

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Time to prepare for next growth surge

As the completion of the Cross Valley Expressway comes closer to reality — it's expected to happen in late 1991 — it's obvious that the Back Mountain is unprepared for the wave of development that is likely to follow. If you recall how quickly much of Route 309 from Trucksville to Dallas was transformed from residential to commercial use, then multiply the speed and scope of that by three or four, you'll get some idea of the rapidity with which the change could take place.

The announced construction of a YMCA/General Hospital health and recreation facility is one more indicator of the potential pressure on the area. This \$5 million commitment couldn't have been made if those organizations didn't expect a substantial population base from which to draw.

As Post reporters have tried to discover the exact site for that project they have talked with landowners who say their property is not available for the health center because they have their own plans for commercial development. This includes at least one landowner in Dallas Township, which now has no building codes.

There's really no question that growth pressures will continue and increase. The only uncertainty is whether our communities are prepared to cope with the pressure. It doesn't seem that they are. They could begin by visiting other communities that have faced similar futures and have met the challenges.

Congratulations grads; you'll make a difference

Congratulations to the Lake-Lehman and Dallas High School classes of 1990. We hope that you take great satisfaction in your graduation, and after appropriate celebration, view it as a personally earned achievement.

You now stand at the threshold of a challenging and potentially rewarding new life. You as an individual, your community, our state, the United States, and the entire world face increasingly complex problems — ones that will require ever more sophisticated solutions. You have not created these challenges, but you will inherit them.

That is not new; each generation is handed the unfinished business of the one before, just as you will pass on your shortcomings to your children. And the source of the answers isn't really new, either; they will always come from concerned and conscientious individuals who aren't content to let things go on as they have.

As you begin a new chapter in life, we hope you carry with you a sense of outrage at the inequities and irresponsibilities in our world, tempered by an understanding of the human failings that at one time or another afflict us all. Most particularly, we hope you offer some of your talents and energy to the improvement of life for all mankind.

Celebrate graduation, but please do it safely

This year's graduation celebrations in the Back Mountain will be tempered by the memory of the last. And last year's tragedy, which resulted in the shooting death of one teenager and the permanent scarring of many people's lives, was not the first time a night of joy ended in horror.

Graduates and parents should need no further warning of the danger posed by excessive alcohol use. Unfortunately — and for no good reason — our society views becoming wildly intoxicated as almost a requirement of serious celebration. That's a shame in many ways, among them that graduation night should be a time for sincere satisfaction and more than a little reminiscing with friends one may not see again. It's hard to create a memorable moment under an alcoholic fog.

Have fun this year, real fun. Spend time with your friends and family in a condition that will leave you with one of life's more important memories. The alternative could leave you nothing but a memory in others' lives.

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.



Black is beautiful

(By Charlotte Bartizek)

Library news

Auction horse show June 17 will benefit library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The second annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction Horse Show is scheduled for Sunday, June 17 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Route 118, Dallas. The show will begin at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Schooling will be held until 8:15 a.m. The divisions include Children's hunter; Short stirrup division; warm upclass; lead line class; Junior Equitation Division, Senior Equitation Division; Beginner rider; Adult hunter; Open hunter; English Pleasure; Baby Hunter and Non-thoroughbred division. Judge of the show will be Ms. Tammy Huber of Casanovia, New York. There will be a \$200 Hunter Triumph Class and championship coolers

awarded. Dr. John and Kathy Shaskas are chairmen of the horse show.

One of the financial backbones of the annual library auction is the yearly Ham 'n Yegg's donations. Mrs. Gertrude Moss has handled the paper work for this mailing since 1970. The library will miss her valuable services as she passed away in March of this year. The club originated in the 1960's with Mrs. T.M.B. Hicks and William Moss as organizers. The total amount realized from this mailing in 1989 was \$2,845, which is part of the overall financial picture of the auction profits.

The library staff is continuing the Ham 'n Egg Club mailings and will hope for a banner year this year in dedication to Mrs. Moss.

The letters are in the mail and our first contributor was Mr. and Mrs. William Austin of Beaumont, recently returned from their winter sojourn to Jekyll Island. It's nice to be first and we thank the Austins who have always been loyal library supporters.

A former resident of the Back Mountain area brought in a magazine recently called "Friends" dated August, 1954; put out by the Chevrolet organization of Carbondale. A featured article titled: "Library Built On An Auction Block" was a lovely surprise to staff members who had not been aware of this article. The pictures are in color showing the old library on Main Street; the auction barn, when it was held at Risley's; and many pictures of the people work-

ing the auction and enjoying the festivities. The article includes the mention of net proceeds from the 1953 auction of \$11,000; which compares with last year's net of \$54,000.

A very important part of the auction formation is the auctioneers and the block people. Chairman of this division for the past few years and again in 1990 are Dr. Craig Aicher and Kerry Freeman. Working with them are John Shaskas, Alan Landis, John Rothschild, Jim Eason, Joe Stager, Hugh Woodward, Bill and Dave Spurlin, Jeff Townsend, Dave Duncan, Sonny Smith, Joe Killeen, and George Bacon. The library auction: a tremendous undertaking with a great group of dedicated volunteers.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - June 6, 1930

CIRCUS TO PERFORM IN THE AREA

Barnum and Bailey Ringling Brothers Circus is coming to the area with 1001 new attractions.

The last of 28 monetary obligations placed on the Pennsylvania Department of Highways have been assumed with the acquisition of 2127 county bridges.

Ashley defeats Dallas to tie for second place in the Wyoming League.

The first annual field day of the Dallas District Boy Scouts was held at the local schoolhouse grounds.

50 Years Ago - June 7, 1940

COUNCILMAN WILCOX VISITS DALLASTOWN

Councilman and Mrs. Morgan Wilcox visited Dallastown, Pa., named after Dallas, Pa.

Sixty eight Kingston Township seniors to receive a diploma tonight.

The abandoned buildings on the site of the old Adelman lumber

yard on Lake Street, Dallas, have been condemned by the state fire marshal and the owners have been instructed to raze the buildings.

Dallas Borough councilman may vote on \$20,000 bond issue next November.

Wed - Jean Elda Billings and Alfred Milliner Camp.

Dallas Arrows play Vernon Sunday after a week's rest which should give Dallas the edge.

40 Years Ago - June 9, 1950

DALLAS POST PRINTS ITS SIXTH YEARBOOK

The Dallas Post produced Wyoming Seminary's yearbook bringing the number of yearbooks printed this year to six.

Miss Belle Ruckel is honored at Lehman after serving 24 years on the faculty.

All Dallas merchants join in a special Opportunity Days next week, giving away novelties, samples and valuable prizes.

East Dallas has a field day winning over Dallas 13-4.
Engaged - Eleanor Stash and

Emery Shady.

Wed - Lois MacAvoy and Sgt. Paul Helfrich; Alice Shaver and Edward J. Thompson.

30 Years Ago - June 9, 1960

MUNICIPALITIES LOOK INTO SEWAGE SURVEY

Three municipalities, Dallas Borough, Kingston Township and Dallas Township to consider plan for cooperative sewage survey.

Waggles wings at Red Rock signal end of search for two boys Saturday night in the woods.

Gate of Heaven auditorium is crowded for Father Kane's silver jubilee.

Back Mountain "Learn to Swim" program is to start on June 28.

Lehman horse show will be held July 2 and 4 at the Horse Show Grounds.

Noxen defeats Beaumont 8-7.
Wed - Antoinette Roskowski and Charles H. Thomas.

20 Years Ago - June 11, 1970.

DALLAS BOARD ASKS FOR EXTRA SIX MILLS

Dallas School Board asks for 6-mill increase in property taxes.

Ninety three Enduro Riders make the finish line in the 2nd Annual National Enduro motorcycle race Sunday in the Back Mountain.

More squabbling and bickering erupts at Harveys Lake Council meeting on refusal of one councilman to vote to pay bills since they included fees for the solicitor.

UGI announced a hike in all power rates, commercial, industrial and residential.

Fernbrook ties Rotary for Little League title.

Engaged - Alenna Ellen DeCurtis and Michael D. McDonald; Christine Andrea Baloga and CWO Lawrence Brian Blight.

Wed - Diane Searfoss and Gary R. Hozempa.

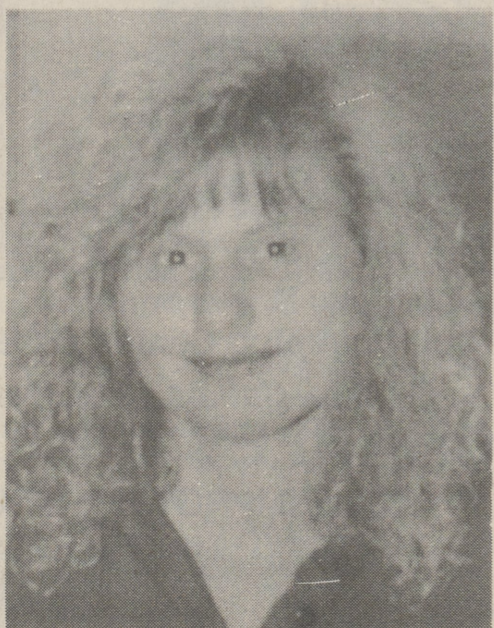
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The Post asks: "Is alcohol a major role in graduation?"



Gina Kumitis
Student
Harveys Lake

"I don't drink and I don't think there will be parties where there will be alcohol for students. If there is I won't drink it."



Jennifer Baker
Student
Sweet Valley

"I don't drink any, I never have and I never will. I don't have any use for it."



Angel Kreidler
Student
Noxen

"I don't believe there will be alcohol served at any parties but I don't drink. I can have a good time without it."



Erica Bradley
Student
Lehman

"I'll go to the parties to be with my friends but I won't drink. I don't think that we should."



Heather Harrison
Student
Lehman

"I'm going to graduation parties but if there is alcohol there I won't drink any. I doubt if there will be any served."