

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

New Year's resolutions we would like to hear

In the spirit of the season, we have drawn up a list of New Year's resolutions we would like to hear made by various Back Mountain groups. We hope you enjoy them.

The Dallas-Shavertown Water Company - We resolve to return all phone calls within 10 minutes, and to answer any and all questions about the quality and quantity of our customers' water promptly.

The Department of Environmental Protection - We resolve to inform all of our personnel about our policies so that a reporter calling officials doesn't get a different explanation from each one he talks to. We further resolve to actually punish individuals or companies that violate our rules, not just make excuses for them.

PennDOT - We resolve to really finish the construction on Route 309 before 1996! We also resolve to have at least one road repair project somewhere in the state finished prior to the Holiday season next year.

Dallas Borough Council - We resolve to encourage and aid our citizens to comment on issues they care about, even if it means postponing a decision occasionally. We also resolve to find a competent replacement for Bob Brown as soon as possible.

Dallas School District - We resolve to spend the taxpayers' money carefully, if at all. We resolve to avoid unnecessary spending on bricks and mortar so that we can offer more programs that aid education. We also resolve to offer as much support and encouragement to students who achieve academic excellence as we do to outstanding athletes.

The Back Mountain Citizens' Council - We resolve to maintain the momentum we achieved during 1988 and to continue our efforts to gain the cooperation of municipal governments and other bodies in better planning the Back Mountain's growth.

The Luzerne County Commissioners - We resolve to stop playing political games that insult the intelligence of the voters. Instead, we will concentrate on providing the leadership in government we were elected for, as we lay plans to bring greater prosperity and satisfaction to our citizens in the 1990's.

The Dallas Post - We resolve to get to know the issues and personalities in the Back Mountain even better in 1989. And we resolve to have fewer typographical errors in the paper.

Happy New Year!

Please don't drink and drive this New Year's

In many European countries you would land in jail. In at least one Southeast Asian nation you would be executed. In America, you might lose your driver's license.

Those are some of the penalties exacted for drunken driving around the world. But none of them could compare to the pain and suffering you would cause if your impaired driving killed or maimed another human being.

So please don't drink and drive this New Year's Eve, or any other time. The price - for yourself and others - may be just too high.

If you go out, designate a driver who will stay sober. If you host a party, keep an eye on your guests and don't be bashful about demanding that they either accept a ride home or stay put until they're able to handle themselves. Those measures will help to insure that more people have a happy new year.

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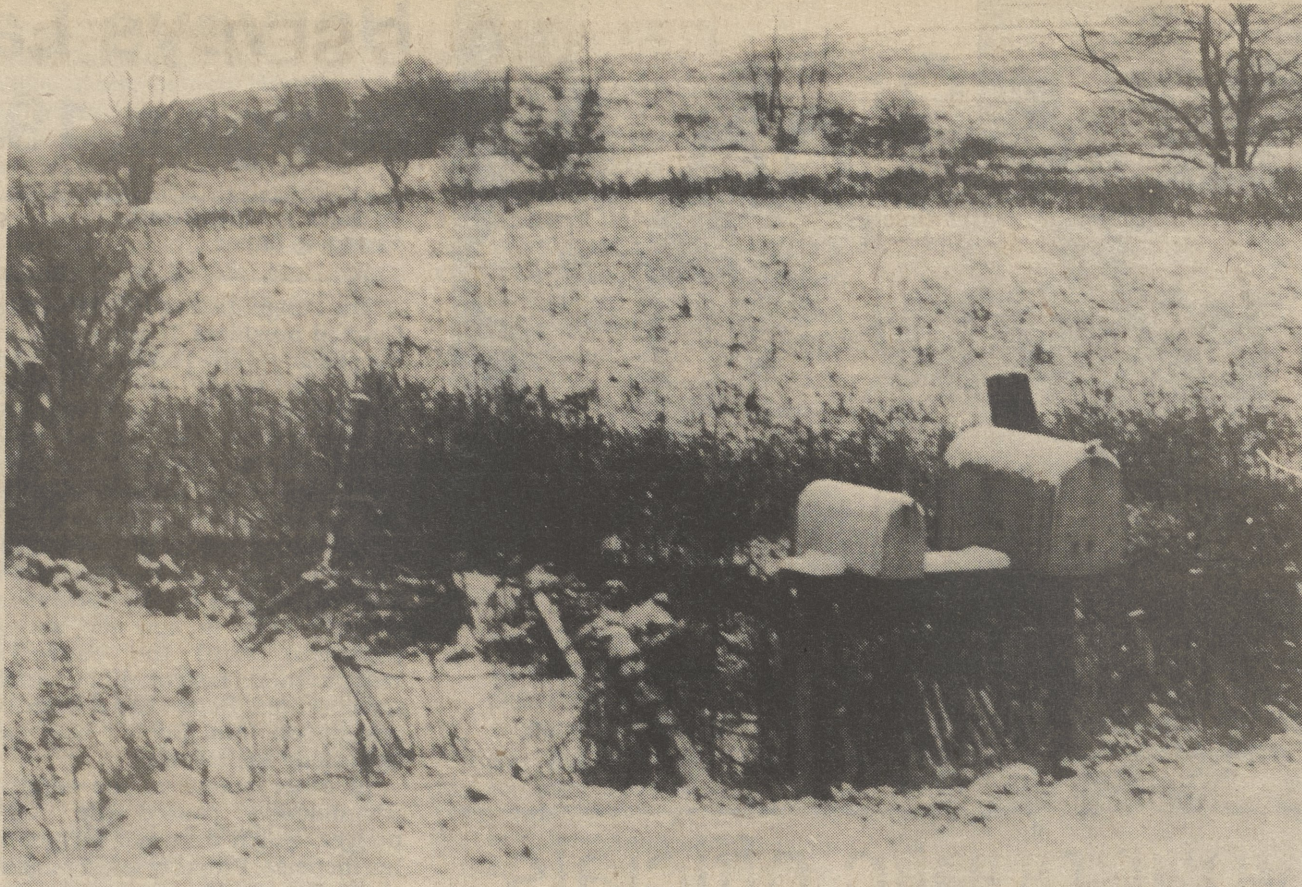
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Write a letter

Mail boxes on Lower Demunds Road in Dallas wait patiently for holiday letters and packages.

(Photo by Charlotte Bartzek)

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Dec. 30, 1938

Girls basketball teams tie 9-9

American Newspaper Guild's strike against four Wilkes-Barre newspapers ended its third month with both sides deadlocked.

Dallas will be on threshold of a new year tomorrow night with several important events for local people, the priority the county election and also local contests.

Lehman and Dallas alumnae girls basketball teams battled to a 9-9 tie Tuesday night.

Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis donated \$200 worth of gifts to 31 needy children in the area.

Engaged - Dorothy Tonkin and Robert Carleton Rinehimer.

Wed - Mary Wagner and William Hammerly; Thomas B. Hicks 3rd and Eleanor Gruesel.

Breaks expected in Mary Martin murder case.

40 Years Ago - Dec. 31, 1948

Three win FFA medals

Roger Babson predicts business will be off 5 percent in 1949.

Thomas Stash, Harold Swank and

Willard Race, vocational students at Dallas Township School won medals from the FFA for outstanding work.

Fred Welsh of Dallas invites all residents to visit the elaborate Christmas display in his living room.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Updyke celebrated their 50th anniversary December 28 with a party at their home in Demunds.

Ronald Doll, one time principal of Dallas Township Schools, appointed administrative assistant to the superintendent of West Orange School District.

30 Years Ago - Dec. 30, 1958

Mrs. Hontz's manger attracts attention

Harveys Lake Lions Club erected a 20-foot beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the traffic island at Sunset.

Local schools will reopen January 5, the Monday after New Year's.

The ceramic manger scene made by Mrs. Arthur Hontz, Shavertown, has attracted attention wherever it was displayed. There are 18 pieces with the manger the focal point.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Rees, New

York City, spent Christmas with Howell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Henry at Shickshinny. Rees is former editor of the Dallas Post.

20 Years Ago - Dec. 30, 1968.

Post Office cited for attractiveness

By 1980 there will be over 28,000 people living within the school districts of the Back Mountain, reports the Luzerne County Planning Commission in a 141 page report released last week by the commission.

A special "Citation of Merit" for cooperation in President Johnson's Natural Beauty Program will be presented to Edward Buckley at the Dallas Post office.

Engaged - Karen Walk and Robert Brown.

Wed - Joy Harris and John Christopher Cummings.

Lake-Lehman graduate Sheldon Ehret will play with the Penn State Blue Band in the Orange Bowl parade.

Library news

Friends of the Library campaign tops goal

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is happy to announce in this last week of the year 1988 that the 'Friends of the Library' campaign for '88 has gone over the top. The goals posted on the chart on the bulletin board in the library was set at \$4500 and as of December 22, we had reached a total of \$4607. This is a group of sincere friends of this library who contribute on a yearly basis to this campaign, which is a financial contribution and is set up each year on the library budget under estimated income. A very warm thank you to the members of the community who continue to support their library in so many ways. The library exists because of this community support.

The Book Club of the library held its Christmas meeting on December 19 in the reference room at the library with a large number of members attending in a very festive atmosphere. An exciting Christmas

pageantry of stories and poems was given by members of the club. Ben Matchett brought some older Christmas books and gave some background material on them after which the members were able to look them over.

Peggy Love read a poem about Christmas in England; Frances Linskill read the poem of "The Friendly Beasts" and "What Can I Give Him?"; Blanche Thompson gave an interesting account of an old Christmas story; Ben Matchett read the Christmas poem, "The First Snowflake"; Priscilla Liput gave some insight on the pleasures of teaching grade school; and Liz Lloyd reported from the Board of Directors concerning some future projects and wishes for the library in the next year.

Book Club 1988 has 215 members; having collected \$1960 in dues money, which was spent through the year to purchase books for the Book Club shelf in the library. The

Book Club purchased 117 books during the year which will remain on the Book Club shelf for six months and then revert to the regular library shelves. The December listing of books purchased was passed around to the members for their information. Membership dues for 1989 is due as of January 1 at \$10.00 for a single membership and \$15.00 for a double. The Book Club will not meet in January and February and the next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 1989.

We have a lovely Gingerbread House set up on the display case in the office area, which was given to the library by Mrs. Howell, who's children attend the library story hours. The display case is filled with personal greetings from the library staff and volunteers, which we call "The Library Elves". The 'library elves': Bill, Nancy, Marilyn, Charlotte, Jane, Lou Ellen, Will and Pat, wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year!

Pickett's Charge in its 10th year

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

As the year 1988 goes out and the New Year is ushered in, Tom and Annette Pickett are thankful to be celebrating their 10th anniversary year of Pickett's Charge, their Civil War theme restaurant located at the intersection of Center Hill Road and Harveys Lake Highway, Dallas.

It was 10 years ago in the summer months of 1978 that Tom Pickett converted the former Ray Shiber home into a unique and attractive restaurant.

He had a kitchen and large dining area constructed around the frame of the home.

A Civil War buff, Pickett based the restaurant on a Civil War theme with the decor speaking for itself. He had many collectors items in the dining room and in the large bar adjoining the dining area.

Many of the antique farm implements and the Pickett's Charge gun collection have family ties and other items are continuously added to ensure the historic aura of the 1860's.

Recently, Tom and Annette enlarged and modernized the kitchen and expanded the dining area to provide two private dining rooms for private parties.

In the now all stainless steel kitchen, there is twice the working space as before, a new cooler, and new industrial ranges. A new custom designed and handcrafted salad bar is a conversation piece and was built from a design submitted by one of the waitresses in a contest held by the Picketts. Embedded in the bar are milk bottles from Tom's father's dairy, and another milk bottle from the former Perry's Dairy in Forty Fort.

The large no-smoking area is exactly that-it is enclosed to keep the smoke away from non-smokers but open just enough to keep them in touch with other diners.

Over the years, Pickett's Charge has become one of the Back Mountain's most popular restaurants. Tom Pickett ascribes his success to maintaining high food quality and attentive service, as well as to the unique atmosphere.

Little do many of the restaurant's patrons realize that working quietly behind the scenes are Tom and Annette Pickett-Tom moving quietly greeting guests and supervising staff while Annette is working busily in the office taking care of facts and figures.

They have formed a successful husband and wife team looking forward to 1989 and seeing more of their friends.

Police report

Dallas Township

Car flips on 309

Jason King, Dallas, caused severe damage to his 1975 Ford Mustang December 24 when he struck an embankment and his vehicle flipped over onto its roof.

King stated he was traveling north on Route 309 when his vehicle began to slide on the roadway, crossed into the southbound lane of Route 309 and went into the embankment. The vehicle was towed by Martin's tow truck.

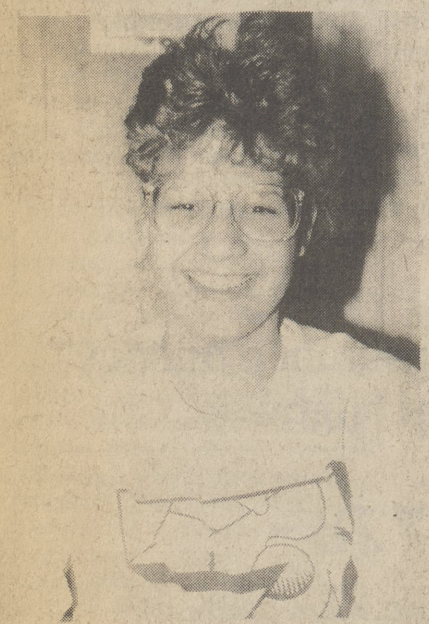
Police chief Carl Miers investigated the accident.

Dallas Borough

Radar detector stolen

Michael F. Cominsky, 20 Red Ledge Drive, Dallas, reported to Dallas Borough Police that the a radar detector was missing from his car the morning of December 25. His car was unlocked and the item evidently was taken sometime between 4 p.m., December 24 and 1 a.m. December 25. Patrolman Charles J. Rauschkolb was investigating officer.

The Post asks: What will be your New Year's resolution?



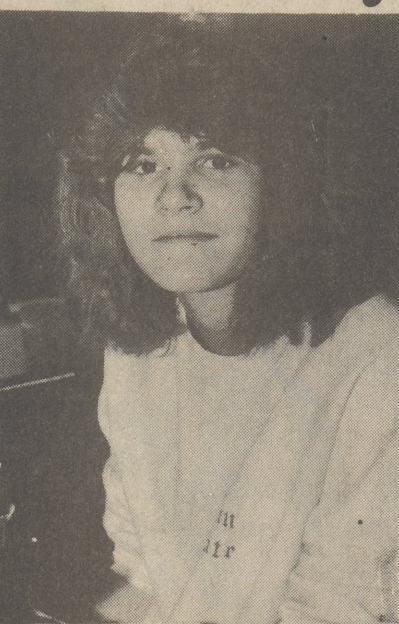
Shelly Barcheski
Student, cashier
Harveys Lake

"To smarten up and straighten out."



Michelle Edwards
Student
Harveys Lake

"To quit smoking."



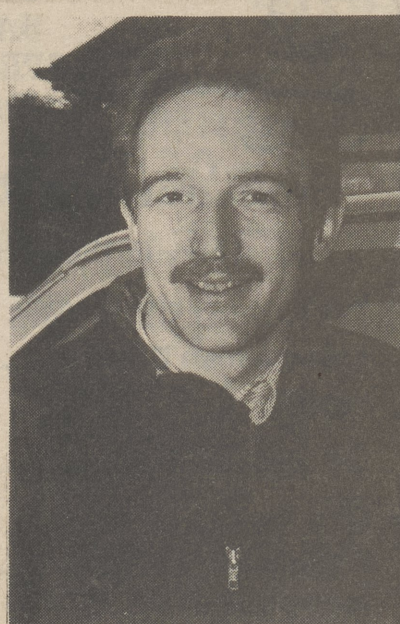
Crystal Scranta
Student
Tunkhannock

"Not to fight with my mother."



Martha Cragle
Harveys Lake

"To have a better life this year."



Richard Ross
Photographer
Dallas

"I don't make resolutions."



Hume McKim Ross
Student
Dallas

"I'm going to help mom with the dishes."