

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Congregation proves church is its people

If anyone needed proof that a church is more than a building, they needed only to stop by the old Beaumont School Sunday morning. There, in the second floor auditorium, was the congregation of the Beaumont Union Gospel Church, 50 strong, worshipping their God.

Displaced by an arsonist's misdeed, the membership had to make do with folding chairs set before a former school stage. Pastor Jerry Tallent had a message for them about the tests by fire that God had laid before men since time immemorial. He urged his flock to respond to that challenge by becoming an even stronger, better group than they were before.

Judging by the people we saw and talked to in that old school, Pastor Tallent has nothing to worry about. Already the members are talking about how quickly they can clean up and repair their building so that they can move back into its familiar quarters. And the men, women and children present Sunday seemed perfectly at ease with the task that lies ahead.

We wish them well, and look forward eagerly to their return to the church building that has been in use since 1866. It looks like they'll add many more years to that legacy.

SPCA rule is counterproductive

We found out last week that if you have children younger than six years of age, you shouldn't waste your time trying to save one of the kittens that wind up at the SPCA. They won't give one to you, contending that children under that age don't know how to care for the animals.

That sounds pretty dumb to us. We thought the SPCA wanted helpless kittens to have good homes, rather than be euthanized. We didn't realize that they were so concerned that animals might get bumped around a bit by a rambunctious child. To our mind, that small risk is little to pay in return for the many pets that could be saved.

As for the argument that young children don't know how to care for small animals, we would ask only how they may learn to do so if they can't have one. Maybe we just don't understand how these things work.

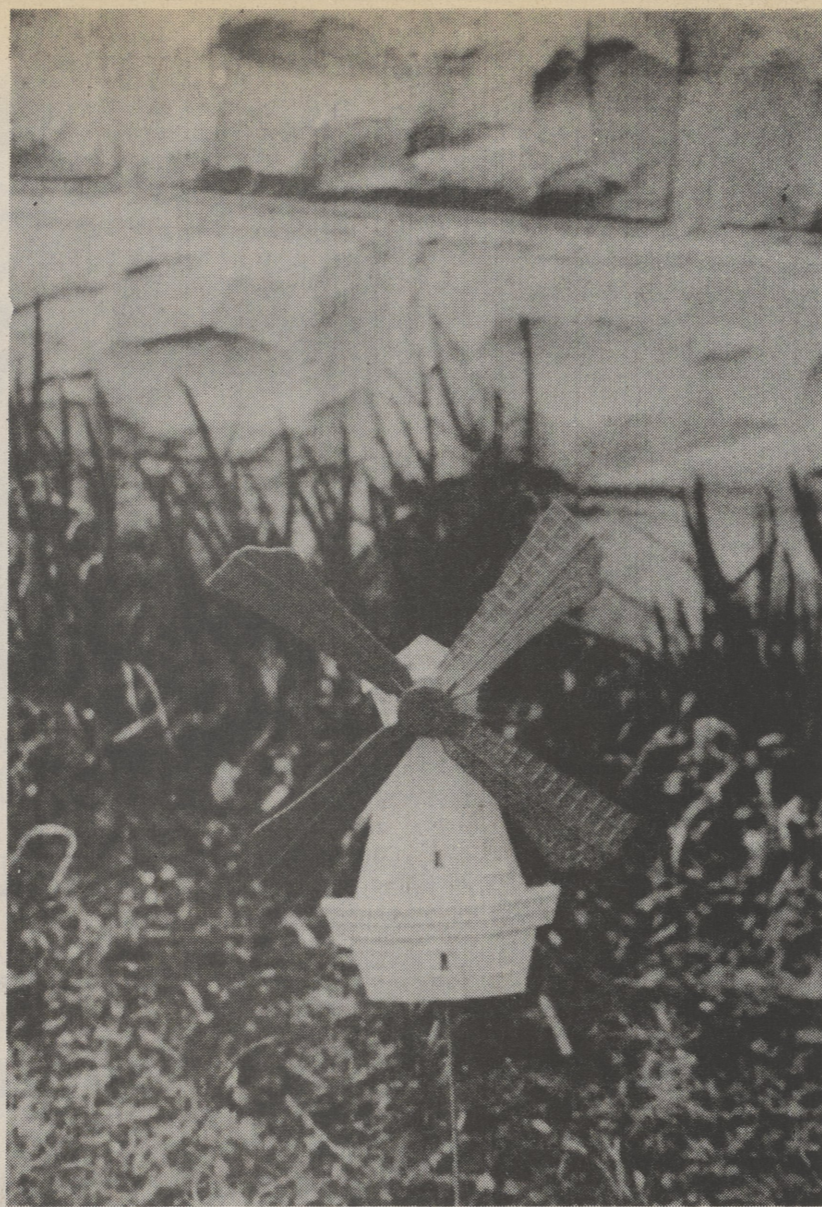
Because of this policy, parents must either lie about the age of their children - which many do - or take a pet directly from its owner. We think the SPCA should change this foolish policy, and save people the trouble they must go to now.

Good luck, high school volleyballers

Volleyball isn't high on the list of popular high school sports in this country, but it is one of the most exciting and enjoyable to watch and play. We're glad to see that both Dallas and Lake-Lehman high schools field teams.

Lake-Lehman is used to winning almost every match, and may have to adjust to being merely mortal during this rebuilding year. Dallas has yet to reach the top of their form, but we're sure will be working hard to have a successful season.

We wish them both well, and hope more of the public takes an interest in the playing of this fast-growing sport.



March wind, April showers - coming up, May flowers
(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

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.

Letters

Lehman-Jackson PTA sponsoring candidates night

Editor:
The Lehman-Jackson Parent Teacher Association will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates Night" to be held on Monday, April 17, 1989, in the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School Multi-purpose Room.

This non partisan forum is being presented in an endeavor to acquaint the public with each of the candidates representing the three regions within the school district. Invitations have been extended to all candidates to participate. Dr. Bradford L. Kinney, Chairman of the Speech, Communications and

Theater Arts Department at Wilkes College will act as moderator to guide the discussion of relevant issues regarding the direction of education within the school district. Pertinent questions will be entertained from those in attendance.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend, what promises to be a most informative evening.

Charity Marlatt
President
Lehman-Jackson Elementary PTA

Writer says tax reform masks increased spending

Editor:
Our solons in Harrisburg have worked mightily to bring the electorate "TAX REFORM"! But I suggest that what they have wrought is a confusing maze of mish-mash that is full of sound and fury signifying nothing. As written, the proposals contain so many escape clauses and conflicting ideas—all of which can be dumped in four years—that is a Philadelphia lawyer's delight.

On the face of it, what the proposed change purports to do is to devise a "fairer" more equitable system of taxes" by shifting the tax burden onto the wealthy and onto business. (Of course, what we'd all like to do is shift the tax burden to someone else. No one likes to pay taxes.) But the fact is that, at the State level, this can't be done effectively because both business and the wealthy can always move out if they perceive taxes as being excessively burdensome. Somehow, these two groups may not see the stated goal of "tax reform" as being either "fair" or "equitable". And as much as we may secretly dislike either the wealthy or business, the fact is that we urgently need both—to

create new jobs and to invest in industry. Pennsylvania can't afford to lose them!

The thing that is most wrong with the proposed "Tax Reform", aside from the fact that it is extremely complex and confusing, is that it would encourage expansion of spending by Harrisburg. Right now, our legislature is constrained by the fact that, under the existing Constitution, poor people (like you and me) must pay the bulk of taxes. Since we constitute the majority of the electorate, we resist Government spending vigorously. Presently, if politicians want to be re-elected, they have to hold it down. But if they can somehow convince us that it is the other fellow who will pay, then the restraints will be off and they can spend freely.

However, in the end, no matter how it's cut, we'll all have to pay for everything we get from Harrisburg. Remember: TANSTAAFL (There ain't no such thing as a free lunch.)!

Hugh P. King
Dallas

Girl Scouts say thanks for coverage

Editor:
All the Girl Scouts in Penn's Woods Council — from Daisy Girl Scouts to adult volunteers want to say "thank you". You help to tell the story of what Girl Scouts do today—during Girl Scout Week — and every week during the year. You are making people aware of how Girl Scouting does TAKE THE LEAD!

We appreciate all that you did, marking the 77th birthday of Girl Scouting.

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Executive Director
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Odd but familiar doings herald trout season

Back Mountain glimpses

By Charlot M. Denmon

April is the month of sunshine and warm showers, the harbinger of Spring to many persons. It is not so in our home.

April in our home brings with it a multitude of tiny insects faintly resembling May flies, grasshoppers, crickets, or ants but in colors I've never seen them in before. These insects, not real but appearing to be made of feathers, silk and what else, cover my laundry shelves.

Coffee cans filled with moist grounds house night walkers or red worms. Others hold grubs or snails. Bags of tiny marshmallows and cans of dried corn appear

on the shelves.

New wading boots appear in the basement, coolers are dragged from the storage closet in the corner, fishing rods fill every flat space and an odor resembling varnish, or is it glue, permeates the house. Rolls of colored line and new fishing reels are brought into the house daily.

The phone rings more often than usual and long discussions about places and items I've never heard of frequent the conversation. "Who's driving?", "When shall we leave?" Menus are discussed, and shopping lists made out. Trips made to the grocery store, bags of various sizes are brought into the

basement. Packages are put in the freezer, other items placed in the coolers.

The man-size sleeping bag comes down from the shelf, bags are packed and finally, the night before arrives!

Friday, April 14—the night before the opening day of trout season. Everything is packed into the car, his friends have arrived and then those "Oh, so familiar words..." "See you Sunday, we're going up to the cabin for trout fishing—native brown, brook, rainbow and yes, palomino—we are going to try for them all."

Yes, it's the beginning of April 15, weekend—opening day for trout season, card playing and three days relaxation and for me—a vacation at home!

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - April 14, 1939 DALLAS BOROUGH PLANS 60TH BIRTHDAY

Dallas Borough school teacher Ernest Line resigns effective April 30.

Dallas Borough Council to confer with Robert Craig, head of Southeastern Gas & Water Company to discuss assurance of better water service.

Local farmers association to fight reduction in milk prices proposed by Milk Control Board.

Dallas Borough to celebrate 60th anniversary April 21.

Engaged - Mary Fedor and Rev. Guy A. Leinthal.

Wed - Louise Derby and George Hicks; Ruth Perkins and Verne Pritchard.

40 Years Ago - April 15, 1949 COMMITTEES NAMED FOR LIBRARY AUCTION

Harry Ohlman, general chairman, named committees for the third annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

Carverton Rod and Gun Club urged legislation enabling persons over 65 to attain free hunting licenses.

Addition of four new teams strengthens the Bi-County Baseball League to 12.

Engaged - Nancy Swartz and Louis Haughey; Audrey Crispell and S. James Saunderson.

30 Years Ago - April 9, 1959 GOOD RESPONSE TO JUDGE SELECKY'S TALK

Dallas School District will show work exhibits in all area schools.

Judge Paul Selecky is praised for his talk to Westmoreland High athletes on morale and character-building attributes of athletes.

Harrisburg to survey alternate proposal for new building at Lake-Lehman.

St. Paul's Lutheran congregation welcomes members at a reception.

20 years Ago - April 10, 1969 FIRES MAR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Harveys Lake Council surcharged \$500 by the auditors. Dallas Borough will be 90 years old April 21 of this year.

Glendalough, new housing tract, is planned for Dallas as discussed by Dallas Township supervisors at their meeting.

A rash of fires marred the Easter weekend keeping Back Mountain firemen busy.

Dallas Rotary Anns plan a spring council program at Rotary International conference at Pocono Manor, April 11, 12, 13.

A white swan paddled around on an open spot on Harveys Lake near Outlet Friday afternoon.

Wed - Christine Gross and Charles Wendell, Jr.; Linda Ann Bell and Frederick N. Brown.

10 Years Ago - April 12, 1979 VANDALISM AT TOWNSHIP PARK

A two-week-old truckers strike could affect local area in weeks ahead.

Vandals harrassing the new township park and delinquent sewer taxes occupied the attention of Dallas Township supervisors at their meeting last week.

Clients at Clear Brook drug and alcohol addiction treatment center told Dallas ninth grade students stories of how they became addicted to using pot or alcohol, at a recent visit of the students to the center.

Catholics schedule special Easter services.

Dallas Junior Woman's Club celebrates its 35th anniversary.

Lake-Lehman wrestlers who took the District I AA title this year were honored at a banquet at Jimeals.

Dallas Junior High plans annual gymnastic exhibition.

Library news

Antiques from women of Prince of Peace church on display

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library display case in the office area of the library is featuring some exquisite antiques borrowed from members of the Churchwomen of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church of Dallas. These antiques have been set up by the women on an interesting cloth of vivid pink to show their beauty. The center of the display features a handmade sewing kit of wood with built in needle and pin cushions and separate compartments with individual lids on them. This sewing kit dates back to 1855, and was made in England. A most interesting piece is sampler made in North Brookfield, Mass. in 1850. The sampler contains 3 types of letters for monograms, which a new bride would use for her sheets, pillow cases and other linens. It includes special motifs also and was made by Elvira Knight, who was 11 years old in 1850, in anticipation of her forthcoming marriage. There is a Delft Plate fruit bowl from Holland which includes the potters mark on the back. A silver jewelry box or venetian trinket box has several trinkets including pearls training from it. There is a pair of Opera Glasses with Mother of Pearl trim, made in Paris; which along with opera, attended many races at Saratoga. Several cut glass bowls of the high period, a water bowl and a candy dish, made in Honesdale of Wayne County; Victorian

silver serving spoons and a pie server are included in the display. Also included is a silver tea strainer, cake server, and a very unique candle snuffer and trimmer; an old English sterling silver nut bowl and a Crown Derby tea cup and saucer. There are mixed nuts in the nut bowl and colored mints in the candy dish. These antiques are personal possessions of the Churchwomen and make a lovely display in the library. The 37th annual Antiques Show and Sale of the Women of Prince of Peace will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 2 and 3 at the church from 11 to 8 on Tuesday and 11 to 5 on Wednesday. Come to the library and see these antiques.

Our children's librarian and I took a walk to the United Penn Bank in Dallas one day last week to view the acrylic paintings exhibited there by Thelma Russ. These paintings were quite interesting, impressionistic in style and included examples of both impasto and aquarelle techniques. Thelma volunteers some of her spare time here at the library typing catalog cards and her help is much appreciated by the members of the library staff.

The committee for the 43rd annual library auction met recently and discussed plans for the event to be held July 5 through 9 on the action grounds behind the library. Dr. John Shaskas is general chairman with Dr. Durelle Scott as co-chairman.

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Report from Harrisburg

Here is a summary of important events that occurred on Capitol Hill recently from Rep. Scott Ditterick, 120th Legislative District.

CAT FUND REPLACEMENT - All private insurance companies in Pennsylvania would be required to offer motorists medical insurance coverage similar to the state's CAT Fund under a bill which passed the House overwhelmingly this week. The CAT Fund, which is being phased out May 1, provides coverage for medical costs up to \$1 million for injuries resulting from an auto accident. The bill would require that all catastrophic coverage rates offered by private insurers be approved by the state Insurance Department. It was sent to the Senate for consideration.

PESTICIDE CONTROL MEASURES - Legislation which would regulate the use of pesticides in residential areas was unveiled this week by Rep. Jon D. Fox (R-Montgomery). Termed the "Good Neighbor Bill", the measure would require homeowners and commercial applicators to follow simple precautionary steps to prevent exposure to the chemicals by unknowing neighbors and their

pets. Such steps include the posting of warning signs, notification of individuals listed with a central registry who are known to be hypersensitive to chemicals and prohibition of pesticide spraying when winds exceed three miles-per-hour.

COLLEGE RESOURCE FUNDING - Rep. Fred C. Noye (R-Perry) this week announced legislation to increase funding to Pennsylvania's public and private colleges and another measure to improve funding to the state's Wild Resource Conservation Fund. The first proposal would allow taxpayers to direct a portion or all of their state tax return to the Pennsylvania college of their choice. The second measure would eliminate the current tax check-off method of funding the state's Wild Resource Conservation Fund and replace it with an annual state allocation of \$600,000. "The problem with relying on the tax check-off program for support is that the amount of funding the Conservation Fund receives each year varies substantially. It's impossible to run an effective program when the funding constantly fluctuates," Noye said.