

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Please, no more delays on '911' system

It has been delayed, but the '911' emergency phone number should soon be in place in the Back Mountain, and not a moment too soon.

911 was to be installed before summer was over; now it may be two or three more months before it arrives. Let's hope there are no more delays because the potential for saving lives is real. 911 combined with simultaneous dispatching of paramedic units will eliminate two possible delays in summoning emergency assistance. First, 911 makes remembering and dialing for help simple enough for even a four-year-old to grasp. Whether calling for police, fire or medical assistance, the call is quickly made and will be quickly answered.

Dispatching paramedics at the time of the call — a decision that will be made by the dispatcher — will assure that in most cases a crew is on its way as quickly as possible, something that is just not always possible with volunteer ambulances when members are at work or otherwise unavailable.

911 is too important to delay needlessly. It should be installed as soon as practicable.

Don't accept wrong census figures

Back Mountain community leaders are right to challenge the erroneous population figures listed in preliminary Census documents. The are clearly inaccurate, in some cases seriously so, and must be re-examined.

It appears that the 1990 Census is thus far an abject failure. Entire housing developments were missed and others were placed in the wrong municipalities. Given those gross inaccuracies, whatever the final figures are, they will viewed with suspicion by the very persons they are designed most to help.

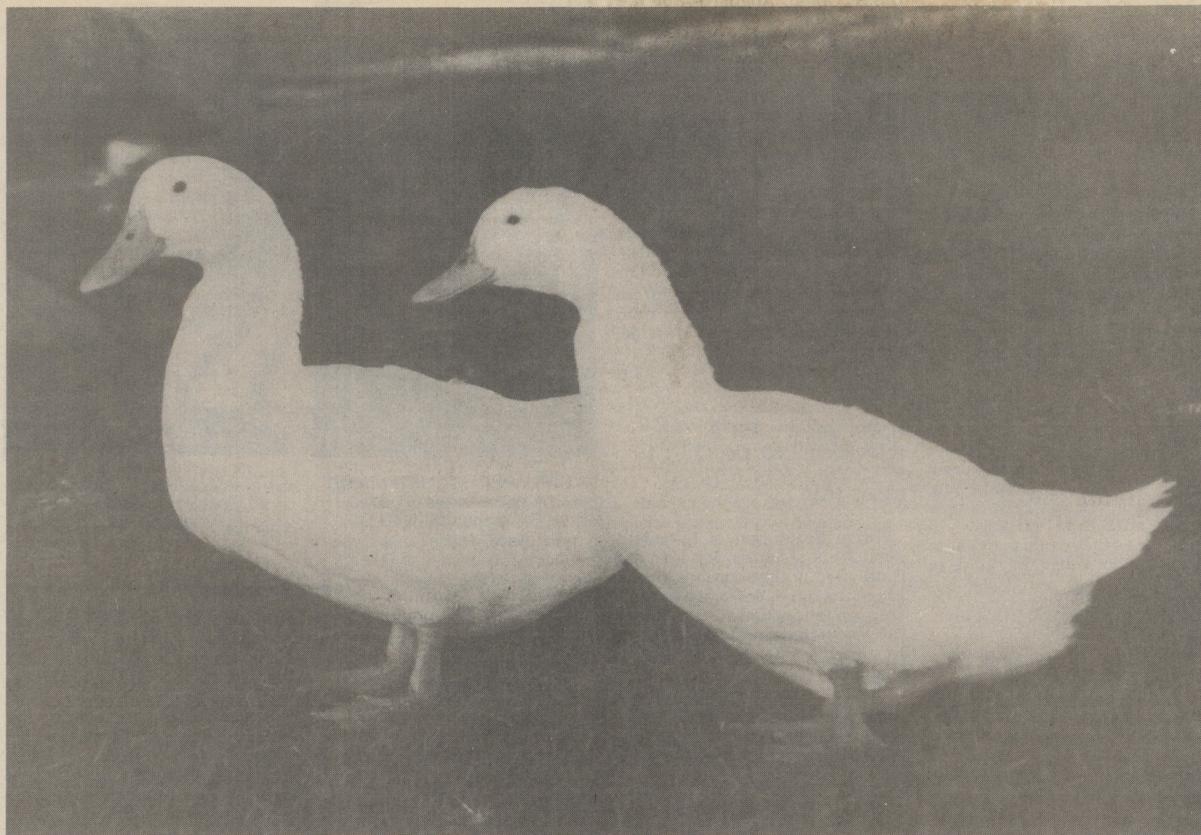
The founding fathers of our nation thought a census was so important that they wrote its requirement in the Constitution. The 1990 version falls far short of their expectations, and will require massive effort to correct. But it will be worth the effort, because so many decisions will be made in the next 10 years based on its totals.

Harveys Lake leads in recycling

Harveys Lake is moving faster than most communities to institute a recycling program, even though it is under no pressure to do so. That's a credit to farsighted and environmentally-conscious citizens.

The borough has had a drop-off recycling center for a couple of years. Now leaders are working toward establishing curbside pickup in both Harveys Lake and Lake Township, and they've just received a \$54,000 grant to help them do so.

There's more to be done before curbside recycling can begin — organizers hope to have the program in place early next year — but it promises to be easy as well as good for the environment. We wish them luck.



Fine feathered friends

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Library news

New library card program proving successful

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The new program instituted at the Back Mountain Memorial Library which involves the issuing of library cards to each active borrower is progressing nicely. We started the new procedure at the beginning of July and it means as each borrower comes to the front desk to check out books, they are given their library card with their own particular number. After the borrower has his library card, it is necessary for him to bring the card with him to the library each time he wishes to borrow books. He will then no longer sign his name but will, instead, just use his number on the book card. This will also eliminate having to cross the previous name off the book card for privacy reasons. As of this moment, we are up to number 8629 and beginning with the letter St for

last names. Our library has approximately 11,000 active borrowers and hopefully, the entire project will be completed and in working operation in a few more weeks.

The staff of the library is well aware that school has started for the new year as our study tables and chairs are already filling up with students doing their study work. On Wednesday, the first day of school, one of the tables had four students already well into the books.

We have ordered some new audio cassettes with the help of a donation from the Dallas Lions Club, who donate monies to help the visually handicapped. We buy many large print books with their donation and are buying a few audio cassettes. These cassettes are very popular with our borrowers and especially with people who do a lot of traveling in their cars.

Two of our patrons both told me this week that when they arrived home in their garage one evening, the tape was not finished and they decided to sit in the car until it was finished, it went longer than they expected and eventually both of them took the tape in the house and finished it inside before retiring for the night. It's hard to put a good tape down.

Recent additions to the library collections: "Hammerheads" by Dale Brown is an ambitious, wide-ranging and suspenseful work in the action-adventure arena. The author retired from the US Air Force five years ago and his stories include the Mach-speed aircraft. This book covers a South American drug cartel and the influx of dangerous narcotics into the US. The Hammerheads is an elite Coast Guard unit specially trained to fight

bloodthirsty rum runners in the Caribbean. They actually wield 25 pound sledgehammers.

"Four Past Midnight" by Stephen King is his latest novel and begins by stating that past midnight, something happens to time, that fragile concept we employ to order our sense of reality. What happens to the wide-eyed observer when the window between reality and unreality shatters, and the glass begins to fly? The book includes four chilling novellas, a feast fit for King fans old and new, and provides some shocking answers.

A library does not advocate the eating of any kind of food in the library so that the tables, chairs and books may remain clean. However, if you were to have lunch in the library, what table would you use? Answer: "The Table of Contents".

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - Sept. 19, 1930
DIPHTHERIA CLINIC OPENS IN DALLAS

A diphtheria clinic will be opened in Dallas to protect children from the dread disease with toxin-antitoxin treatment.

Fire destroyed the barn of John Wilson on Country Club Road.

Adam Kiefer promises to pay \$100 on Dallas fire truck if the firemen raise the \$300 ballance on the \$15,000 fire truck.

Dallas Borough High School ready for football under Coach Wormsley.

Wed - Ethel Blaine and John Steele.

50 Years Ago - Sept. 20, 1940
APPROXIMATELY 200 DALLAS MEN DRAFTED

First draft call will affect 200 men in Dallas.

The new schedule for the buses in Dallas Township remained un-

changed this week despite the two-day strike by the children.

Ronald Doll asked for a year's leave of absence from his position as principal of the Dallas Township School.

Beaumont captures pennant in the Bi-County baseball race.

Back Mountain remains as the leading name for the area in The Dallas Post contest followed by Mountainboro, Newer Dallas Region, Dallwood Heights, Suburban Heights, Suburban Hills, Mountain Parkway, Blue Ridge Region, Dal-King Suburbs, Dallmont, King-Dal-Lake Mont, Highland Manor, Ruralvania, Bedford Hills, Dallares, and Sylvan Hills.

40 Years Ago - Sept. 22, 1950
MAIL WILL SOON BE CARRIER DELIVERED

Carrier delivery mail may start shortly in the area.

One hundred fifty honeymoon-

ers visit Brokenshire's Harveys Lake Hotel.

Dallas Township Redskins will open the football season against Dupont tomorrow afternoon.

Edith Hart to marry Frederick C. Smith tomorrow.

Engaged - Ferne Bronwyn Howell and Paul Michael Sabol Jr.

Eugene Hindricks, Jr., Elmcrest, will enter his Irish Setter, "Michael Bronze Rascal" in the Back Mountain Kennel Club A.K.C. sanctioned match.

30 Years Ago - Sept. 22, 1960
SEWER RATS OVERRUN AREA

Hordes of rats overrun the area when they follow the sewer lines from Toby's Creek.

Mrs. Lewis LeGrand is the first woman to receive the service award from the Dallas Legion Auxiliary.

John Blackman, Idetown, is elected as a director of Investors Diversified Services Inc. at a special meeting in Minneapolis.

A new Impala driver training car was donated by Bonner Chevrolet for use by Dallas District to train students.

Engaged - Marion Louise Wyant and Percy Phillips.

Lake-Lehman meets Westmoreland Saturday afternoon at Lehman.

John Dorish hurled Dallas to a 4-1 win over Pringle in the Wyoming League.

4,814 children start school in the Back Mountain.

20 Years Ago - Sept. 24, 1970
HOME RUN DERBY SET AT DALLAS FIELD

Colleges in the area greet freshmen this week.

Sewer bids will be opened at a public meeting Oct. 22, at 7 p.m.

The Dallas Rotarians pledged their support to the Back Mountain Library at the Sept. 17 meeting.

The Dallas Post encourages its readers to share their opinions with the community by writing a letter to the editor. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number so that we may verify their authenticity. We will not publish anonymous letters. Send letters to The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas PA 18612.

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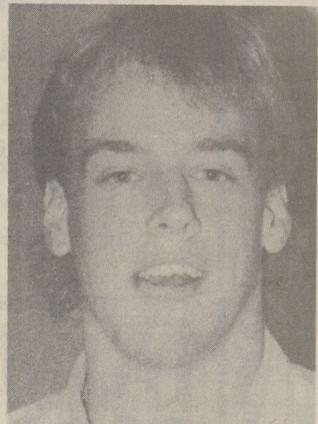
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Post Asks: How has your class schedule gone this year?



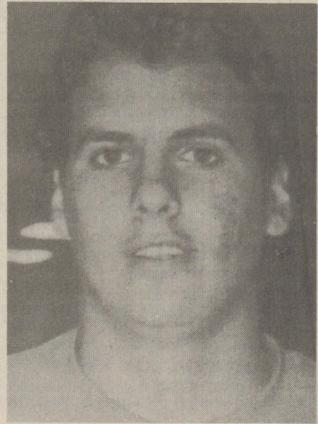
Craig Hardik
Junior
Dallas

"I had some problems. My English course was wrong and so were my study halls but I was able to get it straight."



Jamie Walsh
Senior
Dallas

"My schedule was fine, no problems."



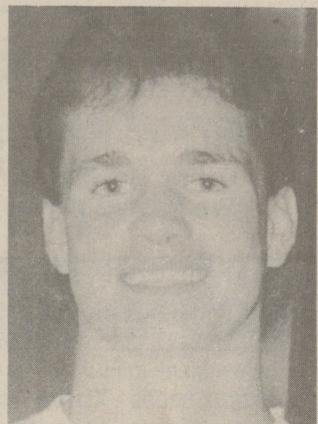
Pete Kerdesky
Junior
Dallas

"I had no problem with courses, just study halls."



Valerie Luke
Junior
Lake-Lehman

"I had one problem at first. I had too many classes but I did get it straightened out."



Ken Berlew
Junior
Dallas

"They scheduled me for Shop I instead of Shop II but I was able to change that."