

# THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

### Regional cooperation could aid communities

In what appears to be a good recovery from an unfortunate situation, the Dallas Borough Council has appointed Milton Lutsey to the position of borough manager. From everything we know about Mr. Lutsey, he is a good choice for the job. He already serves as secretary to the Dallas School Board, and has received high marks there.

The controversy that led to the opening in the borough manager's post centered on whether or not it could be adequately performed in approximately 15 hours per week. Mr. Lutsey's predecessor, Kathryn Strosnider, had been the borough's clerk for several years before being appointed to the manager's position. She contended that increasing complexities in local government required more time than had been allotted to do the job. Adding to the demands on her was rapid turnover in the clerk's position.

The borough's response to Ms. Strosnider's suggestion that the manager's job requires more time was an offer of a raise from \$5,000 to \$6,000 annual salary. Ms. Strosnider had asked for \$10,000 and said the budget could have handled that amount.

We're not sure that all the reasons for Ms. Strosnider's departure have been made public, but we must agree with her that Dallas Borough could use more assistance in coping with the demands placed on it by a growing population. The Borough joins most other Back Mountain communities in that respect.

Even now, as a temporary lull seems to have taken over the local real estate market, building and growth continue. But today's activity pales in comparison with the pressures that are sure to come with the completion of the Cross Valley Expressway in late 1991. An unprepared Back Mountain community is likely to be overwhelmed by development then.

One supervisor commented last week that council members think Dallas Borough residents won't stand for a tax increase to fund a full time manager. Perhaps it would be better if the council asked all the residents of the borough if they would reject the idea of paying higher taxes for a corresponding improvement in planning and delivery of services.

If a full time manager seems a luxury for Dallas Borough, as it does for several neighboring communities, we would like to see the borough join with others in employing the services of a professional planner and administrator. Banding together to share the cost of such a person is common practice in many areas, and it makes sense for person to work with contiguous communities that have common needs and interests.

The time for such action is now, not in a year or two when it will be too late. We hope Dallas Borough and other municipalities will explore the idea.

### Solid ending to a bittersweet season

Congratulations to the Dallas Mountaineers on their hard-fought 6-0 victory in Saturday's Old Shoe game. It was a well deserved win.

Once again, the two Back Mountain teams were evenly matched, and both came away with their heads held high. In a game so close, more than one break that went the other way could have made the winning difference.

It's unfortunate that the league's schemes prevent either team from going on to the playoffs. We have a feeling both would have done well.

Soon, the players, coaches and fans will begin looking forward to next season, and the challenges it represents. For the seniors, the season may have been disappointing for its record, but it shouldn't be for the quality of play and sportsmanship they contributed.



Oaken Silhouettes

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

### Library news

## Special displays mark Children's Book Week

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will be celebrating Children's Book Week during the week of November 13 through the 19th. This is a special week set aside each year to spark enthusiasm about books, reading and library learning that will last throughout the year. We have on hand colorful mobiles, posters, stickers, buttons, balloons, bookmarks and other items to help create a festive mood to celebrate this week at the library. A special display is set up in the office area with some books pertaining to the subject of the week and balloons and posters. The theme is "Spout About Books" and the balloons and bookmarks feature whales in every possible position. Children's Book Week is fun for everybody; children, parents, teachers, and librarians. We invite the public to come in and bring the children to make a splash and have a fantastic time.

An announcement! The 44th annual library auction will be held Wednesday through Sunday; July 4 through the 8th on the library grounds. An organization meeting has been held and we are happy to announce that for the fifth time in the last 44 years, we will have a female general chairman of the auction in 1990. Connie Scott will be general chairman and Monty Evans has accepted the co-chairmanship. Some exciting events are being planned for the special 4th of

July celebration and information will be forthcoming soon after the first of the year. New ideas and new volunteers are always welcome. Just call the library.

Our Civil War lead figures are receiving a lot of attention by adults and young people. Two young boys were studying them the other day and one said to the other, "Which team do you like the best?" An interesting study for today's young people.

The library was able to share in the unique freedom which we all enjoy, the right to vote for the candidate of your choice. Dallas Borough holds elections in the library for one of the districts. It was exciting and a different kind of a 'library' day.

The library is again participating in the program, Labels for Education promoted by the Campbell Soup Company. The labels may be brought to the library and placed in the special container set up on the table in the foyer. The regular Campbell labels are accepted plus the 'Campbell Cousin' labels, which include Franco-American products; Marie's Salad Dressing; Mrs. Paul's products; Pepperidge Farm Bakery, frozen foods, crackers and cookies; Prego spaghetti sauces; Swanson canned and frozen food products; Vlasic pickle products and V8 vegetable juice products. These labels will enable the library to receive some needed items.

### 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.

### Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Nov. 17, 1939  
**ELWOOD IDE WINS THE TOWN SPELLING BEE**

Gov. James aids local dairy farmers by signing order for a one-cent a quart boost in milk.

The word 'catechist' wins the alumni spelling bee for Elwood Ide after the word had sent a row of the town's best spellers down in defeat.

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co.'s fire truck gets O.K. after rigid test by engineer.

Howard DeRemer talks about television which he is now studying in Chicago.

Wed - Bertha Jones and Robert Isaacs.

Dr. Eugene Farley, president of Bucknell University Junior College speaks at dinner for Kingston Township High School squad.

Three Back Mountain football teams will play out of town this weekend.

40 Years Ago - Nov. 18, 1949  
**AREA TEAMS PREPARE TO END 1949 SEASON**

Kingston Township School Board appoints new cafeteria staff of four.

Dallas Township and Kingston Township teams prepare for the final game of season.

Dallas Township's new committee on zoning refuses to discuss anything with the original zoning board.

Engaged - Margaret Laity and George May.

Pennsylvania turkey supply is the largest in three years.

30 Years Ago - Nov. 19, 1959  
**SHOPPING CENTER HAS 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

Back Mountain Shopping Center celebrates its first anniversary with special features including birthday cake, dancing, radio broadcasts, prizes and special values.

Dallas teachers request the retention of principal James Martin to share in the opening of the new high school.

Scranton men open new firm at Trucksville, the Five Star Manufacturing Co.

Levi Updyke is one of the last craftsmen blacksmiths in his shop on Mt. Greenwood Road.

Lake-Lehman Scotties down West Wyoming 34-14.

St. Paul's congregation honors volunteer organists at dinner.

20 Years Ago - Nov. 20, 1969  
**FOURTEEN MAY HAVE VOTED ILLEGALLY IN HL**

Construction on the first 40 units of what will be a 150-unit will begin as soon as the weather breaks if approval is won from the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors and will be known as Brandywine.

Charges that 14 guests at Morgus Convalescent Home voted illegally were filed by Atty. Joseph Kasper on behalf of William Hoblak, newly-elected Harveys Lake Borough councilman.

Rotary Anns plan dance at the Irem Temple Country Club.

Lake-Lehman Band wins its 31st trophy Nov. 9 in Wilkes-Barre.

Wed - Colleen Congahn and Stephen G. Farrar; Ellen Kytile and Robert W. Casterline; Sally Cook Booker and John Terence Goldner.

Dallas loses game 13-7 to Coughlin.

Penn State plans career day program.

10 Years Ago - Nov. 21, 1979  
**DER STUDY INDICATES LOCAL DAMS UNSAFE**

The "Meadows" senior citizen highrise plan depends on whether or not the Ecumenical Enterprises will be able to obtain funds for water.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources published a report that Huntsville Dam, Pikes Creek Dam and Bryants Pond were three local dams classified as unsafe.

Dallas Township supervisors presented a tentative budget with a two mill increase.

Troop 281 held Eagle banquet in honor of Eagle Scout Bill Lewis. WBRE-TV to carry 'revisionist' version of Christ's birth.

CPR Class planned for Nov. 27.

Dallas cagers to play in Columbia County Invitational Tournament.

Lake-Lehman Knights will open pre-season basketball season Nov. 30.



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

**PRISON RIOT RESPONSE** - Reps. Lois S. Hagarty (R-Montgomery) and Jeffrey E. Piccola (R-Dauphin) this week called for action on legislation to address prison overcrowding in Pennsylvania. The legislators, both members of the House Judiciary Committee, wrote to Gov. Robert P. Casey following the first day of rioting at Camp Hill state prison seeking the governor's support for their legislative package designed to ease the overcrowding situation throughout the state. The Hagarty/Piccola package would establish a program of alternative sentencing for non-violent offenders and create early parole programs for deserving inmates. Following a second night of rioting at Camp Hill, Hagarty criticized Casey for failing to "provide any sort of leadership to address the problem." Meanwhile, the Senate Judiciary Committee opened public hearings on the state prison riots.

**TEACHING THE BLIND** - The House Education Committee recently unanimously approved legislation which would require public schools to teach Braille to blind and visually handicapped students. Introduced by Rep. John D. Fox (R-Montgomery), a member of the committee, the measure requires schools to offer Braille and also gives parents the right to place their child in a Braille class if the child is partially-sighted. "Too many blind and partially-sighted students are graduating from schools without the skills to compete in the job market or continue their education, not because they are lacking ability but because they aren't being taught a system of writing and reading they can use, which is Braille," Fox said. The measure has been sent to the full House for consideration.

**CHILD SUPPORT BILL** - Legislation which would create an Office of Child Support Legal Advocate to assist parents and children in their dealings with county domestic relations systems has been introduced by Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor (R-Chester). Under the measure, the office would be empowered to assist individuals in complaint procedures, presentation of claims and appeals. "The office would be directed to place the welfare of the custodial parent and child at the forefront. If this means cutting through red tape, that would be done," Taylor said.

## The Post asks: Should the U.S. make a deal to get back our hostages from Iran?



Ruth Tetschner  
Principal  
Dallas

"Yes, if the funds are returned through a neutral intermediary who holds them until our hostages are returned."



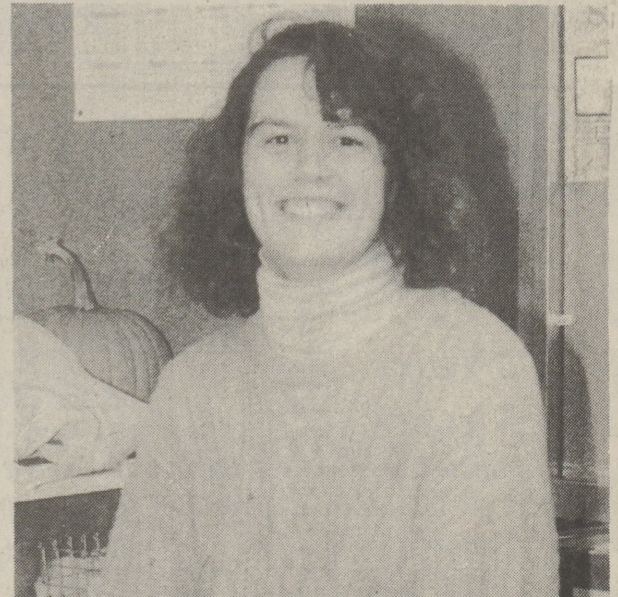
Lee Ann Carey  
Teacher  
Dallas

"Yes, if that is what it takes to get our people back."



June George  
Secretary  
Dallas

"I believe their money should be returned if certain limitations are set up to insure the hostages are returned."



Erica Bullock  
Student  
Dallas

"Yes, if we make sure we get back the hostages before they get their money."