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PHOTO COURTESY OF HENRY WARD

Henry "Hank" Ward of Dallas Township built this flashy stubby-winged red and white Pitt Special biplane.

Area pilots join airport celebration

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

DALLAS TOWNSHIP - Two Back Mountain aviators will be on hand September 24 to help celebrate the 66th anniversary of the valley's first air passenger service, between Wyoming Valley Airport at Forty Fort and the major air travel hub of Newark, NJ.

Pilots Dr. Marshall Rumbaugh, who owns a Cessna 210, and Henry "Hank" Ward, who has built a Pitt Special, both learned to fly

"The fun flying days of just jumping into your Piper Cub and taking off are long gone."

Henry Ward
Pitt Special pilot

at the area's first airport in Forty Fort while in their teens.

Ward learned to fly with the late Danny Yatsko, owner of Danny's Air Service. Radios weren't required on planes then.

After reminiscing about seat-of-the-pants flying, relying solely

on landmarks, a compass and altimeter, Ward said flying has become "more serious" today.

"They're more safety conscious," he said. "You have to file flight plans and follow lots of regulations. I'm restricted from using the larger commercial airports like

Avoca because I don't have a radio. The fun flying days of just jumping into your Piper Cub and taking off are long gone."

Ward's flashy red and white stubby-winged Pitt biplane took four years and about 3,000 hours to build. He has flown it to airshows all over the country and won numerous awards with it.

Now he's working on a second experimental craft in his basement.

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Dirt road unsafe for kids, say parents

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

DALLAS - Two families on an unimproved dirt road feel as if they're spinning their wheels in their efforts to get the school district to change their children's bus route.

Karen Arnaud and Sandy Walton, whose young children ride the Dallas school buses, have asked the district to either send the school bus closer to their homes or send a mini-van down the narrow road to pick the students up.

The district says it doesn't want to send a bus on a dirt road. The borough can't afford to pave the road so the buses can get through.

Presently the school bus only goes as far as the end of Machell Ave. near Winterview Stable, where it backs onto Reservoir Road, turns around, picks up the children and leaves.

"This is a weird situation," Arnaud said. "It isn't safe for the

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Paulsen meets the end user, Jim Lovell

Dallas engineer helped to build Apollo simulators

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

Back Mountain resident Bill Paulsen and Astronaut Jim Lovell had something in common to recall when they met at last week's Celebrity Luncheon at the Woodlands.

Paulsen was a research and design engineer for Link Aviation in Binghamton from 1954 to 1964 when Link, noted for its aviation trainers, developed similar machines called "simulators" for space flight, one of which was used to train Lovell for Apollo 8. They talked together during a break in Lovell's appearance.

Lovell told Paulsen he remembered his hours - days

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The real Apollo 13

Students from Wyoming Seminary had a chance to meet Apollo 13 captain James Lovell before his talk at last week's Celebrity Luncheon in Wilkes-Barre. Seated, from left, Andrew Volpetti, Dallas; Capt. Lovell; Chad Flack, Shavertown. Standing, Dan Davis, Lehman; Dan Volpetti, Dallas; Paul Santarelli, Dallas, Andrew Feinstein, Shavertown.

Gasoline cleanup showing progress

By GRACE R. DOVE
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LEHMAN - The news from a federally-funded cleanup of a gasoline spill is good. It's working, and the levels of contaminants found in 20 wells around Lehman Corners have gone down since the cleanup began last October.

According to federal Environmental Protection Agency site coordinators Richard Fetzer and Jerry Heston, the cleanup, in which the contaminants are being removed from ground water in a wetland behind the Lehman Sunoco station, will probably continue at least until spring.

"We're finding increasingly lower levels of gasoline additives in the private wells as we continue to treat the water," Fetzer said. "The source of the contamination won't last forever. We won't leave the site until we're comfortable with the contamination levels -

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Meeting to decide two planners' fate

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - The supervisors will meet September 26 at 7 p.m. in the fire hall to discuss their request for the resignations of planning commission members Frank Hilstolsky and chairman Ed Dorrance. The planning commission meeting for that date has been cancelled.

At least 50 people attended the last public meeting September 13 on proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance, described by supervisor Robert Redmond as

designed "to protect the taxpayers of the township."

"In the past we have run into problems with increasingly larger housing developments and sewage disposal," he added. "We're trying to stiffen up the requirements."

The most significant changes were to combine the two agricultural areas, which comprise about 70 percent of the township, create two residential-mobile home park areas and replace the suburban zone with R-1 (single family) and R-2 (two-family) residential areas, according to Jack Varaly, who helped write the amendments.

Minimum lot sizes in the agricultural area are tentatively set at three acres, while they will be one acre in the R-1 zone and two acres in the R-2 zone, he added.

The amendments won't affect existing lots which don't meet the requirements, unless their owners try to subdivide them in the future.

Attorney Richard Williams said he represents 72 residents of two developments, who want the supervisors to keep the three-acre size in the agricultural zone.

General contractor Jay Futch said he had a petition containing

an additional 72 names, requesting the three-acre minimum. By the end of the meeting he said he had obtained 35 more signatures.

Futch, who lives near Crown Hill, said he had circulated the petition in his neighborhood. "A good 95 percent of the people I showed it to signed it," he said.

The majority of the residents who spoke favored keeping the minimum lot size in the agricultural zone at three acres.

Redmond said the supervisors will "take everything into consideration" before they either pass or reject the amendments.

K.C. Covert is advisor to national magazine

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

When 14-year-old Kevin Covert asked his Mom to "mail something" she did and thought no more about it. So when that "something" turned out to be a letter of application to a national magazine, and was accepted, Mom got something of a surprise. She said, "I didn't even get to read his letter!"

"K.C." as young Kevin Covert Jr. is known to friends - has just been selected for the 1995 Junior Member Advisory Board of National Geographic World magazine. The magazine, an offshoot of its prestigious parent known worldwide, was established in 1975 for children ages eight and up. Circulation a mere million!

It would remind many seniors

"This is a great kid. I'd say that even if he didn't belong to me!"

Kevin Covert Sr.
Proud father

of how magazines popular in their youth: *Boy's Life* and *Girl's Life*. Both were eagerly awaited each month and were packed with exciting things to do or build, along with educational features deliberately written not to be boring.

The Geographic's World is cut from the same glossy paper. There is a spread on jeans - their history and how to wear 'em. What makes a volcano tick? How come skeeters sting? and more. There are

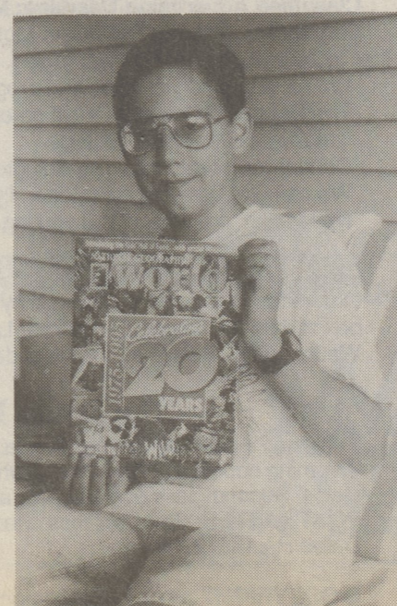
puzzles to solve, ways to pronounce tough words, even a real live maze to work out!

World's Advisory Board started two years ago hoping to get reader input, likes and dislikes, even story ideas. It worked: hundreds of children replied from the United States and Canada, plus over a 100 other countries where subscribers live.

A total of 160 kids are chosen each year. Volunteers are requested in January when applicants are asked to tell their interests, three favorite things, and why they want to be a board member, and to give one hot idea for a future issue.

World looks for a good mix of boys and girls, younger kids and older ones, hobby and interest

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KEVIN COVERT JR.

Mailman is life saver for elderly Dallas woman

DALLAS - Bob Morgan, 43-year-old rural letter carrier working out of the post office in Dallas, for the past eight years was in the right place at the right time. At least that's the way 90-year-old Myra Carlin, who lives on Bob's mail route, sees it.

On Monday, Sept. 11,

1995, while delivering his route, Bob stopped to deliver mail to Mrs. Carlin's home. Myra, an elderly woman who resides at Ransom Road, Dallas Twp. is under a doctor's care and requires mail delivery to her door instead of the usual curb mailbox.

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■ **Emmy again!**
Dallas native Neal Gallagher has won his second Emmy Award. Pg 3.

■ **Perfect.** The Dallas field hockey team sports a 5-0 record so far this season. Pg 9

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