

# THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

### DAMA gets bad rap; recycling program is right thing to do

Two years ago, when the Back Mountain Citizens' Council sponsored a forum on the region's future waste management needs, hardly anyone paid attention. Now, with a comprehensive recycling program just starting up, you can't escape the subject—for all the wrong reasons.

It is now apparent that the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) and the municipalities involved could have better anticipated some of the problems that have arisen with the program, especially those relating to the cost for people of modest means who generate little garbage. Of course, that's 20-20 hindsight, and officials now acknowledge that some accommodations will be made.

But overall, DAMA has taken a very unfair rap from a few complainers aided by a flock of thoughtless reporters and editors who haven't made but the slightest effort to seek out the facts and present balanced reporting. The amount of misinformation that has been spewed out is astounding, beginning with the idea that DAMA somehow forced itself on the unsuspecting municipalities of Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township.

DAMA is a municipal authority, established some 20 years ago when the three local communities realized they would have to install sanitary sewers. DAMA's power emanates only from its status as an agent of these municipalities—everything it can do is mandated by ordinances passed by the respective township and borough supervisors. DAMA was told to set up a recycling and trash collection program, not the other way around.

These communities should be congratulated, not chastised, for finding so efficient a method for picking up trash and recyclables. With DAMA running the program, the vast majority of residents will have material picked up reliably and at lower cost than they previously paid—in many cases \$100 a year lower. And those prices are guaranteed for 30 months, at which time DAMA can re-bid the contract for the lowest price. That's how it has worked at Harveys Lake for several years, with the result that garbage pickup fees there are among the lowest in the region.

So, why all the fuss? Mostly because two small haulers who didn't even bid on the DAMA contract have fallen into media heaven by having their point of view championed in newspapers and on radio and television. This, despite the fact that these haulers have in the past said they would not participate in a recycling program.

To add insult to injury, a recent daily newspaper story tried to make a big deal of the fact that Dallas Borough didn't have to meet upcoming state statutes, but had joined the DAMA program anyway. Horrors! They planned ahead for the good of the community and the environment—how shameful it was made to seem.

At the top of the list for reprehensible coverage is a tiresome radio talk show host named Fred Williams. Exhibiting the intellectual prowess of a jellyfish, Williams has harped on about the DAMA program as though it was tantamount to high treason. Williams confuses groundless controversy with newsworthiness as he broadcasts volumes of misinformation while promoting himself as the downtrodden public's saviour. He is the best illustration of why it is so difficult for radio to be taken seriously as a news medium.

Anyone who cared to could have gotten their story straight on the DAMA recycling program by making a few phone calls to county, state and other municipal officials. The main point of contention—that residents must have the right to choose their own garbage man—is moot in most programs. In the interest of efficiency and quality control, almost all municipal garbage programs use only one hauler; either a single subcontractor or the municipality itself.

That makes sense, and so does the DAMA recycling program. It's time for the media to swoop down somewhere else and leave the Back Mountain alone to work out the kinks in this most worthwhile endeavor.

### Do you agree? Disagree?

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The Methodist Church on Lower Demunds Road Photo by Charlotte Bartizek

### Letters

#### Dallas Boro thanks residents for cooperation

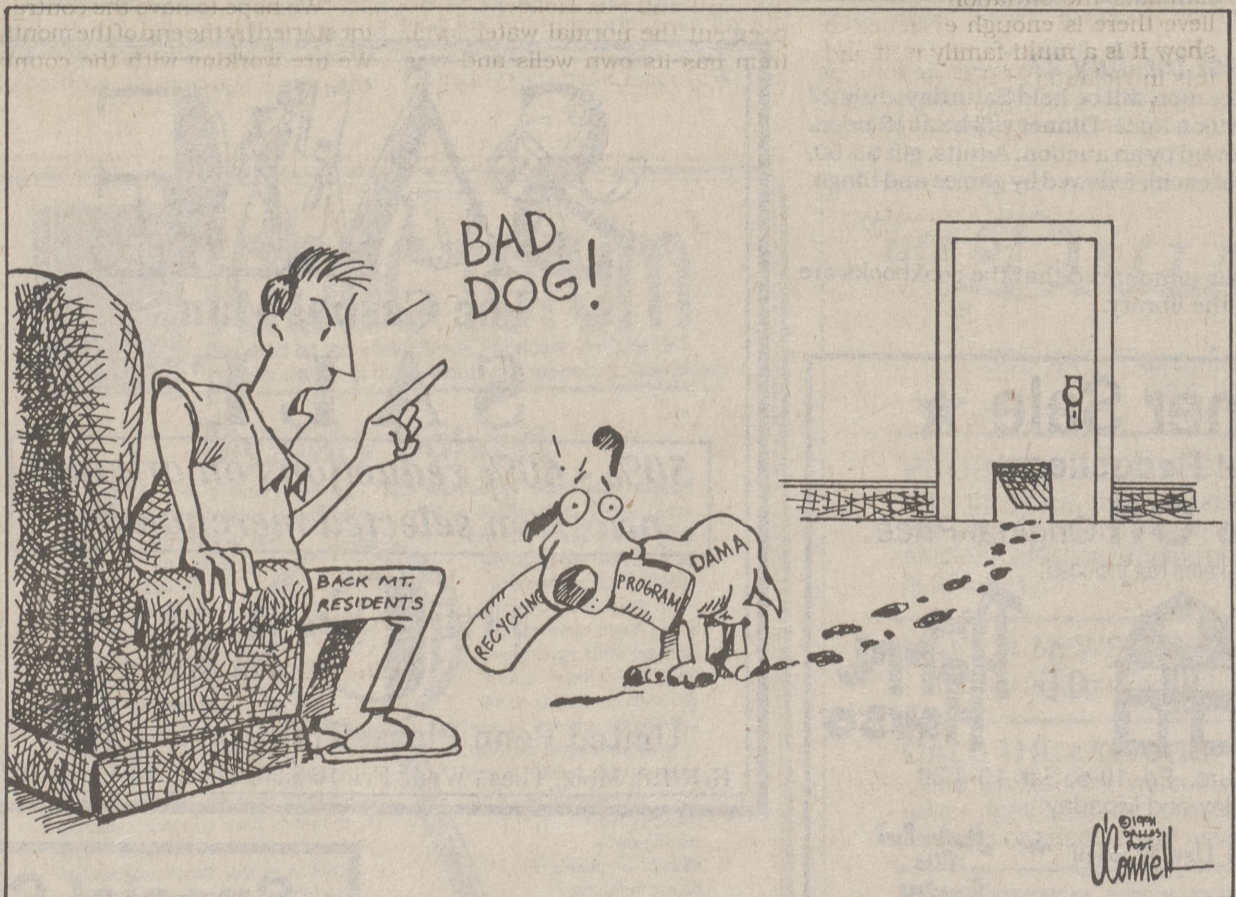
Editor,  
Dallas Borough Council President, Timothy Carroll would like to thank the residents for their cooperation and understanding with the new refuse and recycling operation within the Borough.  
Dallas Borough has agreed to

implement this program for the benefit of the majority of its residents.

It always takes time to "iron out" the bugs in any new program. As each week passes we are addressing individual problems and

attempting to correct them so we can satisfy the Borough residents, keep our community clean and protect our environment.

Milton Lutsey  
Dallas Borough Manager



**NEWS ITEM** - While many Back Mountain residents would agree that DAMA's recycling program is good, they are unhappy by the way it was introduced

### Library news

#### Eyet's loss will be felt at the library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Library has suffered a great loss within the past week with the passing of Glenn W. Eyet, Jr. Glenn has been a member of the Library Board of Directors since 1975 and has served as treasurer of the Board since 1980.

He had spoken of resigning from the board because of over-commitment with his personal time in 1985, however, with the library making the move from Main Street to the new building on Huntsville Road, he was convinced that he should stay on.

Glenn handled everything for the library on the financial level for the past eleven years and was an expert on these matters. As business manager for the library, I worked very close on these matters and I am so indebted to him for his teaching the many aspects of the library finances to me.

The two most fitting words to describe Glenn Eyet to me were

kind and gentle. The memorial service held at the church added a new word, sensitive. Glenn was all three of these things. The library board members and staff will certainly miss Glenn Eyet; and so will I.

Thanks are in order to Connie Scott for her chairing the 4th of July Craft Fair and the chicken barbeque; held in conjunction with the 45th library auction. There were 30 craft people on the grounds from 11:00 on.

The barbeque began at 12:00 and was well received. However, the rains came about 3:00 and the craft people began to pack up their things and close shop. The crafts were scheduled to stay until 6:00. The rest of the afternoon was a wash-out and finally at 6:00, the auction began and continued until 10:00. The square dance scheduled for 7 to 10 had to be cancelled also.

The odds and Ends booth did a good business during the five days of the auction, netting 2,700 for the library; down somewhat from

last year, possibly due to the recession. The Dallas Women of Kiwanis have taken charge of this booth for many years and we thank all of them and especially the chairladies, Sybil Pelton, Jean Grimes and Mary George for a job well done.

New books at the library: "The Old Man and Mr. Smith: by Peter Ustinov is a new novel in which the author has chosen as his protagonists two of the most unusual characters in recent fiction. The old man is somewhat overweight and out of shape and Mr. Smith is small and dark; with a foul temper. They are God and Satan, returned to the Planet Earth on a fact-finding mission. Almost from the start this duo find themselves in trouble, pure and simple.

"Maximum Bob" by Elmore Leonard is set in Palm Beach County, Florida, where someone places a live 10-foot alligator in the backyard of the bigoted rednecked judge, Bob Gibbs. Not long after, shots are fired into the judge's house.

### Only yesterday

#### 60 Years Ago - July 30, 1931 DALLAS SCHOOLS TO HIRE TWO TEACHERS

More than 175 persons from all sections of the state gathered last Saturday for the first annual reunion of former Stull residents.

Dallas Borough and Dallas Township school boards meet jointly to hire two teachers in music and Latin.

Shavertown Fire Company plans a big community day for August 22.

East Dallas defeat Dallas 6-4 in the Rural League.

Farmer dances were held in Humpleby's Hall, Shavertown, every Saturday night.

Criminal code starring Walter Huston played Friday and Saturday in the Himmler Theatre.

#### 50 Years Ago - Aug. 1, 1941 HALLOCK RESIGNS AS BAND DIRECTOR

Howard Hallock resigns as director of Dallas High School Band to take a position at Kingston High School.

Open revolt against Republican leaders predicted for this area, said Peter Clark.

Engaged- Jessie Ritchie and Willard Lauderbaugh; Roseanne Bennett and Laning Harvey, Jr.

Wed-Margaret Holdredge and Ted Mieczkowski Ninety woman are now enrolled in Red Cross canteen classes.

Dallas Girl Scouts enjoy lively vacation at Wildwood.

Vast population and commercial growth forecast for Dallas area.

Workers at Noxen Tannery handle hides of 90,000 steer each year.

Dallas area considered finest fish and game preserve in state.

#### 40 Years Ago - July 27, 1951 NUSS RESIGNS AS BOARD PRESIDENT

Dallas Water Company is drilling a new well on the Frank Brown property.

Charles Nuss stepped down as president after 12 years in that office under three regimes in the Lehman School District.

Three new rooms are nearing completion at the Lehman Jackson School.

Engaged-Joan Gay and S.J. Monka; Virginia E. Lewis and Richard Case.

Wed-Lois Carolyn Baumhach and Cpl. D.A. Koche; Barb, a Johnson and Loren McCarty.

Idetown Methodist Church class makes plans for country fair.

#### 30 Years Ago - July 27, 1961 ADMINISTRATION TO MOVE TO DALLAS HIGH

Dallas administrative to move to the senior high school.

Governor Lawrence urges local police to re-double traffic vigilance due to the increase in fatalities on the highways.

Primitive Methodist Church in Fernbrook breaks ground for a Sunday School addition.

Highway stakes cut into middle of Harter's homes in Trucksville.

Engaged-Jeanne Lorraine Hellman and Albert Pierce Reinig Jr.

Wed-Janette Eleanor Veety and Earl Hons; Margaret L. Gunton and Spencer Holmgren, Jr.; Carol Louis Wagner and Harry S. Forman Jr.

Dallas Rotary invites applicants for year of graduate study abroad.

#### 20 Years Ago - July 29, 1971 BARN FIRE BELIEVED TO BE ARSON RELATED

Arson suspected as fire destroys a barn owned by Basil Frantz in Kunkle.

Gypsy moths are not a threat yet in local area although they are destroying other areas in Pennsylvania.

A youth believed to have combined vodka and LSD was taken to Nesbitt Hospital for treatment.

Potentate's tourney entries exceed capacity of the course.

Idetown Horse show schedules 66 classes.

Plains nine upsets Back Mountain All Stars.

Engaged-Jane Gallagher and George Mannear Nicholson, Jr.

Wed-Joan Kleban and William J. Kingsbury; Bonnie L. Rood and Robert E. Burke, Virginia Cooper Davis and Bernard Kester.

Dave Krashkevich of Dallas takes the top hill climb honors in the Giants Despair event Sunday.

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### Class of 1941 to hold reunion Sept. 14

Kingston Township High School, Class of 1941, will hold their 50th reunion on Sept. 14th at the Irem Temple Country Club. Registration is at 5:30, followed by cocktails at 6, pictures at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Thomas Batey, William D. Jones and Hugh Ridall, Jr., please call 675-3253 or 675-7026.

### Justice For Animals cancels meeting

Due to summer vacations, Justice For Animals, Inc., P.O. Box 1737, Shavertown, will not be meeting during the month of July. Regular monthly meetings will resume on Tuesday, Aug. 27. For more information call 717-696-2954.