

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Spend a little time, and a few dollars to safeguard against fire

This is Fire Prevention Week, a time when we are reminded of the enormous destructive power of this basic force, and of the proper ways in which to handle it. Fire fighting professionals will be taking time this week especially to warn young people of the dangers of treating fire as a plaything.

Perhaps the most important message is about the value of smoke detectors as warning devices. These inexpensive gadgets have proven their worth time and again, as families have been alerted to a fire in their home, or workers to one in their office. Thousands of lives have been saved as a result, and smoke detectors have been recognized as the single most useful device in the battle to protect people from death or injury by fire.

The concept of smoke detectors and their use couldn't be more simple; have one in every space in the home, and replace the batteries twice a year. An easy way to do that is to change smoke detector batteries when changing the clocks in spring and fall.

There are plenty of other ways to prevent or prepare for fire, as Grace Dove's story this week points out. A few minutes and a few dollars spent that way can pay uncounted dividends if your family is spared the unnecessary loss of a loved one in a fire.

Economics hold back wise energy use

We are reprinting the A. Case for conservation column that appeared in last week's issue because it got mixed up in pasteup, and readers may have had a hard time following it. While we're at it, a comment on the topic seems in order.

Alene Case makes the point that, aside from Americans' love for the automobile, many other factors stand in the way of expanded use of bicycles or even leg-power for getting around. Among them are the inhospitable — dangerous, really — design and maintenance of our roads and highways. As anyone who walks or bikes around the region knows, there's precious little space for anything other than a car on our roadways. The result is that walking and biking take on a nature more akin to combat than pleasure in most cases.

The writer points out that American drivers burn up one-tenth of all the oil used in the world each day on their way to and from work. That's partly because we are prosperous enough to own lots of cars and to live away from our workplaces, but it's also true that our nation simply doesn't encourage energy conservation; or the reverse, penalize waste. If a gallon of gas cost \$2 or \$3 instead of its current price, it's a good bet that many of us would think about walking or biking instead of driving to a nearby store or office. But don't look for that kind of suggestion from either of the major party candidates for President this year, although Ross Perot — and earlier Paul Tsongas — have mentioned it.

Until economic factors make saving energy more important, we can at least ask our government to provide a shoulder on new roads wide enough to accommodate walkers. We can also remember to be mindful of bikers and walkers when driving, and thereby make taking a stroll to the store less stressful than a trip through a minefield.

Political letter policy

The Dallas Post will accept letters of endorsement for political candidates to be published in the October 14, 21 and 28 issues. Letters intended for publication in the October 28 issue may not contain new charges or issues, but those responding to previously published charges will be accepted.

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PSAT/NMSQT to be given at Dallas Senior High Oct. 17

Patricia Russin, guidance counselor at Dallas Senior High has announced that juniors will be able to join one million other students around the world in taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) this fall. The test, co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation is an important step in making college plans.

Scheduled for October 17, at 8:30 a.m. (doors open at 8 a.m.) the test measures verbal and mathematical aptitude, two abilities important in doing college work. The test can also lead to other opportunities for high school

students; they can enter the competition for scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; they can participate in College Board's Students Search Service which is used by hundreds of colleges interested in students like them, also they can get a good idea what the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is like.

Juniors who are interested in taking PSAT/NMSQT are to register in the guidance office at Dallas Senior High School. The fee for taking the test is \$7 payable upon registration. The deadline for registering for the test is October 15. Checks should be made payable to the Dallas School District.



Reflections of fall

Photo by Charlotte Bartzek

Letters

Praise for 'Adopt-A-School' program

Editor:
Let me commend and applaud Dr. Gil Griffiths of Dallas Area District along with Frank Galicki and Miss Pennsylvania Judy Fitch on their heroic project "Operation Adopt-A-School" which will aid Florida school children who were victimized by Hurricane Andrew. These three professionals have epitomized to me the true meaning of humanity, sacrifice and the American spirit.

Our whole community should be proud of Dallas School District; its teachers, administrators, stu-

dents and parents for their unique effort on behalf of the education establishment. This project exemplifies the true face of education in our community which deserves special recognition and media attention. I will remiss if I do not mention the highly appreciated efforts of the Dallas School District students in extending a helping hand to their fellow citizens in another state. I totally agree with Mr. Galicki that this is the positive image of our youth that is often times neglected. Dallas School District's efforts should serve as

an impetus to other educational institutions to involve their students, staff and community in extending their services to those in need.

I do highly recommend that this sincere effort of Dallas School District be brought to the attention of the President of the United States of America and the Governors of both Florida and Pennsylvania. I urge my fellow community members to join me in contributing to this worthy cause.

Mahmoud H. Fahmy, Ph.D.
Dallas

Reader thanks Post for Great Books story

Editor:
The Junior Great Books program at Dallas Elementary School may have had modest beginnings last winter, but I am certain that it has a robust future, in no small part due to your newspaper's recent articles publicizing the discussion group.

It is indeed a worthwhile program, offering the children an opportunity to freely build and

express their ideas about the meaning of what they read. By engaging the children's curiosity in a focused, sustained discussion of a story, life-long thoughtful reading skills are fostered. This group isn't exclusively for "good" or "poor" readers. The emphasis is on independent thought and interpretation: all the students are asked only to think for themselves. This is not just intellectual exercise; it's a lot of fun - as much for

me as for the kids.

I would like to thank you for bringing the program to the community's attention. I would also like to thank Ruth Tetschner, Dallas Elementary's Principal, for having given me this invaluable opportunity and Dallas's teachers for welcoming me as a parent volunteer.

Ann Ross
Dallas Elementary PTO

Library news

Starship Enterprise lands at the library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has a unique display for the month of October. It is a collection of hand made Star Trek figures made from legos. They belong to Nicky Callahan of Shavertown. He is 8 years old and in third grade at Lake-Lehman School. Nicky designed the items and made them himself.

The center of the display shows the Starship Enterprise. At one end there is a Ferengi Ship, which is an alien ship, and at the other end is a Romulan "Bird of Prey," a red alien ship. The shuttlecraft of the Starship Enterprise is in front of the large Enterprise. There is a red planet which represents Mars and a large yellow one which is the Sun.

Included in the display are many small yellow legos, which are various stars. Nicky tells us Captain Picard is inside the bridge of the Enterprise, but cannot be seen from the outside. He has had his

legos at home for some time and became interested in the Star Trek show and movies and decided to make the items from the show. This display will be at the library until October 28.

The library held a very successful one day auction on September 26, in spite of the all day rain. Over 230 antiques were sold, new goods were auctioned off, books were sold, and the refreshments were delicious which included potato pancakes, hot dogs, clam chowder, homemade pies, coffee and soda. A warm thank you to Connie Scott and Bill Jones who set up the auction and did the ground work. Ernie Ashbridge and his loyal helpers did their auction from the antique room which was a unique experience. Soon, the grounds will be back to normal things will be packed away until July of 1993 when the 47th auction will begin.

The library has received some new books on a very timely subject. They include: "The Single Mother's Book" by Joan Anderson,

which is a practical guide to managing your children, career, home, finances, and everything else. Chapters include, Redefining the family, Legal concerns, Raising healthy children, Teenagers, Child care, Taking care of yourself, Working, Home security and Managing space and time.

"When You're Mom No. 2" by Dr. Beth E. Brown is a word of hope for stepmothers. It deals with the wicked stepmother; Twenty-one and the mother of five! Born of loss; Before I came and now that I'm here; Loving enough to discipline and Phases of our family's life.

"Discipline" by James Windell is a sourcebook of 50 failsafe techniques for parents. The chapters include, How to be a successful parent; The 10 worst discipline techniques; Rules for parents and children; Techniques that prevent later problems; Techniques that teach lessons; and How to get kids to do what you want them to do.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - Oct. 7, 1932 DALLAS ENACTS NEW LOCAL TAX PLAN

Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Catherine Zeek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles St., Ashley to John Tredinnick, a Dallas Post employee who heads the machine composition of Post Publications, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tredinnick, Wilkes-Barre.

Dallas Borough Council following a plan being adopted by many communities throughout the State passed a resolution that all persons paying borough taxes on December 1, shall be exempt from penalty as provided under existing law. Ordinarily taxes unpaid after Oct. 1, would carry a 5% penalty.

Wyoming High School a strong football team and plays all of the leading high schools of the valley this year will be the football attraction here Saturday at 2:30 when it meets the grid-iron warriors of Dallas Borough High School on local grounds.

50 Years Ago - Oct. 9, 1942 KIDS RECYCLE SCRAP FOR WAR EFFORT

Twenty four men from the Back Mountain Region most of them in the 20-year age group have been called for physical examinations by Draft Board No. 1 at Wyoming. If they pass their qualifying tests at the Wilkes-Barre Induction Center on October 19, they will go into the Army November 1.

Dallas kids out for victory, gathered 20 tons of old iron, rubber and tin in a whirlwind scrap metal drive adding to the big scrap pile alongside the Dallas Borough High School Building.

Albert S. Culbert, eligible for retirement after almost 53 years as agent at the Lehigh Valley Station in Dallas was asked to continue his post for the duration of the war.

40 Years Ago - Oct. 8, 1952 SCHOOLEY RECEIVES POSTHUMOUS AWARD

The late Dr. Sherman R. Schooley, the Back Mountain's best loved physician who died in the prime of his life, will receive the Hemelright Award for outstanding service to the community in a posthumous presentation ceremony. Mrs. Schooley will be given the plaque, certificate and bond at a dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club at Irem Temple Country Club.

Miss Frances Dorrance, Dallas, recently retired as librarian at Hoyt Library, Kingston, has been selected as one of 10 Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania for 1952. She will receive a gold medal at a dinner tendered by Gov. Ely at the governor's mansion in Harrisburg.

Dress rehearsal for the Back Mountain Jubilee Minstrel Show is scheduled to be held Thursday at Dallas-Franklin High School Auditorium. Proceeds will be for service work undertaken by the Dallas Woman's Club.

You could get - Sirloin, Porterhouse, Club steaks, 89¢ lb.; apples, 5 lbs., 45¢; cauliflower, 1 lb. hds, 19¢ ea.

30 Years Ago - Oct. 11, 1962 DALLAS SCHOOLS SET NEW CONDUCT RULES

Parents of children who ride Dallas School buses are expected to lay down the law to youngsters and explain that rowdiness will no longer be permitted. Dr. Robert A. Mellman, superintendent, distributed leaflets setting forth rules for proper behavior Tuesday night at the regular meeting of school directors. Leaflets will be sent home with each child for instruction of parents.

Huntsville Christian Church, the oldest church in the Back Mountain will mark its 119th anniversary beginning officially Monday night.

20 Years Ago - Oct. 12, 1972 COLD WEATHER MARKS 26TH LIBRARY AUCTION

Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction began its second quarter century last weekend despite a biting mist and temperatures which dipped near freezing and concluded its 26th year by grossing nearly \$20,000.

James Kozemchak local photographer and author of the photo-essay "A Portrait of Agnes" depicting local communities during the flood disaster, presented three autographed copies of the publication to College Misericordia for use in the college's library to be used by students and for future reference.

Dallas Mountaineers captured its fifth big win since the season began by defeating the Hanover Hawkeyes 20-7. The game was the first in "B" division competition for both teams.