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EDITORIALS

Comm center needs more...communication

Judging by the depth of feeling among ambulance personnel, there appear to be some serious disagreements within the Back Mountain Communication Center. Unless they are resolved, the question of whether to institute simultaneous dispatching of paramedic units will be relatively unimportant in the scheme of the center's operation.

More than anything, ambulance and some fire personnel want more of a voice in policy-making at the center, especially when the policies directly affect them. Ambulance chiefs and operators are now conspicuously absent from the board of the center, but they are called more often than any other emergency services group.

The present dispute over simultaneous dispatching seems to be a direct result of a lack of communication within the center. Ambulance personnel properly resent the fact that the decision to implement the new policy was made when their liaison with the board was not in attendance. They say that the policy of simultaneous dispatching is not at issue, but the training of those who will decide when a paramedic is necessary is in dispute.

Last week, we used this space to gently chastise ambulance personnel for what seemed like a touch of professional jealousy toward paramedics. That's understandable and reflects not only their human nature but the pride they take in their work, which is strictly voluntary. Few among us would devote the time and effort needed to become a certified emergency medical technician, or would donate valuable time at odd hours to help others.

We also erred in suggesting that ambulance personnel can't talk with a hospital or doctors while on call. They can and do, though they cannot offer the advanced medical support that paramedics can.

In the end, the arguments against simultaneous dispatching are less important than the reasons for greater participation by ambulance personnel in making decisions that affect the quality of care provided by all emergency crews serving the area. Their level of commitment and dedication has earned them that.

Revoke, not just suspend bar license

It's obvious from their own testimony that David "Jigger" Jones and his wife Eleanor should not be allowed to operate an establishment that sells alcoholic beverages.

The Jones's primary defense at a Liquor Control Board hearing on charges of providing alcohol to minors was that each is under a doctor's care and taking prescription medications that impair their judgement. That admission alone should disqualify them from holding a liquor license.

The judge who heard the case noted that Mr. Jones tended bar "95 percent of the time" while suffering side effects from his medications. His wife, as licensee, is responsible to see that liquor laws are enforced.

Eleanor Jones' liquor license will be suspended for 30 days beginning November 26. The Liquor Control Board should take a stronger stand and bar her or her husband from holding a license until they can prove they are competent to do so.

Letters invited

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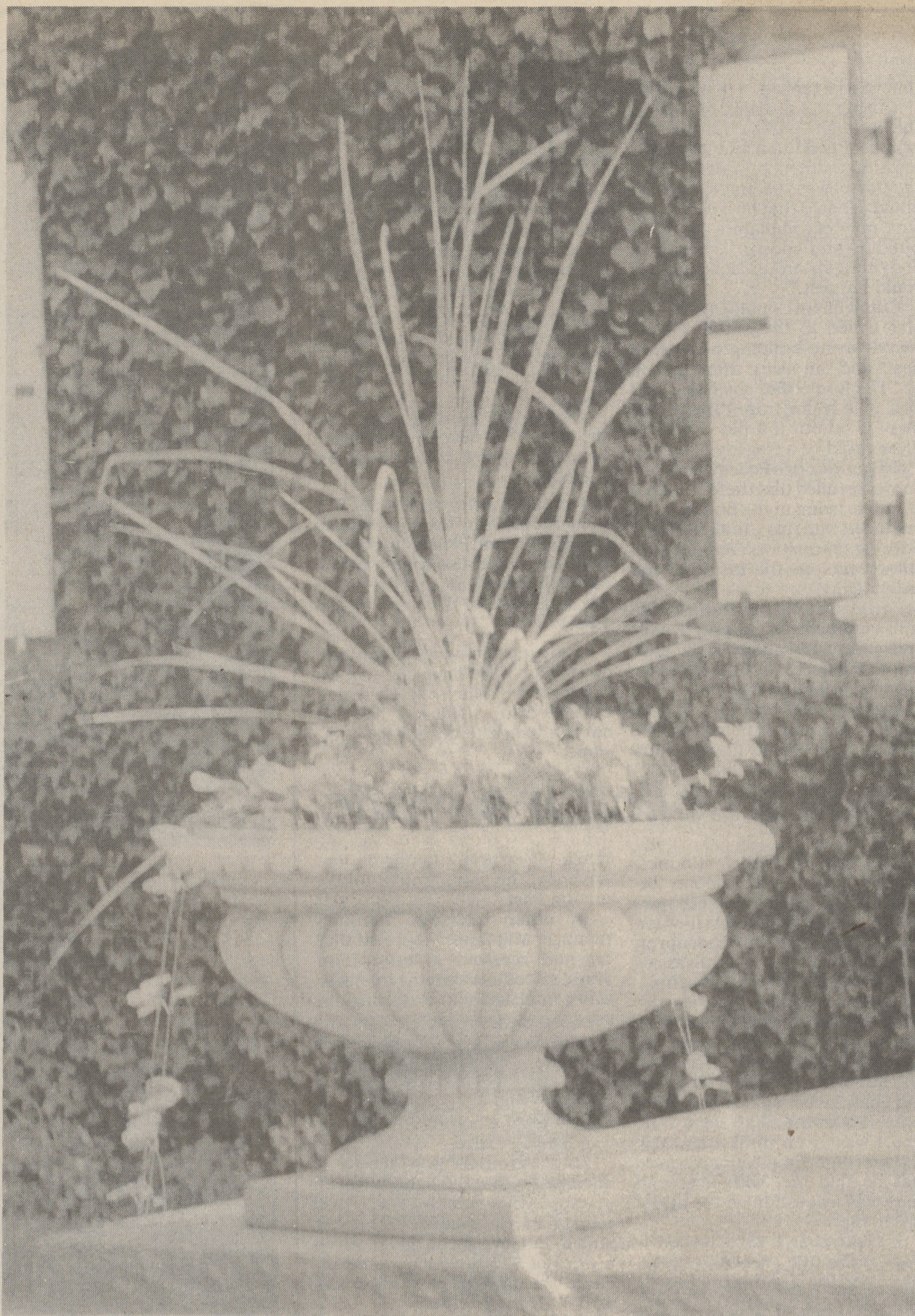
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Ode on a Penn State urn

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Library news

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

I had a very pleasant experience a few months ago when three women came in to visit the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Mrs. Frank Howorth and a friend of hers came in and brought Miss Camilla Ayers with them. Miss Ayers is the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Jule and Mrs. Ayers, previously associated with the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre. It seems Miss Ayers is a trustee of the Rockport Library in Rockport, Massachusetts. I have known Mrs. Howorth for a number of years and she was telling me of Miss Ayers and the situation at Rockport.

They were delighted to have a tour of our library and facilities because it is what they hope to be able to do in their town very soon. Our library has been converted from a public school and is now a tremendous library facility. They were very impressed with what we have been able to do to make the library so readily available to our patrons. I told them about our financial capital fund drive and how well it worked for us. The library trustees of Rockport hope to use the closed Tarr School as a new location for their library. The present library is badly crowded with books jammed into shelves

and piled under tables.

For several years, the town had hoped to move the library into the school building; but the cost of the conversion was estimated at \$1.2 million; far more than they could afford. Then, three years ago, wealthy summer resident Franz Denghausen, a sculptor and poet, died at age 76 and left \$1 million to fund library improvements. The town was very grateful and immediately set about planning their dream library with a cozy corner for the town's book lovers to gather. They planned to call it "Franz's Room" after their benefactor.

The project hit a snag and the plans for the 67,000 volume library came to a stop because of objections from an unlikely source: the Smithsonian Institution in Washington which hoped to get the \$1 million for itself. This would be in addition to what the Smithsonian stands to gain as legal inheritor of the rest of the Denghausen estate, which is reported to be at least \$4 million. At issue was an interpretation of a codicil to the will; the claim being the \$1 million was to be used to run a new library, but not to build a bigger one. The town has already spent \$15,000 on renovation plans.

However, some good news! I met Mrs. Howorth for breakfast last week and she showed me a clipping from The Boston Globe dated August 4. The headline read "Rock-

port wins out over Smithsonian in dispute over bequest to library". The Smithsonian agreed not to obstruct Rockport in its efforts to use the inheritance to convert an empty school into a desperately needed new library.

The town's library director, Stephen Rask, announced that if all goes well, Rockport's new 67,000 volume library could open to the public within the next two years. The Smithsonian issued a statement that said, in part, the institution was "delighted" that Rockport will have a new library. Need I say that I am also delighted with this entire story and after becoming seriously involved with the dispute and the court decisions; feel like I am a part of the entire venture. A few years down the line, if I am ever near Rockport, I hope to be able to visit the new library.

Our 1990 Book Club membership now stands at 229 members. This means a total of \$2,085 has been given to be used for new books for the Book Club shelf. These books will stay on that shelf for six months for Book Club members and then will revert to the regular library shelves. This is just one more way our library is able to purchase books for our reading patrons.

Question: "What is the tallest building in the world?" Answer: "The Library, because it has so many stories".

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - Aug. 29, 1930 SPORTSMEN HOLD SHOOTING MATCH

Dallas Post campaign gains more than 3,000 subscriptions in its campaign.

Local sportsmen to hold a shooting match Labor Day.

Citizens form permanent civic organization here with Ralph Rood named as president.

Dallas players show real form to win from fast Heights team.

Cliff Edward will star in the film "Lord Byron of Broadway" this weekend at the Himmler Theatre.

50 Years Ago - Aug. 30, 1950 FIREMAN ORGANIZE DEFENSE FORCE

Firemen would organize defense force for Dallas.

Dallas Township directors appoint four teachers.

Bloomsburg Fair plans 86th year.

New boat club at Lake will sponsor races on Labor Day.

Leaders to select new name for 'Back Mountain Region'.

Kingston Township School supervising principal J.A. Martin explains school plans.

Dallas Arrows lost their last chance in the pennant race when they lost 7-0 to Beaumont.

Andrew Sordoni again heads Harveys Lake firefighters.

Wed - Madeleine Carol Sullivan and Joseph Sheridan; Eleanor Murphy and Francis Basta.

40 Years Ago - Sept. 1, 1950 JORDAN TO HEAD SCHOOL STUDY

Dr. Lester Jordan heads committee to study schools.

Dallas schools open Wednesday.

W.S.C.S. to hold flower show.

Wed - Harriet Thomas and Jack E. Lewis; Jeanette Truax and Vernon Moore; Eleanor Stash and Emery Shady; Norma Helen Drapiewski and D. Dayton Long.

W.S.C.S. of Noxen Methodist Church will hold a hobby show and pet and doll parade in Noxen Fire Hall Monday from 1 to 8 p.m.

30 Years Ago - Sept. 1, 1960 NEW SCHOOL STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Career night is planned at Westmoreland.

Sixty acres are already under cultivation, more to follow.

Progress is being made on the new Dallas High School Building.

Mrs. William Krimmel is named Back Mountain chairman of the YWCA Drive.

Noxen Tanners win 15th game defeating Sugar Hill 8-4 in the 10th inning.

Engaged - Elizabeth Reynolds and Richard W. Metzger; Jane Polk and Harold R. Ash; Jeanette Wandel and Jerry Tallent.

Dorothy Gilbert will come home from Congo for vacation.

20 Years Ago - Sept. 3, 1970 FIRE DESTROYS FIELDING BARN

County 4-H exhibits fair's largest display.

Fire destroyed the 80-year old barn owned by John Fielding which was located on Hillside Road.

Lake-Lehman enrolls 936 at the high school.

Dallas Dodgers captured the Minor League Championship by defeating Westmoreland Braves 11-10.

Wed - Amy Barrett Miner and James Thomas Fleming III.

St. Luke's, Noxen plans 75th anniversary.

The Post asks: Are you ready to go back to school?



Betsy Rosenthal
4th grade

"Yes, I like being with all my friends."



Jonathon Howells
2nd grade

"Yes. It is not as much fun as summer but I want to go back."



Katie Flannery
4th grade

"Sort of. I get bored in the summer but once school starts I will probably miss summer."



Erin Jones
3rd Grade

"Sort of. I like summer better but I kind of miss school."



Leanne Piasta
2nd grade

"Not really. I don't like it that much."