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EDITORIALS

Come and meet the county candidates

Back Mountain residents will have a great opportunity to look over candidates running for county office when the Back Mountain Citizens' Council and The Dallas Post sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" night May 8. Candidates for openings in the county court system and county commissioner will be present to answer questions and to make their case for election. The session begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall on the Penn State Campus in Lehman.

With its growth in recent years, the Back Mountain has become a more important area of Luzerne County, and it behooves everyone who lives here to take an active interest in county government. The approaching completion of the Cross Valley Expressway will create pressures and opportunities that may require county assistance to meet.

The Citizens' Council is to be congratulated for putting on this informative evening. But it will only accomplish its purpose if the rest of us turn out. Mark your calendar now; you'll want to be there.

Get ready; recycling is coming to the Back Mountain

Plans for curbside pickup of recyclable materials in three Back Mountain communities are moving along smartly, as the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) has chosen a hauler to handle the program. Sometime later this year residents of Dallas Borough and Dallas and Kingston townships will begin participating in the area's first widespread recycling program.

Municipal officials are to be congratulated for moving this plan along so quickly, but the hardest part is yet to come. Recycling will be a brand new concept for most residents and is likely to cause confusion and some resistance. It will be most important that DAMA and the hauler take substantial steps to inform the public of the importance of recycling and how residents can best cooperate.

It shouldn't be hard to convince people of the importance of recycling. Anyone who's been paying attention to the news knows that our landfills are full to the brim, even as they are called upon to accept more waste from other areas as well as our own. A PBS television special that aired several weeks ago reported on the problems in Northern California, where beautiful valleys that had been used to graze cattle are being turned into huge garbage dumps.

Here in Northeastern Pennsylvania the threat seems always present that large tracts of open land will be turned into landfills, as if we didn't have enough of them already. To a great extent, states to the east of us view this area and others in the state as prime dumping ground for their waste, since their heavily-populated communities won't stand for dumping in their own backyards.

Recycling can contribute greatly to slowing the growth of landfills. Some say it can result in lower cost of goods once sufficient capacity to use recycled material is available. That is debatable; what is not is that the time is coming when short-term economic considerations will be far outweighed by concerns for health and quality of life. How many more beautiful vistas do we want to ruin; how many more landfills leaking unknown toxins will we be able to stand?

The Back Mountain's contribution to cleaning up our planet may be minute, but it's important. We urge all residents to embrace the new recycling program, and to prepare to make the most of it.

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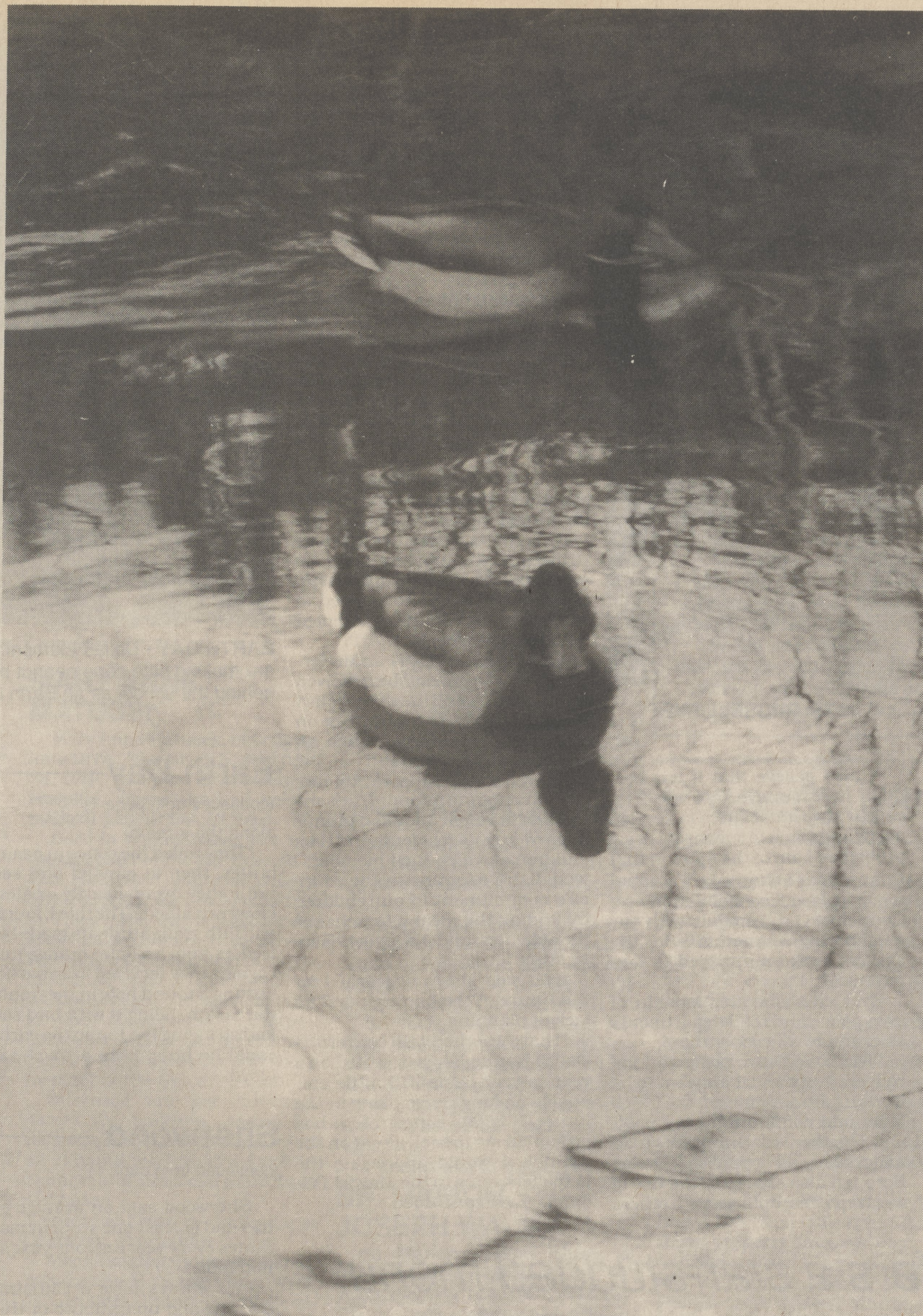
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Fuzzy ducks

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Library news

Storytellers delight children at library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has just experienced two super fun-loving experiences. The Wild Washerwomen, Cynthia DeFelice and Mary DeMarch performed at the library Wednesday evening to approximately 200 enthusiastic children and adults.

These two ladies are superb storytellers and kept the audience involved with their tall tales, small tales, mild tales and wild tales! They did stories separately and together with the crowd actively involved in most of the stories.

The third annual luncheon with a special author was held Thursday at The Barn at Newberry with the author, Cynthia DeFelice, presenting the program. Her presentation was very well received as she explained how she became interested in books and eventually in writing books.

Three of her books are available for purchase at this time: "The Strange Night Writing of Jessamine Colter" which was selected for the International Reading Association's Young Adults Choices for 1990; "The Dancing Skeleton" chosen by the New York Times as one of the 10 best illustrated books of 1989; and "Weasel" listed as an ALA Notable Book in Social Stud-

ies and American Bookseller's Pick of the Lists, 1990.

She is presently working on a new book, "When Grandpa Kissed His Elbow", to be published in the Fall. In conjunction with both programs, there were copies of her three books for sale; and Cynthia signed the books for the purchasers. A wonderful spring-time activity.

Our library entrance is currently beautifully decorated with red and yellow tulips, which were planted a few years ago by a local Brownie troop. These certainly remind us each day of the beauty available in our world and the thoughtful people who help produce it. These young girls were thrilled to plant them and we love to see them as a reminder of the springtime.

The Kick-Off dinner for the 45th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held on Friday, May 17 at the Irem Temple Country Club. The dinner will be buffet style with musical interludes for listening and dancing. A mini auction will be held after the dinner. Reservations and information may be obtained at the library.

New books at the library: "Frederick Douglass" by William S. McFeely is a stunning biography as a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian brings us the story. Slave-born of an unknown father, Douglass taught himself, escaped bondage, and emerged as one of the 19th century's most eloquent orators and writers.

He is not only a champion of racial equality, but was also one of the few men in public life to advocate the rights of women. This book was given to the library in memory of Oscar Parker by Judith Schellenberg.

Sylvia Porter's book, "Your Finances in the 1990's" was donated by Judith Schellenberg in memory of J. Archbald Brooks. Money is more complicated and confusing than ever these days. Even issues like which bank you use, what credit cards you carry, and how you purchase your car insurance aren't simple any more. And when it comes to your retirement planning and investments, unless you are a financial expert, you could be making costly mistakes. The author of this book is the trusted financial advisor to millions.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - May 8, 1931
NEW ROLLER COASTER COMING TO LAKE

George Bowen was reelected as principal of the Dallas Borough Schools.

Work is well underway for the new roller coaster at Harveys Lake which will be unlike any yet constructed in Northeastern Pennsylvania since it incorporates the new aeroplane thrill and aero way in the construction.

Pennsylvania Legislature approved road appropriations this week which will include five miles of new road in Wyoming County. The road will start at the end of the Tunkhannock bridge and extend five miles toward Dallas.

"Along Came You," starring Charles Rogers will play at Himmeler Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

The Girl Scouts pageant, "The Festival of Youth" presented at Meyers High School was an outstanding success. Troops from Dallas, Trucksville and Lehman took part in the program.

50 Years Ago - May 9, 1941
FUND STARTED FOR NEW CHURCH RECTORY

Professor T.A. Williammee named Eloise Hunt and Claire Ralston as the leading honor students in the senior class at Dallas Borough High School. There was only one point between the two girls averages.

Members of Shavertown Methodist Church opened a drive to raise funds to build a rectory to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

Lehman High School Band will give its concert tonight.

Wed - Phyllis West and Donald Veitch, 3rd.

David Blockage of Dallas ends 56 years in printing business when he leaves Dallas the latter part of this month to make their home with their daughter in Fran Square, Long Island.

40 Years Ago - May 4, 1951
DALLAS COUNCILMAN GET NOMINATIONS

Four councilmen to be nominated in Dallas Borough. The terms expiring are Council president Joseph MacVeigh, now completing his fourth term; Severn Newberry, his second term; William Davis and Timothy LaBar, their third term.

Marion Comer, blind since 18, flies to Detroit for a guide dog.

Robert E. Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Blake of Goss Manor, reported to Philadelphia Naval Training Station on Monday after enlisting in the Navy two weeks ago.

Beaumont took a hold on this year's Bi-Century League by defeating Carverton 4-3.

Wed - Virginia Berryhill and Charles Morris, Marguerite A. Greenwood and Carl R Loucks.

30 Years Ago - May 4, 1961
AREA STUDENTS TO STUDY OVERSEAS

American Red Cross Bloodmobile has 119 donors the highest in Dallas since its 11-year program.

Five students from Westmoreland High School are Rotary Exchange students to foreign lands. Mary Jane Knecht will finish her high school education in Sweden; Marilyn Eck will go to Southern Rhodesia; George Jacobs will study in the Philippines; Annabelle Ambrose and Lynn Jordan will take postgraduate work in the Netherlands.

Sr. Mary Celestine, president of College Misericordia, received the 1961 Community Service Award of Back Mountain Protective Association for the college Monday night at a community dinner at Irem Temple Country Club.

Pethick Construction Company will begin construction of the first 144 feet of stores in the Dallas Shopping Center this week.

Dallas Community Ambulance and Fire Company start coin card drive.

Engaged - Nancy Jane Jones and Richard H. Morgan, Jr., Shirley Rogers and Harry White.

Prince of Peace Church plans its Antiques Show and Sale May 16 and 17.

20 Years Ago - May 6, 1971
DATE SET FOR START OF EXPRESSWAY

Beginning date for the Cross-Valley Expressway could be spring, 1972, according to the district engineer of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

At the recent Pennsylvania Circle K convention in Pittsburgh, the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus copped four awards.

Don Zimmerman hit 760, the highest series for the year at the Crown Imperial Lanes last week.

Engaged - Arleen Hampel and John E. Fielding; Debra Lois Helfrich and Wayne L. Miller.

Wed - Katherine Gibson and George Kostenbauder.

Anderson afield

Beauty of nature now available on new waterfowl stamp

By JOHN M. ANDERSON

Duck hunters and birdwatchers along the Susquehanna may seldom see a king eider in flesh and feathers, but its picture will be on sale in the post office.

One of the most beautiful of all ducks (there are no un-beautiful ducks), the king eider is well named. About 2 million waterfowl hunters will be buying "duck stamps", featuring this sea-going duck, before going afield next fall.

Nancy Howe of East Dorset, VT, is the winning artist for the 1991-92 waterfowl hunting stamp. And that marks an historic event. It's been 40 years since the first duck stamp contest, and Mrs. Howe is the first woman ever to win this top honor.

I am told that Mrs. Howe, married and the mother of two young boys, was flabbergasted when In-

terior Secretary Lujan told her by phone of her good fortune.

"Oh my goodness", said she, "that's incredible. I've entered the contest for a number of years and I've been wondering when a woman would win".

Next came a trip to the White House where the entire family was greeted and congratulated by President Bush, who is an enthusiastic outdoorsman, along with other officials.

While the sale of prints and other reproductions from such winning art work has always been a profitable venture, in recent years it has come to resemble baseball players' salaries. Income over a million dollars is not uncommon. And some artists are not too happy about this situation, wondering whatever happened to art for art's sake.

Be that as it may, there is general agreement that Mrs. Howe's

entry unquestionably deserves first place. Says one observer, "Her full-color, acrylic painting showed every feather in place and the result is as lifelike as anyone could hope for." There were 625 other submittals.

Second place went to a New Jersey artist, Wilhelm Goebel, who painted another sea duck, the black scoter. The third place entry portrayed a spectacled eider, and for the first time another lady made it to the winning circle.

You will notice all 3 top draws were of sea ducks. Why not the good old mallard, black duck, or Canada goose that are so familiar in our neck of the woods? It's not coincidence that these old standbys are now passed by. This is the 56th issue of the duck stamp. In the beginning, the stamp was based on original, commissioned art work.

For the past 40 years, however, the selection is based on competition. Ironically, the 56 different stamps exceeds the total number of species of ducks, geese and swans that comprise the flat-faced fowl family.

As you might expect, popular species such as wood ducks, mallards, and canvasbacks have been submitted repeatedly, while those uncommon critters that breed in the far North, and even winter as far north as they can find ice-free waters, have been neglected.

So new contest rules were recently adopted making all species previously in the stamp gallery ineligible. What we have left are the eiders, scoters and oldsquaws. So next year, this year's winner, the king eider, will be ineligible.

The king eider stamp will cost \$15, up from \$12.50 last year. The millions of dollars raised by this