

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Are we willing to pay for '911' service?

While there is much enthusiasm for the installation of a '911' emergency system in the Back Mountain, its fate likely hinges on Luzerne County's willingness to support the move.

Other than a few dissidents, the 911 system gains nearly universal support among emergency professionals. In its enhanced version, it can offer not only faster response to calls for help, but can give the emergency crew vital information about the household it is called to.

The question before the county will soon be how to pay for this vital - but expensive - service. The State Senate bill for 911 includes grants to counties choosing to implement the service, while the House measure offers loans. Neither will cover anything approaching the full cost of the system.

Given local and county officials reluctance to ask residents to pay for needed services, it may be some time before 911 actually arrives on the scene.

That would be a shame, because faster and better response to emergency needs is a perfect example of a government assisted service that will in time benefit every one of us.

Area residents who are championing the cause of 911 are to be congratulated. They should also be aware that gaining it may be a longer process than they had hoped.

Pearl Harbor Day

December 7 will always be Pearl Harbor Day to those whose lives were affected by Pacific war that began on that day in 1941. Franklin Roosevelt called it a day that would live in infamy for all time.

Forty eight years later, those who served in the Pacific and their families recall the start of one of the bloodiest chapters in Human existence. How remarkable that our enemy of that time is now the largest supplier of imported goods to our nation.

The world seems to be a very different place from what it was in 1941. While Korea and Vietnam saw disastrous wars that cost the lives of thousands of fighting men and women on both sides, the major powers have managed to avoid conflict on the scale seen in World War II. And now, the principles that our soldiers fought so hard and long for seem to be rearing up in the most unlikely places.

While there are bound to be mixed feelings associated with the economic and diplomatic prominence our former enemies have attained, their very presence as international giants is a tribute to the American fundamental belief in the goodness of all people.

As we recall the events that began one of the darkest eras of history, we can take satisfaction in our nation's contribution to world peace and prosperity, even when it has been simply by example.

Think fire safety

Thursday is National Fire Safety Day, and it comes at an appropriate time for us in the Northeast. The heating season is about to reach its peak, and so too will fires caused by stoves and heaters of all kinds.

Supplementary heaters must be chosen and used with care. Many of us need them to be comfortable on cold winter days and nights, but failure to follow the rules for their use can be disastrous.

Because of the amount of heat and soot they generate, woodstoves must not only be installed and operated correctly, their flues should be cleaned at least once yearly. Heating with wood can be a most satisfying experience - don't spoil it by neglecting necessary maintenance. Anyone who has faced the terror of a chimney fire knows the value of avoiding one.

This is also a time when our volunteer firefighters deserve an extra pat on the back. Their commitment in valuable enough year-round, but the dangers and discomfort of fighting fires in cold weather would test the dedication of anyone.



Water Abstract

Still water on Hillside Reservoir provide some interesting shadows and shapes. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Letters to the editor

Santa writes to tell of visit

Editor:

Santa has a message for all children of Shavertown. I will be at your Fire Hall on December 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. with a gift for each of you. I will collect your letters to take North with me.

I will visit all the hospitals, with gifts. If any resident of Shavertown is in a nursing home, call 696-4101 or 696-3323.

Santa Claus

Former owner notes Post 100th

Editor:

I understand that the Dallas Post is in the process of celebrating its centennial, a most auspicious accomplishment for any newspaper. As former editor and publisher, I have a special spot in my heart for the Post and for the Back Mountain community. Blaze and I extend our greetings and best wishes for your continuing successful service to the community and the many friends and subscribers the Post has served over the years.

The Post helps make the community's economy work by serving the needs of local businesses and services. The Post serves as a coordinating calendar for community events. The Post is the conscience of the community, providing an editorial stimulus from time to time. (In my time with The Post, the names of our predecessors, Howard Risley and "Mrs. Hicks" often were invoked.) The Post covers local news. The Post records community history. Most of all, the Post helps Dallas and the Back Mountain retain identity. It's the one

newspaper that works for the betterment of the Back Mountain consistently. A lot of other media are willing to serve area advertising dollars, but only the Post is loyally, traditionally, and exclusively Back Mountain.

Any review of the Post's accomplishments must mention the continuity and loyalty provided by Charlot Denmon during both my time and yours with the Dallas Post. Charlot has been faithful to the Post past and the Post present. She is willing and able to perform whatever tasks were assigned. She sold advertising. She wrote stories. She wrote features. She covered meetings. She covered sports. She took photos. She assisted on business matters. She has been most loyal. Please greet our many friends and former neighbors in the Back Mountain community.

Ray Carlsen
Executive Director, Inland Press Assn.
Park Ridge, Illinois

N.E. PA Philharmonic sets audition

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic announces that auditions will be held on Monday, January 22, 1990 for the positions of section violin and second clarinet.

The Philharmonic is a per-service orchestra based in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Performances

include eight pairs of subscription concerts as well as Young Peoples, July 4th Pops, and runouts to communities in eastern Pennsylvania. Anyone interested in auditioning should contact the Philharmonic office at 717-287-1916 or 717-342-0920 for additional information and repertoire.

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Dec. 8, 1939

SCARLET FEVER SEEMS TO HAVE PASSED

Bad weather handicaps hunters but a white buck is bagged by Ralph Welsh.

Back taxes owed by taxpayers would pay the Dallas Borough School District's entire indebtedness.

No new cases of scarlet fever were reported in this section and 14 of the 16 carriers detected last week were permitted to return to Dallas Township schools.

Engaged - Evelyn Templin and Fred Eck.

Wed - Carol Moss and Captain Henry Lawrence Lee.

Miss Marian Jones to give a piano recital Tuesday night at her Carverton home.

J.A. Martin, principal of Kingston Township school district has been named president of the high schools' basketball league.

40 Years Ago - Dec. 9, 1949

DEVENS WAREHOUSE SAVED FROM FLAMES

Dallas Businessmen's Association will award \$40 to the most beautiful outdoor decorated Back Mountain home.

Devens Milling Company warehouse was saved from serious damage and possible loss by the quick action of the Dr. Henry Laing Fire Company Friday night.

Fire destroyed the home of Mrs. David Traver, a widow, whose son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Emory Traver and six children lived with her at Buckwheat Hollow, near Noxen.

Kingston Township School Board was informed that the Middle State Association of Secondary Schools had refused to accredit Kingston Township Schools due to the lack of a supervising principal.

Engaged - Joan Anthony and Carl E. Streadle; Barbara Ann Zimmerman and John Bronson; Doris Bernadine Kocher and Edward Smith; Alice E. Navas and Rev. William R. Williams.

Wed - Dolores Beline and Donald Gabel.

30 Years Ago - Dec. 10, 1959

DRIVER LICENSE FEE INCREASES TO \$2.00

The Commonwealth has increased car operators licenses to \$2.00.

Mr. and Mrs. A.H. VanNortwick of Dallas, surprised their son, Rev. Ralph VanNortwick in a "This Is Your Life" program given by members of his Ohio Church congregation.

Robert Block was elected president of the Dallas Community Ambulance Association at the annual meeting Sunday in the borough building.

Dallas directors reelect Charles Mannear as president of the school board.

Robert O'Dell, Bucknell University head coach was the dinner speaker at the Westmoreland football team's banquet sponsored by the Booster Club.

Engaged - Alice W. Ide and John J. Hudak.

Wed - Grace E. Grey and Stanley Lutz.

Centermoreland Methodist Church moves to organize Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

20 Years Ago - Dec. 11, 1969

FIRE DESTROYS PATTERSON'S GROVE

Flames raged through Patterson's Grove for the third time in less than a month and completely destroyed eight cottages and damaged five others on the 101-year old United Methodist campground.

The Dallas Village Office of the First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre will open Monday morning at 10 a.m. in the temporary mobile unit at the intersection of Route 309 and Route 415.

Representatives of the Back Mountain Sewer Authority attended the Carverton Road construction meeting last Thursday to protest building the new road before the sewers are installed.

Robert Graham named to head Natona Mills.

Engaged - Julie Katsock and John A. Elenchik; Sharon Phillips and Alexander Ewing, Jr.; Mary Ann Ambrose and Charles D. Malkemes.

Wed - Gwen V. Weaver and James Morris Vanlandingham.

Dallas matmen open the season with a win over Wyoming Seminary.

10 Years Ago - Dec. 12, 1979

DRURY'S DELI OPENS AT HARVEYS LAKE

Lake Township supervisors announce there will be no tax increase for the next year.

Fifty five volunteer aides were approved for Dallas Schools.

Lake-Lehman board elects Angelo DeCesaris as president of the board.

Dallas Township supervisors plagued with planning and zoning problems the past few months, most of them relative to Fox Hollow and College Manor.

Robert Kelly checks the amount of funds raised for Fall Fair property which to date is \$7,200.

Dallas Senior High plans Christmas Concert.

Dallas Post sponsors the Back Mountain holiday decoration contest.

Dallas girls basketball team defeats Wyoming and Northwest but loses to Bishop Hoban.

ID numbers needed on deeds

Frank C. Castellino, Recorder of Deeds, announces that effective January 1, 1990, all instruments affecting real estate recorded in the Office of the Luzerne County Recorder of Deeds must contain a property identification number (PIN) which is the property map number.

The PIN should immediately follow the property description in language substantially as follows: The Property Identification Number of the above described parcel is _____.

No instrument will be accepted for recording without the Property Identification Number.

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.

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The Post asks: Should children still be brought up to believe in Santa Claus?



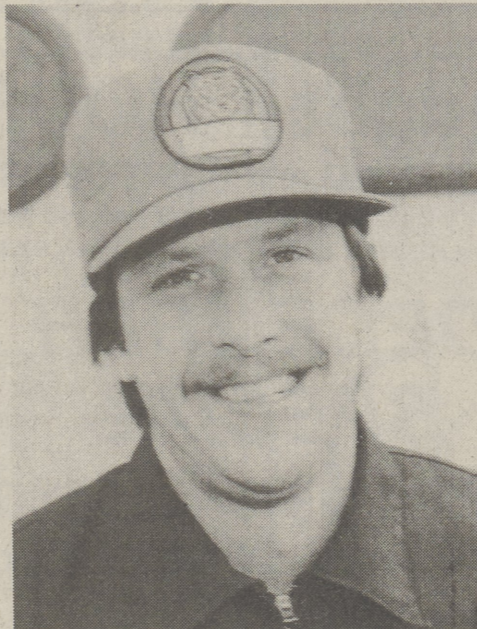
Pat Brody
Noxen

"Yes, until they are old enough to find out the truth for themselves."



George Mehal
Dallas

"Yes. Children need to have some privileges. Children are only young once."



Bill Wermuth
Kingston

"Yes, I believe they should."



Victoria Shultz
Dallas

"Definitely. I cannot believe people say they shouldn't."



Lilla Park
Lehman

"Yes. There is still a lot of commercial stuff about Christmas that is bad, but they should still have Santa Claus."