

Traffic lights

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Street were originally explored, the management of Offset Paperback had indicated an interest in helping out.

"Now that state funding will probably be available, private funding of the traffic light by our plant is no longer an issue," commented Tom Balutis, Offset's vice president of finance.

Announcement of the funding, made through PennDOT District Engineer Charles Mattei's office, followed correspondence to Yerusolim from members of Dallas Borough Council, Lemmond and Mundy, who had described Route 309 in the Back Mountain as a "mini-interstate."

PennDOT

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"That's the number we give to any business. I would rather build a business knowing what the average total is than knowing what the traffic is on a given day," said Bonacci.

PennDOT has earmarked \$2.5 million for road improvements in the Back Mountain over the next two years.

A Traffic Management Association, made up of municipal officials, police chiefs, businessmen and concerned citizens, has made a variety of suggestions for road

improvements on Route 309 and adjoining roads, including traffic lights on Route 309 at Franklin Street in Shavertown, Center Hill Road by Pickett's Charge in Dallas, and Main Street near Offset Paperback, and widening Carverton Road to accommodate a right turn lane at Route 309.

Bonacci said that PennDOT is looking at coordinating the traffic signals now in place as well as adding more signals.

The Traffic Management Association will meet in June to start ranking improvements in priority.

Perot

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a billionaire," said Loughney. "I think one of the problems in this country is that political action committee's have so much influence on Congress."

The latest polls reported by the Associated Press show Perot neck and neck with President George Bush with 35% support, and Democrat Bill Clinton trailing with 25%.

"Personally what I like about Perot is that he's able to make decisions and once he makes decisions, he's able to follow through and get things done," says William Stein of Harveys Lake.

Gathering petitions for Perot is Stein's first formal involvement with politics.

"I really never felt that anyone could make a difference until Reagan," Stein said.

Stein doesn't feel that Reagan lived up to his promises, but thinks Perot can do it.

"They've got to be able to take care of the budget deficit," said Stein. "That's a life or death situation for the country, that's the major issue."

"If we don't do something in the next couple of years, I don't think the problem will be correctable," said Loughney. "The interest on the national debt is one of the largest expenses we have. It's like a guy with a couple of credit cards and his whole paycheck goes to pay the minimum balance."

Denis Coggin of Shavertown, also is getting involved in politics for the first time with the Perot drive.

"I think he has an opportunity to win. I think it's a slim opportunity," said Coggin, who earned an MBA from Harvard.

Electing any new president is an experiment, says Coggin, but Perot "in this case he's organized and has the latent ability to run a big business."

Coggin, a Republican, has been disappointed by Bush, and finds Clinton too much a politician, though he agrees with some of his ideas.

"What you're looking at is a ground-up surge of people dissatisfied with the status quo," said Loughney. "Ross Perot appeals to me because he certainly doesn't need the money. We need somebody to come in without baggage and who's not beholden to special interests."

Thomas Reese, Republican chairman for the 5th district, which includes the Back Mountain, says its just too early to try and predict the winner in November.

"Right now, I don't know how it's going to come out," said Reese. "Nobody knows too much about this Perot."

While so far in his non-candidacy, Perot has been trading on his ability to lead and make decisions — as evidenced by his amassing a fortune in business — he's been criticized for not being specific on what those decisions will be.

Win or lose, Coggin thinks that Perot's campaign will be "a strong shot in the arm for the country."

"Perhaps the most important thing" said Coggin, "will be that there's a grass-roots group of people willing to go to bat for someone who's not a Republican or Democrat."

Those interested in the Perot petition drive can call 459-6484 or 693-2695.

Library

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"I'm a little upset by this whole thing," said Irene Caddle, of Kingston Township. "I worked Charlotte's job 15 years ago. Somebody could have covered for her until she was well enough to come back."

"Big corporations usually give a leave of absence if you're sick. Why not a leave-of-absence. The library couldn't afford a year, but they could afford to pay her Blue Cross/Blue Shield. I think what they did is going to be very detrimental to the library," said Caddle. "The library is an institution. I don't want to see something destroyed because of the insensitiv-

ity." "I think it was an outrage," said Edith Hacker of Dallas. "She was the most efficient person you could meet. She has been the most helpful, wonderful person."

"Charlotte would go out of her way to help people," said Caddle. "She's the perfect library employee."

Contacted at her home, Oley didn't want to discuss the matter and create any more negative publicity for the library. She did acknowledge that her illness, which is being treated successfully, made her forgetful and late for work twice.



HONORING THE WAR DEAD - Boy Scout Sam Wilkes of Troop 232 places a wreath at the Jackson Township veterans' memorial during Saturday's Memorial Day ceremony. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)



REMEMBERING FALLEN COMRADES - Amidst tombstones and remembrances of days gone by: John Charney of the Viet Nam Veterans of America, American Legion Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 president Walter I. Galka and post adjutant Tom Reese join in a moment of prayer during Monday's ceremonies at the Warden Cemetery. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

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Memorial Day observed

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Memorial Day weekend, a traditional time to honor the brave men and women who died while serving our country, brought prayers at local cemeteries, flags, parades and wreaths to the Back Mountain.

Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary's memorial service at the granite monument at the fire hall Saturday, May 23 featured a speech by Mike Balash, national program director of the POW/MIA Veterans of the Vietnam War.

Mrs. Caroline E. Essar, Mrs. Meryl Wagner and John Fielding, Sr., deceased residents who had served Jackson Township for many years, were also remembered.

After a firing squad from Battery B, 109th Field Artillery, Nanticoke shot a three-gun salvo, bugler Jeffrey Kairo sounded "To the Colors," "Taps," and "Retreat."

Mrs. Irene Kasko Preslipski, Desiree Evans, Charles Kasko and SFC Steven Stempien organized the service.

Monday's observance in Dallas Borough, organized by the Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 of the American Legion, began with a parade which stopped at the Honor Roll at Dallas Corners for a short ceremony before going to Warden and Chapel Hill cemeteries.

Cub Scouts, American Legion Poppy Girls Amanda Reese, Jackie Hardwick, Mallory Carey and Jackie Brace, Representative George Hasay, the Dallas High School Band and a Vietnam-era restored Jeep and utility trailer driven by Ed Luksa of Dallas Township were among the many groups who marched.

Gathered amidst tombstones and remembrances of days gone by, area veterans were remembered with prayers, flags on graves and three-gun salutes.

Sweet Valley Fire Company's annual fair and parade, featuring floats, the Lake-Lehman High School and Junior High School bands, antique and classic cars and many fire engines, ended the weekend's activities.

Clean up

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side the Trucksville United Methodist Church, adjoin each other.

Mrs. McDonald said that Representative Phyllis Mundy has donated a bundle of flags to replace the damaged ones, which will have to be destroyed, preferably by burning, according to federal law.

Boy Scout troops 281 of Dallas United Methodist Church and 155 of Trucksville United

Flags had been torn, markers bent just before Memorial Day

Methodist Church replaced the flags, repaired the markers and cleaned up around the cemetery Saturday morning.

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