

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Welcome activity on traffic signals

It may be that the first stirrings of activity are taking place in the quest to improve traffic control on Route 309. Concerned citizens have for years urged that more lights be installed at busy intersections on the highway, rightly pointing out that there is too much potential for serious accidents. They have been proven tragically correct on several occasions.

Now residents in the area of Center Hill Road in Dallas have brought their case for a light to the supervisors of Dallas Borough, and some response may be forthcoming. Rather than rejecting the request out of hand, borough officials are looking into the possibility of installing a light not only there, but also at the intersection of Main Street and Route 309, near the Mark II restaurant.

Both those intersections meet the state Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) requirements for traffic volume, and both have been the subject of past requests for lights. But the money hasn't been available before, even with contributions from businesses located near the intersections. While the expense is no less burdensome now, passing years have only added to the traffic flow and the danger posed by these junctions.

Municipalities, businesses and individuals should do all that they can to see that these needed traffic lights is installed. If they do, it would be nice to think some financial help would be forthcoming from county or state levels.

Local heroes

Kingston Township police officers Charles Rauschkolb and Michael Moravec and Michael Sabatini, a lifeguard, received well-deserved commendations last week, as they were cited by township officials for their heroic attempts to rescue a woman who had intentionally driven her car into the lake at Frances Slocum Park. While their efforts did not save the woman — the car's doors were locked and it was driven into the water at a high rate of speed — the men went far beyond the call of duty in repeatedly risking their own lives while trying to save another.

Like so many emergency personnel, local police officers are usually thought of only when they are needed, then are forgotten. The actions of these men remind us what an important role they and their comrades play in the life of the Back Mountain.

Why letters to the editor must be signed

The Post received several letters to the editor this week but you won't be able to read one of them, because it wasn't signed. This happens fairly frequently, and it gives us an opportunity to explain our policy requiring signatures and phone numbers on all letters submitted for publication.

We believe very strongly that a vigorous public debate usually brings issues to their best resolution. But that debate cannot be conducted anonymously; proponents of each side must be known so that their particular biases are evident. For example, the reader would need to know if the author of a letter proposing more commercially-zoned areas was a developer, a property owner who might gain by rezoning, or just a concerned individual.

It remains a mystery why writers are reluctant to sign their names to letters intended for publication. Our only conclusion can be that they don't feel strongly enough in their position to attach their name to it. That's a shame, because it denies the community the richness of debate that leads to progress.

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A passel of pumpkins

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Letters

Calls for write-in votes in House campaign

Editor,
I do not want to be represented in Harrisburg by Jim Phillips, but yet, I do want a vote. I do not want a gloating manipulating political machine to represent me in Harrisburg.
Please use the Write-In vote. Let the people speak.
You may want to elect a college professor, a high school teacher, a police officer or librarian. Please write in the person of your choice, do not let the professionally politi-

cians take your vote away from you.

With a Write-In vote, people can have a second chance. People who voted for Scott Dietterick in the spring should not have their rights taken away in the autumn.

Two suggestions could be Bruce Hanson of Harveys Lake or retired fire chief of Kingston, Dave Long. Anyone can use the write-in process, Republican, Democrat or Independent.

Arthur Prutzman
Dallas

Irresponsible hunters endanger children

Editor,
How can anyone forget last Saturday? All that rain Friday night and well into Saturday. Well, here's why I will never forget Saturday.

The rain ended about 1:00 p.m. The sun came out and so did my children. My two girls ran down the driveway to play in the water. My son, who's eight years old, decided to hike around in our backyard. At about 2:30 p.m. I heard a gun shot very close to my son. I ran to see if he was okay. I spied two "hunters," one of whom shot again within 60 yards of my son. I screamed, "Are you trying to kill us?" They didn't apologize or come over and introduce themselves; they made a fast escape.

The game commission was contacted and made an immediate response. Unfortunately, they were unable to apprehend the two culprits. This time we were physically unharmed. Mentally—that's another story.

Those two hunters, wearing orange caps and dark clothes, were: 1. Trespassing; 2. Shooting in a posted area; 3. Shooting in the safety zone; 4. Shooting at human beings.

My family and I would like to feel safe in our yard. These criminals have violated that right. It's a terrible feeling when you're afraid to enjoy your own yard.

I am pleading with all hunters to obey the rules and to honor posted property. Someone is going to get hurt and it's likely to be an individual who doesn't even own a gun. My property is a haven for all living

IF the political machine wins this election, it will be a short reign because the voters will not be caught off balance in the next election.

The political machine will be counting on us sitting on our seats while they dictate and manipulate our vote away from us with their power plays. Write in your vote, make it YOUR choice.

Arthur Prutzman
Dallas

School Board president says editorial was off base

Editor,
Given the Dallas Post's history of objective coverage of the Dallas School Board, it was disturbing to read last week's editorial. The insinuations in your editorial that cast aspersions on the Dallas School Board were unwarranted.

The meeting of October 1 was not a 'special' meeting; it was a regularly scheduled meeting, duly advertised, and open to the public. There was no Machiavellian plot to pass the Administrators' Compensation Plan without public knowledge. When reporters failed to attend the meeting, our superintendent called various newspapers to inform them of the Board's actions.

I take issue with the words "offensive" and "more above-board" since nothing of a scurrilous nature took place. Salary negotia-

things, so keep your searchlights and guns off of it.

Jean and Tom Byron
Tom, Elizabeth and Caroline
Dallas

Clarence J. Michael
President, Dallas School Board

Thanks for stories on ducks

Editor,
I would like to say thank you for standing behind me and helping me get the duck crossing sign. If I could save one duck's life, that means the world to me.

Stephen Kosisky
Dallas

Library news

Dolls from Dorothy Hess's collection on display this month

The Back Mountain Library is featuring in the display case in the office area a collection of unique items borrowed from Dorothy Hess of Dallas. Located in one end of the display are eight dolls which represent the eight women who braved heavy rains to attend a meeting at Tremont Church, in Boston on March 23, 1869, and founded the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The one closest to the table decided to stay home because of the rain and does not have an umbrella. The other seven women all have umbrellas.

This group sent out the first woman doctor to India. That handful of women was gathered from the Methodist Episcopal Church and was the earliest missionary group that now comprise United Methodist Women, and it existed as a separate society from 1869 to 1939. When it celebrated its 70th anniversary, it paid tribute to 1,559 missionaries sent out during seven

decades to work on four continents and in 17 nations. The society had established 20 hospitals and 1,114 schools with 3,403 trained national teachers and over 68,000 students.

In 1939, the group name was changed to Women's society of Christian Service and in 1975, to United Methodist Women. These dolls are very old and make an interesting display representing an outstanding group.

The rest of the display is featuring Chinese curios including hand carved wooden figures showing the modes of travel, the fishing techniques, how supplies are carried, and how an idol kneels at a table to pray. Shown is the method of sawing wood, carrying a woman in a sedan chair, and religious symbols which appear along the roads. There are pewter figures showing swords in the hair, helping to defend the village and cournament birds used in fishing. There are

two small cloth dolls representing the dress styles and also showing how they bound the babies feet to keep them small. There are several chopsticks included in the display. Shown on top of the display is a special basket used for taking food to a neighbor for a special occasion with three separate compartments; and hoping to take the basket back home filled with goodies. The display is very interesting and we are grateful to Mrs. Hess for loaning the items to us. Her fathers cousin was William Hawley, a missionary who served tin China for many years. The display will be at the library until November 7th.

I met Sally Seiber one day during the summer and she asked me if there was someone from the library book club who could present a program or a book review for the Nesbitt Memorial Auxiliary at one of their meetings. I had a special woman in mind, and I am happy to

say that Frances Linskill did present the program on October 5th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the women. Frances did her review on Beatrix Potter, one of her favorite subjects, covering her life and her books. I have been told the program was well received and very informative. A happy experience for all concerned.

New books at the library: "Under Siege" by Stephen Coonts captures a chilling nightmare scenerio, one that has already devastated Columbia and sent shock waves around the world. It involves a war against the drug lords, which strikes at the very center of Ameri-

can government.

"The Plains of Passage" of Jean M. Auel is the story of Ayla and Jondalar who set out on horseback across windswept grasslands of Ice Age Europe. To the hunter-gatherers of their world, who have never seen tame animals, Ayla and Jondalar appear enigmatic and frightening.

This boy returned a book to the library and told the librarian he could not read it. When asked "Why?" His answer was "It's too deep for me". The title of the book was "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea".

The Dallas Post encourages readers to share their opinions with the community by writing a letter to the editor. All letters for publication must be signed and include a telephone number so that we may verify authenticity. We will not publish anonymous letters. Send letters to: The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas PA 18612. Letters received by Noon on Monday may be included in that week's issue.

Only yesterday

60 years ago-October 17, 1930 DALLAS PTA TO ELECT OFFICERS

Dallas Borough PTA will elect officers at its meeting Monday night.

The Dallas Post will start its school page in the next issue and high school editorial staffs are asked to have their copy in by Friday noon before the next issue.

Dallas Borough High School football team defeated a strong West Pittston team 26-0 Saturday.

The Rural League pennant race will be decided Saturday when Beaumont and Dallas meet in the third game of the playoff series.

Dallas Boy Scouts plan to organize a motor patrol, probably the first one in Pennsylvania.

50 years ago-October 18, 1940 STATE ORDERS TWO BUILDINGS REMOVED

The State Highway Department engineer ordered that the two buildings standing in the way of the new highway through Dallas must be removed by Monday. One building is the old street car station and the other the old barn purchased by A.C. Deven from the railroad company.

1,500 young men from Dallas and neighboring communities registered for the Selective Army Service.

Mill Street, chopped in half, to make room for the new highway through Dallas raises a traffic problem for Dallas Borough.

Howell E. Rees, managing editor for the Dallas Post, has resigned and will sail from New York early next month for Nassau where he will do newspaper and public relations work for the Nassau Development Board.

Lehman football team swamped Factoryville 28-0 last Saturday.

Wed-Sara M. Bray and John C. Hughes; Betty Breckenridge and Thomas cease; Hazel Bulfor and John Fielding.

Joseph MacVeigh, Dallas, and Dr. G.L. Howell, Trucksville, were named to the selective service board in Area I.

40 years ago- Oct. 20, 1950 SORDONI TO HEAD PHONE ASSOCIATION

Andrew J. Sordoni was named a director of the United States Independent Telephone Association at its convention in Chicago last week.

Atty. Donald Coughlin spoke to the Carverton Rod and Gun Club expressing his approval of the Game Commission's decision to allow killing of antlerless deer Nov. 27 and 28 in an effort to cut down the vast herd, many of whom will starve this winter from malnutrition.

Extensive renovations are completed at Evans Drug Store in Shavertown.

Anniversary-Mr. and Mrs. Ray Greenwood, 25 years.

Tunkhannock Tigers down Lehman Scotties 13-6.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Dorcas Class plans a dance, Wednesday.

30 years ago- Oct. 20, 1960 MISERICORDIA WELCOMES FRESHMEN

College Misericordia freshman received their academic caps at Sunday's investiture ceremony at the college.

Breaking apredent of more than 20 years, the Back Mountain Halloween Parade, originally organized by Henry Peterson, will be held this year, Monday evening, in Shavertown with the grand march and judging taking place at the Back Mountain Shopping Center. Plans are to hold the parade on alternate years in Dallas and Shavertown.

Robert Bellas, Lake-Lehman supervisor of elementary education was elected secretary-treasurer of the Northeast District at the PSEA Convention.

Engaged-Janice Kytte and Peter Maitioli; Constance Marie Chappell and Radarman 3/C Lawrence J. McClure, U.S. Navy. Lake Lehman battles Edwardsville to 0-0 tie.

20 years ago-Oct. 22, 1970 SEWER GRANT APPROVED FOR AREA

Pioneer sugar-makers blazed a trail to Lehman, camping in cabins for weeks at a time.

The sewer grant for the Back Mountain was akayed and bids were to be opened tonight.

Story hours delight the children of the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Home Run Derby winners are to receive awards at the Kiwanis Club. Lake-Lehman Knights trample the West Side Votech Titans 35-6 as QB Stevens tosses three TD passes.

Engaged-Sarah Ann Lockhart and John Frederick Dodson.

Wed-Susan Ethel Bennalack and Richard E. Shaver; Bonnie M. Patton and Thomad A. Malkemes. Career Day at Dallas Junior High will discuss many vocations.