

EDITORIALS

**Raise night speed on lake?
Only if you like accidents**

Add some members of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to the list of mindless fans of unbridled speed in motor-powered vehicles. John Simmons, director of the commission's boating bureau, has been quoted saying there's no reason to drive boats slowly at night on Harveys Lake. He supports the idea of a 25 mph night speed limit. In case you haven't driven a boat lately, that's pretty fast, especially in a vehicle without headlights.

At the urging of Harveys Lake Borough and the Harveys Lake Protective Association, the commission imposed a dusk to dawn no-wake speed restriction on Harveys Lake last year. It came after years of accidents and injuries, many of them at night and most caused by excessive speed, alcohol, or a combination of the two. The restriction not only makes sense, it makes the lake more appealing — at least for a few hours each evening — to fishermen and others who find sharing the waters with noisy power boats unpleasant, or worse.

Perhaps Mr. Simmons has forgotten the serious accidents that have marred the lake, although it appears he simply chooses to ignore them when he says many years passed with no speed restrictions and no mishaps.

What is it that drives those who want to race their boats around this relatively small body of water at all hours of the day and night? It apparently doesn't satisfy them that there are no speed or motor size restrictions during the day, they want more. Meanwhile, enthusiasts with sailboats, canoes or row-boats feel under attack as dozens of high-powered motor boats zoom about, creating wakes that not only endanger smaller craft but erode the shoreline.

Surely it's not too much to ask that the night hours, when accidents that have claimed half a dozen lives have occurred, be reserved for more sedate uses. If the state wants to do anything about speeds at Harveys Lake, it should slow things down during the day, not speed them up at night.

**Frances Slocum Park is
valuable resource, and fun**

Another of Northeastern Pennsylvania's natural gems lies in the Back Mountain, and part of it is getting a facelift. Frances Slocum State Park offers a wide selection of outdoor activity in a compact, easy-to-reach setting in Kingston Township. There are hiking trails and camping areas, fishing spots and boat launches. There's even an outdoor swimming pool set sturdily on the hillside, although it won't be open until major repairs are completed.

Naturalist Jerry Kozlansky is around to make sure anyone who cares to not only enjoys their visit, but learns a thing or two along the way. He runs a series of educational programs for children and adults, and this year is adding a few new twists. In addition to the standard nature camps and scavenger hunts, there will be an evening of musical fun and a program on preventing Lyme disease.

Of course, you don't need to take a course or buy a ticket to enjoy the natural beauty of the park; you just need some time and interest. It's a great place for a family picnic, or a bike ride, especially for children since speeding cars are a rarity.

While the park is open all year long, more people visit in the summer and fall than any other time of year. You might want to do the same.

Publisher's notebook

Ron Bartizek



If the standoff between the FBI and the Montana "Freemen" is still going on, I have a solution. First, the feds should invite every member of every wacko group to come visit their comrades, and make it easy for them to get in. If there are too many militiamen (and women? Funny, you don't read about many women in these groups), we should build housing for them. Then, when all the miscreants are inside, build a sturdy wall around the entire compound, give them sovereignty, and keep them there...permanently.

These deadbeats want to talk with someone important. It would be a mistake to allow them to negotiate with anyone in an office higher than dogcatcher, since doing so would give other, equally-idiotic sociopaths the notion they can be important if they make threats against authority figures. There are plenty of legal and effective ways Americans can make their displeasure with their government known, and we shouldn't be rewarding those who go completely outside the bounds of reasonable protest.

Do you agree? Disagree?

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That planting time of year. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

LETTERS

Thanks to many, Science Expo was success

Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to graciously thank all those students, parents and teachers who volunteered their time and effort to make the first Dallas Elementary School Science Expo a wonderfully successful event. Thanks also to the teachers who brought their students through the Science Expo as part of their lesson plan for that day.

One of the most important aspects of this event was that it was good for our children and for the school district's students. Chil-

dren were encouraged by both parents and teachers to explore and investigate new problems and ideas thereby developing those creative and analytical thinking skills.

The most rewarding moment was observing those excited students explaining their projects to other students and adults (both parents and teachers) and seeing those students realize that at that moment, they were the "experts"! They made themselves proud and we are proud of them as well. The excitement was contagious and that's what education is all about.

The excitement of discovery, the excitement of learning, the excitement of completing a project and of teaching someone else about your discoveries was quite evident in the eyes of those young explorers.

It's our duty as adults to try and maintain that excitement and nurture our children so that they approach the challenges of life with the same excitement and enthusiasm.

Debra A. Serfass, Ph.D
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Science Expo Committee

Dallas Boro road crew does outstanding job

Editor:

I would like to give recognition to the Dallas Borough maintenance department and to one employee in particular, Danny

Parsons. The clean streets, the snow removal, the spring cleanup are all accomplished with speed and thoroughness; these employees obviously take pride in their

profession and their community. I commend you and thank you for a job very well done.

Karen K. Finn
Dallas

Bell choir thanked for program at Meadows

Editor:

Residents of the Meadows Nursing Home were privileged to be entertained by the Bell Choir directed by Carol Fehner.

These people were so eager to do their very best, which they did.

A grateful audience showed their appreciation.

Many thanks and God bless everyone of you. You are an inspiration.

There are many other groups who have provided many happy

hours to the residents.

We wish to extend deep appreciation to all of them. Many thanks!

Elinor Ambrose
Meadows resident



The Kick-Off dinner for the 50th Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held on Monday, June 10 at Yester-Days in Trucksville. The cost of the dinner will be \$25 per person; cocktails at 6 p.m. (cash bar) and dinner served at 7 p.m. The menu will feature beef tenderloin, salmon and two varieties of chicken. Payment with your reservation will reserve your seating. A mini auction will be held after dinner with chairman, Ernest Ashbridge and antiques chairman, Betty Ashbridge in charge and the auction auctioneers conducting the auction. Everyone is invited to attend, to help set the pace for the 50th auction. Many choice items will be sold.

**Reserve now for 50th
Auction Kickoff Dinner**

The auction committees are looking for volunteer help for the various booths and items to be sold at the booth. The book booth would welcome books on gardening, music, crafts and cookbooks, paperbacks, general fiction and non-fiction. The Odds and Ends booth would like saleable items for their booth, also. These items may be dropped off at the library during regular library hours. Auction dates are July 11-14.

New books at the library: "Drink With the Devil" by Jack Higgins is a classic thriller involving the elusively brilliant terrorist turned hero Sean Dillon. The story opens during 1985 off the northwest coast of England where an audacious hijacking by Irish Protestant para-militaries results in the disappearance of one hundred million pounds in gold bullion. The haul and hijackers are

last known to be enroute to Ireland on the "Irish Rose", when it goes down in a fierce storm leaving only two survivors - Michael Ryan, the mastermind behind the plot, and his accomplice, Martin Keogh.

"The Fourth Estate" by Jeffrey Archer is a stunning display of storytelling which creates two extraordinary protagonists whose life stories could have been taken from today's headlines, and pits them against each other as each strives to be the first to create a global media empire and become the most powerful man on earth. Lubji Hoch, the son of an illiterate Jewish peasant, escapes the Nazis, changes his name and becomes an officer in the British army. Keith Townsend, son of a millionaire, is groomed to follow in his father's footsteps. Their ambitions collide on a global scale.

ONLY
YESTERDAY



**60 Years Ago - June 3, 1936
BORO PRINCIPAL'S FATE
IN HANDS OF COURT**

A legal fog still hung low over Dallas Borough School District this week as school officials waited anxiously for the decision expected daily on the first two of the three suits which have been filed against the board. For the last two weeks the school district has been restrained from engaging a new principal or proceeding with its tax duplicate because of temporary injunctions granted by Judge W.S. McLean, pending his decisions on suits filed by Norman Dinger, supervising principal and Charles Stookey, a Dallas Taxpayer. McLean's decision probably will be handed down today or tomorrow.

You could get - Round steak, 31¢ lb.; center cut pork chops, 35¢ lb.; Pillsbury cake flour, big pkg, 23¢; jumbo cantaloupes, 2/25¢; bread, 14 oz. sliced loaf, 6¢.

**50 Years Ago - June 7, 1946
MEMORIAL DEDICATED
IN TRUCKSVILLE**

At impressive services on Memorial Day, citizens of Trucksville dedicated a permanent granite War Memorial to their soldier sons and daughters who served in WW II. The permanent granite memorial stands on property owned by Trucksville Vol. Fire Co. Evergreen shrubs, geraniums, and cut flowers make an attractive setting.

Traffic lights ordered some months ago by Dallas Borough Council have arrived and are being installed on Main Street and Harveys Lake Highway intersections by Paul Shaver. They will not be put in operation until the automatic regulator, which has been delayed in transit arrives.

**40 Years Ago - June 1, 1956
DR. BROWN IS
HOSPITALIZED**

Dr. H. A. Brown, beloved Lehman physician, is critically ill at Nesbitt Hospital. He will be operated upon today to determine the nature and gravity of a disorder of the liver. The community is deeply disturbed over Dr. Brown's illness. Carrying on with his work, attending to his patients far beyond the line of duty, while illness was creeping upon him, Dr. Brown finally realized that he himself was gravely ill and made arrangements to turn his patients over to other physicians.

Mr. and Mrs. William Birch, Hunlock Creek will observe their 50th wedding anniversary June 6 with an open house. They are the parents of four children; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

"Miracle in the Rain" with Jane Wyman and Van Johnson now playing at Luzerne Theatre.

**30 Years Ago - June 2, 1966
BURGLARS HIT DALLAS
HIGH SCHOOL**

Dallas Senior High School was entered early Tuesday morning according to custodians. \$22 in cash on hand to start the next school day purchases of change was taken; desks were riddled, vending machines broken into. The latest break-in at the school follows the pattern of another attempted burglary in January.

Located on Church Street and Memorial Highway, the new Post office will be open for business June 13. Owned by the Federal Government, no word has been received from the department as to a grand opening.

**20 Years Ago - June 2, 1976
BICENTENNIAL BASH
PLANNED FOR AREA**

Final plans have been made for the Back Mountain Bicentennial celebration June 4, 5 and 6 at College Misericordia. There will be many local residents exhibiting. No admission or parking fees. Persons wishing to support the weekend are urged to buy tickets to the old fashioned chicken barbecue.

George McCutcheon, former teacher and guidance counselor for 25 years will return to Dallas High School to address graduates at the June 4 commencement. He is presently director of placement and recruitment at LCCC.