

EDITORIALS

# Business growth is good for Back Mountain

The Back Mountain is attracting retail businesses at a rapid clip, as Kylie Shafferkoetter's article in this week's issue attests. After a lull in the early '90s, a wide range of new shops and services have opened in the past couple of years. That's a good sign for the local economy, and *The Dallas Post* welcomes and congratulates the men and women who have taken the plunge into business ownership, as well as the larger firms that have added Back Mountain locations to their rosters.

Business is a vital part of a healthy community. Buildings and employment generates income and taxes that sustain other institutions, and provide the opportunity for young people to gain experience as well as pocket money. While the Back Mountain is viewed as a "bedroom community" by some, it needs local business not only to meet the needs of consumers but to maintain its status as an independent community and not just a suburb of someplace else.

It takes a variety of factors to build and sustain a vibrant business community, and the Back Mountain has the right mix of capable consumers, welcoming government and helpful business comrades. The last ingredient is aided by the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association, which has become a prime resource for about 100 members who represent a broad cross section of the region's entrepreneurs. In addition to hosting monthly meetings and occasional mixer-type events, the group provides scholarships, sponsors an annual Easter Egg Hunt for children and cares for the triangle at the intersection of routes 309 and 415. A newly-formed Economic Development Committee will expand the association's reach into the area of attracting new employers to the Back Mountain, which many members feel is important to their own continued success.

If you're interested in membership, call Maryellen Giannuzzi, president, at 675-7055 or Bart Slocum, treasurer, at 675-1167.

## Publisher's notebook

Ron Bartizek



Can it be true that we're going to escape the winter unscathed? I hope so; we had enough snow and cold last year for at least two winters and that horrid season came only two years after the previous record setter. I suppose skiers and ski area operators aren't happy, but, hey, Mother Nature can't please everyone all the time. I'm sure there are even people who dislike spring and fall, but they're my favorites, especially the latter. Too much mud in spring.

Add Ken Starr to the list of individuals soiled by the endless investigations into the conduct of President and Mrs. Clinton, and he did it to himself. I've thought all along that Starr, with his cozy connections to conservative Republicans, was a poor choice for the job, and his resignation and reversal only reinforce that feeling. I doubt that anything of great substance will come out of the Whitewater probe, not necessarily because I think the Clintons are without sin. There's a difference between bending the law and breaking it, as well as plenty of ways for clever people to shield themselves from blame, which the Clintons seem particularly adept at.

There's an old saying that you are judged — at least in part — by the company you keep. By that measure, Bill Clinton fails the most feeble test of integrity, or even of concern for those friends who have fallen on their swords countless times to protect him. But character isn't everything. In a recent poll of historians on the best presidents, Franklin Roosevelt would have been on top had it not been for a rank of 15th on character and personal integrity. In politics, those traits are superseded by effectiveness. We must still wait to see how Clinton fares on that score. It will take more than saving travelers from the inconvenience of an airline pilots' strike to leave a lasting mark.

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Downtime, down on the farm. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

## A Case for conservation



Alene N. Case

**Of Study** — If you have any interest at all in learning how to manage pests, especially insect pests, without the use of so many toxic chemicals, go to your phone immediately and call Vinnie Cotrone at 825-1701. He will tell you about a workshop on March 18 (a Tuesday) at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus in Lehman entitled "Integrated Pest Management for Woody Ornamentals." The registration is limited and must be completed by March 7. That is why you must act quickly.

**And of Beads** — Our state legislator, Phyllis Mundy, had a most interesting item in her last newsletter, and it had absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with legal matters. It had to do with something that seems to be getting ignored by her constituents — Reuse. She has learned that Mail Boxes, Etc. in the Dallas Shop-

# 'The time has come,' the Walrus said, 'to talk of many things'

ping Center is willing to accept those plastic packaging peanuts that come in many shipments we all receive and to use them over again. What a wonderful service! It will keep these relatively inert items out of our landfill a while longer. It will mean less oil used to produce more peanuts. And, it will be good for the business offering the service. Let's call 674-2429 and find out more about this exciting opportunity to think globally and act locally.

**Of Legislation** — 1) "If it works, let's can it!" That seems to be the mentality of the federal government as they try to balance the budget. The program to which I am referring is the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (along with three or four other successful river basin commissions) which is not included in the President's 1998 budget request to Congress. This omission occurred in spite of many letters from Senators (both Specter and Santorum) and Congresspersons (including Kanjorski) and citizens insisting that funding which was cut in 1997 be restored. The SRBC is

continuing its work of water quantity and quality supervision with funding from state governments, but the overarching support of the US Congress is critical to its future health.

A long-time friend of the SRBC and other conservation efforts, George Wolff, sums it up this way: "These watershed agencies have a positive impact on business and industry, the environment, local interests, and, yes, public health and safety. The work they do is work that protects the environment without hindering necessary economic development."

2) It is time to permanently protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. We need to ask our Senators and Representatives to co-sponsor the Arctic Refuge Wilderness Bill which is being introduced by Senator William Roth (R-DE) and Rep. Bruce Vento (D-MN).

A few weeks' worth of oil is not worth risking the survival of such a fragile ecosystem. The 135 species of migratory birds that nest there, the 160,000 caribou that calve there, and the native culture

of the Gwich'in people are depending on us.

**And of Seeds** — As you plan your garden this spring, don't forget about the Sowing Seeds of Hope project of Genesis Farm. We all need to be conscious of the need to preserve the diversity of our vegetables and fruits. Growing heirloom varieties will not only add to our enjoyment of the fruits of our labors but will also ensure healthy crops in future generations. If we continue to grow only three or four kinds of corn, beans, potatoes, or carrots, we risk having none of these staples if some climatic change occurs or some pest is introduced. But, if we plant more strains of genetic stock (not hybrids) and trade our seed with others, then we will give nature a chance to nourish us and our children's children. Please contact me through this paper you have lost my article from last year or if you want to know more. My friend at Genesis Farm suggests that we might wish to form an organization of Seed Savers here in the Back Mountain. What do you think?

**ONLY YESTERDAY**

### 60 Years Ago - Mar. 5, 1937 POLICE CHIEF STARTS UP OWN RESTAURANT

Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane, whose courtesy as a police officer has made hundreds of friends for him will now have an opportunity to try out that courtesy as host in his own restaurant. This past week the Chief became proprietor of the Suburban Inn, on Main Street, Dallas which has been operated for the past several years by Mrs. Emma Shaver.

A new rate reduction announced by Luzerne County Gas & Electric Co. this week, its 10th voluntary cut in nine years, benefits local rural consumers particularly. The new schedule reduces minimum charges on rural lines and provides savings for rural customers who use more than the minimum.

### 50 Years Ago - Mar. 7, 1947 SEVENTY-THREE SICK STUDENTS STAY HOME

Seventy three students were absent from Dallas Borough schools yesterday because of illness causing school authorities to curtail classes and dismiss all students at 2 p.m. Most of the illnesses according to Supervising Principal Charles Adams is due to colds, flu and virus infections.

Tempting looking boxes, all prettied up and chock full of savory and luscious goodies will be auctioned off at Lehman PTA old fashioned box social tonight. A corsage will be presented to the lady whose box is voted most appealing and exciting by the judges Mr. Keller, Mr. Ehrett and Mr. Johnson.

You could get - Standing rib roast, 49¢ lb.; Sirloin steak, 59¢ lb.; iceberg lettuce, lg. hd., 11¢; oranges, 35¢ doz.; onions, 5 lbs., 15¢.

### 40 Years Ago - Mar. 1, 1957 HOME TOWN STORE MAKES HOMEMADE FOOD

The new Hislop & Daring Kitchen on Memorial Highway went into production this week

manufacturing delicious homemade food products. The plant which is operated by Ray Daring of Hislop's Market is modern in every detail. All of the products processed there are sold through Hislop's Market.

W. B. Jeter, vice president in charge of Dallas Branch of Miners National Bank, was pleased to receive a letter from one of the oldest customers of the Dallas Branch, Fred Mott of Santa Barbara, Calif. Mr. Mott has bank book No. 6, and was sixth savings depositor when the old First National Bank of Dallas opened its doors Aug. 27, 1906.

### 30 Years Ago - Mar. 2, 1967 HARVEYS LAKE'S HERMAN KERN RUNS FOR MAYOR

Herman Kern well known Harveys Lake businessman and long time resident of the municipality has been chosen by the Harveys Lake Economy Council to run for mayor of the newly created Borough on the Republic ticket in the spring primaries. Kern will oppose Ray Roushey selected by the Harveys Lake Executive Committee to head their slate.

Two Back Mountain matmen won District 2 Championships.

Ron Sorber won District 2 Wrestling championship in the 127 lb. class. Carl Zimmerman is the 165 lb. champ of District 2. Both boys will compete in the Regional Tournament at Williamsport Saturday.

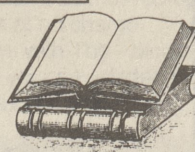
Dave Eddy, Lehman hit a 710 series Monday evening for his Merrimakers bowling team in the George Shupp League. He piled up pins in individual games of 254, 254 and 202.

### 20 Years Ago - Mar. 3, 1977 BOWERSOX IS NAMED BUSINESS MANAGER FOR LL

Raymond Charles Bowersox, 34, of West Pittston was named business manager of the Lake-Lehman School District at a special meeting of the district's school board Tuesday evening. The business manager will assume his new responsibilities no later than April 1, at an annual salary of \$13,700.

The Dallas Rotary Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary to the community this month. Members will highlight their golden anniversary with a dinner dance March 19 at the Irem Temple Country Club. Dinner will be followed by a program focused on 50 years of service.

## LIBRARY NEWS



By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is featuring a collection of pictures in the reference room. The title of this collection is "The Children's Library Activities" for the children have always included the children's story hours, summer reading programs and visiting storytellers.

Mrs. Florence Crump was the

# Story hours of past still alive in photos

first children's librarian. Mrs. Marilyn Rudolph has been the librarian since 1969.

The first picture features a story hour group from the 1950's. In 1980, at the close of the summer reading program, the children gathered on the front lawn of the original children's library. This is the second picture in the group.

During Children's Book Week in 1986, professional storyteller, Susan Danoff held the attention of all the children in the reading room of the new library.

The fourth picture was taken on the front lawn of the new library on Huntsville Road. The picture was taken in 1990 and features the celebration of the end

of the summer reading program.

This collage of pictures is a timely reference to the current Children's Wing Capital Funds Campaign for the new children's wing. The theme of the campaign is "Watch Ideas Soar". Here kids of all ages will learn, explore and grow. Your contribution will help these ideas soar.

**New books at the library:** "Confessions of A Spy" by Pete Earley is the real story of Aldrich Ames, as he quotes to the author: "There are things that have never come out about this case. There are still secrets that only a few know". This is a modern morality play charged with love, sex, greed and heroism.

"The List" by Steve Martini is a suspenseful thriller in which the price of fame becomes terror. In an age when glamour, not grammar, is often the secret to selling books, Abby Changlis has an intriguing plan to keep her writing career alive: find a charismatic male face to pose as a phantom author.

"Mortal Fear" by Greg Iles is a stunning new thriller of eroticism and murder. The author enters territory no other novelist has dared, delivering a breathtaking novel of psychosexual suspense. By day, Harper trades commodities from his farmhouse; but at night he serves as a system operator for EROS.

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