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Swimmers dive into new team

By GRACE R. DOVE
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What the new Dallas High School swimming team lacks in experience, it makes up with motivation.

Begun this year for the first time in the school's history, the swim team will compete in its first exhibition meet January 9 against West Scranton.

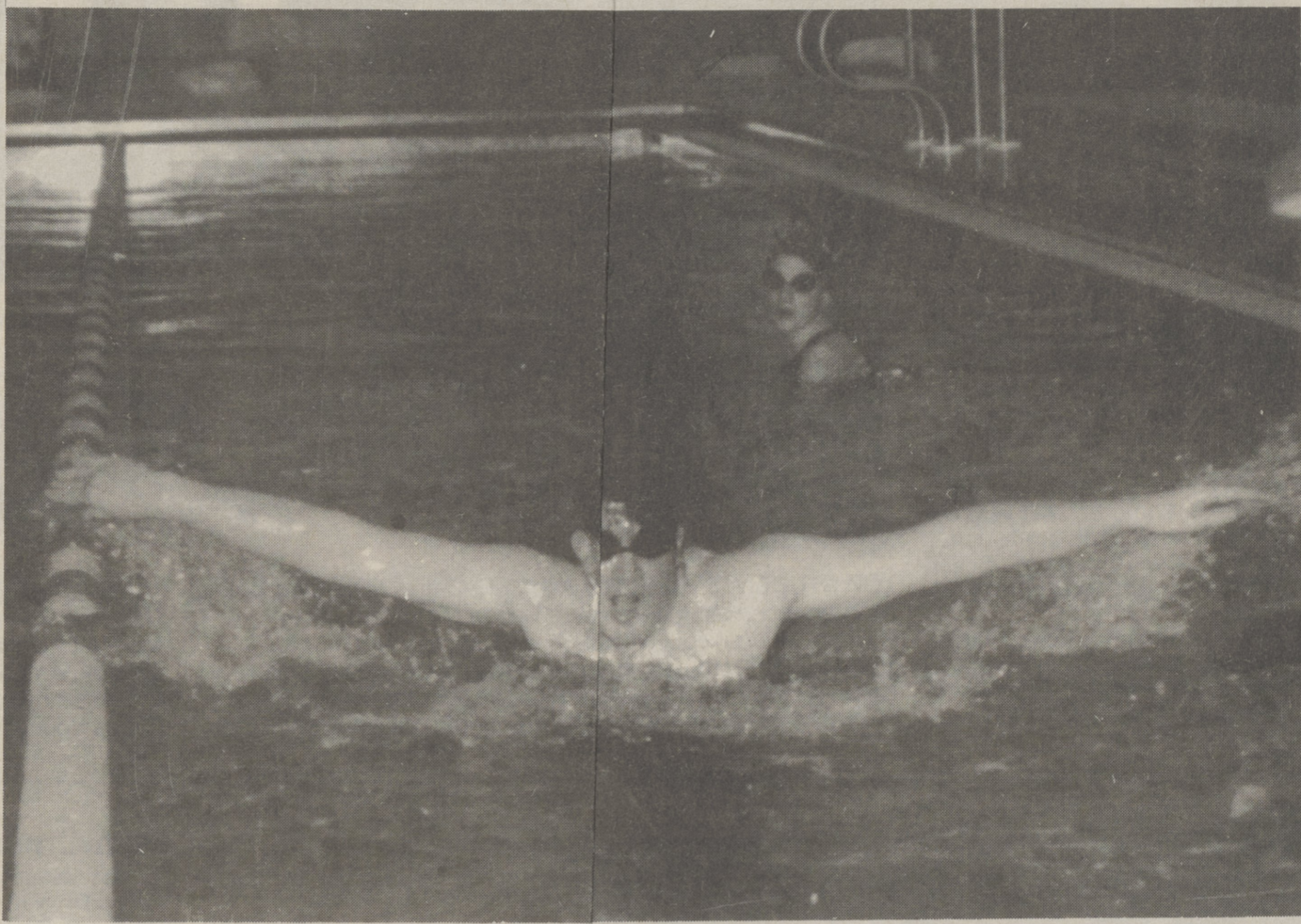
The team has scheduled seven exhibition meets this season and plans to begin regular competition next season.

Exhibition meets don't count either for or against the team, but individual students may swim and earn points toward district competition.

Although they all can swim, many of the team's 27 students have never competed in any sport. They had to start with the basics: getting in shape and learning the strokes - freestyle (the crawl), breast stroke, butterfly and back stroke.

At a recent practice at College Misericordia's pool, the students quickly got down to business, bending and stretching alongside the pool followed by warmup drills in the water.

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In the swim

Dean Evans, a Dallas High junior, practicing the butterfly at College Misericordia. The Dallas High School swimming team has been tuning up for its first season. Team scores won't count, but individuals may qualify for districts.

Murphy will earn top Army award

By GRACE R. DOVE
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When Harveys Lake native Charles Murphy retires in April, he will have the distinction of receiving the U.S. Army's highest peacetime award, the Army Legion of Merit.

It will be the culmination of a successful military career.

Murphy enlisted in 1970 and has earned numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Army Command Medal with five oak leaf clusters, and the Air Medal and the Bronze Star for his service in Operation Desert Storm.

"There are many more, but it would take too long and be too boring to list them all," he said.

He's retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4, the highest technical rank between sergeant major (the highest enlisted rank) and second lieutenant (the lowest officer's rank.)

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The 'Little Red Store' closes after 85 years

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Moore's Store, a well-known Back Mountain landmark, has closed its doors after 85 years of continuous operation.

Bob Hains, who had lease-purchased the store from Bob and Lorraine Moore in 1991, said he couldn't compete with the prices in the area's supermarkets.

"If you buy in volume, you get better wholesale prices," he said. "I didn't need large amounts of merchandise, so I had to pay my wholesalers higher prices and charge my customers more."

Although the store was convenient for customers who didn't want to drive into Dallas, Hains said he didn't get much regular business.

He also faced some expensive repairs - the roof had begun to leak from last year's severe winter and vandals had smashed a front plate glass window and shot holes in the front door's glass this summer.

"This drive-by vandalism has been happening all over," Hains said. "I started to worry about the girls who worked here alone."

Former owners Lorraine and Bob "Morrie" Moore had retired from the business in 1991.

"There was always a big pot of coffee on and we fed the help a good meal every day."

Lorraine Moore
Former store owner

"It got to be too much," Mrs. Moore said. "You need lots of energy to operate a family business."

"I spent a good 80 hours a week taking care of the store and doing the book work," Morrie said. "I can't do that any more."

The store had been started as a small candy store by Morrie's grandfather, Frank Moore.

Alfred A. Moore, Frank's son and Morrie's father, enlarged the store, adding meats and some produce, until it became a meat market with a reputation for fine meats and excellent homemade sausage and kielbasi.

"We had the best sausage around," Mrs. Moore said. "People from all over asked us to ship to them. We also made all the sausage for the East Dallas Methodist church."

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CLOSING ITS DOORS - Bob "Morrie" Moore and his nephews, Gary and older brother Greg Cobeigh, are preparing Moore's Store on Lower Demunds Road for sale. The store closed its doors December 21.

Water, winter make street hazardous

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Water running down Dallas Borough's Red Ledge Drive and freezing on the roadway has created what resident Tom Wilhelm has described as "a disaster waiting to happen."

Wilehelm and two other couples living nearby asked the borough council at its December 20 meeting for help in alleviating the situation, which has become worse over the past several years.

Roger Howell told the council that water bubbling from the

ground runs over the roadway and freezes in cold weather, damaging the pavement in spots.

Colleen Reed, who moved to Red Ledge Drive three years ago, told *The Dallas Post* December 30 that the problem is worse when water melts and refreezes during the winter.

"Guests have told me they have slid so badly on the ice at the bottom of the hill that they have nearly slid across Huntsville Road and into a house," she said.

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We're the smallest Dallas, but came before the 'Big D'

Most of us in Northeastern Pennsylvania are aware of our Dallas and the Big "D", but did you know about the ones in between?

Of course Dallas, Texas is the big "D" with a population of over 1,000,000 and our very own Dallas Borough is the smallest with a 1990 census of 2,567. As I tell the people from Texas, when they are surprised to find out about the little "d" we are not the biggest or might not be the best but we are the first. Dallas Township, popu-

lation 7,625 in the 1990 census (including College Misericordia students), was incorporated before the city of Dallas, Texas.

Dallas, Oregon is the 2nd largest checking in with 9,422. North Carolina's entry comes in at 3,012 just ahead of the last two. Dallas, Georgia near Atlanta edges Dallas Borough out by 243 people.

How did the towns get their name?

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BUCKY EDWARDS
On the slopes in Colorado

'Bucky' Edwards skis with greatest of ease

By JACK HILSHER
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Are you ready to believe that a 72-year-old Back Mountain man flies through the air - yes, with the greatest of ease - on skis? And that he not only skis, but aces on skis?

Well you'd better be a believer, because Harry R. Edwards of Lehman Road, who spends an awful lot of time on those things, recently placed third in a ski race of 70-79 year old Pennsylvanians!

And if your reaction is this: "Oh, do you mean 'Bucky' Edwards?" you'd be correct, but the origin of his nickname is buried. "Maybe," Edwards explains, "because I like to hunt buck deer. I'm not really sure...I prefer 'Buck' but I get 'Bucky' and that's okay."

At any rate, Harry "Bucky" Edwards, founder of the Huntsville

Nursery and patriarch of a whole family of skiers, pulled off his laudable feat in last season's Budweiser Challenge NASTAR (NATIONAL STANDARD RACE) at Breckenridge, Colorado. Edwards' ranking race gave him a season handicap of 26, which means he was just 26% behind the national pacesetter Daron Rahives, a pro who runs first with a zero handicap. The two skiers who bested Edwards had only 20% (second place) and 18% (first) so his 26% looks pretty decent.

The watchword in all NASTAR events is fairness. In addition to six age groups (youngest is 21-29 with thousands per state), you race only against the clock, not directly against other skiers. You first trip a timer at the starting gate, which clicks off as you reach

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