dallas
"No, I haven't."



Bernie West
Student
Shawanece
"It's all done, I started about July, I usually start early."