

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Water review plan is move in right direction - we hope

We think the agreement reached between the Dallas Water Company and the Public Utilities Commission under which all expansions of service will be reviewed by the PUC is a good step. In fact, we don't understand why a similar policy is not in existence for all water suppliers.

Another requirement of the plan - that the company must host meetings with the public at which it explains its plans and listens to their comments - seems to go a long way toward satisfying members of the community who have felt for some time that the company was not open enough to their needs and wishes.

It's too bad that the water company didn't begin to pay more attention to its customers sooner; perhaps this forced cooperation may never have been necessary. But we are glad that the company appears to be willing to accept this agreement and trust they will do their utmost to fulfill its demands. We hope they will also be as open as possible outside of the limits of the formal plan. Perhaps if they are, the community will come to feel that the company does care about their welfare.

Our only concern is this: Will the restrictions of this agreement lead to the formation of yet more small water companies in newly developed areas? If only the Dallas Water Company must submit to the review and comment strictures, couldn't developers simply bypass that company by creating their own?

That is why we would like to see the review requirements of this agreement extended to all existing and new water companies in the Back Mountain. Only then could all residents rest a little easier knowing that their water supply is secure.

"Good riddance" to County property tax

We are happy to join the chorus of Luzerne County residents who are saying goodbye to the personal property tax. We had called for the abolition of this outdated and unfair levy months ago.

The problem with this tax was that in an effort to tax those of great means, the county threw out the baby with the bath water. Many families and individuals of modest means - young and old - now keep their savings in certificates of deposit and mutual funds that fell under the umbrella of this measure. For them, the tax represented a burden that was difficult to shoulder.

In addition, the tax as it was set up affected only certain kinds of investments in certain kinds of institutions. That struck us as discriminatory treatment. We're glad to see it go.

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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Hark! The Herald Angels

A stained glass figure in the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Dallas seems to proclaim the beginning of this most joyous ecclesiastic season. (Linda Shurmaitis photo)

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Dec. 9, 1938 Two new school buildings called off

Dallas Borough Council received a proposal from Dallas Water Co. that both groups confer in an effort to solve water problem without legal action.

State Capitol calls off building Beaumont and Jackson Township Schools due to lack of funds.

The new Northeastern Hospital Service Association, one of 66 in the country seen as a boon to local citizens.

Local scholastic basketball teams open season next Tuesday.

Wed - Esther Courtright and Morgan Rowlands Jr.; Margaret Walters and Richard C. Huey.

40 Years Ago - Dec. 10, 1948 Ground broken for new Acme Market

Shavertown Builders Supply will break ground on the plot of land between Lake and Church Streets in Dallas Monday for a new Acme Market.

Harveys Lake Women's Club make up baskets for needy.

Frederick W. Anderson is elected president of Kingston Twp. School Board.

Church League basketball teams to open third season to open season.

Wed - Ruth Elston and Harry Howell.

30 Years Ago - Dec. 12, 1958 McAvoy bags 25 pound wildcat

A four-level ambulance stretcher was purchased recently by the Dallas Community Ambulance Association in memory of the late North Bertl.

Charles D. Flack is elected to head the Dallas Ambulance Association.

\$10,000 fire destroys Joseph

Elias' barn at Loyalville Wednesday. Charles Mannear reelected president of Dallas School Board.

Edgar Lashford is reelected president of the Lake-Lehman Area Jointure.

Sheldon MacAvoy shoots 25-lb. wild cat while hunting for deer in Sugar Hollow.

Engaged - Sandra Hislop and Alton Whittaker; Elizabeth Rinus and John S. Caver Jr.; Laura Mae Smith and Lee S. Watson.

20 Years Ago - Dec. 12, 1968 Kingston Township earmarks \$5000 for recreation facilities

Dallas Township supervisors hope to let sewage contracts by May. Kingston Township supervisors set aside \$5,000 for township recreational facilities next year.

Feasibility study completed on Harveys Lake sewage to determine number of pumping stations and alternate measures.

Dallas wrestlers win 36-14.

Wed - Johanna Laskowski and Gary Miller; Jane E. Goodner and Ellis Weaver.

10 Years Ago - Dec. 14, 1978 School board sets retirement age at 70

Dallas School Board sets 70 as retirement age.

Harveys Lake Borough increased bid for Sandy Beach to \$217,000.

Mass suicides at Guyana book is printed at Offset Paperback Corp.

Dallas Odd Fellows hold Christmas party at Castle Inn.

Engaged - Wendy Faux and Charles D. Lee; Kathleen Anderson and Ken Roma.

Donkey basketball game at Lake-Lehman on Saturday.

Back Mt. Memorial Library announces addition to collection

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following memorial books to their collection:

In memory of Mr. Cosgrove, "Furniture" presented by Mabel Jenkins and Jennie Hill.

In memory of Anthony V. Bogdon, "Bonny's Big Day" and "Keeping Barney" presented by Elizabeth E. Lloyd.

In memory of Mrs. Elva Wagner, "I Want To Be An Astronaut" and "Sketching Outdoors in Summer" presented by Jeff, Connie, Heather, and Chris Will.

In memory of Stefan Hellersperk, "Easy-To-Make Antique Furniture Reproductions" presented by Bruce and Irene Davies.

In memory of Robert Dallas Shepherd, "Poetical Works of Coleridge" presented by Robert D. Shepherd.

In memory of Mrs. Gertrude Merolli, "Dr. Spock on Parenting" presented by Carole Pfifferling and Sallie Price.

In memory of Mr. William Shuster, "The Horse Owner's Preventive Maintenance Handbook" presented by Fino's Pharmacy.

In memory of Elizabeth Cobb Sutherland, "The Statesman's Yearbook 1988-89" presented by Marjorie H. Shephard.

In memory of Allison Jones, "World Book Encyclopedia, 1988, 22 Vols." presented by Dallas Elementary students and faculty and Commonwealth Telephone Co. employees.

In memory of Florence H. Koehl, "The Kate Greenaway Treasury" presented by Frances A. Linskill and the Library Book Club.

In memory of Dr. John Rinehimer, "Doctors: The Biography of Medicine" presented by Harriet Ruggles.

In memory of Jack Gardner, "Warships and Sea Battles of World War I" and "Jutland 1916" pre-

sented by Paula Scott.

In memory of Elliott Katuna, father of Cara and Barret Katuna, "Bear and Mrs. Duck", "Blossom Comes Home" and "Elbert's Bad Word" presented by The Della Robla.

In memory of Edward G. Byrnes, "The Field Guide to Geology" presented by Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Pierce.

In memory of Stefan Hellersperk, "The Beginner's Book of Woodcarving" presented by Bruce and Irene Davies.

In memory of Geroge R. Drake, "Warman's Americana and Collectibles" presented by the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre.

In memory of Elizabeth and Donald Sutherland, "The First Salute" presented by The Dellsinski Family.

In memory of Thelma Cooper, "The Disney Book of Knitting" presented by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodrich.

In memory of Stanley Brozawski, "Reading Trout Streams" presented by Sterling and Jane McMichael.

In memory of Etta Sternlieb, "Witness to Gettysburg" presented by Nancy Judd.

In memory of Elliott Katuna, "Auction Action!" presented by the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre.

In memory of Dr. Richard Crompton, "Growing Good Roses" presented by Mrs. Doris Spencer and the Joseph Wallace Family.

In memory of Elliott Katuna, "The Random House Dictionary of the English Language" presented by Mrs. Wayne Padulla, Rep. of the Lee Co.

In memory of Richard E. Crompton, M.D., "No-Dig, No-Weed Gardening" presented by the Dallas School nurses.

In memory of Ruth Turner, "Music: An Illustrated Encyclopedia" presented by Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Davis.

Send the Dallas Post to a friend for Christmas. It makes a great present all year. call 675-5211

NEW EMERGENCY NUMBERS LISTED

Back Mountain Communications Center located at the Dallas Township Municipal Building announced that effective immediately new emergency phone numbers are in effect for the following Back Mountain Police and Fire/Ambulance Departments.

- Dallas Twp. Police 675-9911
- Dallas Boro Police 675-9911
- Kingston Twp. Police 675-9911
- Harveys Lake Boro Police 675-9911
- Dallas Fire/Ambulance 675-9912
- Kunkle Fire/Ambulance 675-9912
- Jackson Twp. Fire/Ambulance 696-1213 or 675-9912
- Shavertown Fire Co. 675-9912
- Trucksville Fire Co. 675-9912
- Kingston Twp. Ambulance 696-3834 or 675-9912
- Kingston Twp. Rescue Unit 696-3834 or 675-9912
- Lake Silkworth Fire Ambulance 477-5430 or 675-9912
- Lehman Twp. Fire/Ambulance 675-3518 or 675-9912
- Idetown Fire Co. 639-5336 or 675-9912
- Lake Silkworth Fire/Ambulance 696-3834 or 675-9912

The non-emergency phone numbers for these departments will be listed in your phone directory. It is the aim of the Communications Center that the above numbers will make it more convenient for local residents.

The Post asks: "What is the most unexpected gift you ever received for Christmas?"



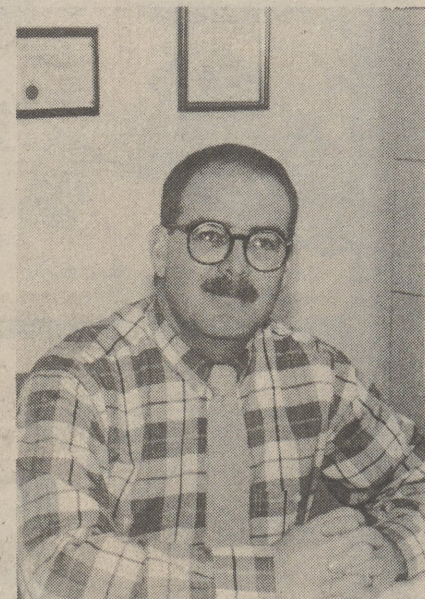
Esther Baer

Clerk Loyalville
"A microwave oven from my children."



Rich Gorgone

Coach Shavertown
"A baby sister born on Christmas. I wanted a brother."



Bob Roberts

L-L Principal Kingston
"A 22 rifle when I was 12 years old."



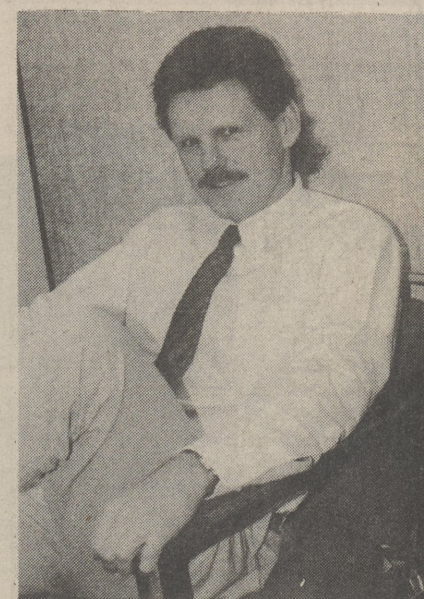
Jean Holcomb

Secretary Sweet Valley
"My fiance came home from the service on Christmas Eve."



Flossie Finn

Guidance Counselor Dallas
"Diamond earrings from my husband."



John Comitz

Teacher Wilkes-Barre
"An entire fishing out fit when I was eight."