

# THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

### American Education Week

## Young students need parents' interest

Next week is American Education Week; there have been few times in our nation's history when the need there was a greater need to devote attention to our children's education.

Activities are scheduled throughout the week, many of them designed to better involve parents in their youngsters' education. That involvement is possibly the most important relationship in education.

Children love to learn, and they care less about a parent's level of education than about their love and concern. When parents take the time—not just next week, but all year long—to show interest in their child's progress at school, they reinforce the value of learning. That is important for each individual and for the future of America.

## 'Old Shoe' players have right attitude

This year's Old Shoe Game between Dallas and Lake-Lehman promises to be a hard-fought battle for the "Back Mountain Championship." The teams are more closely matched than many observers had predicted at the start of the season, but bets are always off for this game, anyway.

As Charlot Denmon conducted interviews for her stories this week, she said she was struck by the respect and friendship expressed for their opponents by players and coaches. While each is confident of his own abilities, none offered anything but praise for the other side.

That's as it should be. Athletics, like all healthy competition, should focus on the positive development of each participant. The young men who take the field Saturday have most of their lives ahead of them, and the attitudes they take on now should be ones that lead to mature, productive adulthood. It sounds like they are well on their way.

## McDonald's package change is welcome

Anyone concerned about the impact of throwaway plastic containers on the environment must have been heartened by last week's announcement by the McDonald's Corporation that their restaurants would soon begin packaging their foods in paper containers. More importantly, the decision may have marked the beginning of a new relationship between large corporations and their customers.

McDonald's is moving to paper packaging in part because of public concern about the danger and waste inherent in plastic materials. While paper is not without fault—the type the company will initially use will not be recyclable, and paper production creates its own pollution—it is made from a renewable resource. It is to be hoped that recycled paper may be used in the process at some point.

McDonald's is a highly-visible public company that has taken on nearly institutional status in our society. That its management would respond to public concerns as well as its own needs in making such a policy change is a hopeful sign for future environmental progress.



Ode to Elliot Porter

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

### Library news

## New library card program completed

The new program instituted at the Back Mountain Memorial Library which involves issuing library cards to every active borrowing patron has been completed.

We had set the finish time for Thanksgiving and I am thrilled to be able to say that it was finished one holiday earlier, Halloween.

At 8:30 on Halloween night, the last number was recorded on the library patrons card. As of this date, we have a total of 11,180 active library borrowers. We have handed out many of the cards to patrons as they come in to borrow books and would encourage other patrons to come in and borrow something and you will also receive your new library card. This is the card you will carry with your and present at the circulation desk when you wish to borrow a book. The patrons will now be writing a number on the book card, instead of signing their name.

I am very grateful to the members of our staff who worked very diligently on this project; during a very busy time at the library.

Halloween was rather exciting at the library; as there were three sessions of story hours with children dressed in costume and having parades through the library. The staff members also dressed in different kinds of costumes this year which made for a very festive holiday.

Speaking of holidays, we have just received a supply of bright red Christmas stockings, made of cardboard. These will be sold to patrons for \$1.00 each. You may buy your special Christmas Stocking, sign your name, and write your one special Christmas wish on the stocking. We will hang these stockings in the library and we will send your special wishes to Santa Claus at the North Pole on our own hot-line. The money made on this stocking sale will be used for a special Christmas purchase for the library; something that we really need, but is not considered a budget item.

A warm thank you to Mary Darling's Greenhouse in Dallas for her donation of a cornstalk and pumpkins to enhance the beauty of our library. We had many other Halloween decorations and the cornstalks and pumpkins just added the finishing touch. However, the pumpkins left the premises the night before Halloween; never to be seen again.

The Book Club of the Back Mountain Memorial Highway will meet on Monday, November 19th at 1:30 in the reference room at the library. The program will be presented by Joan Malmstone, a certified color consultant; who is a costume decorator in the home department for J.C. Penney. She does color consulting for people

and for home interiors. All members are invited to attend and guests are most welcome. Refreshments will be served.

New books at the library: "Shadowfires" by Dean R. Koontz is an exciting novel of excitement and terror. Rachael's violently possessive ex-husband, hideously mangled in a freak accident, has disappeared from the city morgue. Now someone, or something, is watching her. Calling her. Stalking her. She knows who it is. His walking corpse is seething with jealous rage. There's nowhere to run. Don't bother to get up, Rachael, he has his own key.

"The Children of Abraham" by Mark Halter is the epic portrayal of a Jewish family through history, ending in the midst of World War II, with the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto. Like most of European Jewry, the Halter family is decimated and dispersed. At the heart of the epic is Hugo Halter, an elusive and haunting figure, who as a young man had warned of the coming Holocaust. Most had not listened and perished in the conflagration. The story is filled with conflicts and contradictions and achievements.

Why would George Washington find it hard to throw a silver dollar across a river nowadays? "Money doesn't go as far as it used to".

## Only yesterday

60 years ago - Nov. 7, 1930

### LOPOSKY WINS BY KNOCKOUT

Johnny Loposky, Harveys Lake's contribution to the boxing ring scored a knockout against John Leonard.

Edward Avery retains his position as Dallas Borough chief of police.

Republicans win in the Back Mountain Area with Luzerne Borough being one of the few areas to swing its votes to the Democratic candidate Hemphill.

Now playing at the Himmler Theatre-Ramon Navarro in "Call of the Flesh".

50 years ago - Nov. 8, 1940

### SNOWFALL HITS AREA

G. Harold Wagner of Dallas elected State Treasurer.

Fred Kiefer tonight will show big game movies of his hunting trip to Canada to the Dallas fireman at their meeting.

Second snowfall of the season fell throughout the Dallas area Wednesday night covering the hillsides with a thin layer of white.

Wed-Ida Heannette Smith and Rev. Glenn Hughes; Mineola Mowery and Thomas Murphy.

Trucksville Methodist Church men will serve a truck dinner tinner Nov. 13.

Cold weather halts paving on the new spur highway into Dallas.

40 years ago - Nov. 10, 1950

### SENIOR WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS ANNIVERSARY

Blood donor is a success with a 84 donors giving blood.

Bloomsburg Mills Fernbrook Plant is operating on a full capacity five-day schedule employing 350 persons. The plant started production in April, 1949.

Dallas Senior Woman's Club held an anniversary teas at the Castle Inn to celebrate the 18th anniversary of its founding.

Mr. and Mrs. P.N. Malkemes, Lehigh Street, Trucksville, won one of 500 Youngstown Kitchens automatic dishwashers offered by the manufacturers.

Engaged-Nellie Kitchen and Ralph Rood.

Wed-Josephine Hudak and John Miller.

30 years ago - Nov. 10, 1960

### JETER RETIRES AFTER 43 YEARS WITH BANK

Republican candidates win in the Back Mountain Districts with Richard Nixon being given a two to one majority in most districts.

William B. Jeter retires as vice president and director of Miners National Bank after 43 years of banking. J. Harry Vivian was named vice president and appointed to the board of directors. William Baker, Jr. was promoted to assistant vice president and Francis J. Barry to assistant cashier.

Anthracite Dog Training Club will graduate 18 dogs in obedience training on Saturday.

Gate of Heaven Church is making plans for its minstrel show "Slide River Buck" being produced under the direction of Rev. Michael Refferty and directed by Joseph Snee.

Engaged-Carole Markowitz and Martin Baumgarten.

Wed-Daisette Gebhard and Allan Jones.

20 years ago - Nov. 12, 1970

### THREE BEARS VISIT HOME IN NOXEN

A mother bear and her two cubs paid an unexpected visit to the home of Connie Shaw of Noxen. The mother and her cubs rummaged in garbage pails creating quite a disturbance.

Dallas Junior Woman's Club launched a clean air drive to investigate the steps that have been taken to promote environmental pollution control on our area.

Idetown Fire Company celebrates its 10th birthday.

The new Dallas Acme held its grand opening.

Jefferson Airplane appeared in concert at the Kingston Armory.

Wed-Susan Moore and Thomas Gauntlett; Mary Lou Schlingman and Paul John Wilson.

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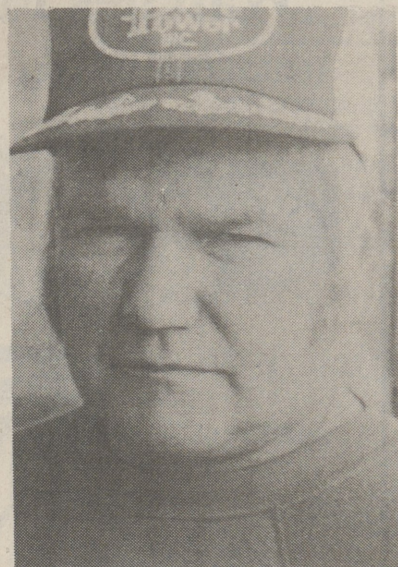
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## The Post asks: Has the gasoline price rise affected your driving?



Hyang Robinson  
Laceyville

"Yes. I try to combine more errands in one trip."



William Gibers  
Shavertown

"All the time. When the gas goes up I drive less."



Shirley Brody  
Noxen

"No. We still drive the same but we don't really like paying the high prices."



Marilyn Carey  
Kingston

"Not really. We use the car for work so we have to make the trip."



Dave Brodbeck  
Hughestown

"Somewhat. I don't do a lot of traveling but it has affected me a little."

### Letters invited

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