

## THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

## '911' will be benefit to Back Mountain

Officials of the Back Mountain Communication Center expect to have the 911 emergency number installed within a few days, bringing a new level of speed and convenience to Back Mountain residents in need of assistance from police, fire or medical personnel.

When 911 is operating, the center will also begin so-called "simultaneous dispatching" of paramedic units and ambulances.

These two changes will add significantly to the efficacy of emergency response in the area. All those involved in their implementation are to be congratulated for setting aside disagreements to produce real progress.

## The ladies of Dallas; lesson in preservation

They are testaments to the value of preservation, juxtaposed against the ever-growing throwaway attitude of modern America. In a world of bland sameness, they stand out from the crowd with their ornate decorations and bright colors, lending a whimsical air to a passer's-by view. They are the painted ladies of Dallas—the attractive Victorian era homes that dot the side streets of the village.

The United States is known more for its fast changing tastes and penchant for abandonment or destruction of last year's fad than for prolonging the life of serviceable property. Not so with these ladies; their dainty appearance belies their sturdy construction, often of materials no longer available or affordable.

Their owners are to be congratulated for saving these treasures for our and future generations to share. Not only are these homes examples of long-lived esthetic values, their preservation is a lesson in prudence. Maintaining fine existing buildings is an overlooked aspect of conservation; the materials that are saved free up new construction for where it is really needed.

## Holiday season is also the time to help

The winter holidays are the most memorable for most people, as family members and friends gather to celebrate their good fortune and the symbols of a better life ahead. This is also the time of year when those who don't share their neighbors' prosperity feel their wants most acutely. Fortunately, many Back Mountain churches, groups and individuals recognize and respond to the needs of others with collections of food and other items. These efforts are now in full swing and can make good use of all the support available.

The food bank at the Kingston Township Municipal Building is headquarters for local collection programs, and many groups bring items there. If you or your organization want to help, you can drop off non-perishable or canned food at the building on Carverton Road just off of Route 309, or bring them to your church.

It's been too easy in recent years for the fortunate to ascribe their success solely to their own hard work and virtue. But a slowing economy has tinged the lives of many who had felt untouchable just as it has made the lives of many who had felt untouchable just as it has made the lives of those at the bottom of our economic ladder even more desperate.

Even if you believe that people create their own misfortune, think of the children who didn't choose to live in a home where nutritious meals are the exception, or where the holiday brings only a sharpened sense of deprivation. Join with your neighbors to provide at least a sliver of hope to the hopeless. It's the least we can do for our less fortunate fellow citizens.

## A day to feel and express our thanks

While other nations have adopted similar celebrations, Thanksgiving remains a uniquely American holiday. Its roots are in an earlier era but its message is timeless; men and women acknowledging that their good fortune has resulted from power beyond their own effort.

In the 1620's, the bounty of the day was simple food, grown successfully by the Pilgrims with the aid of native Americans. Those first settlers had weathered a terrible winter the previous year and were expressing gratitude to their God for a full harvest. Few modern Americans fill the need to give thanks for such humble rewards, but we still need a day to remind us of the importance of fundamental aspects of humanity.

Our families, our friends, our freedom and our health - we need nothing more than these to continue the tradition of a day of reflection or and appreciation for the wonderful things of life.



Grim outlook (Post Photo/Maria PrestoGeorge)

## Library news

## Back Mountain Library has trolley display

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The display case in the office area of the Back Mountain Memorial Library will be featuring an interesting collection of trolleys and items pertaining to trolleys until December 12.

This exciting collection has been loaned to the library by Pastor James A. Wert of the Shavertown United Methodist Church. Pastor Jim is very involved with his hobby

and the unique items he has collected about trolleys. All items pertain to the trolley era including some actual models of trolley cars on a set of tracks.

There is a replica of a cast iron trolley, circa 1910; a model of the Laurel Line; a hanger that held the overhead wire; the conductors coin changer; fare tokens and

token holders; a ticket punch and a key for turning switches; and a spike from the Moosic Lake Railway trolley line—built around 1900. There are pictures and magazines depicting different types of trolleys.

The display also includes a small village with model houses, trees and snow pertaining to the time of the year. There is information about the Dallas Trolley which tells about the motormen who drove the trolleys and the conductors who collected their fares. There is also a special toy trolley which will delight the children and an actual fare box alongside of the display which came out of a Scranton trolley car.

There are two books with the display: The Time of the Trolley by William O. Middleton published in 1967 and Trolleys by Ruth Cavin published in 1976. This is an exciting display with a lot of local interest and it will be at the library until December 12. The public is invited to visit and as Pastor Jim would say, "Very Trolley Yours!"

The students from Sister Pat McCann's children's literature course at College Misericordia entertained for Story Hours and the visiting third grade classes from Gate of Heaven School during Children's-Book Week at the Back Mountain Memorial Library November 12 through the 18th.

The children clapped, laughed and sighed when the college students portrayed stories using puppets, shadow boxes, and flannel boards. The students enjoyed the hands-on experience as much as their audience. The following students gave the presentation: Anthony and Althea Beatrice, Nina Thurber, Maureen O'Neill, Leane Lipinski, Kristy Taylor, Suzanne Lawson, Michelle Bartletta, Erika Magar, Regina Merkel, Laura Horvath and Elaine Babowicz.

Our Christmas Stocking project is progressing nicely. As of this date, we have collected \$70.00 which means there are 70 stockings hanging in the library with special wishes waiting to be sent to Santa Claus on our hotline. The number one wish is Peace followed by health, more laughter, clean environment, and personal wishes for a cruise, new car, dog, computer, nintendo, car bike rack, and new books for the library. Come in and buy a stocking for \$1.00, sign your name and your wish and we will hang the stocking and send your wish to Santa. The proceeds of this special project will allow the office staff to purchase some needed items for the library, which are not included in the budget.

## Letters

## Local soldier remembers scout master while in Saudi Arabia

Editor:

I received a very touching letter from Jonathan "John" Mitchell over the weekend. John is now in Saudi Arabia as an armoured scout. John was a scout in this troop two and a half years ago. He received his Eagle and worked with younger scouts and is remembered also for his staff work at Camp Acahela. In his letter John tells me how much the troop and scouting meant to him. He asked how every one was and how the troop was doing. It is clear to me that John as all our young men and women overseas could use our support. John is not an abstraction to most of us he

was and is one of us. Perhaps you could take the time to send him a note from home. Even if you didn't know John you might send him a card, a comic strip, a nice note, or anything you would like. It is a scout like thing to do and you will feel good doing it.

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## Says son will enjoy paper

Editor:

Please accept my thanks to your offer to send a subscription to my son in Saudi Arabia. Ted was a resident of Noxen before his years in Service. He was a student at

Lake-Lehman and graduated from West Side Tech in 1984. He will enjoy the local news.

Sincerely,  
Elsie Parrish  
Noxen

## The Post, United Penn Bank to offer free subscriptions to Mideast soldiers

United States soldiers serving in the Mideast who have family connections in the Back Mountain will soon be receiving a free subscription to The Dallas Post. The Post and United Penn Bank are teaming up to offer the subscriptions at no charge to members of the armed forces stationed in Saudi Arabia or aboard ship in the region.

Post publisher Ronald Bartizek suggested the program to Barbara Fritz, local marketing director of United Penn Bank, last week in response to continuing reports about the troops' desire for news from home. The subscriptions will be mailed to an Army Post Office, from which they will be transported by air to the Mideast.

The Post is making the special subscriptions available at one-half the regular price, with United Penn Bank picking up the cost. They will be available for armed services personnel whose immediate families reside within the following zip codes: 18612 (Dallas); 18618 (Harveys Lake); 18627 (Lehman); 18636 (Noxen); 18654 (Shawanese); and 18708 (Shavertown), or who graduated from the Dallas or Lake-Lehman high schools.

The Post will be delivered for six months or the length of the individual's tour in the crisis zone, whichever is less.

Persons who wish to have a subscription sent under the program should call The Post at 675-5211 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Or, stop at the office in the 309-415 Plaza in Dallas during the same hours.

## Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - Nov. 21, 1930  
TRUCKSVILLE FACES WATER SHORTAGE

Congressman Murray Turpin spoke when the I.O.O.F. Past Grands held their meeting there.

A chimpanzee owned by Mrs. Harold Blewett of Idetown attracts attention of many buyers.

Two bucks staged a terrific fight this week on the farm of Edward Saxe at Evans Falls.

Dallas Borough football team will travel to Clarks Summit tomorrow where it will meet the strong Clarks Summit team at 2 p.m.

Trucksville is facing a water shortage according to Charles Hazeltine, president of the Trucksville Water Company.

50 Years Ago - Nov. 22, 1940  
ELICKER HAS PICTURE TAKEN WITH ROYALTY

A record number of bears are shot in the North Mountain.

All schools, local businesses and state offices will be closed next Thursday to observe Thanksgiving as proclaimed by Gov. Arthur James. Federal employees may join them for an extra holiday if they desire, after the federal employees observed the holiday this Thursday.

Joseph Elicker of Pioneer Avenue, had his picture taken with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor on an inspection tour of the hospitals in the Bahamas.

Back Mountain Basketball League refuses to let Shickshinny Schools join their league.

Dallas region may yet furnish site for a strictly military airport.

40 Years Ago - Nov. 24, 1950  
PAROCHIAL SCHOOL EXCAVATION STARTS

Six local boys are called in the draft and left for Camp Mead Tuesday.

A group of beautiful evergreens were felled last week when excavation for the new parochial school on Machell Avenue was started.

Lehman ends a good season by defeating Seminary J.V. 38-12.

Sgt. Robert Kemmerer wounded in Korea has returned to the United States.

Three deer were only shot out of season.

Phyllis Harvey to wed Robert Youngblood; Ona Yurchukonis to wed James Dougher.

Wed - Fay Turner and Robert Ellis Clark.

30 Years Ago - Nov. 23, 1960  
WESTMORELAND IS PRESENTED OLD SHOE

Apparel industry leads country in number of persons employed.

Dallas Rotary Club is looking for a young farmer to study livestocking first-hand in New Zealand.

A young Doberman-Pinscher, owned by Lida Weber of Trucksville, is on her way to South of the Mason-Dixon Line to continue her winning championship titles.

Old Shoe Trophy is presented to Westmoreland at the annual Dallas Rotary Football Banquet Thursday night at the Irem Temple Country Club.

Bridal Shower - Veronica Schrama to wed Ambrose Salansky.

Back Mountain YMCA drive for youth now in full swing.

Church Basketball League will open a week Saturday with plenty of new talent.

20 Years Ago - Nov. 24, 1970  
YOUTH CENTER TO BE DEDICATED

Verbal fireworks took up much of Harveys Lake Council meeting Tuesday night when Mrs. Helen Sgarlat began haranguing one of the borough councilmen.

The Youth Center of Huntsville Christian Church will be dedicated Sunday morning, Nov. 29, to the memory of Jacalyn Roberts of Dallas.

Dallas School District has changed its method of honor roll listing to first honors and second honors. Those students with above 3.5 will be first honors and those with 3.0 to 3.5 will be second honors students.

Dallas Boosters Club sponsors girls hockey team trip to Allentown to witness the British hockey club in action.

Wed - Mary Elizabeth Croughn and Carl V. Zoolkoski.

Dr. Timothy S. Healy to speak at College Misericordia on "Why Waste Time With Liberal Arts?"

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