

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Prepare now for recycling program

July 1 is start date, brochure explains how

The Back Mountain's first curbside recycling program will begin operation July 1, and it's not too early to prepare for it. The Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) has put together an easy-to-understand brochure that will soon be delivered with a container to hold recyclable materials. The brochure lists what materials can be recycled and how they must be prepared.

Because this program allows "co-mingling" of recyclables—that is, cans, bottles and other items except paper can be put in the same container—it will be much easier to comply with than some previous attempts at recycling. Co-mingling places the burden of separating materials on the trash hauler, not the homeowner.

Still, there is bound to be confusion and resentment in some quarters when so many changes take place at one time. Many residents will be dealing with a new hauler, since Danella Environmental Technologies will take over collection at all homes in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township. The unfortunate result will be financial hardship, if not ruin, for several small collection services. It also may be difficult for some residents who have received special service, such as picking up in the garage of someone who is physically unable to bring their trash to the curb. We hope Danella and DAMA will see that special situations are accommodated where warranted. Other people will be put off by any requirement to manage their waste differently than they have in the past.

But the good of the environment and the economy must at some point come before unfettered freedom. Recycling presents at least two major benefits for our society; it can help clean up the environment by providing a market for otherwise valueless items, and it preserves the stock of virgin materials for uses in which they are necessary. In that way, recycling will hold down prices over time.

Not everything can be recycled, so you'll want to carefully read the brochure you will receive from DAMA. If you do, the move to recycling rather than simply disposing of waste materials will go smoothly.

Congratulations, graduates

Congratulations to the graduates of Dallas and Lake-Lehman high schools, and to the many young men and women who have recently completed the requirements for a college degree. Your efforts and the support of family, teachers and friends has now been richly rewarded.

Many observers feel that the American education system is now at crossroads, with our students lagging behind the rest of the world in proficiency, especially in mathematics and the sciences. Responsibility for that situation is spread among all facets of society; it begins with a fundamental distrust of education among too many of our citizens. But the graduates and award winners prove that all is not lost, and that it's still possible to excel in one's chosen field.

You have earned the right to enjoy the fruits of your accomplishment, graduates. But don't stop there; education is a lifelong process that enriches both the individual and the society. Keep it up.

Letters invited

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Library news

Troop 622 donates books to library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has received a very unexpected and much appreciated donation of some special book and cassette combinations. These were given to the library by the Girl Scout of Troops 622 sponsored by Trucksville United Methodist Church. The girls are 12 to 14 years old and their leader is Jamie Kozemko. They are Cadette Scouts.

The girls bought or used their own books, bought blank cassettes and read the story from the book and recorded it on the cassette. They then enclosed the book and the cassette in a plastic bag and donated them to the Children's Room at the library. They are working on their reading badge.

The girls and their donations include: Berenstain Bears' Trouble at School given by Natalie Gulich; Dog Goes to Nursery School given by Rebecca Lynn Brown; Berenstain Bears, Get Stage Fright given by Marilee Bostock; Muppetkids in Gonzo's Big Mess by Kristy Ann Lopuhosky; The Care Bears and the Terrible Twos from Heather Gryziec; and Big Bird Brings Spring to Sesame Street by Jesse Kozemko. These are truly a surprise and so much appreciated.

I stopped at Nesbitt Hospital the other day and bought a children's book in the hospitality shop and then stopped at the table in the lobby where the author was auto-

graphing copies of the book. After I had paid for the book and had her autograph the copy for the library; she advised me she would give a copy to the library; which she did and gave me that copy which I had her autograph for my granddaughter, Elizabeth.

The author is Pamela A. Kopen, a former Forty Fort resident, and a Doctor who specializes in pediatric radiology. The name of the book is "Read to Me; Just One More Book". Her famous autograph line is "May You Always Love to Read and Always Read for the Love of it." Read to me encompasses 'Hug me, comfort me, teach me, and love me!'

Added to our display of antiques for the auction is a special game donated by a dear and long-standing friend of the library. The game is Mah-Jong, the ancient game of China. This game is a rare addition to our antique items and should prove to be an interesting auction purchase.

The library is selling Ox-Bows for \$1.00 each, which money will be used for the seed money of the 45th auction. Just sign your name and we hang them in the library.

The Fourth of July at the auction this year will feature a square dance from 8-10 on the macadem in front of the auction block. Music will be provided and the calling will be done by "Red" Jones. This is a brand new innovation for the auc-

tion and should prove to be fun and exciting.

The Dallas Area Federated Woman's Club will be selling plants at their booth during the auction. They promise to have a wide variety of flowers and house plants for sale.

The 50/50 chances are now available for sale at the circulation desk at the library and they will be available on the auction grounds during the auction.

Kerry Freeman and Craig Aicher are once again in charge of the auctioneers and the block people; and Maryann Daily will be manning her Nearly Old booth. Craft Show chair, Connie Scott, announces the fair will open at 11 a.m. and continue through 6 at which time auctioning will be held until 8 and then the square dance will commence. In case of rain on the 4th, the craft fair will be held the following Sunday.

The chicken bar-b-que on the 4th will begin at noon with advance tickets available at the library. Hillside Ice Cream and Rice's funnel cakes and lemonade will be on the grounds, also during the auction. Children's auction will be held Saturday morning beginning at 10 and will be handled by Boy Scout Troop 281 of Dallas United Methodist Church. There may also be a pony available for the rides for the children.

Anderson afield

Animal rights extremists seem to value humans less than animals

By JOHN M. ANDERSON

Arguing about religion is usually considered a near-perfect waste of time. To that same category we might as well add trying to reason with extremists in the animal rights movement.

Unfortunately, the man or woman who goes afield because he or she loves natural beauty, who is fascinated by the relationships between living things - both plant and animal - and their environment, soon discovers that animal rights fanatics have closed their minds and thrown away the keys.

The latter absolutely refuses to believe that a horseman can really love his or her horse, or a grouse hunter really love an English setter, to say nothing of love for the grouse he or she hopes to "recycle" into food and downright joy of life. They are determined to stop the human race from using any animals (except other humans) for any purpose, whatsoever.

But just as there are distinct and important difference between species of insects, there are distinct and important differences between non-hunters, anti-hunters, ardent hunters and animal rights extremists. We cannot afford to classify all insects as beneficial or harmful when it comes to our own welfare. Nor can we assume that all snakes are harmless.

Similarly, those of us who love to hunt cannot afford to classify those intelligent beings who have no desire to hunt or fish as dangerous enemies who will not rest until hunting and fishing are

banned nationwide. Admittedly, the Cleveland Amory's hope to do just that.

Our natural resources - the land, flora and fauna - have a total dynamic hook-up and that hook-up has already taken great abuse. Just how far the integrity of that system can be violated should be our primary concern; not how we express enjoyment of various plants and animals.

Since the early 1800's, concerned people have organized and fought for prevention of cruelty to animals. Although their concern was mainly for domestic animals, many a hunter and fisherman joined their ranks. Their cooperation in this regard persists to this day.

As regards the use of experimental animals in medical research, again it is inappropriate to lump all the objections as blind, maudlin emotion. One extreme group contends that such research is a failure because it is not 100 percent effective, there being 4 cases of polio reported in 1984. Another argues that the differences between humans and other animals are so obvious that such research has absolutely no value.

A somewhat more sensible criticism is that there are adequate substitutes for the use of living animals, such as tissue cell culture and computer simulations. As I see it, such alternatives are and will be used whenever possible. But for certain critical information, there is no substitute for that gleaned through experiments with living creatures. In fact, those experiments provide information

that has revolutionized medicine.

In my view, the life-saving discoveries resulting from animal research speak for themselves. To mention just a few: cures, vaccine or treatments for rabies, tetanus, polio, AIDS and cancer.

Such progress means nothing, however, to animal rights extremists who believe that we "have no basic right not to be harmed by those natural diseases we are heir to". And these groups enforce their morality with violence. Says one leader of the Animal Liberation Front, "It's a war. In a war you have to take up arms and people will get killed, and I can support that kind of action..."

Other leaders of similar groups have carried out bombings, stolen animals, hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage, death threats and even attempted murders.

It seems rather inconsistent to send half a million men and women, equipped with "high tech" weapons of every description to the other side of the world, while atrocities disrespect for human life and property continues unabated in our own backyard. President Bush was quick to denounce Saddam Hussein, but, so far, has shown no interest in the greater felons in our midst.

They have millions of dollars at their disposal. They have openly published their goals. But, strange to say, many of our political leaders choose to ignore them.

John M. "Frosty" Anderson was Director of the Wildlife Department of the National Audubon Society from 1966 until his retirement in 1987.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - June 26, 1931 WILD TURKEYS ON INCREASE IN AREA

Registrations opened for summer classes at College Misericordia on Wednesday.

Surveys made by officers of the Game Commission show wild turkeys are on the increase.

Dallas Juniors, boys under 17 years of age from the Back Mountain, are members of a team making an excellent showing in the eliminations and show promise of making a good showing in the State contest.

50 Years Ago - June 27, 1941 STATE BUYS RICKETTS GLEN FOR A PARK

Dallas Borough gets action on Mill Street improvements, traffic regulations, and four fire plugs.

State purchase of Ricketts Glen for a park awaits Governor James' signature.

For the convenience of Selective Service registrants, a subdivision of the local draft board has been set up in the Dallas Borough Building.

Desire for a new building spurts the post office volume as it increases substantially for the first six months.

Engaged - Claudia Jones and Norton Franklin Montross.

Wed - Sylvia Marie Space and Allen Kunkle Brace; Marion Kocher and William J. Williams; Mildred Hill and Thomas Gould; Bette Mae Race and Harry A. Sweppenheiser.

40 Years Ago - June 22, 1951 LEGION GIVES LIBRARY DEFENSE BOND

The State Council of Civil Defense has scheduled an air raid test for tomorrow.

Gate of Heaven School will open September 1.

Dallas American Legion gives the Library a \$200 defense bond. League of Women Voters will publish a local guide July 20.

Wed - Shirley Siglin and Charles Witter; Lois Ann Warriner and Robert L. Morgan.

Shavertown edges East Dallas 3-2 on a homerun by Larry Newhart.

"Lemon Drop Kid" starring Bob Hope and Marilyn Maxwell appears Friday and Saturday at the Shaver Theatre.

30 Years Ago - June 22, 1961 NEW A&P STORE OPENS IN DALLAS

Large crowd turns out for opening to welcome new A&P Store at intersection of Route 309 and 415.

Key Club of Dallas High School takes first place at Wellsboro.

Dallas Borough sixth graders took their annual trip to Philadelphia June 15.

Gate of Heaven Altar & Rosary Society will have a summer garden party this summer at Queen of Peace Rectory, Harveys Lake.

Wed - Priscilla Helen Crocker and Daniel Edwards.

Last Westmoreland High School Class graduated Monday night. The Class of 1962 will graduate from the new Dallas Senior High School next year.

Arts and Crafts booth to add novelty to the Library Auction.

20 Years Ago - June 24, 1971 JOINT POLICE DEPARTMENT CEASES

Joint police department to cease operation July 1.

Chairman R. Spencer Martin stated that DAMA is planning street repaving.

Dallas Education signed its agreement with the Dallas School District Board of Directors June 14 for the 1971-1972 term.

Legal problems may delay the Cross Valley Road Project, according to PennDOT officials.

Dallas Rotarians pledge \$12,000 for the Library Auction.

Camelback to star hosts of summer talent in the casts at the area's latest theatre.

Westmoreland leads Teeners League 3-0.

Engaged - Jeannette E. Gosart and Andrew R. Denmon Jr.; Nancy Ellen Lynch and Thomas E. Degnen; Sue Margaret Hopkins and Fred L. Parry Jr.

Wed - Kimberly Ann Roddy and Brian Scott Winn; Susan Jane Moen and Michael Richard Gusher Jr.

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