

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Girl Scouts - 78 years and still going strong

This Monday was the 78th anniversary of the Girl Scouts, but don't let the organization's age fool you. Throughout our region and the world, Girl Scouting is as alive and vibrant as are its members.

In a changing and ever more complex world, Girl Scouting transforms itself to keep up, while holding on to the values that have served it so well for so long. The all-girl experience of Girl Scouting provides a unique environment for young women to learn and test leadership skills that can be used to make the world a better place to live.

Through Girl Scouting, girls learn to face the challenges that they must overcome to develop their full potential. Girl Scouts study and master activities as wide-ranging as their interests and imagination.

Girl Scouting makes a difference in today's girls' lives, so they can make a difference for all of us in the future.

Water commission's services needed

After several sessions for which less than a quorum showed up, the Back Mountain Water Commission had a productive last meeting. And despite the lack of pressing dangers to local water supplies, the group had several substantive issues to discuss.

The commission has an opportunity to prove its importance by monitoring the pending sale of the Dallas Water Company and its affiliates. The company's operations touch more people than any other in the region, and its recent history of not responding to questions from customers or the media is cause for concern.

A body like the water commission is also the ideal starting point for new rules to protect the supply and quality of water: Among those being considered are regulations that would apply to private wells. Given the background and experience of some of its members, the commission's recommendations should be taken seriously.

Two years ago, during one of the worst droughts in history, the commission did not exist and residents were left to themselves to fight for better use of scarce resources. Last year, when the Back Mountain experienced one of the wettest spring seasons ever, the commission was just getting started and it seemed the robust supplies might mean a short life for the group.

It is comforting to know that the water commission is alive and kicking, as the pressures on our water supplies are unlikely to diminish this year.

Those great grapplers

Congratulations to Ray Rosencrans for his victory in the title match of the PIAA Class AA Northeast Regional Wrestling Tournament last Saturday. He and teammate J.J. Konigus will go on to the state tournament next weekend. We wish them both a good meet.

Rosencrans and Konigus are just two members of this year's outstanding Lake-Lehman squad, which finished a stellar season by sending a total of six wrestlers to the regional competition. The team and coaches Phil Lipski and Tom Williams have good reason to be proud of their year.



Step up to Spring

Spring snow melts down the steps of this barn on Harris Hill Road, Shavertown.

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - March 14, 1930 WAGNER APPOINTED TO MAKE ASSESSMENT

G. Harold Wagner of Dallas was appointed by assessors to make Luzerne County assessment for this District.

Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary held its first St. Patrick's Day Frolic at the high school gymnasium.

Gifford Pinchot, former Governor of Pennsylvania, threw his hat in the ring to announce his candidacy for Governor.

Gottlieb Bowman, one of the leading florists in Wyoming Valley, is constructing two large greenhouses on property near the Castle clubhouse on the Harveys Lake Highway.

John J. Sullivan, owner of Meridian Restaurant, purchased the land and building formerly owned by Dallas Lumber Company and will manufacture building blocks.

50 Years Ago - March 15, 1940 JURY DISCHARGED IN MALINOWSKI CASE

Unable to reach an agreement, a jury which had heard the claims of Charlie Malinowski, seeking

damages for the loss of his right hand, shattered when an aerial bomb exploded at Harveys Lake in 1935, was discharged yesterday. Malinoski was seeking damages from John Hanson, owner of Picnic Ground concessions.

Long-standing Disque-Clark Feud is revived in GOP Committee contests.

Easter cantata to be sung at Dallas United Methodist Church. Engaged - Lois Gregory and Samuel Ashley.

Dallas Borough cagers defeated Laketon Tuesday night to clinch their second pennant.

40 Years Ago - March 17, 1950 30 TAKE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS FOR CENSUS

Thirty persons took civil service examinations Monday for jobs in taking the census.

More than \$800 in prizes will be given this year to participants in the Sweet Valley Volunteer Firemen's Annual Memorial Day Parade.

All Easter Parade entries must be in Monday to receive a place in the Back Mountain event.

Beaumont points with pride at the reforestation of Fair-Leigh,

summer home of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Farley.

Engaged - Alice Mae Culp and Charles C. Snyder.

Wed - Jean Marie Tredinnick and Carl Misson; Hazel L. Roushey and Clifford L. Garris; Doris Cragle and William Cole.

30 Years Ago - March 17, 1960 LIBRARY HOLDS ROAST AND ART DISPLAY

An ox roast and an art display will be among the new features at this year's Back Mountain Library Auction.

Direct dialing to Centermoreland and lowered rates by Commonwealth will become effective May 11.

Lee Tracy, movie star and former Trucksville resident, will star in "Best Man" coming shortly to New York.

Gregory Beisel, California artist, who is spending the year in Dallas, will take charge of the art tent at this year's library auction.

Harveys Lake and Shavertown will meet in the finals of the Church League basketball games.

Rents for one-bedroom units at Meadowcrest housing project will be reduced from \$50 monthly to \$40 effective April 1.

Reconstruction of Route 115 is the second largest road building project during 1975 in the district.

20 Years Ago - March 19, 1970 POLITICAL MUSCLE WEIGHS HEAVY IN PG&W RATE HIKES

Arson suspected in fourth fire at Methodist campground. Lake-Lehman School District will host district band competition, Feb. 18, 19 and 20, 1971.

The New York Harlem Satellites played the Dallas faculty members last Monday night in a special performance.

Engaged - Synthia A. Malsan and Joseph G. Kester, Rosellen Klabeo and James Rupp Steinhauer.

Wed - Lois Jeanne Type and Richard H. Disque II.

1968 delinquent taxes go uncollected in Kingston Township since H.A. Berkheiser had contracted to collect taxes for only past two years.

Robert Richardson is promoted from assistant manager to manager of the Dallas Village Office of the First National Bank.

Dallas School bands and chorus to present annual spring chorus.

Letters

Letter from Rep Dieterick to the Public Utility Commission

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to the chairman of the state Public Utility Commission by State Representative Scott Dieterick. It is reproduced here so that our readers may keep abreast of the sale of the local water companies.

Chairman Bill Shane
Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Room 104, North Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Chairman Shane:
I recently learned that the Dallas, Shavertown, Noxen, and Har-

veys Lake water companies are presently in the process of being sold to the General Water Works Corporation of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Although I have not been personally advised of the sale and, in fact, learned of the sale from the local newspaper, I would appreciate your office sending me the details of the proposed transaction. It appears that no one was aware of this sale from this area until it was revealed in the newspaper.

There have been many ongoing difficulties in my district with Dallas and Shavertown water

companies, and progress to resolve these difficulties has some times been slow. I would be interested to know if under the new ownership the residents of my district can expect increased service, increased efficiency, and a sufficient quality of potable drinking water.

On September 26th, you wrote to Mr. James Ward, Chairman, Back Mountain Regional Water Commission, regarding the water supply capabilities of the Dallas Water Company. In your last paragraph, you mentioned that the Commission staff would thoroughly review the Company's re-

ports required to be filed every six months as to the adequacy of the Dallas Water Company's present and projected water service. That 6-month period is just about expired, and I would hope that the PUC would review the adequacy of the Company's next report and advise Mr. Ward, along with myself, as soon as that study is complete.

Thank you,
Scott Dieterick
120th Legislative District

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The Post asks: How will you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?



Laura Poynton
Dallas
High School Student

"I'm planning to have a lot of fun practicing softball."



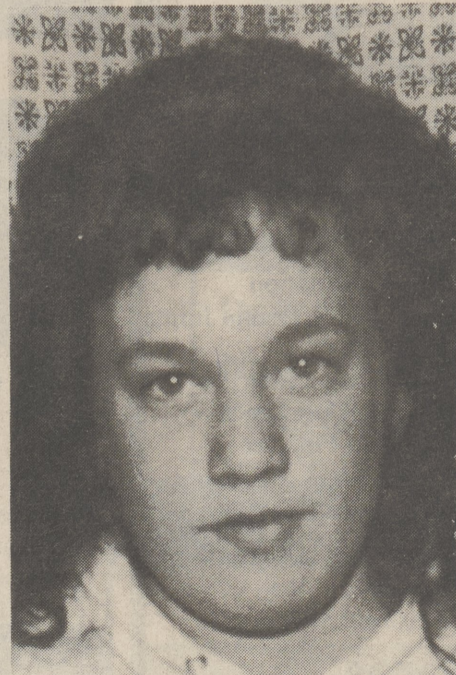
Cheryl Bombeck
Evans Falls
Office worker

"My husband and I are going out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day."



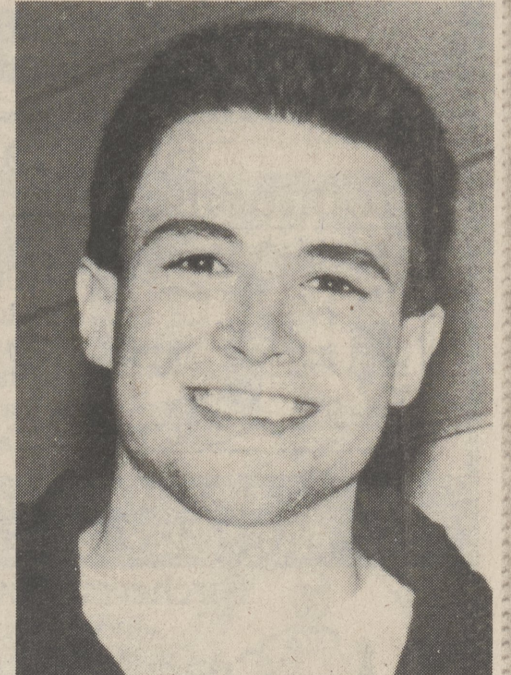
Sally Fulginiti
Harrisburg
Senate secretary

"I am going to a friend's wedding in Harrisburg."



Nicole Hall
Lehman
Student

"I am going shopping for some Nintendo tapes, then to a party later."



Jeff Dennis
Dallas
College student

"I am going out to dinner with my girl friend."