

## Library news

# Library celebrates five years in new building

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

It is hard to believe, however true; the library has just celebrated five years in the new building on Huntsville Road. What seems like a dream only yesterday, is now beginning its sixth year. We had a lovely birthday cake, cookies, candy and fruit punch set up in the reading room and were thrilled with the number of people who stopped in and celebrated this day with us.

Along with the many friends and patrons of the library who visited, there were three special rather 'royal' visitors who took the time, after being prompted, to sing 'Happy Birthday to the Library' and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks to all our wonderful friends, patrons and supporters, the library has had five wonderful years of growth in this building and the members of the staff and the Board of Directors are grateful for this support and look forward to the future with a great deal of enthusiasm for our library.

The library is conducting the "Friends of the Library" campaign for 1990 and to date, the contributions amount to \$1,935.00, only two weeks into the campaign. This is marvelous response from our community. Some rather special people, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Eck, mailed their check in for their Friends contribution with a note written on the card; in Honor of their 50th wedding anniversary which was February 17, 1990. This

is a wonderful time to celebrate and we appreciate their sharing the moment with us.

Mr. Fred Eck was a library friend and supporter and a member of the executive committee of the library back in 1953; became Treasurer in 1954, 55 and 56; served as vice president in 1968; and president in 1969 and 1970; and stayed on the Board of Directors through 1975. This man has always shown a strong amount of support for the library and we are grateful for that and his continued concern for our library and this community.

The library now has two book stores in the lower level of our building; one a regular book store with book sale prices and a special \$1.00 a bag room, which is a bargain room. These book stores are open every day when the library is open and have some great books to sell. We will accept books for the library and the auction, in good condition and cannot accept text books. These may be brought to the library any time we are open for business.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has a collection of Dallas and Lake-Lehman High School Yearbooks in the reference room. These may be looked at in the library, but cannot be taken out. We hope to increase our collection with volumes that we are missing. These books are fun to look at and bring back memories and create a few smiles.



## GOH Cheerleaders put in full season

The Gate of Heaven Cheerleaders have cheered for their school basketball team, the Gators, throughout the 1989-90 season. They have had fundraisers such as bake sales and car washes to raise money for the squad. They also participated in competition and performed a dance routine. At left, first row, from left, Martha Wallace, Amy Jones. Second row, Casey Heffron, Lori Scott, Meighan Garvey, Robin Hosey. Third row, Corin Schall, Marie Hosey, Susie Mugford, Amy Hannigan, Jackie Heffron, moderator. Absent from photo, Millie Jones. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

## Howells

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Involved with publishing since 1983, Howells has done direct mail work, vacation guides, menus, campus brochures, slide presentations, and advertising work. He has also invented a number of items such as photographic equipment, consumer goods and solar energy equipment.

"This sort of work required large sums of money so I put them on the back burner for the present time," Howells explained. "In our new publication, I do the market-

ing, circulation and most of the editorial, which takes just about all of my time. I have others who do the typesetting and layout work."

The magazine contains advertising which is geared to national advertisers, most of them related to environmental technology. Its priority is to disperse environmental information on all topics since they are inter-related. Howells said he works seven days per week, 16 to 17 hours a day, taking time off only once in a while when

he begins to feel burned out.

"I do the entire quarterly in-house with friends helping me when necessary. The printing will be done by a large area daily. It was not easy to find a company because although we will publish 20,000 copies, that is not a large amount to run off on news presses. EarthKeeping will be the second largest environmental publication. Most of them are lower in numbers than that," Howells explained.

Among the advice he has for

readers is; Recycle, it will save money and energy; switch to more efficient lighting such as compact fluorescent for indoors and sodium lights for outdoors; use watersaving devices on faucets and showerheads and conserve energy.

"Form good conservation habits," Howells said. "Once you get into that there will be no problem."

EarthKeeping will not be available on newstands but only by subscription from the publisher in June.

## Codes

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"If they form a Council of Government, the municipalities do not lose their identity but as one common agency, they stand a better chance of obtaining a state planning assistance grant," Potzer explained.

Potzer also explained that the BOCA code gives a municipality a way in deciding what codes in the book they want to use.

Leonard Kozick, zoning officer for Dallas Township, questions who will pay the costs for building codes and the registered or certified person to enforce them.

"It's not only new homes that come under the building codes," Kozick said. "There are also the older homes that are not up to code, the owners of these are the ones who will suffer. There's a lot to evaluate before thinking about enacting codes in a small community," Kozick concluded.

Kingston Township does have a set of building codes based on the BOCA Code and enacted in 1975.

Township Manager Jeffrey Box said that Tony Reino is the township's enforcement officer and is certified by BOCA.

"We ask for two sets of plans which are reviewed by him. He reviews the plans and calculates the value of the house and bases the cost value at \$55 per square foot. At 2,000 square feet times \$55, the house would be valued at \$110,000," Box explained. "The cost of the building permit at \$4.00 per \$1,000 would be a total of \$440.

"Our average permit fee in Kingston Township is \$600 and our building code inspector is compensated by a percentage of the permit fee."

Box explained that the township also has an existing structure code which does not affect all old structures but only nuisance build-

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Dallas Borough Zoning Officer

ings in violation of the code.

"Most of the contractors we have had in the township are first rate businessmen," Box explained. "Only occasionally one might grumble but, in all, the building code has had no adverse effect on the township.

"We use a four step inspection process; first, the footers; second, foundation; third, rough framing, plumbing, electricity, etc.; and fourth, final inspection."

The township also has a permit and inspection for a major addition to a house; not a simple addition but remodeling of complexity, according to Box.

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Drew Fitch, Dallas Borough zoning officer, also believes the Back Mountain communities should begin thinking about a joint merger such as a Council of Government, one where the towns would not lose their identity but could work together to establish some uniform codes.

"I don't see it happening overnight," Fitch said, "But I believe we need to start looking into the 90's and making plans for the area. As we progress a Council of Governments or something similar appears to be the answer but we can't act too hastily," Fitch concluded.

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