

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Support local emergency services

Like most local emergency service companies, the Jackson Township Ambulance Association raises the bulk of its operating funds with donations from the community. This year's fund drive is now in full swing and will continue through July.

Unlike the volunteers who man our fire and ambulance companies, all the rest of us have to do to assure continuation of services is give a little money. That's a whole lot easier than responding to emergencies at all hours of the day and night, not knowing what risk or carnage you may face.

If you live in Jackson Township, you can become a member of the ambulance association for \$20 yearly for a family with children under the age of 18, plus \$10 for each family member over that age. Besides supporting the group, membership entitles members to free local emergency services. Non-members are charged \$75 for each call.

Membership contributions can be sent to the Jackson Township Volunteer Ambulance Ass'n, Inc., Chase Road, Shavertown PA 18708.

Fiddling with flags while nation slides

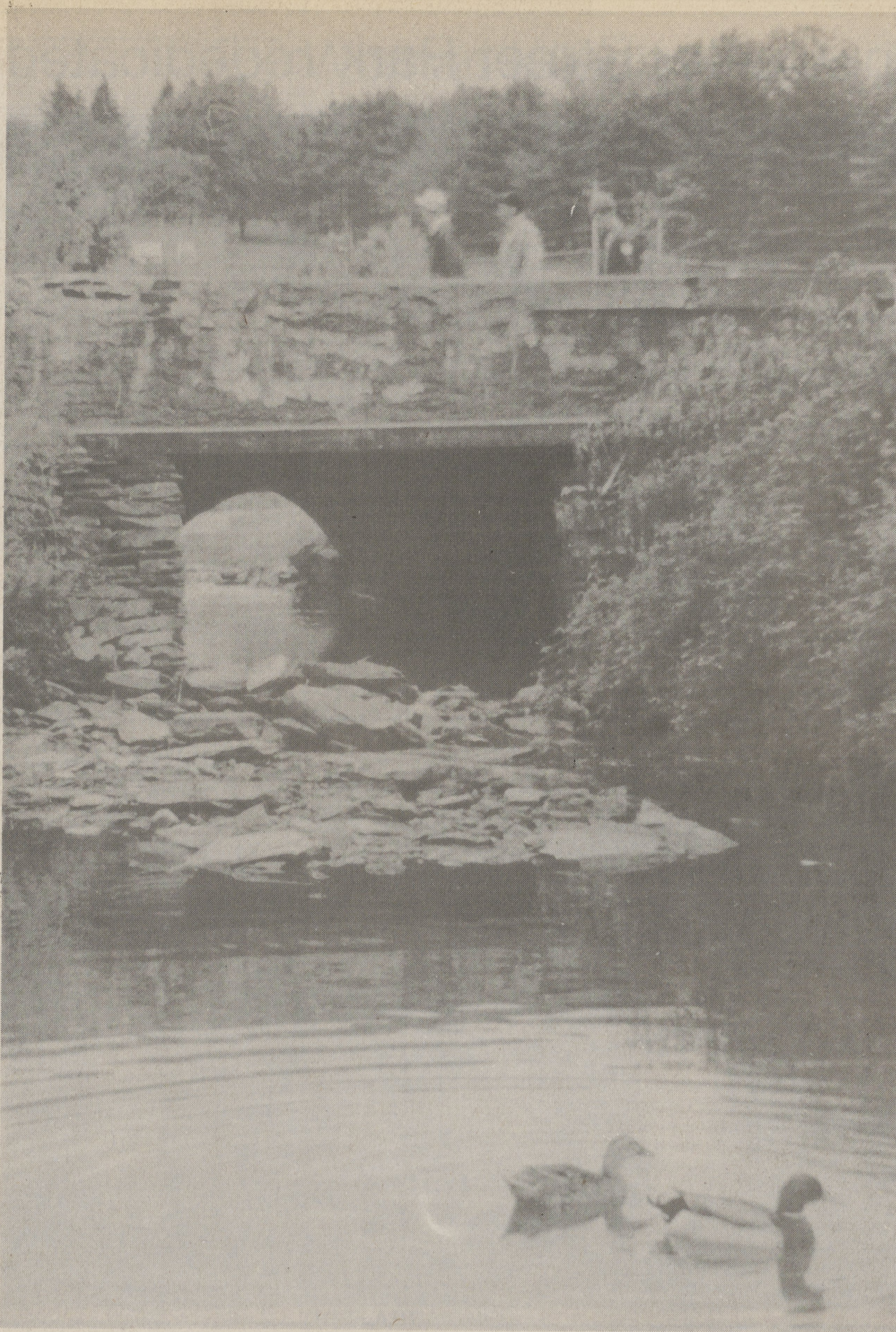
As the federal budget deficit grows, as the cost of bailing out bankrupt savings and loans balloons, as American technology continues to be sold to foreign competitors, as more families suffer from the need to hold two full-time jobs to make ends meet, as children in the United States rack up test scores below those of third world youngsters — in short, as serious problems that demand serious attention surround the nation — the administration in Washington has focused its energies on...passing an amendment to the Constitution to ban flag burning. What a sad commentary on the state of political leadership as we enter the last decade of the twentieth century.

When was the last time the President or any member of his Cabinet made a bold, innovative and, yes, politically risky proposal to address any of the multitude of challenges facing America today? Congress can't be exempted from reproof either, as politics by poll seems to have overwhelmed good men's and women's judgement and instincts. But the leadership crisis is most notable in the White House, because that's where action should begin.

Perhaps the most glaring facet of this paralysis is the opportunity that has so far been squandered by a President whose popularity with the public cushioned him from the inevitable criticism that accompanies leadership. But George Bush hasn't had to worry about complaints that he is going too far, too fast; instead, his overly cautious approach, often subservient to the interests of big business, have drawn only occasional complaints from an enfeebled opposition.

Part of the blame must also lie with a lazy Capitol press corps that has become more a friend of the government than the adversary it is supposed to be. Celebrity reporters and television anchors have become so enamored of the high life that it's hard to imagine them seriously challenging the very subjects they pal around with at dinner parties.

So, as the anniversary of its independence approaches, the United States slides further into the mire of mediocrity or worse, as a world that once looked to this nation for leadership finds itself bypassing us. Let's hope we're soon able to find leaders who will lead, and not simply follow the easy path to popularity.



A stroll over Toby's Creek in Dallas

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Library news

Library horse show is a success

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The second annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction Horse Show was held on Sunday, June 17 and was a huge success. Dr. John and Kathy Shaskas are very appreciative of the volunteer help, the entrants and the spectators who made the show super. There were twice as many entrants in the show as last year and the library will make double the amount of profit from this year's show. The ribbons, blue for first, and the other runner up ribbons were so colorful and what a treat to see the horses with their riders line up to receive their ribbons. The award cups and bowls and the championship trophy were beautiful.

By now most of us know what a cooler is when it pertains to a horse show. It is not an ice cube and drink container, it is a blanket for the horse. The day was hot and dusty, but beautiful to see these riders and their horses dressed to perfection. The committee is now looking forward to next year for an even bigger and better horse show.

The Book Club of the library met for the last time until September in the reference room of the library.

Mrs. Florence Crump arrived a few minutes late and was brought up to date on the events. Mrs. Crump has been president of the Book Club for many years and dearly loves the Book Club, its members and everything else that has to do with this library. The highlight of the meeting was a special birthday celebration, complete with cake and candles, for Jane McMichael, a member of our library staff; the person who has now taken over the setting up and cleaning up for the book club meetings. The contingency fund of the Book Club has reached an amount where it was possible to designate funds to purchase two new books for the library. Pouring at the birthday table celebration was Benny Matchett and Jane McMichael.

The summer reading program is in full swing at the library and the children's room is really jumping. "The Treasure of the Black Diamond Club" is for the children in first through sixth grade and for the first three days has 128 children signed up. The pre-school "Read-to-me" program has 36 toddlers signed up. The library circulation of books for these first three days of summer reading is reflected in the days totals. Mon-

day, 425 books; Tuesday, 525 books; and Wednesday, 480 books. Summer-time reading for a purpose other than enjoyment is always exciting. Children may sign up for these programs any time during the day and will be given their game board at that time.

The antique room is almost full with lovely antiques; the new goods area is filling up quickly; the odds and ends department is overflowing; and the books for the auction tent are stacking up. The refreshment stand has been cleaned; the light fixtures and electrical wiring has been inspected; the tents have been ordered; the posters, banners, billboards and placemats are in place; the auctioneers are getting their voices ready; the sound system has been entirely updated; the food vendors have been notified; the chairmen of all the committees are in full gear and doing a fantastic job; and we are almost ready for our 44th annual library auction. We need the support of the members of our community, which we have always had in the past 43 years and know we will again this year. We hope to see you all on the grounds of the library auction from July 4 through the 8th.

Letters

Thanks horse show helpers

Editor:

Dr. John R. Shaskas, chairman of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction 2nd annual horse show would like to publicly thank all the people who made the show a success. The show had over 100 entries, doubled from last year and the profit for the library from the horse show will also be twice as much as last year. The Horse Show was a huge success and I want to thank all the sponsors of the show. Without them, the show could not go on.

Particular thanks go to Nancy Honeywell, Kerry, Joanne and Kelly Freeman, and the members of the Dallas Rotary Club; Durelle and Connie Scott, Paula Scott, Leslie Knable, who was the announcer; Robert Root, the course designer and ring master; Robert Pagnotti and Nick Pavlichko, ring crew; Diane Kruller, Eugene Sakara, Gabe and Doreen McGuire, Brad Kruller and Terry Hockenberry.

A special thank you to all the other helpers and to the spectators who supported the show. We hope to see you all next year for an even better show.

Dr. John and Kathy Shaskas, co-chairmen
BMML 2nd annual horse show

Praises Vietnam moving wall

Editor:

I would like to publicly thank the Veterans of the Viet Nam War, Post #2 for all their hard work in bringing the moving wall to Luzerne County. Their dedication to this project was overwhelmingly visible by just how smoothly things ran for the entire week.

Our county officials should also be thanked for their cooperation. I took a great deal of pride in just how beautiful the moving wall looked on our Court House lawn, with our own memorial looking onward, and the huge American Flag hung on the Court House overlooking the display. It's impossible to find the words to describe my own emotions, let alone the emotions of the veterans and their families. I can say, however, that it was an experience that I will never forget. I've been to the original wall in Washington, D.C. on several occasions, and this was truly equal in beauty and in the emotions it stirred.

Thanks to all who helped make this happen, but especially to all the members of the Veterans of the Viet Nam War, Post #2.

Michell'e T. Boice

Teen dance called a success

Editor:

On behalf of the some 700 young people who enjoyed their evening of music and fun at the Summer Fest, I want to thank you for the wonderful support given to the youth of the community who wanted to celebrate sober for the start of the summer.

In spite of a moist start to the evening, the weather cooperated. Local bands showcased their talents and a carnival atmosphere prevailed with games, snow cones and cotton candy. Everyone had an enjoyable sober evening.

We appreciate your help telling the story to the community.

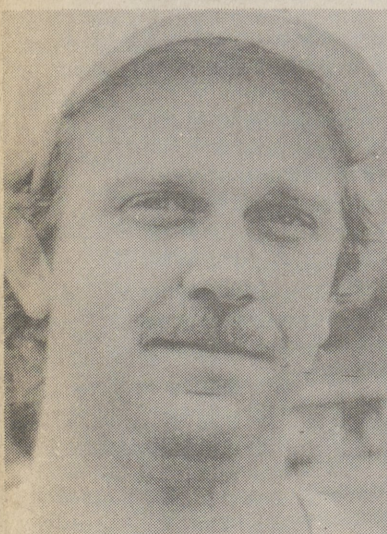
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The Post asks: How do you feel about Donald Trump's situation?



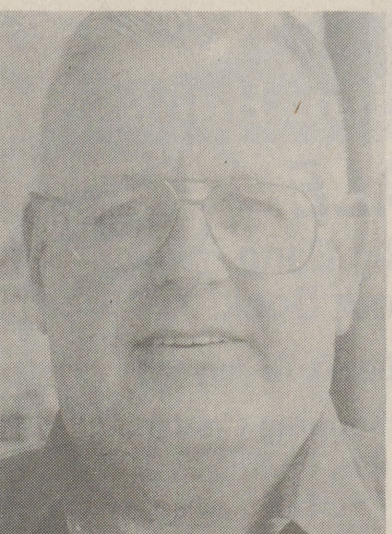
Tom Polomchak
Plymouth

"In a way I feel sorry for him. I am not a fan of hurting anyone. But I don't think he is going belly-up like they are saying.



Gerri Wall
Shavertown

"He deserves what he is getting. His money has gone to his head."



Donald Long
Lancaster

"I am sick and tired of hearing about it. It is time the media stops dwelling on it and we should all move on with the world."

Philharmonic community campaign to end

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic will wrap up its Annual Community Campaign for the 1990-91 season on June 30, 1990.

The Annual Community Campaign which began in September, 1989, is one of the principal means through which the Philharmonic receives its operating revenue. Ticket sales only account for approximately 40% of total income. In fact, a sold out house would cover less than half the cost of a typical performance.

John J. Jablowski, Jr., the Philharmonic's new Director of Development, has announced that \$125,000 in support has now been pledged. "I am optimistic that the campaign goal of \$148,000 will be reached. Thus far, community support has been tremendous. Those who have taken the opportunity to pledge, undoubtedly recognize that the philharmonic is one of the region's leading cultural institutions." To date, well over 1000 businesses, corporations and individuals in Northeastern Penn-

sylvania have pledged their support.

Jablowski also stressed the importance of the upcoming deadline. "We urge those who have made pledges to have their commitments in to the Philharmonic by June 30 so that they may be recognized in our annual report.

The Philharmonic's commitment to excellence remains strong.

Ranking firmly behind such symphonies as Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic remains one of the finest regional orchestras in the Northeastern United States.

For information on the Philharmonic's Annual Community Campaign, call the Philharmonic Office at 342-0920 or 287-1916.

This week's road repairs

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Luzerne County Maintenance Manager, Matthew R. Collura, has announced the following road work schedule for the week of June 25, 1990:

BASE REPAIR - TR 29 in Lake Twp.
DRAINAGE REPAIR - Various routes in Dallas Borough and Twp.

MOWING - Various routes in Dallas Twp.

SHOULDER CUTTING/REPAIR - Queen of Peace Rd., Tulip Tree Rd., Chestnut Rd., Church Rd., Schoolhouse Rd., Maple Tree Rd., Hickory Tree Rd., Outlet Rd. to Loyalville, and Outlet Rd. to Lehman in Lake and Lehman Twps.