

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Boaters, swimmers; take care at lake

A new summer season is upon us and there has been no change in regulations governing boating on Harveys Lake. But it seems there may be more enforcement of existing rules and that's good news to responsible boaters and others who use the lake.

What are the rules? There are very few, among them that boats are supposed to circle the lake in a counter-clockwise direction and that they are to maintain no-wake speed within 100 feet of shore. Oh, and the driver of the boat cannot be legally intoxicated, though it's okay to drink while boating.

Enforcing those few laws may help avoid a tragic accident; let's hope so. More important is for boaters and swimmers to be aware of the dangers posed by speeding boats and to take appropriate precautions. That may lessen their enjoyment, but it could lengthen their lives.

Let's meet challenges of our 214th year

We celebrate the the signing of the Declaration of Independence this week, marking more than two centuries in the history of the most enduring democracy in world history. That is a legacy to be proud of, and humbled by.

When this nation's founders began the long and arduous journey from colony to sovereign nation, it's unlikely they knew the greatness their then thirteen united states would achieve. Followed in rapid order by the Revolutionary War and writing of the Constitution — perhaps the most magnificent government document ever conceived — the young nation's course took a direction never before followed with such success.

The road has seldom been smooth for very long, and it is not today as we face formerly unknown hazards. But somehow the United States has always pulled through, maintaining its status as a beacon of light for victims of state oppression and holding a promise for those denied economic opportunity.

In the end, it's likely that America will prosper or perish because of its own ability to contend with a changing populace at home and growing competitors abroad. History should tell us that a fixation on pie-in-the-sky political promises and instant gratification will lead to no good. A nation that lacks the will to take a hard look at itself, as we have not in many ways recently, can hardly bring itself to greater accomplishment.

In this 214th year of America's history it is time to face the challenges of the present day and not to pine for the romanticized memories of the past. The challenges are great and many — an environment in need of protection and restoration, a workforce standing ready to learn the skills of the future, uneducated youngsters being pushed through school systems gone haywire, a violence-torn underclass of unproductive citizens, and many more.

The challenges have always been great; our nation's will and ability have always been greater. Let's prove that is still the case today.

Letters invited

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Irises in bloom

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Library news

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library 44th annual Library Auction will be in full swing for the next five days; from July 4 through the 8th. There will be many new innovations for the 1990 auction along with most of the traditional activities that make this summertime activity one of the most involved activity of the Back Mountain area. From the antiques to the new goods; from odds and ends to all kinds of books; with baked goods, childrens activities, and many unique and unusual used items; the auction committee members are ready to get on with the show.

Library board members, staff members and auction volunteers all join together every year to get the auction ready and after much paper work, telephoning, visiting, and publicity, the time finally arrives when we say, "This is it!" One new innovation for 1990 is the bell campaign; buy a bell for \$1.00, sign your name and see it hanging in the library. To date, there are \$375 bells hanging in the lobby, the office area, the reference room and wherever there is some space; at one glance in the library front doors, all you see are these bright yellow bells announc-

ing the library auction.

Our library users, friends and visitors are so generous when it comes to helping finance the auction and library activities. Without them and our super volunteers, the auction would never get off the ground. Round up your chairs, call your friends, get the children together and come to the auction. There certainly is something for everyone, adults and children alike.

Speaking of visitors, a woman came into the library last week and inquired about the book bags we have which can be purchased to carry library books home in. I gave her some of the information, told her they cost 25¢ each and she said, fine, I'll take five. She is visiting several libraries during the summer and was interested in the different kind of book bags. She informed me that she was now a school librarian in the Lewisburg School District and she was sort of 'on a busman's holiday'. She has two grown children, Dave who will be starting Wilkes University and Megan who graduated from Haverford College and is now in Ireland for a visit. She is now working for a music library on Haverford College campus, and will be working in Philadelphia in the Fall.

This woman's name is Bonnie Jenkins Lewis, daughter of Thomas and Virginia Jenkins of Shavertown and she was here for a visit. She had been a public librarian in Lewisburg at Himmelreich Memorial Library. One of the things she told her children when leaving for summer vacation was not to stop reading. Keep reading all summer long. I told her about our summer reading program here and how very interested the children were in the program and the reading required to be in the reading club. One thing for sure, our views on children and libraries and the importance of reading were exactly the same. A large manila envelope arrived with the mail the other day, addressed to the Dallas Public Library, postmarked Jacksonville, Florida. Coincidence; inside was a copy of the book, Clifford, the Big Red Dog; along with a note from Mrs. Lewis Brantley. The stationery indicated her husband had been president of the Florida Senate from 1976-1978. The letter read, Gentlemen: While staying at the Sarasota Hyatt this past weekend, I found this book behind the night table. Thought you might want it back! Mrs. Brantley. What a lovely thing for her to do. As it turns out, the book actually belongs to the Gate of Heaven School Library and we will return it to them.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - July 4, 1930 MISERICORDIA BUILDS ADDITIONS TO CAMPUS

The Dallas Post announces opening of \$5,000 gift campaign and purchase of copyright for famous "History of Wyoming Valley".

College Misericordia will start the construction of two three story wings to be added to the present college building to house offices, dormitory and laboratories.

Dallas loses its fourth straight game in the Rural League to land in third place. The Dallas team lost in the last frame 8-7 to Beaumont.

'Honey' starring Nancy Carroll was shown at the Himmler Theatre Sunday and Monday night.

50 Years Ago - July 5, 1940 DALLAS LOOKS AT REPAIRING ROADS

Dallas Borough Council requests Borough Engineer John T. Jeter to prepare an estimate of the costs of repairs to streets which need resurfacing.

Rev. W.F. Wilkinson, of Washington, D.C., representative of the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church, will speak at East Dallas Methodist and Dallas Methodist Church on his work with the liquor problem.

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company will host the members of the cast of the play "West of Rio", at a dinner dance to be held at Kunkle Grange Hall.

Wed - Hilda Winter and Edison L. Henish; Janet Elizabeth Downer and John Nash.

40 Years Ago - July 7, 1950 LIBRARY AUCTION BEGINS TODAY

A big crowd is expected for the fourth annual Library Auction will get underway this morning with Harry Ohlman mounting the block to knock down the first item to the highest bidder.

The 1950 Census shows that there has been a consistent gain in population in the Back Mountain of 1084 in six townships. Dallas Township leads with a gain of 743, Kingston Township 459, Dallas Borough 174, Lehman Township 117, Franklin Township lost 40, Ross Township lost 85, and Lake Township 334.

Dallas Borough PTA to install \$650 of playground equipment on Dallas Borough School grounds.

Atty. Robert Fleming opens a Dallas office at his father's home on Main Street, Dallas.

East Dallas defeats Osterhout 4-3 over the holiday.

Dr. Charles Reif of Wilkes College dispels myth that Harveys Lake has no bottom, after he and his students sound the lake and find the deepest part is 90 feet in the vicinity of the picnic grounds.

30 Years Ago - July 7, 1960 DR. MELLMAN IS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Dallas School Board welcomed Dr. Robert Mellman as the new superintendent.

No date has been set for the opening of the new Game Commission building on Route 415, opposite the turnoff intersection to the old Route 115.

The 14th annual Back Mountain Library Auction moves into high gear tonight immediately following the Ox Roast with Auction Chairman Myron Baker the first auctioneer on the block.

Robert Voelker is sworn in as Shavertown postmaster.

Engaged - Barbara Anne Roberts and Ronald T. Schall; Alice Ide and Jack Hudak.

Wed Marjorie Downing and Donald Cosgrove.

The Post asks: "Should individuals be allowed to have fireworks?"



Laura Horvath
College Student
Dallas

"No they're too dangerous. Someone could be seriously injured."



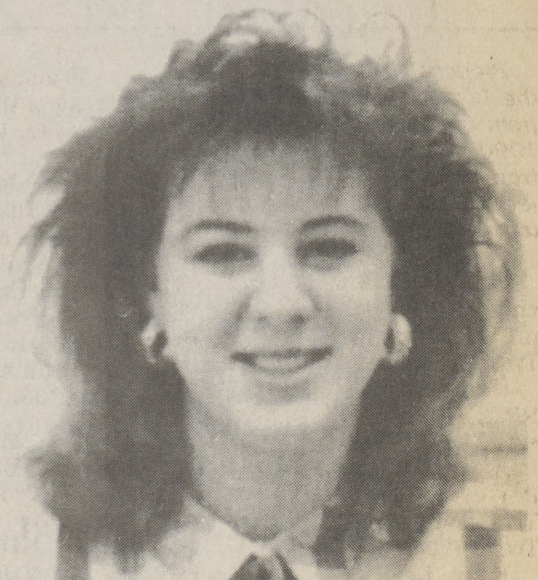
Jane McMichael
Office worker
Dallas

"No, someone could be injured and many do each year. Public displays are alright and I don't mind sparklers for children if they are taught to handle them properly."



Charlotte Oley
Office employee
Dallas

"No, because they are illegal and they are not safe."



Susan Scott
College student
Dallas

"I don't think they should. Anyone under 18 should not be allowed to use them. They should be handled by an adult and only with a permit."