

## THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

## Drought warnings aren't to be forgotten

Recent rainfall and cooler temperatures may have lulled some of us into believing that the months-long drought is over. Nothing could be further from the truth according to the latest information from Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company.

In a statement released last week, PG&W listed the status of reservoirs in the region and the news was not good. Early in October, PG&W asked its customers to voluntarily reduce water consumption by 25 percent, and that plea was repeated recently. A spokesperson for the Dallas-Shavertown Water Company says things aren't yet at crisis levels in their system, although one well has shown signs of serious depletion.

The drought emergency declared in June by Governor Casey remains in effect, and things have gotten worse since it was instituted. In addition to threatening water supplies, the extended drought has raised the danger of fires. As a result, burning bans that were imposed during the summer also are still in force, with penalties of up to \$300 awaiting violators.

Here are a few things you can do to help alleviate the effects of the water shortage:

- Don't wash down driveways, garages or sidewalks.
- Fix leaking faucets or pipes. A leak of one drop per second wastes about seven gallons of water a day.
- Flush toilets only when necessary and use a displacement device in toilet tanks to reduce the amount of water used with each flush.
- Install water-saving fixtures when possible. Consider water use when purchasing appliances.
- Wash dishes and clothes in full loads.
- Don't let water run unnecessarily while shaving, brushing teeth or cooking.

If you would like more tips on saving water, call your water company. They usually have brochures available that contain more ideas.

## Old Shoe Game ends great sports season

This Saturday's 44th Old Shoe Game between the Dallas and Lake-Lehman football teams will punctuate a long season of excellence for sports teams at both schools. While neither football team is in contention for league honors, the traditional rivalry will undoubtedly result in excellent performances on both sides.

Whatever the reasons, the Back Mountain schools produce outstanding teams in a variety of sports. This year, Lake-Lehman boasted two teams—girls' volleyball and soccer—that completed the regular season undefeated, and went on to victories in post-season play, and a field hockey team that compiled a 10-1-3 record for the season.

At Dallas, the field hockey team took the Class AAA District II title with a 12-1-2 record. By the time you read this they will have played their first match of the state playoffs. The soccer team lost only once in the regular season, ironically to Lake-Lehman. Their 13-1-2 record took them to the district playoffs for the second consecutive year. Cross country was another highlight, as the Mounts placed fourth in districts and individual runners had great years. Two early-season losses kept the Dallas football team out of the race for the league title, but in the last few weeks the Mounts scored impressive wins and a single close loss to undefeated Hanover.

The Old Shoe Game has an aura of its own, so count on a spirited battle Saturday. But don't mourn the lack of a title to be fought for—we've had plenty of great performances all year long.



A fall day in the woods

Photo by Charlotte Bartizek

## Letters

## Lake-Lehman band was unfairly charged at competition

Editor:

On Sunday, October 27, my wife and I attended the Children's Miracle March Competition, a benefit for the children's hospital center at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pennsylvania. This event was held at the Lackawanna County stadium and consisted of 19 marching bands from Pennsylvania and New York competing in several classifications for various awards and trophies. That is a little background, here is the problem.

Upon the conclusion of competition and prior to the award ceremony we were appalled to hear, over the public address system, the announcer chastising members of the Lake-Lehman band for damaging or attempting to damage stadium property. This announcement was made to the thousand-plus people in attendance at the competition. Despite the total lack of professionalism used in

singing out a particular band for implied vandalism, the announcement was in total error and the

actions were not those of the Lake-Lehman band members. To err is human. This announcer was immediately approached by the Lake-Lehman Band Director, his wife, who is the Assistant Band Director and several chaperones. He was advised of his error but refused to make a retraction over the loudspeaker system to those present at the competition.

Some additional background is also required. This is not a letter from an irate parent whose "feelings" have been hurt by a rude announcer who reprimanded their children, albeit in error. This is a complaint concerning a public rebuke of a well disciplined band operating under the jurisdiction of a larger association, the Tournament of Bands and within the judging confines of the National Judges Association. All of the individuals involved in these competitions have given up countless hours in a nearly year-round process of fund raising, travel and practice, practice and more practice. This effort also requires the volunteer labor and generosity of many band

parents, band grandparents, family, friends, and community sponsors.

All of us associated with our band have a pride which is reflected in its achievements. The Lake-Lehman band has been the Tournament of Bands, Group II, Atlantic Coast champions for six of the past seven years. No small achievement considering the competition includes bands from some 10 states throughout the eastern seaboard.

Without regard to any of the facts mentioned above, the announcer at the Geisinger Competition, erroneously and without retraction, single-handedly maligned

the reputation and integrity of this fine organization to all those present.

A simple retraction to the audience would have settled this matter, we are sure, to everyone's satisfaction. Again, to err is human. A failure to do so shows a true lack of professionalism on the part of this announcer. He should realize that a great deal of responsibility is attached to that microphone.

In closing let us use an old quote from a poem barely remembered that went something like "Words, like an arrow, once leaving the bow, never to return."

Linda and Joseph Patalonis  
Lehman Township

## Harveys Lake story praised

Editor,

The article in The Dallas Post on September 18, 1991 by Eric Foster concerning bacteria in Harveys Lake represents an outstanding environmental report.

Reports dealing with the environment are important since they

not only inform, but also remind the readers about existing problems.

I would encourage you to publish a continuing series of articles dealing with these local issues.

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## Library news

## Library Book Club shows membership of 230

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The October meeting of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Book Club was held in the reference room of the library with 18 members attending, with Mrs. Florence Crump as president. The treasurer announced that the Book Club membership for 1991 stands at 230, with \$2,115 collected in dues. This money is used to purchase the books for the Book Club shelf in the library; which may circulate for two weeks to members.

Plans were discussed for the annual Christmas Tea to be held Monday, Nov. 16 in the reading room of the library. Friends of the Library members and members of the community are invited to this tea, which will feature a special

Christmas program. Carol Murdock introduced her guest, Sara Achuff. The membership presented an interesting program of items which were brought for show and tell. Carol Murdock and Sara Achuff presided at the tea table. The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 18 at 1:30 in the reference room of the library.

The library was alive on Wednesday, Oct. 30 with various forms of cats, clowns, bunnies, cowboys, princesses, cheerleaders and pumpkins. There was also a Karate Kid, a butterfly and a ghost. The costumes came along with the 2 year old toddler story time and the 3 to 5 year story hour when the children were looking different in their Halloween costumes. Each of

the story hours had special parties with refreshments and different types of entertainment. The adults in charge of the parties also were dressed in costumes.

A special program held at the toddler story hour was a demonstration of 'Kindermusik' given by the director, Adria Shumovic. The toddler program covers children from 18 months through 3 years. Kindermusik is an introduction to music and is a unique program of music learning and enjoyment that nurtures the total development of the child. It is a broad-based musical experience. The fundamental skills which are developed are to sing, move, play, create, understand and listen. The children really enjoy this program.

The library has received four new audio cassettes thanks to a donation by the Dallas Lions Club. "A Stranger is Watching" by Mary Higgins Clark is a classic chilling bestseller and tells a terrifying tale.

"Night Over Water" by Ken Follet is a first-class ticket to suspense, where a deadly plot is unleashed on the world's most luxurious airliner.

"The Duchess" by Jude Deveraux is the story of an irresistible romantic love story and an absorbing tale set in the hills of late 19th century Scotland. "Sleeping Beauty" by Judith Michael is a mesmerizing novel of love, family, politics and revenge. It is an explosive poignant story of a family's unforgivable sins and one woman's struggle to live with the situation.

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## Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - Nov. 6, 1931  
**KINGSTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS VOTE FOR NEW SCHOOL**

Woods Male Chorus will present their minstrel Nov. 11 to benefit the Underprivileged Child Fund at the Dallas High School auditorium.

Older than the Declaration of Independent, the U.S. Marine Corps will round out 165 years of stirring history on Nov. 10.

Wed - Abeline Jane Warden to George H. Bronson.

Kingston Township voters at the election Tuesday, voted in favor of the bond issue for the purpose of building a new school house in the Township by an overwhelming vote of 701-152.

50 Years Ago - Nov. 7, 1941

**HIGHWAY COMPLETED BETWEEN DALLAS AND HARVEYS LAKE**

A two mile stretch of the new three lane highway to Harveys Lake has been completed from Dallas to a short distance this side of Castle Inn, but will not be open for traffic until the State Highway Dept. accepts the road from the contractors.

Dallas Junior Woman's Club will present its annual fall concert in the Dallas Borough High School on Nov. 19, assisted by the Dallas High School Band under the direction of Robert Henderson.

Tri-Hi-Y Club of Dallas Township High School is sponsoring a drive to collect food which will be

distributed to needy families of the community on Thanksgiving.

Engaged - Jennie Major to Howard Jones.

Wed - Marlon Smith to William La Bar.

A thrilling game is expected Saturday when Dallas Township takes the field against Lehman for its biggest home game of the season.

40 Years Ago - Nov. 2, 1951

**REV. J.J. O'LEARY IS MAN OF THE YEAR**

Rev. J.J. O'Leary, pastor of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown was named Man of the Year last night at a joint dinner meeting of Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

Ralph Flannigan will open a modern new furniture store in Dallas today.

William Curnow was seriously

injured at work, Wednesday when the trunk lid of a car he was working on fell and hit him across the back of the neck. He was removed by Ambulance to Nesbitt Hospital.

Engaged - Florence Yockavitch to Ziba Smith Jr.

Wed - Lila Rae Parry and Willard Lozo Jr.

"Jim Thorpe - All American" starring Burt Lancaster and Charles Bickford now playing at Himmler Theatre.

30 Years Ago - Nov. 2, 1961

**VALLEY CREST NURSING HOME DEDICATED**

Many visitors from the Back Mountain attended the dedication of the new Valley Crest Home for the aged.

The 16th Annual Back Moun-

tain Dog Show has attracted a record entry of 482 dogs for this year's event at Kingston Armory, Saturday.

Noxen Local Fur and Leather Workers will begin negotiations on a new 3-year contract with Armour Leather Co. giving credence to the statement of P.P. Yallitz, superintendent that the company has no intention of closing its Noxen plant.

"Come September" starring Rock Hudson and Gina Lollobrigida now playing at Dallas Outdoor Theatre.

**20 Years Ago - Nov. 4, 1971 HERB MAJOR IS THE BACK MOUNTAIN'S OLDEST VOTER AT 95**

Back Mountain oldest voter in Tuesday's election was Herb Major, 95 year old resident of Overbrook Road, Dallas. Mr. Major has

been voting since he was 21.

United Penn Bank announced plans to construct two additional drive-in windows to accommodate customers at its Dallas Branch.

A Back Mountain youngster narrowly avoided injury when he bit into a piece of Halloween candy on which was implanted a tack.

Dallas Mountaineers surprised the Pittston Area Patriots with only 23 seconds remaining to win 29-23 at the losers' stadium, Saturday night.

Lake-Lehman Knights rallied for 22 points in the second half at the Hawkeye's Hanover Stadium to end the game 22-7.

Wed - Theresa M. Hudak to R. Daniel Parsons; Jane E. Gallagher to George Mannear Nicholson Jr.; Barbara Ellen Davies to Alan R. Siperko; Carol McCoy to John D. Alphonse.