

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Go to the source to really stop pollution

A recent report noted that six times as many people knew of President Bush's dislike for broccoli as were aware of the coming 20th anniversary of Earth Day. That's an unfortunate comment on American values as we approach the 21st century.

Here in the Back Mountain a group of environmental activists has worked hard to see that young people are exposed to some of the spirit and concern that infused the original Earth Day in 1970. Area elementary and high school students will take nature hikes, plant trees, recycle waste materials and clean up parks. It is hoped that in doing so, members of the upcoming generations will gain more appreciation for the role these activities can play in improving the quality and longevity of our lives.

All these actions are vital tactics in the battle against pollution and waste. But real improvements in reducing pollution will come only when we stop them at their source by avoiding processes and products that create needless waste and poisons.

In an article in last Sunday's New York Times, Barry Commoner noted that "command and control" strategies have fallen far short of their goals to reduce emissions, while eliminating use of pollutants in production has proven highly successful. He cited as examples the minimal improvement in carbon monoxide emissions from autos since catalytic converters were mandated, but the tremendous - 94 percent - decrease in lead emissions that resulted from banning lead in most fuels.

Such radical changes in production processes will seldom come about voluntarily, or if they do, will occur far too slowly to be of much good. American today needs leadership from its highest officials; leadership that will push the nation forward toward a cleaner, brighter future.

See Kingston Twp. run

Residents of Kingston Township will have an opportunity to meet their municipal officials Thursday, as the township holds its first open house. Township officials say they're proud of the operations of the community and want residents to come and meet the officials and employees.

That's a refreshing attitude and an invitation we hope many citizens will accept. Unfortunately, few residents any longer attend municipal meetings; this is one chance for them to get to know the operation of their town better.

'Gag order' not needed

The public is ill-served by the "gag order" placed on principals in the sentencing of the young man convicted of killing Richard Hillman last year. Because of the judge's questionable enforcement of that order, rumors run rampant as the public tries to guess the outcome.

Gag orders are seldom kept after a conviction and sentencing have been reached. That the sentence is being appealed is no surprise, nor is it unusual. All the judge has accomplished is to add yet another note of intrigue and suspense to the case, as the lessons that could be learned from this tragedy remain untold.

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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Sign? What sign?

(Photo by Charlotte Bartzek)

Library news

National Library Week is April 21-28

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

National Library Week will be celebrated in 1990 the week of April 21 through the 28th. The theme for this year's programming is, "Reach for a Star. Ask a Librarian".

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is participating in this special week with various activities. Besecker's window in the center of Dallas will feature the NLW posters and a selection of Shoe Box Scenes with story books.

These were made by first grade classes at Gate of Heaven School in conjunction with Children's Book Week. The display also features some children's favorite stuffed animal characters and their favorite books. The entire month of April has been designated as National Reading Month.

The second annual "Luncheon With A Special Author" is taking place during National Library Week, being held on April 27 at Irem Temple Country Club at 12 noon. Reservations can be made at the library until the 25th.

Some highlights of the luncheon will be a copy of the author's book, "The Courtship of Joanna" to be given as a door prize, one at each table. These were donated by Jack Wise Interiors of West

Pittston. The centerpiece at each table will also be a door prize, donated by Lewith and Freeman Realtors.

The Book Club of the library will meet on Monday, April 23 at 1:30 in the reference room at the library. This is also a NLW function and will feature a book review given by Inga Goldsmith of Dallas. Members and guests are cordially invited to attend.

Every day, hundreds of thousands of Americans, including you, benefit from one of the world's most valuable commodities-information. For most of us, there are simply too many new facts, figures, and developments to keep up with. No one person can be expected to know all the answers to questions that confront us at home, work, or school, but you should know who to ask. That person is a librarian.

Tax rebate period ending

Kingston Township residents are reminded that the rebate period for 1990 County/Municipal tax bills will end Wednesday, April 25. Bills will go into face value after that date. Tax Collector hours at the Township Office, 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville are Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's National Library Week message is that librarians play a starring role in the Information Age with the simple words, "May I help you?" Is there something you need to know? Don't hesitate. Go ahead and "Reach for a Star. Ask a Librarian". The Back Mountain Memorial Library staff members are willing to serve you.

The library is accepting books at the library during regular hours. These will be used in the library or kept for the annual auction in July. We will not accept text books. Also, the odds and ends booth chairmen are looking for good saleable items for their booth. These items may be brought to the library and stored in the basement.

Auction chairman, Connie Scott, is looking for volunteers to work in many of the areas of the auction. The auction committee will meet Tuesday, April 24 in the reference room of the library.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - April 18, 1930
STATE LAGS IN TREATMENT OF INDIANS

Pennsylvania is reported most backward state in the Union in preserving the history of the Red Man.

St. Therese's Church plans a big bazaar to be held at Hillside Pavilion May 14.

Local owners are warned that according to State Law all dogs must be confined between sunset and sunrise.

A male chorus comprised of Dallas, Trucksville, Shavertown and other Back Mountain sections was formed with Professor Ernest Wood, Dallas, as director and Earl H. Monk as president.

Hundreds of children to take part in the Rotary Easter Egg Hunt at Fernbrook Park, Saturday, at 2 p.m. Earl Monk is chairman of the event.

A Dallas baseball club will enter the Bi-County League for this spring.

50 Years Ago - April 19, 1940
DALLAS ARROWS PLANS TRYOUTS

The GOP has a 9,000 lead over Democrats in the Sixth Legislative District which includes 19 municipalities.

It was learned this week that the County may pay the costs of the damage along the newly-proposed highway.

Dallas Methodist Church opened a drive for \$5,700 to meet its budget.

"Old Orchard", the lovely Old English residence of the late Adam P. Kiefer, has been purchased by Charles K. DeWees, Jr., Forty Fort contractors.

Engaged - Marion Newcomb and Lawrence Farnam; Lois Evaline Elston and Charles Shuster, Jr.

Wed - Nellie June Honeywell and Welford Scouten; Doris Hendershot and Robert Dover.

Don Grose, manager of the Dallas Arrows, issued a call for all 1940 candidates for the team to report to the field Sunday afternoon.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, celebrates its 15th anniversary.

40 Years Ago - April 21, 1950
CITIZENS' GROUP WANTS TO FORM YMCA

A group of Back Mountain citizens formed an executive committee to endorse a plan to form a Town and Country Branch YMCA. Nesbitt Farm, Lake Catalpa, embarks on its fourth year of reforestation, planting 78,000 trees.

Dallas Township Band to present its annual Band-Chorus Concert, April 28, directed by Alfred Milliner Camp.

Book Club of Back Mountain enjoys an antique collection exhibited by Mrs. Fred Bittenbender.

Twenty-four sixth graders from Dallas Borough accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Peggy Garris, made a personally conducted tour of The Dallas Post.

First half of the Back Mountain High School Baseball League opened last Friday with only one game played due to the weather. The opening game saw Lehman Township defeat Kingston Township 7-2.

30 Years Ago - April 21, 1960
REFERENDUM SET ON RACE TRACK

Voters will have an opportunity to declare themselves on whether they want a race track established in the Back Mountain when they go to the polls Tuesday.

Dallas School District budget may require a 70-mill tax in order to meet the 1960 budget.

Engaged - Heidi May Kern and Robert William King; Elynor Gayewski and Joseph F. Lee; Ruthellen Hammond and J. Sherwood Wilson; Edna Gosart and Robert L. Morgan Jr.

Wed - Ruth MacMillan Bryce and C. William Bertels.

20 Years Ago - April 23, 1970
PENN STATE STUDENTS NOTE EARTH DAY

Lake trout season gets icy beginning at Harveys Lake as more than 3,000 anglers enjoyed one of their finest day of trout fishing.

Students at Penn State Campus Lehman took part in Earth Day anti-pollution programs Wednesday.

Theatre 3 will present Arthur Fiedler Friday at College Misericordia.

Engaged - Anita Beth Augsburg and Thomas Lee Wardell.

Wed - Margaret Louise Barrall and Richard Berlew; Peggy Ann Spears and Boyer MacMillan Bryce; Eunice Oney and Claude A. Sorber; Sharon Strzelczyk and George H. Robinson Jr.

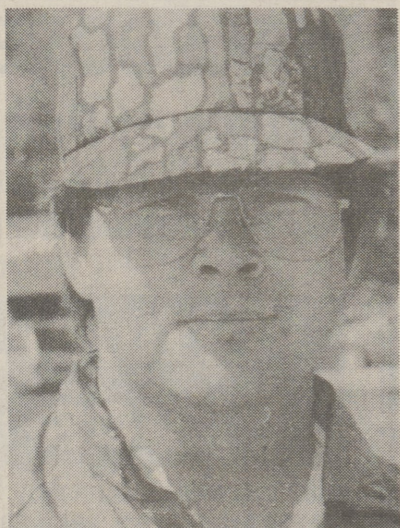
Dallas School District directors met to discuss the 1971 budget and to consider the teachers' budget requests.

The Post asks: How are you coping with the cold weather?



Faythe Roberts
Harveys Lake

"I am doing a lot of indoor activities. Some arts and crafts and a lot of reading. I am patiently waiting for spring."



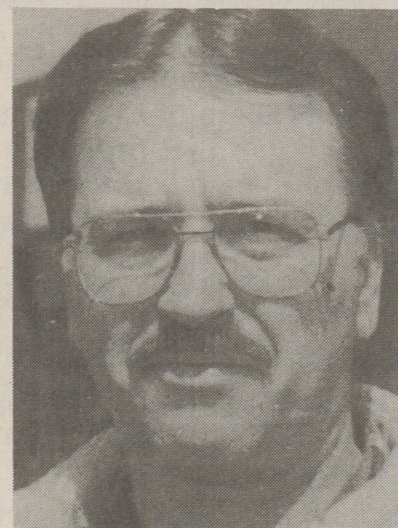
Douglas Cooper
Kingston

"I just do what I normally do."



Tessie Polachek
Meadows Apartments

"What can I do about it? I am an outdoors person and got spoiled with the warm weather we had earlier."



Ray Burd
Trucksville

"I'm wearing warmer clothes and continue to be outside."



Pat Kalinowski
Dallas

"We took a cruise to the Caribbean. I enjoyed the vacation very much."