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## Overworked, understaffed .. and loving their work

### 'Fish cops' cover a lot of territory

By JACK HILSHER  
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The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission is used to being virtually invisible, unless you happen to break the law. Northeast Region Manager, Kerry Messerle, 48, says, "People confuse us with DER, or with the Game Commission, or the Bureau of Parks or

Forestry. We're used to it." Messerle's group of 70 waterways conservation officers and 450 deputies are none of the above. They do their own things, enforcing state codes and laws. Commission funding comes not from tax dollars but self-supporting activities like fishing and boat licenses.

In addition to law enforcement

"We stock fish. We stock lots of fish..."

Kerry Messerle  
Fish Commission regional manager

in a dozen counties, Messerle explains some of their many other functions: "We stock fish. We stock lots of fish...like 5 million annually, and we've been doing this for years, long before my 21 years."

He adds, "We're also deep into

educational and information programs on things like conservation, fishing skills, boating safety...all sorts of beneficial activities."

You don't talk to Manager Messerle or any of his conservation officers very long before you

get the clear and correct idea you are facing dedicated, highly motivated, civil employees (civil "servant" doesn't fit) who love what they do and couldn't imagine ever doing anything different.

To land their jobs they had to study, and study hard. They are all thoroughly trained and to keep them that way their education and intensive training are ongoing. They progress constantly, and, to a man, they "eat it up."

One Waterways Conservation

Officer, James Stout spent 10 years as a deputy and has two years in his present capacity. In the summer Jim spends about 40 percent of his time in and about Harveys Lake. He thinks the area is simply terrific.

A former steel salesman, Jim says, "This is the life! We do have paperwork, you can't get away from it, and of course we hate it, but it's a small part of a life I like

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## 'First Lady of the Library' left her mark

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

DALLAS - Mrs. Florence Crump, who passed away August 19 at the age of 100, was affectionately known to many Back Mountain residents as "the first lady of the library." This was no honorary title - Mrs. Crump was known as a genteel lady who usually was the first person to get working on whatever project was at hand. No job was ever beneath her dignity.

She was the Back Mountain Memorial Library's first children's librarian, a member of the board of directors and founder of its book club and the auction's book booth.

"She was a real lady, a truly wonderful woman," said librarian and longtime friend Nancy Kozemchak, who recalled that Mrs. Crump got up at 6 a.m. to bake fresh chocolate chip cookies for the volunteers who moved the library's books to the new building on Huntsville Road 10 years ago.

Mrs. Kozemchak writes the "Library News" column for *The*

"She had a wonderful attitude towards life and was a pleasure to be with."

Bennie Matchett  
Library book booth chairman

Dallas Post, and recalled how Mrs. Crump would telephone if she found a grammatical error in her copy.

"When I tried to tell her I was in a hurry when I was writing it, she would always quietly reply, 'Never be in too much of a hurry. Don't make mistakes.' She wanted everyone to be the very best they could," she said.

Mrs. Crump was "a real whiz" with grammar and wouldn't hesitate to gently remind her pastor, Rev. Prater, of any mistakes she had heard in his sermons at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Mrs. Kozemchak said.

An avid gardener and member of the Wyoming Valley Garden Club, Mrs. Crump loved freesia (a tiny little white vine),



MRS. CRUMP'S BOOK BOOTH

POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

MRS. FLORENCE CRUMP  
Keeping an eye on the library auction

which people always tried to include in bouquets and flower arrangements they sent her. "If someone didn't specifically request freesia for her, Hill the Florist would suggest it," Mrs. Kozemchak said.

She also loved the silver dollar plant, and brought a bunch of it in a dried flower arrangement to the library. It's

still there in good condition after 30 years, Mrs. Kozemchak said.

She spent many hours sorting and pricing books for "Mrs. Crump's Book Booth," a popular attraction at the annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. Collecting and

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## Rezoning asked for go-carts, mini-golf

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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LEHMAN - Dan Cornell asked the supervisors at their regular August 21 meeting to discuss his request to change six acres of land on Route 118 from agricultural to business so he can build an entertainment center there.

He plans to build a go-cart track for miniature Winston Cup racers, which would race against the clock, a miniature golf course, refreshment stand and indoor arcade on the land, located between Route 118 and Cornell Road at the Trojan Road intersection.

The supervisors said they could schedule a hearing for 8 p.m. September 18, after their regular meeting, unless Cornell can obtain approval from the Luzerne County planning commission earlier. He will also need approval from the Lehman Township plan-

ning commission and zoning board, supervisor David Sutton said.

Sutton also said he wished to clarify a point about the township's recently adopted zoning regulations.

"Lake Silkworth is not polluted," he said. "We never said it was. We adopted this amendment, which refused to allow expansion of buildings on nonconforming lots of less than half an acre which don't have public water and sewers, because we don't want to ruin the water quality of Lake Silkworth."

Martha Wheeler, head librarian of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, asked the supervisors to include a donation to the library in their 1996 budget.

The library has lost much

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## Three new teachers begin work in Dallas schools

DALLAS - When they return to school August 30, Dallas students will see three new faces on the faculty.

Middle school learning support teacher Ms. Kathleen Andrusisian, a Dallas resident, comes to the district from Abington Heights, where she worked in the same capacity at the high school. She also taught learning support at Lee County High School in Leesburg, GA.

Andrusisian earned her master's degree in elementary administration at The Citadel in Charleston, SC, and her bachelor's degree in special education from Bloomsburg University.

High school math and science teacher Scott Saba of Dallas isn't new to the district, having substituted and student taught here.

Saba earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and chemistry from Widener

University in Chester and his bachelor's degree in mathematics from College Misericordia.

Filling in for Dallas Elementary principal Ms. Ruth Tetschner, who is on a sabbatical this year, is Kingston resident Ms. Kathleen McCarthy, who formerly was principal of St. Mary's School in Moosic.

She also taught grades 6-8 social studies, English and religion at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas.

Ms. McCarthy earned her bachelor's degree in history from Molloy College in Rockville Centre, NY, and her master's degree in history from St. John's University in Jamaica, NY. She also participated in a history school leadership program at Marywood College in Scranton, where she earned certification as an elementary and secondary school principal.

## Group urges borough to buy lake bed

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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HARVEYS LAKE - Will the real owner of the lake bed please stand up?

The question of who actually owns the land under Harveys Lake has been debated for decades. The Harveys Lake Protective Association would like to resolve the matter once and for all, by having the borough take over ownership by a writ of condemnation.

Under the proposed plan, submitted August 15 to the borough

council, owners of docks, boat houses and bath houses would be allowed to keep them, as long as they pay the surveying and engineering fees to delineate their lake bottom property. The borough would own the rest of the land.

"It's designed to protect dock owners from someone who might decide to buy up the lake bed and sell sections of it back to people who already have docks set up," said Protective Association president Joseph Shaver. "This has already happened at North Lake. The Fish Commission also un-

successfully tried to claim ownership of the bottom of Lily Lake. We don't want it to happen here."

If a private interest takes ownership of the lake bed, it will have to pay back taxes of more than \$1 million, he added. The borough would be exempt from the back taxes.

The proposed plan also calls for the borough to take ownership of the dam at the Outlet, presently owned by the Moretti family.

Borough control of the dam could have several benefits, according to Protective Association

past president Guy Giordano.

"It would ensure that the dam is properly maintained," he said. "It would also give the borough power to regulate the flow of water from the lake during floods, protecting dock owners from having their docks and boat houses inundated. During Hurricane Agnes in 1972 I stood knee-deep in water on a dock. During Hurricane Eloise in 1976, water covered the road and the bridge at the dam."

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## Geese making themselves unwelcome at Meadows

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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DALLAS TOWNSHIP - Three weeks ago a flock of Canadian geese set up housekeeping at two ponds at The Meadows complex. Now they are a nuisance.

Stopping in for breakfast and supper, they fly low over people's heads and strafe the lawn and cars in the parking lot with guano.

"I can't walk for exercise any more," said Meadows Apartments resident Sarah Williams.

Grace Gabel usually walks a

mile around the complex, but stopped because all the walkways are covered with droppings. "They're a real pain in the neck," she said.

While walking to The High Meadows building one day last week, Mrs. Gabel encountered the flock. "They all moved out of the way, except for a big one that wouldn't leave," she said, smiling. "I told him to get out of the way, but he just kept walking along, honking and chattering to him-

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POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

A flock of Canadian geese recently invaded two ponds and the lawn of The Meadows complex, giving residents either a nuisance to be avoided or something interesting to see on their daily walks.

### World Champ

Josh Butler won the world title and set four world records in a weightlifting meet held in England last weekend. Page 9.

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