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EDITORIALS

Better traffic control on Rt. 309 a good idea

Police chiefs along the Route 309 corridor want to slow down traffic and lower the accident rate on that busy highway. And it seems that the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) also is willing to do its part, as PennDOT surveyors are plotting the locations for additional traffic signals.

"The Route 309-415 corridor is a very dangerous highway," says Jack Fowler, police chief in Dallas Borough. His borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township are hoping to land a state grant that would allow them to conduct a "safety blitz" along the road in an attempt to slow down speeders and otherwise remind motorists to drive safely.

It would have been better if many of the concerns that are only now being addressed were taken care of as Route 309 was widened and then connected to Interstate 81. Not only would accidents and injuries have been avoided, the total cost would have been lower. PennDOT isn't totally at fault for the delay; it might have made a difference if local communities had joined to more forcefully plead the case for better traffic control on this end of the highway.

But that's 20-20 hindsight. It's good to see these three communities working together on this and other projects. Good things are sure to come from such effort.

Summer comes to an end with activity

The summer season is coming to a close, but it's not over yet. This weekend residents and visitors can choose from a variety of events and activities around the Back Mountain.

At the Penn State campus in Lehman, Sunday will mark the eighth year of Arts at Hayfield. This event is put together each year by a group of ardent volunteers who enjoy craft and culture and find ways to share their interest with a wider community. Visitors will be entertained with music, browse through an impressive collection of craft booths and sample food and drink provided by organizations affiliated with the campus.

Also, Harveys Lake continues the Endless Summer promotion launched earlier this year by businesses and others; this weekend's attraction is the Fire Company Fair and Firemen's Parade around the lake. The fair runs from Wednesday through Sunday at Hanson's Park and the parade will begin from Oak Street, near Hanson's, Saturday at 6 p.m.

This summer has been a busy one in the Back Mountain. If you haven't had a chance to attend a local event, you might want to make it to one of these. You're likely to meet plenty of your friends and neighbors while you're there.

Publisher's notebook

Values, schmalues

Are you as tired as I am of listening to politicians lecture us about "family values?" It's as if they think we're electing a camp counselor or a chaplain instead of a leader for a nation that, if it isn't deeply troubled, sure feels like it is.

And whose values fit this indefinable phrase? Is a father okay, who hardly sees his children because he thinks that his most important contribution to the family is financial security? How about a mother who refuses to let her child attend classes on human biology (otherwise known as sex education)? What of a grandparent who likes to go to Atlantic City and spend a few quarters at the slot machines?

Sometimes it seems all an emphasis on family values does is reinforce the smug righteousness of those who think they have all the answers while alienating anyone who doesn't fit the politicians' mold. That sounds like bad politics as well as bad policy.

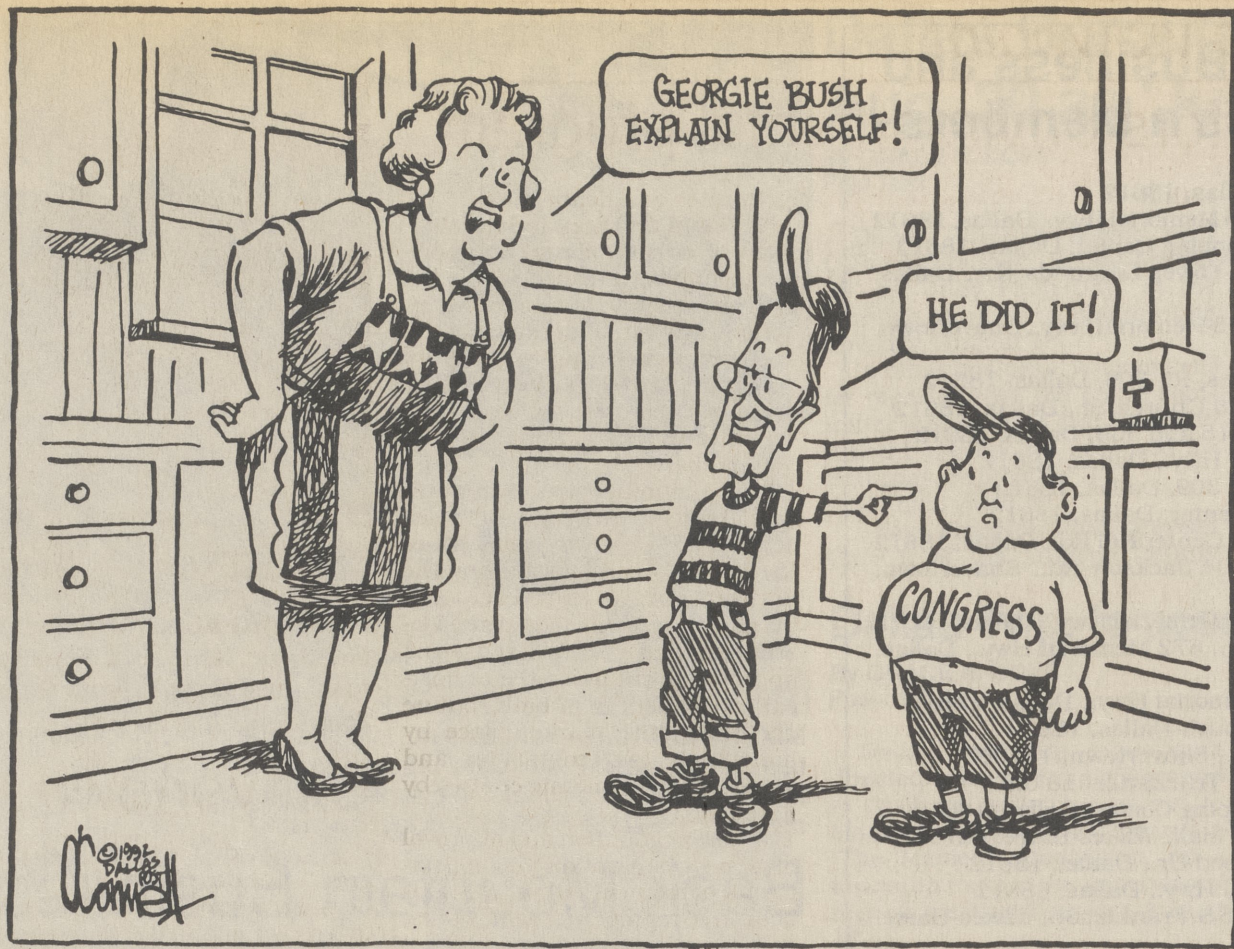
I would much rather support political leaders (the oxymoron of the age) who know these values:

- The value of a dollar, and how it can best be spent.
- The value of health, and how to assure it for all Americans.
- The value of tolerance for others.
- The value of building a cohesive nation instead of dividing it just to win an election.

Those are just a few of the values that all great societies share, and which have fallen into disfavor with some people who think winning office is the most important goal in life. This political class has come to see government as a craft to be practiced for their own aggrandizement rather than as a calling for people committed to fostering harmony and prosperity in their nation.

I, for one, would like to choose a President on his or her ideas and effectiveness. If a candidate thinks family values are critical, I'll expect to hear exactly what they are and how his programs will advance them. But if all I'm going to get is innuendo and scare tactics, I'm going to reach for the zipper.

Ron Bartizek



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Deregulation shines, but it's fool's gold

By J.W. JOHNSON

Having recently flown to Washington, D.C., I can tell you about the effects of airline deregulation...it was ridiculously cheap.

I bought the ticket some time ago during the latest round of price wars. And the airline industry is a good example of while deregulation is superficially attractive, it is destructive in the long term to both the industry and ultimately to the consumer.

From the 1930's to 1978, when (the Democratic) Congress deregulated the industry, there was some sort of order. Cities which now have no airline service were served, and there were many competing airlines.

Today, the five largest airlines have seized control of most of the gates at overcrowded metro airports; this stifles competition. We go through round after round of rate wars which, in turn, have precipitated bankruptcies; and it's virtually impossible for a new airline to get started because the large airlines control all the gates. Equipment is aging, while safety and maintenance are becoming greater concerns as competition forces

tighter and tighter margins.

The ill effects of deregulation can also be seen in the savings and loan industry. In 1933 Congress regulated the nation's savings and loans. In 1982, congress relaxed controls, removing the home mortgage requirement which had been the mainstay of these institution's lending.

As we now know, greedy savings and loan operators, began immediately placing our money in real estate gambles and investments, mostly commercial projects. The resulting bust in real estate values in many markets doomed hundreds of savings and loans...to the tune of about a \$500 billion bailout now being foisted upon taxpayers.

As well, deregulation at the Federal Communications Commission, has had dubious benefits. The Commission, established to protect the rights and welfare of listeners and viewers, has also given up its regulation of the nation's broadcasters.

Protective rules, for example, which protected children's programming were abandoned in 1984. The rule requiring equal time for political candidates has been watered down to make it virutally

non-existent.

There are a multitude of other activities, i.e., the nation's railroads, which have undergone varying degrees of deregulation, some of which were beneficial, but most of which have had dubious benefits at best.

The free enterprise system traditionally championed by this writer unfortunately doesn't work perfectly, by itself. Some regulation, to prevent abuses and monopoly excesses, are and have always been needed.

Perhaps the area where regulation is most urgently needed to be continued is the agricultural community where protection and availability of, literally, the source of our lives continues.

Of course, this means that, and with regulation tied to availability, and that tied to price support, we will continue to pay the proverbial 'pretty penny' for our products.

However, the nation would almost certainly be much worse off with deregulation of the agricultural community, or continued deregulation of other industries. If we have learned no other lessons from the 1980's we should have learned this.

Library news

Seventy-seven new books are at the library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library circulated 9,999 books during the month of July; 4,801 adult and 5,198 juvenile titles. Book Club circulated 243 books; reference questions totaled 449. New books added to inventory was 77 and books withdrawn from the collection totaled 10 for the month. There were 181 new members joining the library and 177 members re-registered. Interlibrary loan transactions for the month totaled 22. July is always the busiest month at the library with the summer story hours, summer reading programs and more time for pleasure reading for the adults.

The summer reading program and the summer story hours concluded August 13 with the summer reading party held on Friday, Aug. 14. The Fall story hours will resume with sign-up dates announced in the near future.

New books at the library include:

"The Devil's Dream" by Lee Smith which is a story about Kate, a lively girl from a fiddle-playing family who marries a preacher's boy named Moses Baily. Moses tells one of his sons, 'the fiddle is an instrument of the Devil, and ifen you ever take it up...you won't be my boy no more, you'll be the Devil's boy'. The defiance of Kate and the children leads to tragedy for generations to come.

"McNally's Luck" by Lawrence Sanders begins as a search for a purloined pet but quickly becomes far more lethal. As investigator for his father's prestigious law firm, McNally regularly sees a side of elegant Palm Beach that's best described as seamy. But even he is shocked by the Pandora's box of lust and larceny slowly opening before him. On the heels of the catnapping, a prominent woman is brutally murdered and the acts become linked.

"Policewoman One" by Gayleen

Hays with Kathleen Moloney is the story of Gayleen's 20 years on the LAPD. When she retired from the Los Angeles Police Department after putting in the 20 years, the LAPD retired her number. POLICEWOMAN #1 is what it says on her badge. Unlike most police officers, instead of moving up the ranks of the police hierarchy, she chose to stay a policeman and spend her life on the streets fighting the scum of L.A.

"Sacred Hunger" by Barry Unsworth shows us the men who profited and suffered from slavery, men whose ghosts haunt us still. William Kemp, enticed by the high profits to be made as a slaver, builds and fits a ship and recruits a crew—through the chicanery and press gangs that at the time intimidated society's unfortunate. Once the ship has picked up its human cargo in Africa and heads for the New World, unforeseen events ensue.

Hinchey named ass't professor of education

James D. Gallagher, Ph.D., campus executive officer of the Penn State Worthington Scranton Campus, has announced the appointment of Patricia Hinchey, Ed.D., as assistant professor of education.

According to Gallagher, Hinchey will teach education theory and will also serve as liaison with secondary schools in Worthington Scranton Campus' five-county service area. In particular, Hinchey will work with the Campus' developing Math Options program, which is designed to encourage young women to pursue studies in engineering and math.

Prior to joining the Worthington Scranton staff, Hinchey was assistant chair of the Department of Languages, Literature and Social

Studies at Columbia University's Teachers College in New York. While at Columbia, she worked closely with renowned English educator Lucy McCormick Calkins to direct field experiences and master's programs in English education.

Hinchey has also previously served as instructor of English at Penn State's Worthington Scranton and Wilkes-Barre Campuses, College Misericordia, and Luzerne County Community College.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Hinchey graduated cum laude from Wilkes University with a B.A. in English education and an M.S. in English education. She earned her Ed.D. in English education from the Teachers College at Columbia University.

Hinchey has given talks on college reading and writing programs

at national conferences across the United States. In 1990, she presented a response to educational philosopher Maxine Greene's paper "Dialogue and Relationships: Choosing within a Community" at the Teachers College Summer Institute on Teaching.

Hinchey is a member of several professional and scholarly societies, including the American Educational Research Association, the Northeast Pennsylvania Writing Council and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Hinchey and her husband, Ed, reside in Dallas with their daughter, Shawna, and son, E.M.

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Only Yesterday

60 Years Ago - Aug. 26, 1932 DR. FRANK SCHOOLEY WILL ESTABLISH PRACTICE IN DALLAS

Dallas will have a new physician when Dr. Frank Schooley of Noxen who has been serving his internship in Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton, expects to take up the practice of medicine in Dallas, during September.

For the second consecutive year, Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club is preparing to sponsor a plan to can a quantity of food which will be given to needy and unfortunate families in this section during the coming of Fall and Winter.

Latest motion picture for Lee Tracy of Shavertown is "Night Mayor" in which Tracy enacts the role of Mayor Bobby Kingston drawn after New York Mayor Jimmy Walker.

50 Years Ago - Aug. 28, 1942 DALLAS TOWNSHIP HAS TWO NEW ALL STEEL SCHOOL BUSESSES

Andrew Bittenbender and an assistant last week, drove home two of Dallas Township's new school buses, made of all steel construction, as one of its many features. They returned to a mid-west city on Friday for the remaining two. Mr. Bittenbender is interviewing applicants with the view to hiring competent drivers for the coming school session.

Although elected last week to lead Dallas Township School Board for the coming year, Thomas F. Watkins of Nesquehoning has declined to accept the position because of his uncertainty regarding possible military service.

40 Years Ago - Aug. 29, 1952 HERBERT JENKINS NAMED KINGSTON TWP. POLICE CHIEF

As a special service to the Back Mountain area, State Bureau of Employment Security office at Wilkes-Barre will have a representative at the Back Mountain Memorial Library on September 3, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 1-3 p.m. to interview women 17-30 to fill current job openings existing in various sections of Greater Wilkes-Barre. There is a sharp demand for female workers in certain occupations and employment fields within Greater Wilkes-Barre with job openings proportionately distributed on the East and West sides of the river.

Herbert Jenkins, Trucksville, was appointed chief of police by Kingston Township supervisors to succeed the late Francis McCarty.

Jacob Stash of Orange was bitten on the right arm by a dog. A veterinarian disposed the animal and had the head sent to Harrisburg. On Wednesday a diagnosis of positive was returned and on Thursday morning, Mr. Stash started the Pasteur treatment at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

30 Years Ago - Aug. 30, 1962 BACK MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Commonwealth Telephone Company's all new Dallas-Shickshinny Directory will be in the mail September 30. Formerly subscribers were listed alphabetically under 10 separate exchange headings. In the new directory all 10 exchanges will be grouped together with subscribers in alphabetical sequence.

Four new teachers were added to the Dallas Schools. They are Mrs. Mary Sigworth, Robert Marr, Miss Miriam Van Korlis and Mrs. Jane Smith, known as the Library Story Lady who will teach kindergarten.

Back Mountain Little League All-Stars will be presented with a State Championship pennant at a testimonial dinner sponsored by Dallas-Isaacs Post, American Legion on Thursday at the Legion Home. Dallas Rotary will also honor the Little League All-Stars at its dinner on September 20, at the Irem Temple Country Club.

Dallas will open its grid season against Lake-Lehman, September 22.

20 Years Ago - Aug. 31, 1972 ONLY 1,000 HOMES CONNECTED TO DAMA SEWER SYSTEM SO FAR

Disturbed that only a little over 1,000 homes have made connections to DAMA, the authority is urging local residents to connect to the sewer system as soon as possible.

Wed - Katherine Ann Faerber to Joseph V. Gongolefski; Rita Ryneski to James E. Gosart.

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