

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Recreation center will be boon to our area

It is virtually impossible to find anyone in the Back Mountain to oppose the planned construction of a satellite to the Wilkes-Barre YMCA here. On the contrary, one of the favorite diversions among residents last week seemed to be trying to guess where the facility would be built.

The possibilities for the center are practically limitless. With an olympic size pool, exercise facilities and acres of playing fields, the center will be a boon to both individuals and groups. The pool alone will add a wonderful new dimension to the recreational opportunities in the area.

The plan to build this facility coupled with a reported surge in interest in commercial real estate signals the emergence of the Back Mountain as a major focus of development. With the expected completion of the Cross Valley Expressway only one and one-half years away, residents and officials had better prepare for new and increased pressures on services. The recreational center will be one new service that will be welcomed with open arms.

Come and see candidates in action

Residents of much of the Back Mountain will have a unique opportunity to see the Republican candidates for the 120th District State Representative seat in action this Sunday, as The Dallas Post and the Back Mountain Citizens' Council sponsor a candidates' forum. The event will take place at the Science Lecture Hall on the Penn State campus in Lehman, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This is the first time in recent memory that so many candidates have vied for the nomination to such a high office. Even though this is a primary and not the general election, The Post and the Council felt the public would be well-served by an event of this type.

Our democratic system is structured both to encourage citizens to run for office, and to have them scrutinized by an interested public. This year's race contains those elements, and residents should take the opportunity to observe the result.

The forum will give each candidate time for opening and closing statements, and to answer three questions from the public. The questions will be gathered from those submitted prior to the event. A question forms is being published in this week's Post, and forms will be available to those entering the forum Sunday evening. The questions will be read by a moderator, who will also monitor each candidate's time.

We hope many of our readers will take the little time needed to attend this event. Party affiliation is less important than issues when the opportunity presents itself to participate in our electoral process, and this will be one of those chances.

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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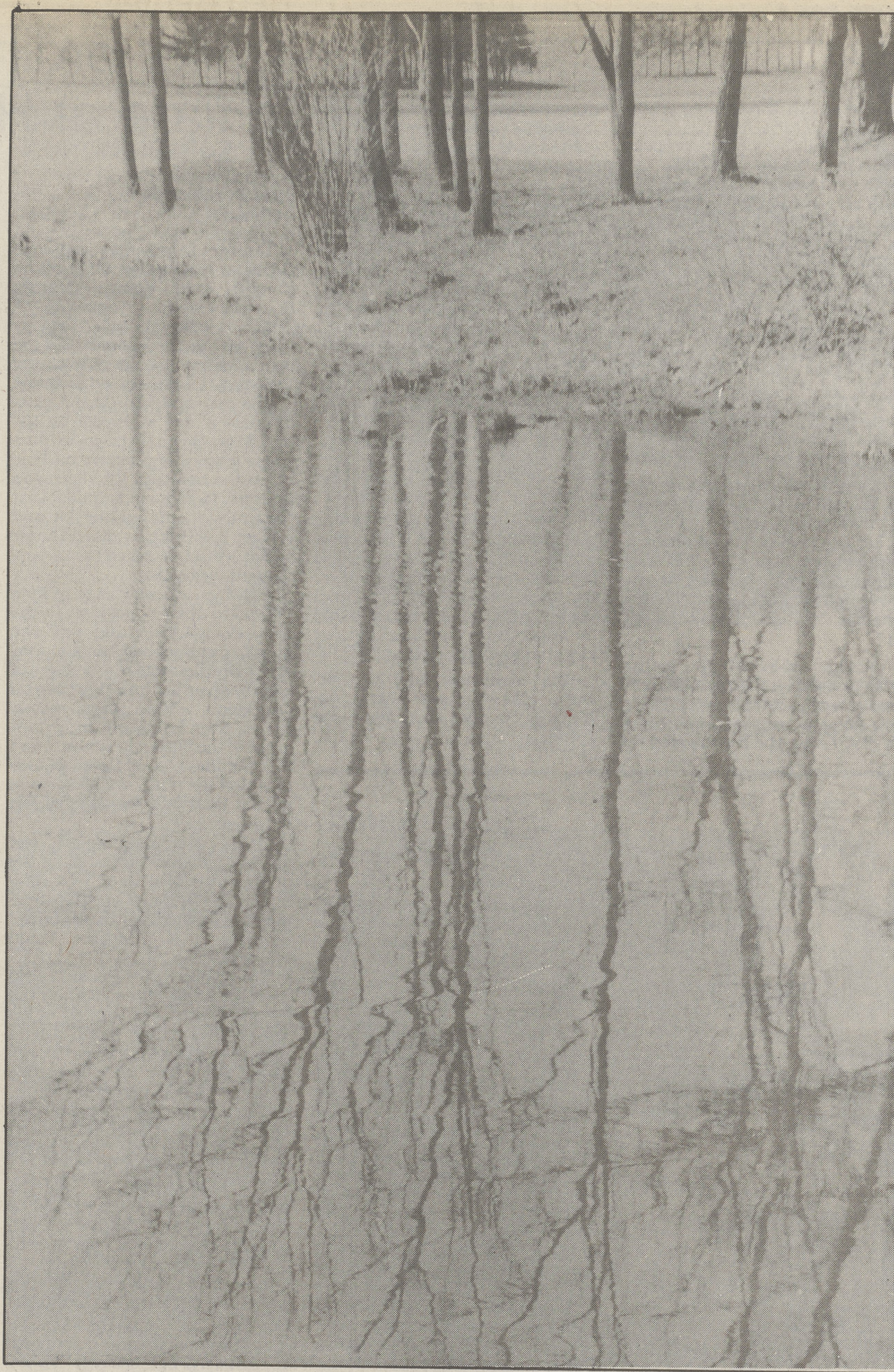
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Reflections in Shadyside Lake

(Photo by Charlotte Bartzek)

Library news

Antique items on display at library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is featuring some lovely antique items in conjunction with the upcoming Prince of Peace Episcopal Church annual Antiques Show and Sale, which will be held in the parish house at the church on Tuesday, May 8 from 11 to 8 and Wednesday, May 9 from 11 to 5.

The display is showing a piece of bas-relief pottery tile with wild flowers and deer on it; which probably came from a conservatory. As a center piece, there are several pieces of Wedgwood blue. There is cut glass of the high period and antique Victorian silver pieces, which include napkin rings; that have become collector's pieces. There are several other pieces of serving items in silver. There is a turn of the century photograph of a young lady who was 18 years old in 1881 in a Victorian type frame. The display includes a brass standing mirror. The entire set-up cre-

ates and interesting and exciting arrangement and gives you an idea of what to expect at the Antiques Show.

The library has two unique posters hanging in the hallway and the reference room pertaining to National Library Week and National Volunteer Week. This is the week that the public is honored and thanked most sincerely for the volunteering that is done in libraries and other work areas by these volunteers. The American Library Association sent out the National Volunteer Week posters, which were designed and produced by ACTION, the federal domestic volunteer agency.

It is a pleasure to display these posters as a tribute to the volunteers who serve in our community and as an endorsement of the unique American tradition of citizen service. We are pleased to promote the local volunteer achievement around the nation.

We had a student come in the other day and state, "This is far out, but I would like to ask if I could borrow the world". It turned out it was for an Earth Day project and we did allow him to borrow the globe. National Library Week theme is "Reach for a Star"; this boy reached and we gave him the world.

As a new feature of the 44th annual library auction, we are selling cardboard bells for \$1.00 each. These bells feature the auction logo with the dates of the 1990 auction and the dollar will become the seed money; as the auction begins its 44th year. The person who pays for the bell signs his name on it and we will hang them in the foyer of the library.

This will be a banner year for the auction when it begins festivities on the 4th of July. We are hoping to have a family style picnic atmosphere on the grounds with many exciting new innovations. Come into your library, "Reach for a Star; and Buy a Bell".

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - May 2, 1930 NOTED LECTURER SPEAKS AT COLLEGE

Dr. Frederick Paulding, noted lecturer of Rutherford, N.J., talked to students at College Misericordia about Disraeli, last Monday night.

An epidemic of scarlet fever has hampered classes at Harveys Lake School.

Noxen Glee Club will hold a concert under the direction of Prof. Ernest Wood Wednesday night at the Noxen Methodist Church.

Interest grows in baseball as the Rural League opens for the season.

Dallas Athletics lost to Ashley 6-5, Sunday, at the Ashley field.

50 Years Ago - May 3, 1940 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

Dr. G. Morris Smith, president of Susquehanna University, will speak at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sunday, as the climax of the church's 15th anniversary.

The Senate confirmed the appointment of Irvin C. Davis, Shavertown, as postmaster of the Shavertown office, a position he has held for several years.

WABC will salute Lehman Wednesday morning on the radio's "Morning Almanac".

A boundary dispute over the boundary line between Kingston Township and Luzerne may be revived soon, after many years, because of the revenue brought in by Blaze's Stone House on the Lurzene-Dallas Highway.

Engaged - Alice Fischer and Robert Laux.

Wed - Beulah Brace and Walter Besteder.

Swoyersville nine will meet the Dallas Arrows on the township diamond this Sunday.

40 Years Ago - May 5, 1950 MRS. C.N. BOOTH SAILING FOR TURKEY

Mrs. C. N. Booth of Dallas will sail for Turkey soon to visit her son Nelson, his wife Helen and their 15-year-old daughter Anne.

Response to the newly-inaugurated bus service for the Heights has been satisfactory according to Johnson Wright, traffic man of Wilkes-Barre Transit Co.

John Mattern, owner of King's Florist in Forty Fort announced the opening of a branch shop in the stone building near Blazes on the Luzerne-Dallas Highway.

Game protectors photograph three cub bears in their nest.

Engaged - Jessie Powell and Raymond C. Hoover; Cleo Follmer and Robert Rebenack.

Charles Gardecki, Lehman High School sophomore, won a heifer calf as an award for his proficiency and life aims in the field of husbandry, from the Young Farmers Association.

30 Years Ago - May 5, 1960 MARKERS AT WARDAN CEMETERY DAMAGED

Vandals overturned or destroyed more than 30 markers in the Warden Cemetery doing damage that will cost hundreds of dollars.

More than 200 persons including school board, faculty and friends attended the gala dinner testimonial to James Martin, supervising principal of Dallas Schools.

New York critics praise Lee Tracy's work in "Best Man", a Broadway hit. Tracy is formerly from Trucksville.

Wed - Joan E. Thomas and John Fluck, Jr.; Ellen Gibbons and Aloysius J. Nehr.

YWCA Back Mountain Home-makers Holiday courses will end May 17.

College Misericordia presents its Spring Festival of Song.

20 Years Ago - May 7, 1970 GROUNDBREAKING FOR WEIS MARKETS

Weis Markets breaks ground in Dallas Borough in the Dallas Village Shopping Center.

The clergy is polled on sex education in the Lake-Lehman Schools.

The liveliest Library Auction Kick-off Dinner in years was held last Wednesday evening at the Irem Temple Country Club.

Despite a rash of controversy, work on the Cross Valley Expressway continues.

Dallas High School inducts 35 students into the National Honor Society.

Lake-Lehman sluggers defeat Dallas 3-2 in the season opener. Wed - Evelyn Scott and David Sims.

Dallas High School juniors make final plans for their junior prom this Saturday in the senior high gymnasium.

Sweet Valley firemen's parade will sponsor a Western horse show.

Dallas Borough okays construction of Newberry Estates.

The Post Asks: What do you think of the planned rec center ?



Diane Demko
Shavertown

"It is a good idea. A lot of people will use it."



Irene Bobeck
Dallas

"It is a great idea especially for the young people. Also, the parents won't have to be making trips back and forth."



Jim Kelly
Dallas

"It is a good idea. The community needs it."