

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Candidates should follow rules, too

It seems some would-be public officials in the Back Mountain could use a lesson in basic civics. One candidacy was rejected last week and one limited for violations of some fundamental regulations that apply to petitioning for office.

In one case, Martin Noon's petitions were thrown out because of irregularities including that dates on the petitions were incorrect. Both he and the notary who signed his petitions should have known better than to have allowed incorrect dating.

In the other incident, Edward Mark's Democratic petitions were rejected, although he was allowed to remain on the Republican ticket. Mark had filed an affidavit stating that he was a registered Democrat, when in fact he is registered as a Republican. We won't even begin to speculate on how that could have happened.

Many - perhaps most - people will probably excuse these incidents as minor slipups on the basis that these are good men who have much to contribute to public office. That may be true. However, as public officials, they would have been sworn to uphold the laws of their nation, state and municipality, and to have administered them evenly. Failing to follow the prescribed rules now is not a good recommendation for what their behavior in office might have been.

We believe that our society works best when its citizens, and especially its leaders, play by the rules. Yes, that means things sometimes move more slowly than we would like; and, yes, that means we can't get the little favors that make us feel special. But we think those drawbacks are a good trade for the confidence that all citizens are being treated equally under the law. That principle is one of the strongest in our democracy.

Easter - a season for celebration

This Sunday most Christians will celebrate Easter, the day marking the Resurrection of the crucified Jesus Christ. While the actual day may be in dispute - many Orthodox denominations have only begun their Lenten season - the spirit is the same.

Easter offers perhaps the greatest promise ever made to mankind; that there can be life everlasting. For believers, this Holiday is the most important of all, since it marks the fulfillment of that promise.

If this week has special spiritual meaning for you, we hope you will feel its significance personally.

There are many parallel holidays in other religions and ancient rites. The Easter season is also the time of renewal for living things that have been dormant through the cold, gray winter months. Plants, birds and animals come alive with the warmth of the spring sun, and we all feel a little stronger and healthier. In that small way, all of Nature shares the spirit of the Resurrection.

Enjoy the day and the season; it holds promise for us all.

Letters invited

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Daisy Chrysanthemums? How'd they do that?

Ray Darling doesn't know. But he raises and cares for these seasonal beauties in his greenhouse in Dallas. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Letters

Writer contests previous letter regarding impact of Deer Meadow development

Editor:

I am prompted to reply to an article by Hugh P. King that appeared in your newspaper in regard to supposed problems attributed to the proposed Deer Meadow Estates Development.

Mr. King tells of the blasting that will begin shortly on Machell Avenue by the Dallas Area Municipal Authority, to move a main from Powderhorn Drive to Machell Avenue. He implies that the reason for moving the main is due to the development of Deer Meadows.

I would like to quote a statement that appeared in the newspaper by Mr. Tom Bagley, manager of DAMA. "Whether or not the Deer Meadow is settled, the main is being moved to the original planned site on Machell Avenue and residents are compelled to connect to the sewers." He went on to say "The Development has nothing to do with it. It is all in our master plan, as the move was planned five or six years ago. The main is ordered, and we have the permit for eight or nine years."

Another of Mr. King's main concerns is the "mess" a number of residents will have to put up with while the work goes on. I have never seen any construction that did not make a "mess", but the end result makes any temporary inconvenience well worth it.

On the subject of supposed damage to existing private wells and their being damaged or destroyed by the blasting he wonders if DAMA will pay for it. Mr. King why don't you get a definite answer from DAMA instead of speculating about it?

In regard to his concern for the cost of installation fees for connecting to the sewer. It is a small price to pay to have a trouble free sewage system instead of the present faulty private septic systems, with their pollution of the environment. People connected to sewage systems say it is the best thing since "apple pie".

I would think Mr. King as a member of the Dallas Boro Preservation Society who's intent it is to

protect the environment from pollution you would be in favor of the hook-up to the sewage system.

On the sidewalk issue, you feel they will be needed for Sterling, Powderhorn and Machell Avenue for the safety of pedestrians because of increased traffic. Most of the pedestrians in that area are the ones who walk their dogs at night. The lack of sidewalks at the present time does not seem to deter the walkers, joggers and dog walkers, who pass my home every day, even with heavy traffic.

Your reference that the homes to be built at Deer Meadow will be on 1/6 acre lots is incorrect. The developer's plans call for 1/2 acre lots or more. These plans are on record at the Boro building and can be seen by anyone. I for one really resent your calling the Deer Meadow Development a modernized version of Levittown.

As far as who will benefit by Deer Meadow? It is evident that the residents and taxpayers will benefit by the taxes that will generate from the development. Added revenue can certainly be used for Boro Council to increase their budget where needed. The addition of homes for average income families, who by the way would like to enjoy living in Dallas, and would like to enjoy the same quality of life that you all talk about so much, but only seem to want for yourselves. The addition of these families will also generate additional sales for area Dallas merchants.

I would like to see Dallas Boro grow as Kingston and Dallas Townships are growing. Time does not stand still, and it is time for progress. There must be, and will be many changes to move forward. The Dallas Boro Council has recognized this and acted for the best interest of Dallas Boro and all of its residents.

I understand Mr. King that you are a candidate for a seat on Dallas Boro Council. I would hope that as you campaign, you will present to all Dallas residents, the true facts and not half truths and scare tactics that to date you have been presenting.

Regina A. Bogdon
Dallas

Library news

Library collection includes award-winning children's books

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Caldecott Medal is an annual award for the most distinguished picture book for children published during the previous year. It was the first award recognizing the work of the illustrator of a book. Many of the prize winning works are found on the shelves of our children's room. The 1988 winner was "Owl Moon" by Jane Yolen illustrated by John Schoenherr. The story is of a little girl and her father who go owling. Depicted is the special companionship of a young child and her father as well as humankind's close relationship to the natural world. The illustrator's soft, watercolor illustrations make the book a visual as well as a verbal treasure. "Hey, Al" is the 1987 Caldecott winner written by Arthur Yorinks and Richard

Egelski. The story is about Janitor Al and his faithful dog, Eddie, when they leave their life of work and struggle and escape to a 'paradise' with the help of a mysterious bird. They lead a life of ease and comfort. Is it better than the life they left? Both agree, there is no place like home. These Caldecott Medal winners are available at the library.

A very faithful borrowing patron is Beth Klimek, seven years old, in second grade at Westmoreland Grade School. She borrows two books from her library at school each week and then comes into the Back Mountain Memorial Library each Friday to borrow her weekend books. The library is happy to serve our regular weekly patrons, both children and adults, as they borrow the books to read at home for their pleasure and enjoyment.

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Mar. 24, 1939 Dallas group hopes to solve water problems

After five and a half months, the Valley newspapers closed by a strike prepare to publish.

A Dallas group headed by Henry Disque hope to solve the water problem by conferring with the PUC Monday at the Capitol.

Three Legionnaires discuss scholarship to be given in the county before Dallas Borough PTA Monday night.

Hyman Shulman, 14-year-old violinist, and Gary Graffman, 10-year-old pianist, will perform at Irem Temple, April 2.

40 Years Ago - Mar. 25, 1949 Methodist Church windows dedicated

Howell E. Reese to leave his position as publicity director in Nassau and will return to the states.

Church windows have been dedicated to Dallas Methodist Church in memory of Theodore E. Meyers, Ph.G. by his widow Mrs. Elizabeth Hileman Meyers.

Alderson Boy Scout Troop 331 took third place honors at the West District Swimming Meet Tuesday night at Meyers High School pool.

Dallas A team took the Church Basketball League title by hammering Dallas B 68-44.

Engaged - Roberta Louise Quail and Edward J. Keller.

30 Years Ago - Mar. 19, 1958 Tribute to Back Mountain doctors moves ahead

More than \$10,000 of the \$14,000 workers are trying to raise for a nurse's station and isolation nursery on the third floor of the General Hospital as a memorial to deceased Back Mountain physicians is in and efforts will be made to raise the rest in the next few days.

College Misericordia president Sr. Mary Celestine, RSM, announced a \$3,000,000 expansion for the college of seven new buildings in the 10-year construction plan.

20 Years Ago - Mar. 20, 1969 Dallas board discusses prayer in schools

Several citizens protested the Trucksville Water Co. rates at the Kingston Township supervisors meeting last week.

Three teachers resigned from Lake-Lehman at the March 11 meeting of the board, one due to retirement, one leaving the area and the third for personal reasons.

Dallas School Board agreed to a rewording of the controversial school prayer offered by director Andrew Kozemchak. They amended the motion to read "investigate and study" how return of prayer and Bible reading in classrooms could be achieved within the law.

Wed - Cynthia E. Kipp and William C. Sweeney; Dian Jeter Denison and James Richard Widman; Emily Ann Weaver and Russell Race III.

10 Years Ago - Mar. 22, 1979 Kingston Township protests water company

Groundbreaking for the Back Mountain Medical Center will be held March 31, 11 a.m., at the future site on Route 118.

Kingston Township supervisors approved filing a complaint against the Shavertown Water Company with the PUC.

Wed - Linda Flock and David DeVries.

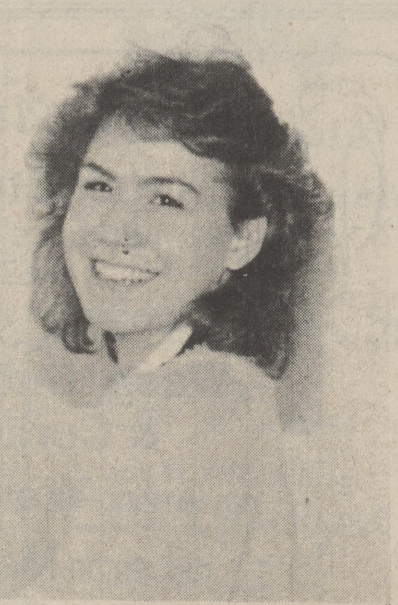
1979 NCAA champion wrestlers will meet Russians March 28.

The Post asks: What symptoms do you get from spring fever?



Tracey Shelley
Student
Dallas

"I get excited because the weather is so nice."



Janine Franklin
Homemaker

"It makes me feel good. I can take my son outside for a walk."



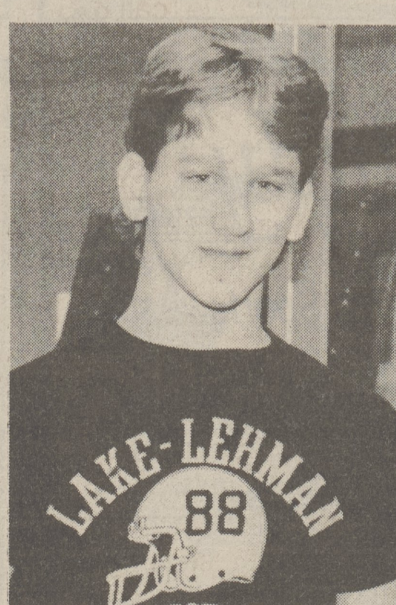
Karen Pilger
Secretary
Lehman

"It makes me happy because of the warm weather."



Shelley Pavlick
Executive secretary
Lehman

"It's exhilarating and I love spring."



Matt Kukosky
Student
Lake-Lehman

"Spring gives me more energy."



Nicole Cooper
Student
Lake-Lehman

"Spring makes me feel good. I know summer is on its way."