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EDITORIALS

State offers too little, too late for Route 309

So the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) thinks there should be more traffic lights on Route 309 in the Back Mountain. Welcome to the club—anyone who drives the highway has known that for years, even as PennDOT has denied requests for lights, saying there wasn't enough traffic to justify them.

But now, with the completion of the Cross Valley Expressway only three months away, the state has decided additional lights would be a good idea, as long as local municipalities pay for them. That's too little help too late for our area, and PennDOT should know it.

There is no question that better traffic control is needed on Route 309 and that more and better-coordinated lights must be part of it. But it would be wrong to burden local taxpayers with the full cost of installing them. The highway was not improved and enlarged solely for the benefit of local traffic; a substantial portion of the increased volume comes from cars and trucks that are simply passing through the Back Mountain on the way to somewhere else, and that type of use is likely to grow even more rapidly once the Cross Valley connection is made.

Trucks are likely to become a larger component of the traffic picture on Route 309, adding additional danger for motorists and urgency to calls for better control. With direct access to Interstate 81, Route 309 will be the roadway of choice for trucks heading north or south of the Back Mountain, as well as for those attempting to avoid inspection stations on Interstate 80. How do they do that? By taking 309 to Route 118 west, then dropping down to 80 at Bloomsburg. Few if any of these trucks will be making stops in this area.

Yes, more lights and other means of slowing and controlling traffic on Route 309 are needed. No, the cost shouldn't be placed on local municipalities. If it wants to, the state can fund traffic signals and other improvements on the highway, and they should have been included in plans to connect the Cross Valley Expressway. Now, there will be a period of several months or years during which traffic volume will far exceed the existing control mechanisms, and motorists will be the losers.

Boaters hold key to Harveys Lake safety

How many more deaths must occur on Harveys Lake before all boaters accede to the fact that booze and boating don't mix? The most recent accident, in which Richard Walter died after crashing into a dock while water skiing is yet another grim reminder that having fun in the wrong way often ends in tragedy.

There are precious few restrictions on boating on Harveys Lake, but one of the few—driving fast within 100 feet of shore—was clearly violated in this case. Beyond that rule, little prevents a boater from behaving irresponsibly, and besides, enforcement is practically nonexistent given the shortage of officers. The result has been six deaths since 1983 and countless near misses.

Fish Commission officials say that Harveys Lake Borough could enact ordinances that would make it easier to reign in offending boaters. But rules won't make a difference if there aren't enough enforcement officers, and rules don't change attitudes. What's needed immediately is a greater enforcement presence on the lake, especially on weekends when the number of water craft soars.

In the long run, boaters must learn that theirs can be a dangerous pastime when common sense rules of operation are ignored. Those rules include not operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and not speeding near docks or other boats.

It seems simple enough—but it's too late for Richard Walter and five other people who have died on Harveys Lake in recent years. If boaters become more careful as a result, perhaps their deaths—which seem so without purpose—may have not been entirely in vain.

Do you agree? Disagree?

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Says thanks for support of Lake Silkworth Fire bazaar

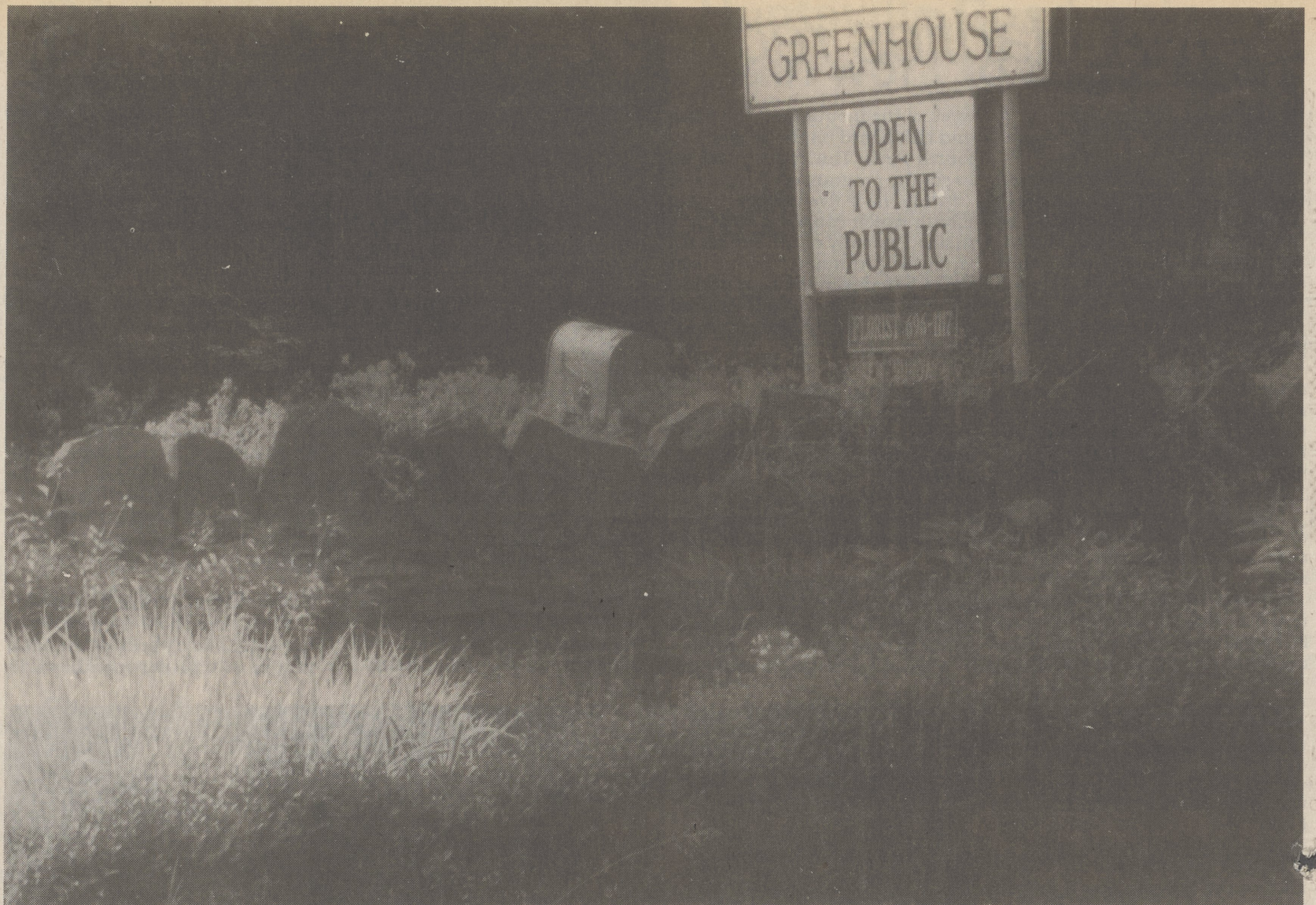
Editor,
The Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Company and Ambulance Association Annual Bazaar held at Lady of Mount Carmel Church grounds closed Sunday after a successful three days July 26, 27, and 28.

Chairman "Butch" Burke and Co-chairman Doug Ide wish to thank all those people that helped

with or contributed to the Bazaar and also a thanks to all the patrons that attended the Bazaar.

The Raffle Drawing was held and the winners are: 1st place, Janet O'Brien, 2nd place, Helen Buckley; 3rd place, Tom Hodle.

Fritz Chamberlain
Sec. LSVFC.



Sun and shade

Photo by Charlotte Bartizek

Library news

Revival of children's auction was a big success

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library was fortunate to have the firm of Kronick, Kalada, Berdy & Co. of Wilkes-Barre, Certified Public Accountants, handle the finance activity of the 45th annual library auction. Patrick Belardi of the firm was chairman of the committee and set up a schedule to cover the five days of the auction, with members of the company taking turns at the finance desk. They have expressed a desire to handle the finance again next year and we are grateful for their willingness to do this.

At a special meeting of the library Board of Directors held on July 23, Samuel L. Perry, a member of this finance firm, was elected

to membership on the board to fill the vacancy created by the death of Glenn W. Eyet, Jr. At the same meeting, Samuel L. Perry was elected Treasurer of the Back Mountain Memorial Library to complete the year of 1991. We welcome Sam as a board member and as treasurer of the library.

The children's auction was held once again this year on Saturday morning and was very well received. It was scheduled to run for one hour, but actually went on for about two and a half hours. Connie Scott took care of the soda for the children and helped set up the actual children's items. Jeff Townsend and the Boy Scouts of Dallas Troop 281 did the auction and some of

the boys, repeating as auctioneers for their second year, sounded like professionals.

The children's auction has again become an exciting function of the auction and is enjoyed by the children, their parents and their grandparents.

A new innovation at this year's auction was the drawing of caricatures done by Becky Mayhew and John Margeson of Duxbury, Massachusetts. These were very well received by the auction goers and they each donated some of their profits to the auction. Sue Hand of Sue Hand's Imagery in Dallas, and Leigh Pawling, one of her students, were also on the grounds and painted on site pictures of the

auction block and the activities. These pictures were auctioned off on Saturday night at the auction.

NEW BOOKS: "Mao II" by Don DeLillo is a novel about words and images, novelists and terrorists, the mass mind and the arch-individualist. It takes us from New York to London to Beirut, terror's modern republic. It is naked exposure to a civilization gone awry.

"Darcy's Utopia" by Fay Weldon was purchased with Book Club contingency funds and is an uproariously funny and subversively serious evocation of the pipe dream: "If I ran the world, this is how it would be". A story with shocking, sensible ideas about many things.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - Aug. 14, 1931

LIGHTNING STARTS HUNTSVILLE BARN FIRE

The 12th Annual Reunion of the Dymond family was held August 1 at Fernbrook Park.

Dallas Rotarians attend District sessions of Rotary at Sunbury.

Foresters seek site of the State's largest hemlock tree, designated as the Commonwealth's State Tree by Gov. Pinchot.

Dallas defeats Shavertown 12-3 in the Wyoming-Luzerne County Rural League.

Lightning starts Huntsville fires during storm and a barn owned by W. Laidler is destroyed.

The new Ford Tudor sedan sells for \$490.

Front Page starring Mary Brian and Slim Summerville is playing at Himmler Theatre.

50 Years Ago - Aug. 8, 1941

NEW ROAD TO LAKE IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

New Dallas-Lake Boulevard is taking shape rapidly with work way ahead of schedule.

Courageous black cat "Captain Midnight" has been flown to Mon-

treau, Canada, to join the R.A.F. and dedicated to throw terror into the hearts of Hitler and Mussolini. Messages will be dropped from his collar and the cat then returned to the local area to be used as an agent for the sale of bonds.

Descendant of Frances Slocum seeks to adopt Colin Campbell's grandson.

Dr. Clarence L. Boston, oldest physician in the area celebrates his 82nd birthday.

Engaged - Irene Cohen and Murray Merl.

Wed - Helen McHenry and Warren L. Brown; Jessie Ritchie and Willard C. Lauderbauch.

40 Years Ago - Aug. 10, 1951

30 GIRLS VIE FOR 'LADY OF THE LAKE'

Council approves building permits for \$29,000 of construction for a new Atlantic Service Station and other home additions and improvements in the borough area.

Dallas Borough and Kingston Township will open a joint kindergarten in Dallas in September.

Glenn Spencer and Lewis Sick capture a snake with nine rattles

and a button.

Thirty girls are entered in the Harveys Lake Lions Club "Lady of the Lake" beauty contest.

Engaged - Nancy Hill and Warren Thomas; Kathryn Malta and Frederick A. Shoultice.

Wed - Vera L. Rogers and Paul Hoover; Shirley Thomas and Kenneth Hanna.

Orange defeats East Dallas 2-0 in the Bi-County League.

30 Years Ago - Aug. 10, 1961

ANN DORRANCE MAKES TV APPEARANCE

Ann Dorrance, Penn State junior, appeared over television Saturday night on the Nation's Future in a discussion on the Peace Corps. Miss Dorrance graduated from Westmoreland High School.

Harveys Lake dentist, Dr. J.G. Tylem and his wife of Harveys Lake will leave September 8 to make their home in Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Space left Dallas to reside in their new home in Fairmount Springs.

Engaged - Margaret Ann Delaney and Atty. George Swartz.

Harters Little League team defeats Gosarts 14-1.

20 Years Ago - Aug. 12, 1971

2nd HARVEYS LAKE FIRE COMPANY DENIED

Judge Hourigan denied an application for articles of incorporation for Harveys Lake Fire Company, citing testimony by officials of D.C. Roberts Fire Company and by Kunkle and Idetown fire fighters in his decision, saying a second fire company within Harveys Lake Borough would have an injurious effect by a second solicitation by a second company.

Dr. Marvin J. Lahood begins duties as first lay dean at College Misericordia.

Terry L. Hartman joins the Air Force.

Ken Engler, Bob Longmore, Mac Fry, Ray Kuderka, Gary Morris and Ray Goeringer, Dallas; Pepper Swan, Jeff Steber and Bill Kern, Lehman, will take part in the Unico Game.

Engaged - Elfriede Hefft and John M. Turner.

Wed - Wendy Pattison and Larry R. Earl; Nancy Ellen Lynch and Thomas Eugene Degnen; Eddie Elizabeth Calabro and Paul S. Brown.

Economic opinion

'Tyranny of Time' adds to risks of global warming

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

In a recent conference held on Earth Day 1991, sponsored by Wilkes University, the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP) and the World Future Society-Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Dr. Eric Barron, Director of Earth System Science Center at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA outlined the nature of global warming and utilized the term "The Tyranny of Time".

His meaning of this phrase was that it is inevitable that global warming will become a major danger to Planet Earth since most humans deal with one year or two years at a time while global warming deals in the pathway of decades and as a result is much more difficult to comprehend and to understand.

While time has as way of healing, it also has a way of slowly but systematically deteriorating those issues which involve how and in what manner life becomes more critical and reaches crisis proportions in the world. Taking that principle to other disciplines, the tyranny of time reaches in a more focused way to nations, states, regions, areas, municipalities and neighborhoods but more dramatically to environmental controversies.

In other circumstances, such as the issue of deteriorating economies, the onset of recessions, the debilitating effects of aging infrastructure, the proliferation and fragmentation of governments, and much more, the tyranny of time takes its toll. Time is a reference point which needs to be taken into account as issues are discussed, recommendations made, and ac-

tion or inaction the result. As time progresses, changing conditions cause different priorities to become more important. As time progresses the attention span of citizens becomes quickly changed. It is as if all issues become television sound bites of 10 seconds or 20 seconds duration and there is little that can be done to overcome the dimension of time.

The spiraling impact of environmental crises reflected on the global landscape are all impacted by a measurement of time. It takes a short number of years to create a problem but it takes many more years to respond and then correct the problem. Many opportunities are bypassed to correct major liabilities within communities, counties, regions and other levels of jurisdiction but the longer the problem perpetuates the more uncertainty there is as to the even-

tual outcome. The solutions become increasingly complex as society expands across national and time lines.

The most difficult situation is convincing the leaders and citizens of today that current practices will, in fact, impact the extraordinarily long range dictates of the future. It calls for an astonishing insight and vision on the part of many individuals, public and private, to think of the long range consequences of actions taken today and to calibrate their impact on generations, decades and centuries ahead. Such vision is a magnificent value to be tapped in the region in the days, weeks and months ahead.

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