

The Dallas Post

EDITORIALS

Make your voice heard on election day

Citizens of the Back Mountain have the opportunity to exercise their most precious right next Tuesday, when a general election will be held for local, county and some state offices. While these races may lack the drama of last year's federal contests, they are equally important and deserve every voter's attention.

In Eastern Europe, Somalia, Cambodia and other world hotspots, the nation's direction is decided at the point of a gun, not in the voting booth. Even here, some mindless individuals think the right to own a bazooka is more important than their right and responsibility to vote. They're wrong. In our system, which is termed a democratic republic because we elect representatives to act as our proxies, the ultimate power rests with the electorate, even if it doesn't always seem that way after the votes are counted.

There has been an upsurge in complaints about the federal government in recent years, and some flareups locally as well. The feeling of frustration with goings-on in Washington is understandable; not so when the local school board or council is the target. Here's where our system should work at its best, with citizens gaining intimate knowledge of issues and voting for the candidates who appear best-qualified. And if things aren't going the way they like, voters can attend meetings and voice their dissatisfaction directly to the offenders.

That doesn't happen enough. Anyone who regularly goes to meetings knows the turnout is usually sparse, and the other faces in the audience familiar. Worse, most voters don't take the time to develop a well-rounded grasp of the issues, and instead cast their ballots on the basis of third-hand hearsay, if they vote at all. The result very often is that a well-organized bloc of voters controls the election outcome.

Don't be one of the people who sit on the sidelines in this most important game. Voting is the last step every responsible citizen must take if we are to maintain a vibrant, responsive system of government.

Listed here are the contested races in Back Mountain elections. We haven't listed the offices for which there is only one candidate.

DALLAS BOROUGH:

No contested races

DALLAS TOWNSHIP:

No contested races

DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD:

All elected at large. Top four vote getters win seats for four years.

Maureen Banks (R-D)

Joseph B. Kunc (R-D)

Pamela M. Langdon (D)

Thomas Russ (D)

Thomas Landon (R)

James Richardson (R)

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR:

Joseph O'Donnell (D)

William Miller (R)

HARVEYS LAKE MAYOR:

Richard Boice (D)

George Gwilliam (R)

HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Vote for 3

Edward J. Kelly (D)

Francis Kopko (D)

Christine Tomulaitis (D)

George P. Andrews, Jr. (R)

Lon Cooper (R)

Gary Hoover (R)

HARVEYS LAKE TAX COLLECTOR:

Terry Jones (D)

Margaret Purcell (R)

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP:

No contested races

JACKSON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR:

Robert Hazeltime (D)

Carl Aston (R)

JACKSON TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR:

Jacqueline Latosek (D)

Joann Wright (R)

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL BOARD:

REGION 1:

Irene Brislin (D)

Allen Moss (R)

REGION 3:

Vote for 2

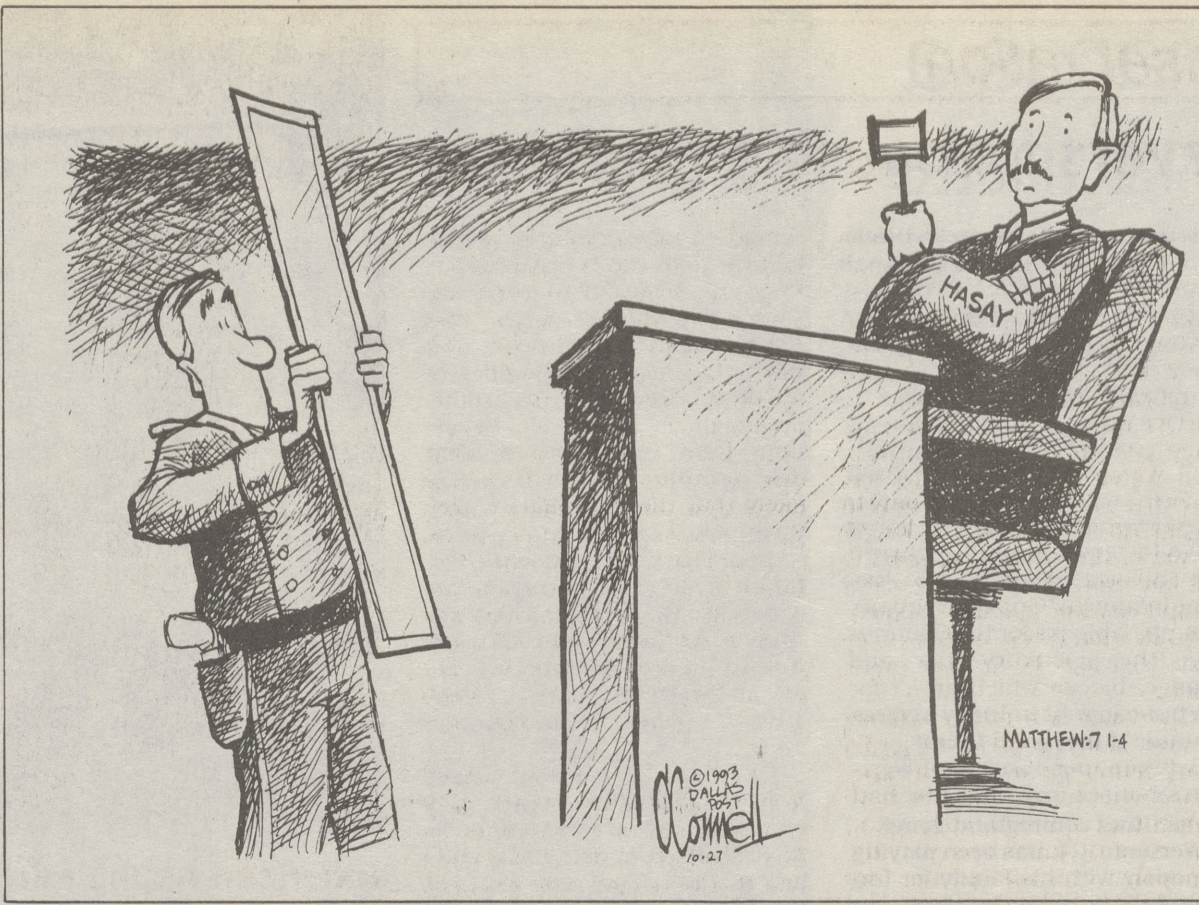
John Bobersky (D)

Joseph Jones (R)

Martin McMahon (R-D)

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP:

No contested races



Only yesterday

60 Years Ago - Nov. 3, 1933 VOTERS TO CONSIDER PROHIBITION REPEAL

When they march to the polls on Tuesday, Dallas borough citizens like other voters throughout the State, will have an opportunity to record their views on Prohibition repeal, important constitutional amendments and at the same time select the men who are to conduct the affairs of the borough for the next four years. Interest in Dallas Borough centers about the contests being waged for borough council and tax collectors.

The Huntsville Christian Church will celebrate its 90th anniversary next week. The week will be significant with an unusual service Sunday morning, preaching at 7:30 each night and the anniversary dinner Thursday night.

You could get - Smoked picnics 9¢ lb.; Lux Toilet Soap, 4 cakes 25¢; Crisco, 1 lb. can 19¢; butter, 2 lbs. 49¢.

50 Years Ago - Oct. 29, 1943 KIDS IMMUNIZED FOR WHOOPING COUGH

Determined to stamp out whooping cough in the borough, Dallas Board of Health has adopted a program for the free immunization of all children between the ages of three to six. Board of Health will furnish the vaccines and administer them, or parents may select a physician of their own choice and Board of Health will provide the vaccines.

The whirlwind scrap paper collection being conducted by Back Mountain schools and sponsored by Dallas Woman's Club is producing results beyond the most optimistic expectations of Harry Ohlman, local salvage chairman.

With total prizes amounting to three times those of last year, all is in readiness, except the weather for the 3rd Annual All-Back Mountain Halloween Parade and Block Party to be held Saturday night on Main Street, Dallas.

40 Years Ago - Oct. 30, 1953 GAS WAR HITS BMT, CUTS PRICES IN HALF

Back Mountain residents don't have to drive to Kingston or Plymouth to fill their gas tanks at the current gas war prices. Anywhere along Memorial Highway they can get it at prices ranging from 12.9¢ per gal. to 16¢ for straight gas. At Harveys Lake, not in the battle front, the price is still 26¢ for straight gas.

With both Dallas-Franklin and Westmoreland being accused of dragging their heels on plans to consolidate their districts, the recent petitions of Dallas-Franklin and Lake-Noxen presented to the County Board of School Directors, have prompted the county office to call all boards together for talk sessions on November 12.

Back Mountain Lions held its 7th Annual Charter Night at Roaring Brook Baptist Church Hall, Tuesday. Rev. A. Ward Campbell offered the invocation and acted as songleader. Elwood Ruckel was toastmaster.

30 Years Ago - Oct. 31, 1963 COUNTY SAYS BMT IS GROWING QUICKLY

The Back Mountain is and will continue to be the fastest growing section of Luzerne County in total numbers of people in the foreseeable future according to recent report of the County Planning Commission. Second only to Hazleton area in the amount of land which will have to be "developed" to cope with area growth this area is estimated to need 3,300 additional acres between 1960 and 1980.

College Misericordia's upcoming production "Beauty and the Beast" in cooperation with Wilkes-Barre's Junior League will be presented for young people at Walsh Auditorium weekends of November 8 and 15.

20 Years Ago - Nov. 1, 1973 RECORD UNITED WAY COLLECTION SET

A committee comprised of teachers and administrators from various schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and one from New Jersey spent four days this week evaluating programs, curriculum, services, facilities, staff and administration at the Dallas Senior High School. An official written report will be sent to Robert Dolbear, principal within a six week period.

With help of a quota-breaking performance from the Back Mountain division, the United Way Campaign has raised a record \$1,615,316 in pledges, campaign chairman Richard M. Ross Jr. reported at the Home Stretch Rally and Report meeting. Total amount includes more than \$78,000 in new money and represent a 5.1 percent increase above the 1972 total.

Guest column

Vote 'yes' on KEY 93 bond issue

By Robert Griffith, Chairperson KEY 93 Committee

On November 2, voters have a rare opportunity to help improve the quality of life for us all, by voting for the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (KEY 93) ballot question.

KEY 93 is at once an opportunity to enhance our heritage, and protect it for our children and grandchildren while supporting our economy.

If passed, KEY 93 would approve a \$50 million state bond issue to fund capital projects at community recreational facilities and parks, historical sites, zoos, libraries, state parks and natural areas. Continuing funding to work on what's started through KEY 93 has already been approved, and will come from 15 percent of the state's realty transfer tax, starting in 1995.

The clinching argument for KEY 93 is that NO NEW TAXES ARE NEEDED FOR THE PROGRAM AND NO NEW STATE BUREAUCRACY WILL BE CREATED. The bond issue will be retired without tax increases through a modest three percent growth in state revenues over the next 20 years. And the Fund will be administered by existing state agencies.

Today, critical needs exist for capital improvements to local parks, our state parks, libraries, historical sites and museums. KEY 93 will provide the necessary funding to start that job. For example, the funding authorized by the referendum would be allocated as follows:

The Recreation Fund allocates \$13 million for local parks, recreational facilities, trails and greenways. Funds are also made available for a special park and

recreation program for small towns with less than 5,000 residents. Development of these parks will provide outstanding recreational opportunities and help communities attract and keep jobs.

The Recreation Fund allocates \$17 million to rehabilitate state park and state forest facilities. Our parks are celebrating their centennial, but any casual visitor can see the needs to update and repair existing facilities. The bond issue will provide those funds.

The Recreation Fund allocates \$8 million to preserve and rehabilitate historical sites, buildings and museums, preserving these facilities for future generations and fostering economic development through improved utilization, tourism and job creation.

The Recreation Fund provides \$3.5 million to develop and improve the state's zoos to carry out key education, conservation programs and to serve even more visitors.

The Recreation Fund allocates \$2.5 million for local public library building improvements, for expansion and to make older facilities accessible to the disabled. Library use is increasing more than 10 percent each year, thus the fund is a wise investment in education.

The Recreation Fund allocates \$1.5 million each to the Fish and Boating Commission and the Game Commission for improvements to the hunting, fishing and boating facilities owned by the state, thus ensuring these facilities are restored and protected for future generations.

The KEY 93 Recreation Fund is an important investment in the future of Pennsylvania's greatest resource, our children. They are

the heirs to our state's wonderful recreational, educational, historical and natural heritage. This heritage is threatened unless we have the foresight to make necessary improvements to our over-used and underfunded resources.

KEY 93 will also brighten Pennsylvania's economic future. Good construction jobs will be created to rehabilitate our numerous facilities. Tourism, a \$16 billion industry, will benefit from investments made to recreational, educational, historical and natural attractions. An improved quality of life in Pennsylvania will attract new jobs from relocating businesses and help retain existing jobs.

Pennsylvania voters have not had the opportunity to vote for a major park and recreation funding program in more than two decades. KEY 93 is such a program, but it adds even more. It provides predictable, stable funding for natural, historic, recreational and educational facilities, and supports economic growth by enhancing our quality of life.

The legislation for KEY 93 passed the Pennsylvania State Senate unanimously, and the State House by 196-3. It has been endorsed by both Republican and Democratic State Committees, and by more than 200 diverse statewide, regional and local organizations from the American Association of Retired Persons to the Zoological Society of Philadelphia.

We would be wise to join together on November 2, to VOTE YES on the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation bond issue on the ballot and so insure Pennsylvania's Heritage...and Our Children's Future.

Library news

Antique radio collection beams into library

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is featuring a unique collection of antique radios borrowed from Bill Mann of Harveys Lake. The radios are from the 1930's to the early 1940's. There are eight radios in the display case with one special radio on top of the display. One of the radios has a fancy grill, made of a blend of wood and chrome and plastic in art deco style from the early 1940's. Another one is made in an unusual shape, which is hard to find. The configuration makes it unique. There are some short "tombstone radios" in the display.

Another special radio is a Stromberg-Carlson table model, which is hard to find. The white radio on top of the display is an interesting blend of chrome and plastic from the 1940's. Mr. Mann has been collecting these radios for about 20 years and has a collection of 300 radios in his home. This display shows an

interesting collection of different radios and will be at the library until November 17.

The Book Club of the library met in the reference room for its October meeting. Mary Lou Swingle, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and Contingency Fund chairman, Blanche Thompson, reported \$36.67 in the fund to date. The members are sorry to hear that long-time Book Club member and library supporter, Frances Linskill, was taken ill and is recuperating at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Best wishes were sent to her.

Under new business, announcement was made of the annual Book Club Christmas Tea to be held at the library on Monday, December 20. Next regular meeting will be November 15 at the library. Serving at the refreshment table were Inga Goldsmith and Audrey Farr.

New books at the library: "The Fountain of Age" by Betty Friedan will change forever the way all of us, men and women, think about

ourselves as we grow older and the way society thinks about aging. Struggling to hold on to the illusion of youth, we have denied the reality and evaded the new triumphs of growing older. We have seen age only as decline. In this powerful and very personal book, the author charts her own voyage of discovery, and that of others, into a different kind of aging. A new look at "personhood."

"Arrow to the Heart" by Jennifer Blakely is a historical romance, a sensual, captivating drama set in 19th century Louisiana, where a Southern version of the medieval court of love still flourished. The arranged marriage that united Katrine to Giles Castlereigh merged two of Louisiana's most prominent families. But after five years, Katrine remains untouched in body and heart—with a husband unable to fulfill his greatest need, to produce an heir. What follows is a diabolical test of their nerves and willpower.

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