

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Thanks for your support as we move into a new home

The Dallas Post will move this week, hopefully for the last time. After 20 years occupying a succession of rented quarters, we have purchased a home of our own at 45 Main Road in Dallas Township, across from Offset Paperback. Formerly a residence, the building is just three lots from Route 309, in an area that has become largely commercial in recent years. We expect to move this Wednesday and Thursday.

The Post is moving because we need more room in which to house our operations and to store materials and records. We also look forward to building equity while enjoying the security that comes with having our own place.

Our new quarters will provide separate spaces for news, business and composing functions, and there's adequate room for future expansion. While the location isn't as visible as our present one, we trust readers can find us without too much trouble. Our only disappointment is that a proposed traffic light for the intersection of Route 309 and Main Road is a year away; we had hoped it would be installed by now.

This advance is made possible by the continuing support of readers and advertisers who have put their trust in The Post in good times and bad, and who have responded so favorably to our attempts to improve the newspaper. Many communities across the nation have lost their local papers in the last few years, as the combination of difficult business conditions and voracious competitors have driven them from the market. That hasn't happened here, or in the Clarks Summit area where we publish The Post's sister paper, The Abington Journal.

We hope part of the reason has been our commitment to producing newspapers that are as complete and accurate as we can make them, and to providing advertisers with good service and attractive ads. We know that many readers will forgive us when we fall short, but have tried not to take advantage of their generosity.

Stop in and see us in our new home. There may be a few rough edges yet, but we'll be ready to handle your requests with a minimum of disruption.

By the way, if you know anyone who would like to rent a really nice office space (our old one), give us a call. It's available.



Hayfield Farm

Photo by Charlotte Bartizek

Letters

Turchin family thanks community for support

Editor: Being thankful this year means giving thanks to Almighty God that our 18 year old son, Eddie, in the past two months, has survived three major surgeries (brain surgery, and two abdominal), a blood clot, cardiac arrest, and pneumonia. He spent several weeks in a coma.

We give thanks for the prayers, Novenas and Masses being offered on Eddie's and our behalf.

We give thanks for the love and concern of our families and friends back home - for the countless trips to visit us here in Philadelphia, for the care packages to make sure we are eating and comfortable.

We give thanks for the fund raisers held on our behalf to help us with living expenses the past eight weeks: A spaghetti dinner held at Lake-Lehman High School

where students, teachers, parents and administrators worked side by side to serve between 400-500 dinners; Hoagie Sale and Meatloaf dinner by various groups at our parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth; Charlie Brown's, Plains held a benefit for us, as did the San Souci Lounge. Lehman U.M.Y. Fellowship contributed from their "Haunted House" project, Gate of Heaven Youth Group sold candy bars and K-Mart, Edwardsville employees are currently working on a fund raiser; lifelong friend, Melvin Jones, Askam, organized family and friends to sell raffle tickets. Bob Youngblood, Askam, arranged for tickets to be printed. Lake-Lehman Jr. High held a dance.

We give thanks for the hundreds of you who have sent cards and letters of encouragement. We have

read all Eddie's mail to him.

We give thanks to the reporters who showed such sensitivity in the articles they wrote in the newspapers back home.

We give thanks to those of you who have contributed to the Eddie Turchin Fund, bought or sold tickets, bought or sold candy bars, attended or helped out at the benefits or helped us in any way, we are very grateful to you.

Last, but by no means least, we give thanks to an outstanding humanitarian from Lake-Lehman, Joseph "Red" Jones. Red was responsible for setting up the Eddie Turchin Fund and has personally stood for six Saturdays selling candy bars at stores or football games. His family was often by his side also. He has made several trips to Philadelphia to encourage Eddie.

Spending eight weeks (and still more weeks to go) at a hospital nearly three hours away from home with one's seriously ill child is a very painful and harrowing experience, but because of the love and concern and support we've received from you wonderful people back home - we feel we can meet any challenge now and all along the road to Eddie's recovery and rehabilitation.

During the coming holiday season we ask that each of you take time to rethink your priorities in life. Don't dwell on unimportant trivial matters. Focus on your blessings, emphasize family. Above all, hug your children and thank God everyday for their good health and well-being.

With our sincere gratitude
Bonnie, Ed, Pam
& Eddie Turchin

Letters must be signed

We received two letters this week taking us to task for an editorial in a recent issue supporting the local trash and recycling program. But you won't read them, because the authors didn't include their names, or a phone number at which to reach them.

Too bad; they were good letters that offered a different point of view from our own. But we don't run letters from unidentified writers. That's because who writes is often as important as the subject. For instance, in this case the author may have been one of the trash haulers forced out by the DAMA recycling program, or someone with an ax to grind against DAMA.

One letter's author claimed fear of retaliation as the reason for not identifying himself. We're not sure what or who they're afraid of, but would be more than happy to write a news article about such threats if they're real.

Everyone knows who writes for The Dallas Post; they're identified on this page each week. The same goes for people who are quoted in news stories; we seldom let people get their opinion in the paper without saying who they are. In fairness, we think the same policy must apply to letter writers

Multi-culturalism will lead to mediocrity in U.S. society

Editor: After reading Mr. J.W. Johnson's article on racism and prejudice as featured in the November 25 edition of The Dallas Post, I was unnerved by his hypothesis that we are not all created equal. The Preamble of the Constitution plainly decrees that, in truth, we are all created equal. However, Mr. Johnson appears to have confused plurality with individual inalienable rights.

As J.W.J. denoted, our government finds itself to have racial tension as superfluous as the national debt. Affirmative action has facilitated many minorities with advancement in the work place and institutions of higher learning. On the other hand, the residual consequences of affirmative action (reverse discrimination) have presented us with a "Catch 22" factor. On one hand, we are to teach our children that justice and fair play are favorable qualities to practice. On the other hand, our government advocates racism and is not blind to skin color.

To be more specific, the 14th Amendment has been violated by the precepts of affirmative action. As Mr. Johnson cited, each citizen is entitled to equal opportunity and protection under the laws. Unfortunately, the sardonic justice of preferential hiring places the pyrrhic costs of achieving its aim not on everybody equally, but only on a few; namely, the white male. With logic in tact, would not discrimination fuel the hatred of skin heads and other hate mongers? Forced integration is scrutinized with trepidation and melancholy among those with non-minority status. (Catch 22)

Diversity does enhance our country. That is, diversity among individual's credentials contributes to a successful society. The avant-garde dogma of multi-culturalism will have the same affects as affirmative action. It will in my estimation, contribute to the reinforcement of mediocrity in the work place and social derision.

I recently heard a rather rotund college professor (Ph.d) quip that

we are (society) one big bowl of salad with each ethnic group contributing its own distinct flavor. He obviously confused etiquette with victuals. Essentially, teachers are paid to teach students how to think not what to think. The precepts of multi-culturalism will saddle our high school teachers with the added responsibility of teaching U.S. government-approved-values. Is communism really dead?

Representative George Hasay did not act capriciously when he acted to mandate English as Pennsylvania's official dialect. Take a trip to California, Florida, or Texas and you'll soon realize how important Hasay's mandate is...and will become. As Mr. Johnson delineated in his article; we need to thwart the "US vs. THEM" to extenuate the racial schisms. While skin color is innate, the effort to learn the traditional language of this nation is of the individual free will. We are not ethnocentric to require a common language. The dangers of placating a bilingual referendum

can be observed in Canada. They suffer derision because of their inability to reconcile a common tongue.

In order for our country to heal its racial woes, we must have cooperation of the print and electronic media. The common misconception is that minorities are an oppressed people and need a leader to voice their cause. Recent statistics cite that 60% of those on welfare are white. However, the media somehow gives credence to minority extremists who are under the misconception that they speak for all of "their people".

In closing, Charles Dickens best sums up the plight of this nation. Remember, Scrooge was not forced to have a change of heart. He did so because he was spiritually enlightened. The powers that be did not force Scrooge to share his wealth. Obviously the moral of the story is trust in the goodness of God and not the political correctness of the government.

J.C. Keiser
Vernon

About the opinion pages

The Dallas Post attempts to publish opinions on a variety of topics in many forms. Editorials, which are the opinion of the management of The Post, appear on the editorial page. Cartoons are the opinion of the cartoonist and columns are the opinion of the author. Neither necessarily reflects the viewpoint of The Post.

Letters to the editor are welcome and will be published subject to the following guidelines. Letters must not exceed 500 words. Except in unusual circumstances, no writer may have more than one letter published during a 30 day period. Letters must be signed and include the writer's home town and a telephone number for verification. Names will be withheld only if there exists a clear threat to the writer. The Post retains the right to accept or reject any letter and to edit letters as necessary without distorting their meaning.

In addition to letters to the editor, we welcome longer pieces that may be run as columns. The author or the subject's relevance to the Back Mountain will be our prime consideration when selecting material for publication.

To submit an item for publication, send it to: The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, PA 18612, or bring it to our office.

Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - Dec. 12, 1932
GOOD HUNT PREDICTED

Accepting predictions for a good deer season scores of Hunters from Dallas and vicinity took to nearby woods yesterday and will continue their hunting in great numbers today and tomorrow. It is estimated that nearly all of the 24,000 licensed deer hunters in Luzerne County will have hunted by Saturday.

Rural Basketball League will open Dec. 5, with Dallas playing the opening game at Noxen.

Six dramatic groups from different parts of Luzerne County will compete in the third annual tournament to be held Dec. 10 in Dallas Borough High School. Proceeds from the small admission charged will be divided among the players. The public is invited.

50 Years Ago - Dec. 4, 1942
DEER SKINS GIVEN TO WAR EFFORT

Dallas Rationing Board announced that War Ration Book One (the present Sugar Book) will

be used to ration coffee and that it will also be used to issue War Ration Book Two. It is essential that every individual has War Ration Book One, whether or not he buys sugar or coffee according to Fred M. Kiefer, chairman.

In commemoration of work done in the School Scrap Salvage Campaign when pupils gathered the highest per capita amount of scrap of any school in the county, Dallas Borough schools will receive a plaque from Col. Ernest G. Smith, co-chairman.

Fred Lamoreaux of East Dallas was the first big game hunter in this section to contribute a deer skin to be made into gloves and warm vests for soldiers and sailors serving in cold climate. The State Game Commission has appealed to deer hunters and hunting clubs to cooperate this year and contribute their skins of all deer shot to the government.

40 Years Ago - Dec. 5, 1952
WOMEN'S CLUB PLANS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Lt. Louis Kelly, son of Mr. and

Mrs. William Kelly, Main Street, Dallas was injured and his companion Lt. Kilcoyne was drowned Monday when the helicopter he was piloting on a mission for supplies, dropped into the sea after being blown out of control by a sudden gust of wind, striking a Corsair fighter plane aboard the carrier Valley Forge in Honolulu Harbor. Kelly was rescued from the sea and hospitalized.

Dallas Woman's Club at the suggestion of the Back Mountain Business Association is planning an elaborate Community Christmas program and display which it hopes will be the forerunner of a more ambitious display next year, encompassing every community in the Bk. Mt. Region.

30 Years Ago - Dec. 6, 1962
24-FOOT SANTA VISITS BACK MOUNTAIN

With the exception of Mr. Shaver whose condition shows no improvement, all of the victims of the disastrous fire at the Shaver

home at Loyalville last Wednesday showed improvement this week at Nesbitt Hospital.

Biggest Santa Claus that ever visited the Back Mountain region arrived in Dallas Tuesday and stands 24 feet high in front of Dallas Hardware where he is ready to greet everybody.

20 Years Ago - Dec. 7, 1972
BUSH BECOMES NEW DALLAS POST C.E.O.

Edward M. Bush has joined the staff of Greenstreet News Co. as president and chief executive officer. He succeeds William W. Scranton 3rd, who will become chairman of the company's board of directors. Greenstreet News publishes The Abington Journal, Mountaintop Eagle and The Dallas Post.

Dallas High School cagers will meet Dallas All-Star Alumni team Friday at 8 in Dallas Senior High School gym. The former Dallas varsity stars will be matching their skills against this year's varsity team.

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