

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Get the 'rumble' strips out of Dallas now

Anyone who ever wondered what the sound of a car traveling over "rumble strips" was like has only to stand in the parking lot of Gino's Shoe Store in Dallas to find out. It will be a rude awakening. The grinding noise emitted there is annoying enough to someone just stopping by; it must be maddening to clerks and others who have to listen to it all day. And it undoubtedly drives away business.

Residents, shopowners and professionals near the strips are mad as hell about the noise, and they say they're not going to take it anymore. We don't blame them.

Dallas Borough had asked the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) several months ago that a flashing light be placed on Route 309 entering the borough to warn drivers of the intersection ahead. A few years ago, after the intersection of Route 309 with Route 415 was reconstructed, there were accidents in which a speeding car or truck missed the turn and rammed a pole that holds the control box for the traffic light there. Replacing the control was an expensive proposition, so the borough asked for some help from PennDOT.

The story gets murky after that. PennDOT officials say they talked with someone from the borough and told that person a light would be ineffective there because of all the other lights in the area. They say that whoever they talked with gave them the OK to install the rumble strips.

If that scenario is accurate, someone in borough government overstepped his bounds by not bringing the question before the entire council. Now the council must deal with angry residents and taxpayers who are wondering how responsive their representatives are.

Borough council members have an opportunity look on this snafu as a challenge to show residents how seriously they take residents' concerns. The complaining businesspeople are more interested in a solution than a witch hunt for the source of the strips. The quicker they are filled in, the better.

Help the census - it's important for all of us

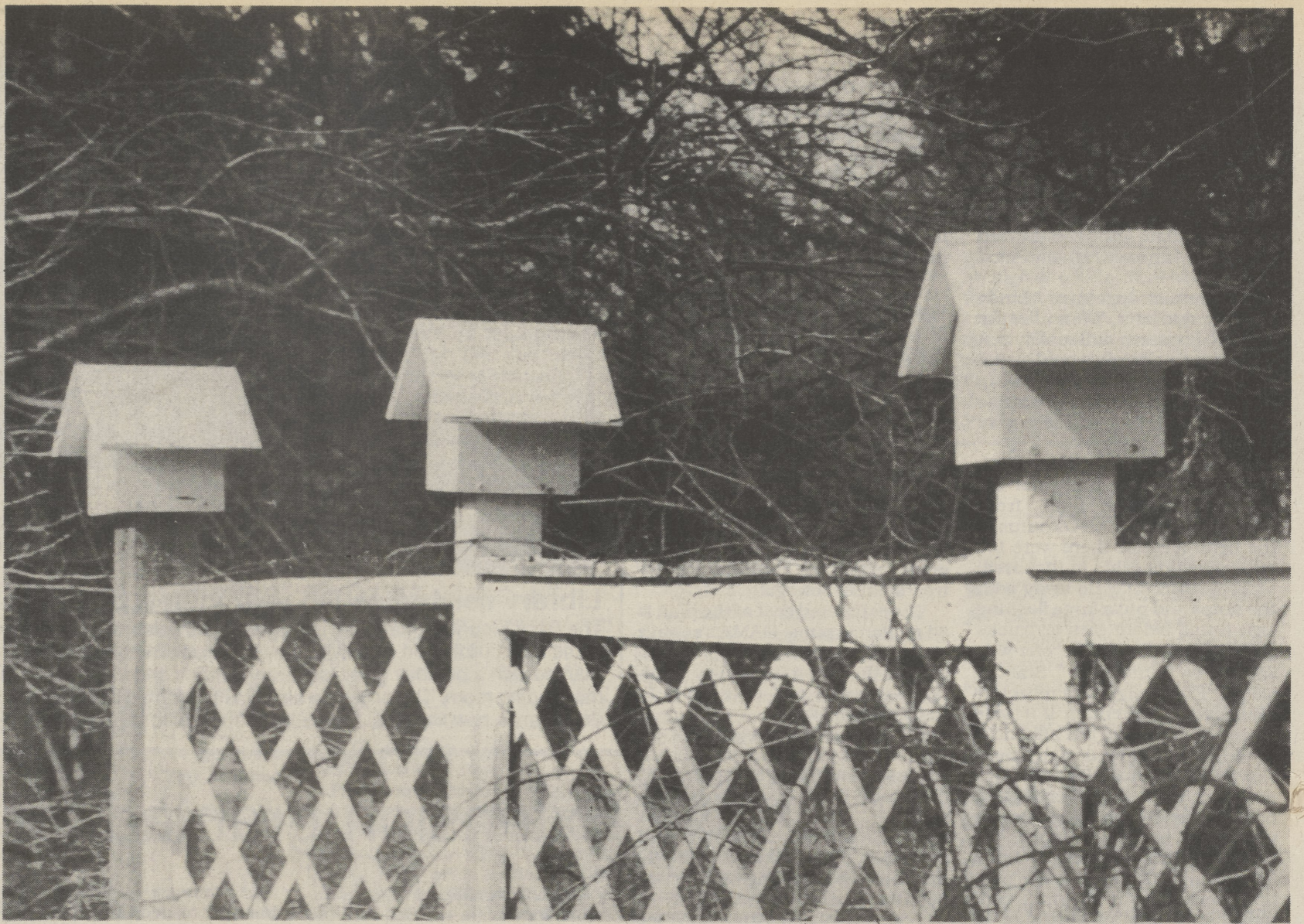
Once a decade, each of us has an opportunity to contribute to more efficient government on all levels, and to see that our own hometown gets its fair share of federal attention. The decennial census is taking place right now, and your help is needed.

The census is much more than a head count; it has become the single most important statistical survey conducted in America. Its results will affect representation in Congress and allocation of federal funds. They will also be used extensively by both government and business organizations in planning the direction of future investment. The local impact will be felt as every savvy company seeking new sites will most likely get their facts and figures from census data.

Some of us will get short forms and some will get long ones, and many will be visited by enumerators this Sunday. Taking the time to provide complete, accurate information will help all of us in the decade ahead.

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 their 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.



Condominium living

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - March 28, 1930 DALLAS MERCHANTS FEATURE BARGAINS

March goes out like a lion as merchants cooperate in an effort to boost Dallas with many big bargains.

Russell Meyers becomes a partner in the Devens Milling Company and effective April 1 will be manager of the Kunkle warehouse.

Monroe Township school board to ask for bids on a new building to be erected this summer.

Shavertown wins over Dallas Oldtimers 30-19 last Tuesday.

Wed - Mildred Smith and William Boice.

50 Years Ago - March 29, 1940 NEW SCHOOL TO BE DEDICATED

Lake-Lehman Township's new \$100,000 new junior-senior high school will be formally dedicated tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Seven inch snowfall blankets Dallas in slush. Oldtimers called the snow the 'onion snow'.

C.A. Frantz, who opened the first grocery store in Dallas 41 years ago will retire April 1 and turn over the store to his son-in-law, Harold Titman.

Marvin H. Elston's horses won applause in the Easter Parade, taking precedence over the automobiles in the parade.

Engaged - Catherine Rice and Howard T. Mordan; Ruth Schooley and Fred Woolburt.

Wed - Doris Garnet and Nelson Wilson.

Dallas Township cagers downed Hughtestown team 47-36 in the Wyoming Rotary Club's basketball tournament.

40 Years Ago - March 31, 1950 CITIZENS COMPLAIN OVER WATER SHORTAGE

Irate Parrish Heights citizens descend on Leslie Warhola, manager of Dallas Water Company, due to the acute water shortage.

Francis Red' Ambrose presented arguments in favor of a comprehensive Survey of School Systems of the Back Mountain Community at the meeting of Harveys Lake Camp of United Sportsmen, Monday night, at Kern's Tavern.

Wed - Elsie McKeen and Staff Sgt. William Gensel.

Paul Mulcy, Overbrook Avenue, local orchid grower says it takes seven years to produce a full-grown flower from a seedling.

Churches prepare for Holy Week with impressive services.

30 Years Ago - March 31, 1960 DALLAS TEACHERS SHOW NEW SALARY SCHEDULE

Dallas School teachers headed by Esther Saxe, appeared before Dallas School Board at a special meeting to present a proposed salary schedule but the board took no action and retired into an executive session.

Broadway show in which Lee Tracy stars is sell-out for tonight.

A new sports shop catering to discriminating women will open within the next 10 days at Back Mountain Shopping Center under the name of Rosemary's Sportswear.

Projects at the adult shop class at Dallas High School sponsored by Dallas Borough PTA are as varied as the people working on them.

Pennsylvania State Police to use radar after June 1.

Wed - Lucinda Jane Cross and Bruce Lowe.

20 Years Ago - April 2, 1970 APPROVAL GIVEN FOR CONDOMINIUMS

Troup Fund gets approval go ahead on building condominium on Newberry Estate.

Dr. Hugo V. Mailey assured The Dallas Post recently that the police merger was definitely making progress.

The local magistrate's post was left vacant with the death of Harold Major last Sunday. Until a new magistrate is appointed by the Governor's office, persons with business must contact a magistrate from another district.

Environment degradation is slow but deadly.

Lake-Lehman Knights will open their baseball season April 20 with a game against Dallas on the Mountaineers field.

Swingles observed a triple anniversary last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Swingle of Harveys Lake celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary, Mr. Swingle celebrating his 86th birthday and Mrs. Swingle her 87th birthday.

Engaged - Sara Gregory and Joseph F. Luskic; Dianne Mahoney and Wayne R. Elston.

Wed - Joy N. Johnson and David Kozemchak; Sandra E. Laidler and Clark J. Valenti.

Letters

Urge redirection of budget from military to human needs

Editor:

The time is right to feed the starving people of the world! As communist regimes the world around crumble in decay, it is time to restructure our budget priorities. In the 80's, our military expenditures soared as the number of hungry people mushroomed. In the United States 32 million people exist in poverty and, each year, 40,000 infants die before reaching their 1st birthday. Philadelphia has one of the worst infant mortality rates among major U.S. cities.

As communist oppression drowns in its own sea of infeasibility, can we really feel secure and stand by as our neighbors suffer

and perish?

As the 1991 Federal budget is scrutinized and considered, we must join together and urge all of Pennsylvania's congressmen and representatives to give their support to the 1990 Harvest of Peace resolution. This resolution points out that because of substantial changes in the world in 1989-1990, we and other nations have a historic, unprecedented opportunity to redirect money from military spending toward the alleviation and hunger and poverty.

Over the last 8 years, our country has spent over \$2 trillion on our defense. We have more than

enough military might to protect ourselves!

From their taxes, the average United States family has contributed greatly to this military buildup. We now need to readjust our national priorities and along with other nations, shift some funds from our military budget to support programs that enable people to overcome hunger and poverty here and abroad.

As we enter the 1990's, the United States MUST INVEST IN THE REAL BUILDING BLOCKS OF SECURITY. A world population that is healthy, well-fed, well-edu-

cated and productive. With this goal, we can build upon the prospects for true peace throughout the world and begin to secure a more compassionate and equitable world for all.

Elton Lewis
Mark A. Endres
Allen Lomax
Michael Vance
Fr. Clement J. Podskoch, C.S.C.
Jack Pacewicz

Editor's note: The writers are associated with Bread for the World, at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas.

Candidate expresses concern about state education funds

Editor:

William Schofield III, Pennsylvania School Board Association president, made some pertinent comments to Luzerne County school board members. 49.8% of the Pennsylvania state budget deals with education (\$6,617,815,000). Representatives in the state legislature must be knowledgeable concerning all facets of education. Mr. Schofield believes that many members of the state legislature are completely unaware of the complexity and enormity of the problems.

He charges that we are dealing with a financial crisis on the local level this year. The state's share of reimbursable monies is proposed to be 39% this year. The goal of 50% is receding each year. The decline in state funding may result in huge property tax increases and also increasing inequalities in school districts.

Read my lips, "How is the bill going to be paid?" The state is mandating programs at another

level of government and then eliminating the program funding but leaving the mandate in place. For example, they will not fund the TELLS program this year.

All the political pressures are going to materialize with the local school boards. Fixed costs, in particular health costs, are increasing on the local level.

The state income tax is a more equitable way of paying the bills. The local property tax is a regressive tax that is unfairly administered. It really affects the elderly and the less able to pay.

Mr. Schofield urges the citizenry to contact their state representatives to ask some questions concerning the current state of affairs. That is sound advice.

Clarence J. Michael
Dallas

Editor's note: Mr. Michael is an announced candidate for State Representative from the 120th District.

Library news

Back Mountain Book Club holds meeting

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Book Club of the Back Mountain Memorial Library held its first meeting of the new year on March 19 in the reference room at the library. Mrs. Florence Crump presided at the business meeting; treasurer's report was given by Elin Northrup and secretary's report by Jo Bonham. Blanche Thompson reported on the contingency fund. The Book Club membership for 1990 has reached 191 members with \$1,715 received to purchase books for the Book Club shelf.

Our new librarian, Mary Ellen Tirpak, was introduced to the club and she gave a brief update on her activities with the library. Various

members presented exciting things they have done through the winter months and selected stories and poems were read by other members. Blanche Thompson and June McCloskey poured at the tea table. The next Book Club meeting will be held Monday, April 23 at 1:30 in the reference room. The program will be a book review presented by Inga Goldsmith of Dallas.

The Collector's Group of the Back Mountain will be having a Collector's Show on May 5 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in the Miracle Building. This show will be in conjunction with the Women of Trinity. There will be 30 tables available for rental and the show will be held between 1 and 5 in the afternoon.

One of our library patrons returned some hunting and fishing books to the library and told us that we have a better collection on both subjects than the other two larger libraries in our district. It is always nice to hear favorable comments from our patrons.

On our 'snow day' last week, which was also the first day of spring; we were happy to have some visitors from Tampa, Florida visit the library. Kathleen Hill, an EKG technician, found a book in our library that she was unable to find in Florida and was happy to borrow it. The book as "A is for Alibi" by Sue Grafton. Kathleen had her four year old son, Casey, with her, who had never seen snow before and he made his first snowball in front of the library.

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