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EDITORIALS

Waste no more time on signals for highway

Last week's near tragic accident at the intersection of Main Road and Route 309 in Dallas is a reminder of how treacherous that highway can be. *Fortunately*, the 24 students on the school bus weren't injured. *Fortunately*, the small car that clipped the corner of the bus was able to avoid a direct impact. *Fortunately*, no other vehicles became involved.

We're long past the point that good fortune should rule whether or not a dangerous intersection remains that way, or is made safe... or at least safer. It has been two years since installation of traffic signals along Route 309, including at this intersection, was to be completed. So far, work has begun on only one improvement, and we've just learned that the rest will probably wait until next spring. That is a sorry record for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

We have heard some comments that the last thing we need is more traffic lights on the Dallas Highway. That is obviously the uninformed opinion of someone who fears commuting time will be lengthened by more lights while just the opposite should be true if the installation is done properly. The signals alone should make travel safer, but if they are coordinated they also should make it faster, for motorists who obey the speed limit. There are precious few of us who do, of course, and a 45 mph limit in place of the present 35 mph may be possible with proper signaling.

There isn't much argument that it will be safer to drive on, turn from and enter routes 309 and 415 once traffic lights are in place where they are so desperately needed. That should be sooner rather than later.

Publisher's notebook

Ron Bartizek



We saw the movie *Apollo 13* while on vacation this summer, and it was a monumental achievement. It's hard to believe that Ople directed it. I had read about the film earlier in the summer, but decided to see it after listening to Tom Hanks and Capt. James Lovell when they spoke at a National Press Club luncheon. Hearing Hanks comment on the making of the movie, and Lovell about the harrowing flight itself was enough to whet my appetite for more. This week, we have a chance to see and hear Jim Lovell in person at the first of the Celebrity Luncheon Series events. The program will take place Thursday at the Woodlands, with future speakers of note scheduled in the coming months. You can go, too, but give them a call at 288-9118 if you plan to attend.

National Press Club luncheons are another reason I support public broadcasting. They are broadcast live from 1 to 2 p.m. on WVIA, 89.9 fm whenever they take place, which can be once or several times each week. Speakers are uniformly informative and topical, and a question/answer session follows a speech of about 30 minutes. I also value public television, though I must admit not as much as radio. But Channel 44 also helped my family's appreciation of the *Apollo 13* incident by showing a 1 1/2 hour program about it last week, with much contemporary film from the capsule and control room. The producers also interviewed key participants and sprinkled their comments throughout the show.

Sunday's *New York Times* carried an article about the demise of the Broadway Limited, the train that had run between New York and Chicago via Philadelphia and Pittsburgh since 1902. The Limited was scrapped to save money from Amtrak's budget, part of \$240 million that is to be cut from this year's spending. I have seldom ridden a train, other than a subway, but have been convinced for some time that we need more trains, not fewer, in this nation. When I used to take frequent business trips to New York and Philly, I resented the time wasted driving when I could have been accomplishing something if my hands and eyes were free to do so. Pollution and wasted petroleum products are another consequence of our overdependence on private automobiles, and these will both come back to bite us someday. Another \$1 tax on each gallon of gasoline would go a long way toward weaning us from the car, especially if some of the proceeds was put toward adding to our rail capacity and not reducing it.

Incidentally, the Broadway Limited wasn't named for the Great White Way but for the wide right of way along the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Do you agree? Disagree?

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Seen at the fair

The Luzerne County Fair drew plenty of Back Mountaineers last weekend. Among them, in photo at right, Meghan Reino, left and Beverly Smith enjoyed a ride on the Musik Express. Below, Nina Kemp, Shavertown, left, and Jessica Carter, Lehman, had their eyes on a funnel cake.

Photos by Charlotte Bartizek



As I was saying



Jack Hilsher

Those newspaper "Personals" columns intrigue me. There is something fascinating about how people describe themselves when trying to attract members of the opposite sex. To read them of course you have to learn the abbreviations, like SWF and DWF and SWM and DWM. (N/S is a non-smoker and N/D a non-drinker.)

Many of the gals call themselves attractive or cute. Their weight averages 115# and heights seldom go over 5'7" or under 5'5". Both sexes value sincerity and honesty, enjoy the outdoors and long walks, love to dance and/or cuddle. "Possible relationship" is the one common goal. all hope to

'Personal' ads aren't new

But that is today - 1995. What about, say, 200 years ago around 1795? Yup, early London newspapers featured similar ads, some even more daring than ours. Consider this first example from the *Morning Post* (no relation) and tell me if this lady is not attempting to peddle her bod for cash:

"A lady wishes to borrow 100 pounds. The Security, though personal, may probably be very agreeable to a single Gentleman of spirit. Every particular will be communicated with candor and Sincerity, where confidence is so far reposed as to give the real name and address of the party willing to oblige the Advertiser. Gentlemen of real Fortune and liberal Sentiments, and those only, are requested to respond to Y.B."

The next must be an early gigo - "A Young Gentleman of the most liberal education and a Genteel address would be happy in having an opportunity of devoting his services to a Lady of real fashion and Fortune, who may wish to have some particular deficiencies thoroughly supplied, without subjecting herself to any disagreeable restraint."

And this gal first needs a name change: "Agenola says that she has natural golden-brown hair, fair oval face, laughing mischievous eyes, dark arched eyebrows, roughish countenance, is 18, lady-like, sensible, merry, longs to be married to a tall, studious, benevolent, affectionate, well-principled gentleman."

I will skip the chap who looked for a lass "sound of wind and limb, not fat yet not too lean, a clear skin, sweet breath with good set of teeth, no pride, not very talkative" and give you instead one John Hobnail, who wrote, "I hereby give notice to all unmarried women I am five and forty, a widower and in want of a wife. I have a cottage with two acres of land. I have five children, four of them old enough to be in employment, three sides of bacon and some pigs ready for market. I should like to have a woman fit to take care of the house when I am out. I want no second family. She may be between 40 and 50 if she likes, a good sterling woman would be preferred., who would take care of the pigs."

Wonder how many replies old John received?

Library, schools join to 'Jump Start' young readers

September 6. It encourages parents to bring their child into the library to get an official library card in the child's name. A special insert carries the sweepstakes entry form that parents turn in when they bring their children into the library anytime from September through the end of October. In addition to the college grant, prizes include computers, encyclopedia sets and Childcraft sets. Students get to 'sign in' on "I Got a JumpStart at the Library" posters and receive JumpStart stickers.

The mission of the program is to bring community resources together in ways that expand the positive impact of libraries. Local schools participating with the library in the JumpStart program are Dallas Elementary, Lake-Lehman Elementary and Gate of Heaven. The Secretary of Education, Richard Riley, has quoted: "My message to parents, as we get ready for the new school year, is to slow down your lives, roll up your sleeves and find that quiet time to help your children improve their

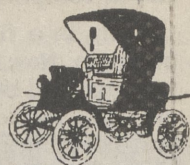
reading and writing."

The first Book Club meeting of the library for the new year will be held on Monday, September 18 at 1:30 in the community room. The new books ordered by the club will be discussed and members will have an opportunity to talk about books they have read. Members and guests are invited. Refreshments will be served.

New books at the library: "A Place Called Freedom" by Ken Follett is a thrilling novel that recaptures a forgotten moment in America's history. It begins in the infernal coal mines of the Jamison family, in the Scottish highlands, where 21-year old Mack McAsh spend most of his waking hours. A story of adventure and passion and desires of the individual heart.

"Iced" by Carol Higgins Clark takes place in the old silver-mining town-turned-trendy resort of Aspen, Colorado, despite an influx of the rich and famous—Regan Reilly. Regan has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays on the slopes and visiting friends.

ONLY YESTERDAY



60 Years Ago - Sept. 20, 1935 BUSINESSMEN REVIVE DALLAS BYPASS

An aggressive campaign to speed the contemplated Luzerne by-pass will be launched at the meeting of Dallas Borough Business Men's Association tonight at Suburban Inn. Businessmen will lay plans for a revival of interest in the project and the cooperation of all Back Mountain communities interested in having the short cut between Dallas and Wyoming Valley constructed.

Despite the warning of physicians, illness could not keep Daniel C. Roberts away from the ceremony, Saturday to dedicate the building and fire truck which he donated to the Harveys lake fire company.

You could get - Small lean pork butts, 29¢ lb.; pork sausage, 35¢ lb.; rump of beef, 23¢ lb.

50 Years Ago - Sept. 21, 1945 FOUR MINISTERS NOTE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Four of five former pastors of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Noxen, Rev. Hiram F.J. Senekie, D.D.; Rev. J. Christian Krahmer; Rev. Luther B. Scheel and Rev. John R. Albright will participate in the congregations 50th Anniversary, Sept. 23. St. Luke's had its beginning in the early 1890's when a group of neighborhood children met for Sunday School classes at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mosser. As attendance increased more room was needed, so a meeting place was prepared in the Noxen Tannery. A church was built and dedicated Nov. 26, 1899.

Herman and Bert Coon well known for their work with farm machinery last Friday bought the Charles Frantz farm in Carverton, which is well adapted to the use of their equipment. They expect to raise mostly grain and hay and perhaps have a small dairy.

40 Years Ago - Sept. 16, 1955 STUDENT DRIVERS CAN JUST PUT IT IN DRIVE

Lehman-Jackson-Ross Juniors will learn to drive in the latest thing in Fordomatic cars provided by Motor Twins, according to an announcement made at the triple jointure school board meeting. The dual-controlled car will be in operation shortly. While waiting for road training, students are concentrating on theory under direction of Michael Beky, instructor.

Dallas Borough-Kingston Township Joint School Board held a special meeting Tuesday evening to consider whether additional teachers should be employed in the elementary schools of the district. The finance committee was instructed to check the budget items and report on the possibility of financing the hiring of additional teachers and equipping additional classrooms.

30 Years Ago - Sept. 16, 1965 LEGION NAMES REV. KANE MAN OF THE YEAR

Five local architects will be interviewed first in studying plans for new school buildings needed in the Dallas District. The Board of Directors voted in favor of this decision as crowded conditions continued to prevail with an enrollment figure of 3,127 students and mounting. School director candidates will also be invited to attend these interviews, as no final decision will probably be made until they take office.

Rev. Francis A. Kane, pastor of Gate of Heaven Catholic Church, Dallas, was presented the American Legion Man of Year Award by Daddow-Isaacs Post 672, Saturday evening. Occasion was the Americanism Night ceremony.

20 Years Ago - Sept. 18, 1975 HARVEYS LAKE PLANS SUIT OVER SEWERS

"I hereby instruct our solicitor to begin the legal research necessary to institute legal action against Glace & Glace, Inc. so they are held fully accountable for the financial difficulties they have caused the authority and the taxpayers of Harveys Lake. With this statement at last Wednesday's meeting of the Harvey Lake Municipal Authority, chairman George Alles started the legal wheels in motion against the engineering firm responsible for the Harveys Lake sewer project.