

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Cross Valley brings opportunity, concern

In just a few weeks, the Cross Valley Expressway will connect Route 309 from the Back Mountain to Interstate 81. The convenience and time-saving that will bring will be welcome, but the increased traffic and ease of travel will also create problems. Two of them are:

SAFETY. Once connected, Route 309 is expected to carry an average of about 35,000 vehicles daily, roughly 40 percent more than it does now. That is as much or more traffic than many limited-access interstates, yet little has been done to assure motorists' safety. Already the scene of several serious accidents each year, 309 will be made ever more dangerous, most notably by an anticipated large increase in truck traffic.

The two main contributors to accidents on 309 are excessive speed and too many access points. Traffic travels at 50 miles per hour or more on this congested roadway despite the 35 mph speed limit posted on most of its length. That is considerably faster than the average speed on a similar stretch of road in Clarks Summit, mainly because there are more traffic lights there.

The state Department of Transportation (PennDOT), after several years ago refusing Kingston Township's request for additional lights has suddenly seen the light and suggested a few weeks ago that more signals will be needed. While PennDOT's late conversion is welcome, it would be even more helpful if the department volunteered to foot the bill for more lights since the increased traffic will not be locally generated.

BUSINESS. Opinion on the highway's impact on local business runs the gamut from doomsayers who predict that residents will now shop at the mall to those who see the enlarged roadway as another indication of the opportunities available in the Back Mountain.

Certainly the effect will vary greatly from store to store, but in the long run we side with the optimists. One aspect is likely to be the arrival of new businesses, some of which will compete with existing ones, a movement already seen to some extent. Consumers should benefit as a greater variety of stores search for ways to attract business.

Easier access to the mall may present less of a threat to local businesses than might first appear. Once there, mall shopping is still less pleasant in many ways than visiting a local store, not least because the mall is big, often crowded and you can't park in front of the door.

It's a safe bet that the discomfort that motorists feel upon entering Route 309 in the Back Mountain is a greater deterrent to shopping here than are the attractions of the mall. The sooner steps are taken to slow and better control traffic, the better it will be for everyone.

Welcome new Dallas Borough Council members

Welcome to the three newest members of local government—Marie Eyet, William Peiffer and William Roberts—who were appointed to the Dallas Borough Council October 3. The trio replaces three council members who resigned September 30. And congratulations to Donald Cooper and Pat Peiffer, who were elected president and vice president of the council respectively.

Serving in local office is often a thankless job, and one that doesn't pay off financially. But only communities with active, caring citizens will be prepared to meet the challenges of the future. The new and old members of the Dallas Borough Council will have plenty of opportunity to display their skills in guiding the community during the coming years.

Do you agree? Disagree?

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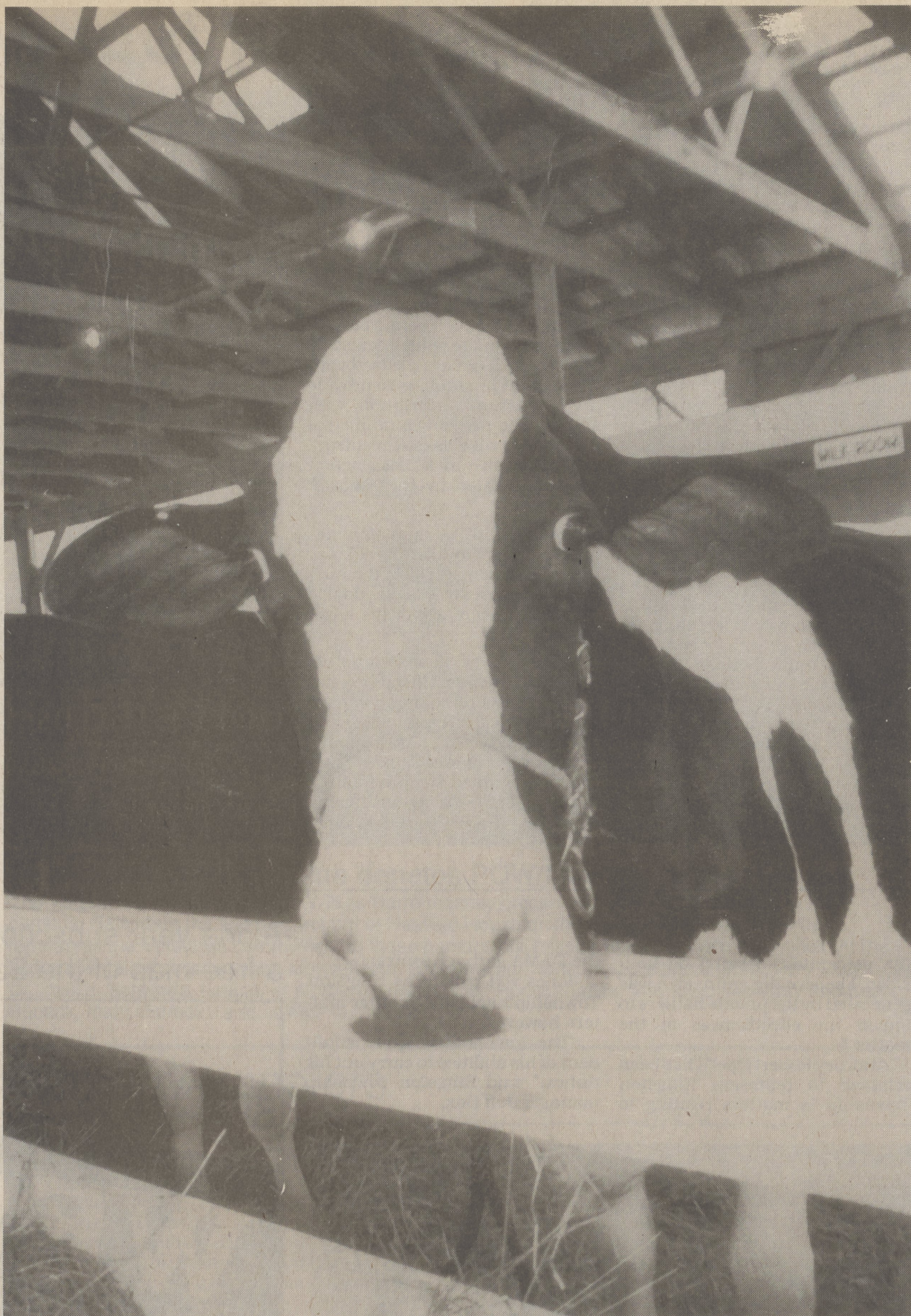
Meals on Wheels to hold 22nd anniversary luncheon

The Meals on Wheels program of Wyoming Valley will celebrate its 22nd Anniversary and will honor Mrs. Catherine Schooley for many years of service as head cook. They will also honor the hundreds of volunteers for their dedication in delivering the meals each week. The luncheon will be held Tuesday, Oct. 22, beginning at 1 p.m. in Church of Christ Uniting, Market and Sprague Avenues, Kingston. Hilda Weiss is chairperson of

the luncheon with Mrs. Audrey Paterson, Mrs. Terry Milligan and Mrs. Nancy Poremba, Coordinators.

Rev. Loren Swartz will present the program entitled, "Stained Glass Windows in the Wyoming Valley Churches."

Those interested in being a volunteer for Meals on Wheels are urged to call either 288-1023, mornings; or 825-8543, Wyoming Valley Council of Churches.



Moo to you

Photo by Charlotte Bartzek

Letters

Dallas School Board will miss Charlot Denmon

Editor:
It was with great sadness that I read of the passing of Mrs. Charlot Denmon, a reporter for the Dallas Post. Charlot, or "Tootie", as she was referred to by the members of the Dallas School Board was a special person in the community. She had covered the meetings of the Dallas School Board as long as I can remember and probably for a good time before that.

Tootie brought a great deal to her coverage of the board meetings. She was faithful in her atten-

dance. It was a rare meeting that she missed and her absence would elicit the comment, "Where's Tootie?" Her long history of attendance at our meetings and her coverage of neighboring school district board meetings made her a valuable resource to us. She often provided helpful information to the board during our discussions.

Tootie was successful in a very important area for journalists. That was in being objective. She always made an effort to obtain the facts and convey them to the readers of

your paper. While we may have had differences of opinion with Tootie over the years, we always had confidence in the professional way she would report on an issue.

Finally, Tootie always had an abiding concern for the community not only the children in the district, but all of the people in the community. She will be sorely missed, by the School Board, The Dallas Post and the community.

John P. Litz, President
Dallas School Board

Library news

Barbara Hoover's collection is on display

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library display case is featuring some unusual gifts borrowed from the collection of Barbara Hoover of Trucksville. Barbara's collection began 21 years ago when she was dating her husband, Francis. They would visit different places and he started the ball rolling when he bought a set of bone china miniature animals for her. They have items from Memory Town, Philadelphia, Florida, Virginia, New York, New Jersey and Canada. She received other gifts from her friend, relatives and other people.

There are pewter candlesticks dated 1927; and one of the favorites is a blue delft thimble and thread case from Holland and a bone china anysley design from England. A housewarming gift was an owl from the mountains of Virginia and a teak brandy holder and cups. There is a broken down Model T Ford in bone china and a small perfume bottle dressed as a colonial lady; also a small pair of rose candlesticks from her mother and

a crystal swan candy dish from Germany. The miniature sets including a tiny train, Santa Claus figures, paint set, tea set, picnic basket, alligators, a cat with kittens, a lion family and a group of giraffes. This makes a very unique and interesting display and will be at the library until October 30.

Our No. 1 'do-it-yourselfer', Clarence J. Michael is at it again. Mike is working on his 'retirement room' at his home and has accomplished much of the work by using the books he has borrowed from the library. The books he claims have helped him are: "Simple Wall Paneling" by Byron G. Wells; "The Home Owner's Guide to Carpentry and Cabinetry" by K.E. Armbruster and B.A. Bremer; "Fireplaces and Wood Stoves" by the editors of Time-Life Books. He has used a ceiling and flooring book along with a gas fireplace book. The library has many "How to" books on many different subjects, which are used extensively by our patrons.

We have just received a rotating

collection of Craft books from the Osterhout Library. These can be taken out from our library for a three week period. The books are located at the rear of the main reading room and will be with us for three months.

New books at the library: "The Grass Crown" by Colleen McCullough is the continuing saga of the downfall of one of civilization's earliest attempts at democracy—The Republic of Rome. The book sweeps the reader into a world of conflict, political intrigue, violence, implacable enmity and enduring love. Political dominance against a backdrop of civil war and massacre.

"Needful Things" by Stephen King is the last Castle Rock story, with a demonic blend of malice and affection where Polly Chalmers runs You Sew and Sew and Sheriff Alan Pangborn is in charge of keeping the peace. A new shop opens up called, "Needful Things" by Leland Grant.

Crop Walk set for Oct. 13 at Kirby Park

The annual Wyoming Valley Crop Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. The walk will begin and end at Kirby Park.

Organizers of the event have set a goal of recruiting 1,000 walkers and raising \$25,000 to help hungry people, both in Wyoming Valley and in countries around the world. Though most of the funds will be used by Church World Service in overseas relief and development work, a percentage

will stay in Wyoming Valley, to be used by the agencies working with those in need of food.

Last year, the Wyoming Valley CROP WALK raised \$20,132 and 710 walkers participated.

CROP events are part of the education and fund raising outreach of Church World Service, the disaster relief, development and refugee resettlement division of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

Walkers are urged to ask family, friends, and neighbors to sponsor them for this event. Sponsor sheets and envelopes and other materials are available at the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches office, 35 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information about the WALK, contact Rev. James Thyren at 654-8121 or Rev. Anita J. Ambrose at 825-8543.

Only yesterday

60 Years - Oct. 9, 1931 FRED KIEFER BAGS A 1200 LB. MOOSE

Discussion at the meeting of Dallas Borough Council centered on the retention of a police officer in the borough during the winter months.

A mild case of Infantile Paralysis has been found in Noxen, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sutton being the patient.

Fred N. Kiefer gets 1,200 pound moose on a hunting trip in Quebec, Canada.

Dallas football team defeats Kingston Township 26-0 on the Dallas Athletic Field.

Kingston Township School Board at their meeting reduced its short term notes at Luzerne National Bank by \$15,000 leaving a total indebtedness of \$9,800.

50 Years Ago - Oct. 10, 1941 HUNTSVILLE CHURCH NOTES 98TH BIRTHDAY

Officials of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co. were highly pleased with the fire drills conducted at local schools in observance of Fire Prevention Week.

Huntsville Christian Church celebrates its 98th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, Oct. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Humphrey Owen celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary at their home on Lehman Avenue with a family dinner.

Wed - Betty Case to Sherman W. Kunkle.

"Life Begins for Andy Hardy" starring Mickey Rooney, Louis Stone and Judy Garland at Himmler Theatre.

40 Years Ago - Oct. 12, 1951 WOUNDED GUTHRIE CONYNGHAM RETURNS

Employees of Natona Mills have organized a Federal Credit Union to encourage savings and to provide small emergency loans.

Dallas Borough Elementary School wound up its fall magazine campaign with a total of \$753 taken in, of which \$253.30 is profit, designed to go toward purchase of a projector and supplies.

Seriously wounded, Lt. Guthrie Conyngham, son of Mrs. W.H. Conyngham of Hillside Farm is expected to arrive at a military hospital in the United States sometimes this week.

Wed - Joanne Shortz to Mr. Sgt. Paul Kostenbauder; Eleanor H. Simmons to Herbert E. Atkins; Betty Jane Naugle to Albert E. Agnew.

In the two games played last weekend, Lehman Scotties defeated Factoryville 14-0. Dallas Township lost to West Pittston 20-0.

Football mothers of Westmoreland School are planning a card party to raise funds for the big football banquet at the close of the season.

30 Years Ago - Oct. 12, 1961 FIRE DESTROYS BARN AND PRIZE CALF

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held Saturday for the new Lake-Lehman High School.

First night of Adult Evening School classes had an enrollment reaching 400, with classes scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at the new Dallas High School.

Blaze destroys Ernie Gay's barn and the registered Guernsey bull calf bought at the Library Auction in July.

Dallas Schools scheduled laying a new cornerstone for the new high school on Sunday and a formal dedication on Friday, Oct. 20.

Dallas Mountaineers turned back West Wyoming, 9-0.

Taking advantage of Lake-Lehman's miscues, Wyoming posted their third straight win, downing the Knights 25-0.

Ed Buckley, local postal employee will be installed as Commander of Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post at the post home on Friday at 8 p.m.

20 Years Ago - Oct. 7, 1971 BLOOD DRIVE NETS 293 PINTS, WAY OVER GOAL

Some 293 residents and workers of the Back Mountain area responded to the American Red Cross Bloodmobile seeking a quota of 160 pints and went away with 133 more than they anticipated.

Vandals broke a number of windows at Lake-Lehman High School Friday night, and although they entered the building, nothing was listed as missing.

The Mountaineers faltered late in the final period Friday as Meyers rallied back from a 20-point first half deficit to win 30-27 at Meyers Stadium.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Chase, Dallas, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Jane L. Chase to Raymond J. Shultz, Dallas, on November 6.

Wed - Linda Lee Parry to John J. Vozniak.