

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Combined police may solve manning woes

Some officials in Dallas Borough government think there's a need for a fifth full-time police officer to patrol the borough. So does the police chief, who often must now act as an officer in addition to performing his management and administrative duties. But some on the borough council question the need for five full-time officers in a community of about 2,700 persons.

Perhaps both sides are correct. At four including the chief, the number of full-time officers creates scheduling problems for the department, especially at vacation time. And it becomes more and more difficult to keep up with administrative and reporting requirements while trying to provide round-the-clock coverage of the town.

As long as each Back Mountain community insists on employing its own police department, it's going to be trying and costly to maintain adequate staffing. A better solution would be a true consolidation of departments, which at one level would simply formalize the cooperation between them that exists now. But at another level, a consolidated police force could provide better coverage at less cost while building the framework needed to meet the area's growing needs.

Less than a mile up the road from the borough's police headquarters, the Dallas Township Police Department serves a population of over 7,000 with seven full-time officers including the chief. That means the borough now provides 1.48 officers per 1,000 residents, while the township provides only 1.0 per 1,000. Does that mean the township receives poor coverage? Not necessarily; it means that police force can be scheduled more comfortably to meet the needs of different times and locations.

All Back Mountain police departments now are dispatched from a single communications center and they cover one another as needed. Perhaps now is the time to take the next logical step and form a truly united department that could eliminate administrative overlap and free up money and manpower to provide increased protection.

If not the largest, Harveys Lake is best

It's news that will shock some residents — Harveys Lake may not be the largest natural lake in Pennsylvania. It seems there's a body of water in the western part of the state that claims to be larger.

Conneaut Lake, which is really almost in Ohio, is listed as the largest natural lake in the state, but Harveys Lake remains largest in the hearts of northeastern Pennsylvanians. And who knows, maybe they measured theirs during a flood, or their calculator needed batteries.

One thing's for sure; their lake can't be any prettier as the sun sets at the end of a bright summer day, or in crisp autumn moonlight. And that's what counts.



The road less traveled

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Library news

Summer reading program in full swing

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will have on sale for the rest of the summer a special library auction T-shirt. These shirts are colorfully done in maroon and green and announce the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction: since 1946. The bottom of the insignia claims the auction as "A Summer Tradition". These shirts were for sale at the recent auction along with our regular auction shirts and sold very well. We have 10 of these shirts for sale in large or extra large sizes. They are selling at \$9.00 each. Ask about these shirts at the circulation desk in the library.

The special sale of books continues with many bargains still available. These books are selling for \$1.00 a bag for as long as they last.

Our 1990 Ham 'n Yeggs campaign to support the annual auction has reached a high of \$3,200. This amount is added to the gross figures for the total auction amount and is all net amount with no

expenses taken out.

The summer reading program in the children's room is in full progress and the children are working on the "Treasure of the Black Diamond Club". The preschool read-to-me program is also creating activity. The toddler story hour on Tuesday evening and the story hours on Wednesday are very well attended; all of which helps to increase our circulation of books. July is always the busiest month in our library and 1980 is no exception. Children and parents alike continue to borrow books on a regular basis.

New books at the library: "First Hubby" by Ray Blount is a novel about a man who happens to be married to the President of the United States. It is the story of the long romance between Guy and Clementine, beginning in the 60's during a political demonstration. As the decades pass, Guy becomes a moderately successful writer, while Clementine goes into politics, working her way up to Vice president. Then, when the President drops dead-killed by a fish-

hilariously memorable moment, Clementine Searcy Fox becomes the President. And Guy becomes America's First Hubby. A wise and funny story.

"Comeback" is a biography of Dave Dravecky written with Tim Stafford. The story of the San Francisco Giants baseball pitcher stands out as one of the great come-backs of all time. Using detailed descriptions of people and places from major league baseball, Dravecky's story includes determination to become a professional baseball player, Dravecky's passion for the game and a feeling of helplessness common to cancer patients. A dramatic story.

"The Lady of the Labyrinth" by Caroline Llewellyn is a novel set in the rugged mountains of Sicily. Weaving together contemporary threads and ancient legends, the author transports her readers to a fabled land where outside forces of evil threaten a traditional way of life. It is truly a beautifully written story, rich with nuance and a masterly work.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - July 25, 1930 NEW POST BRINGS ALL BACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

The new Dallas Post will include news from all sections of the Back Mountain direct from correspondents you know.

St. Therese's to hold clam bake July 29 at Fernbrook Park.

Harveys Lake Protective Association formulates a membership campaign.

Dallas, Beaumont and East Dallas are in a three-way tie for the leadership in the Rural League.

50 Years Ago - July 26, 1940 PROPERTY DAMAGES BEING SETTLED

The task of settling thousands of dollars worth of damages to properties along the route of the new Dallas highway was moving along rapidly this week as state representatives submitted offers.

Beaumont downs Dallas Arrows 13-3 last Sunday.

Mrs. Harry LaBar resigns as primary teacher at Loyalville School because of her recent marriage.

Engaged - Rachel Lois Evans and Dr. Carl A. Bradbury.

40 Years Ago - July 28, 1950 DALLAS SEEKS LOAN FOR NEW SCHOOL

Dallas Township School Board seeks loan for a new elementary school to overcome crowded conditions since consolidation of the district with Franklin Township.

Edward Hall's new building is one of the finest in the area.

Crowds throng Bowman's official opening of their restaurant on Sunday.

Engaged - Eleanor Stash and Emery Shady; Mildred Jean Lyons and Robert Broody.

Wed - Dolores Cragle and Earl Kittle.

Back Mountain Little League Kids Baseball began last week with Trucksville Tigers managed by Charles Steinhauer defeating Shavertown Shavers, managed by Merton Coolbaugh.

30 Years Ago - July 28, 1960 LOPASKY TO TRYOUT FOR PRO TEAM

Cemetery officials are looking for someone to reset monuments tipped over by area boys.

Bill Lopasky leaves to tryout with the San Francisco Forty Niners professional football team.

Donald Olsen, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olsen, Trucksville had the privilege of serving as a page in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., for a month lasting until July 2.

Beaumont stops Forkston 9-0 behind Chad Everett's strong pitching.

Engaged - Charlotte Perkins and Dr. Bruce Schmucker.

Wed - Betty Mae Honeywell and Fred Spencer; Judy Shannon and Carson D. Granley, Jr.; Sandra L. Layton and David J. Pellam; Alice Ide and John J. Hudak.

20 Years Ago - July 30, 1970 MAJOR APPOINTED DISTRICT JUSTICE

Mrs. Irene major is appointed district justice for District 3-8.

Natona labor rally protests production with a mass picket preventing supervisory personnel from entering the plant.

Back Mountain All Stars win first three contests to advance in playoffs.

Engaged - Mary L. Schlingman and Paul John Wilson; Susan Scanton and Richard Anthony Wolf; Sharon Lee Williams and Norbert J. Molski, Jr.

Letters invited

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The Post asks: "What effect do the rumble strips have on your driving?"



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"They're not only ruining my car but the noise is terrible."

"They shake my car to pieces."

"They're ruining my tires."

Korea "The Forgotten War"

Forty years ago, on June 25, 1950 - the North Koreans crossed the 38th parallel of Korea and invaded South Korea. It was called a "police action", and the United Nations responded by sending troops to Korea.

When a truce was finally called that ended in a stalemate on July 27, 1953, 5.5 million men and women had fought directly or indirectly in this conflict, including some World War II Veterans. Of this 5.5 million, 103,000 were wounded, 54,263 were killed and 8,177 were classified as missing in action or prisoner of war. All this in three years.

There were no welcoming parades when they returned; no help or recognition of the terrible war memories, only a few paragraphs recorded in history books and even little recognition by the public or the media. Only those who were deeply involved seemed to care. Last year the Pennsylvania

State Senate approved a resolution designating July 27 thru August 2 as Korea Veterans Week. A memorial has been started for Korean Veterans - with Hyundai Corp. of South Korea contributing \$1.2 million in gratitude. This memorial will be in Washington across from the Vietnam Memorial.

Finally after 40 years, the Korean Veterans are getting some recognition. Just because it was not called a war, only a "Police Action", does not diminish the fact that human lives and families were changed forever. Statistics show it truly was a war!

Show your care, and honor our veterans. Fly and display your flag the week of July 27 to August 2, also on June 25, the stat of this "Forgotten War".

The memorial will cost over \$6 million will you help? Send contributions to: The Korean War Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2372, Washington, D.C. 20013-1372.

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 July 23:

BRUSH CUTTING - Lake Louise and Bodle Roads in Franklin Twp.

DRAINAGE REPAIR - Hildebrandt Rd. in Dallas Twp.; Apple-tree Rd. in Exeter Twp.; Pioneer Ave., in Kingston Twp.

MOWING - Various routes in Jackson Twp., Kingston Twp., Larksville Borough, Huntington Twp.

POTHOLE PATCHING - Various routes in Dallas, Lake and Lehman Twp.; Pioneer Ave. in Kingston Twp.; Lake Catalpa Rd. in Dallas Twp.

SHOULDER CUTTING/REPAIR - Cragle Hill Rd. in Hunlock Twp.

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