

**EDITORIALS**

**Recycling: It works because people work at it**

Reduce, reuse, recycle — that's the mantra of people who see the Earth's resources as finite and slowly being used up. It's a great theme, and one that has become reality for most of the Back Mountain, whether through municipal edict or volunteer cooperation.

Recycling was imposed on three communities six years ago, and is now a solidly entrenched habit in Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Kingston Township. The plan did not come without controversy, but has now been accepted by nearly everyone in those towns. The program — administered by the Dallas Area Municipal Authority — doesn't perfectly suit every household, but it has allowed the Back Mountain to exceed the state goal to recycle 25 percent of all waste while lowering the cost of trash removal for most households.

People who live in other Back Mountain towns also have found ways to conserve resources. Thanks to a generous state grant, Harveys Lake Borough offers curbside recycling service at no charge. In Lake Township, a voluntary program is still going strong after seven years. Residents of other townships are on their own, but many have arranged recycling through their privately contracted haulers.

Recycling may not be popular with everyone, but it makes obvious good sense. In the long run, the more resources we can reuse, the less we will have to spend on replacements, even if it doesn't seem so as we pay our monthly hauling bill.

**Publisher's notebook**  
  
**Ron Bartizek**

Read a neat idea the other day. (Actually, it appeared in our sister paper, *The Abington Journal*.) A group of neighbors got together and buried a time capsule in the back yard. They put in the usual stuff, photos and other personal items, but added a twist — a questionnaire that each filled out with predictions for the year 2007, when they plan to open the capsule. I hope they can find it; my guess is most capsules are either lost or forgotten long before the date they're supposed to be opened.

Still, I think the prediction part sounds like fun, so here's my glimpse into the crystal ball for 2010. You can hang on to it if you'd like, but I'd rather not be reminded what a poor prognosticator I am.

**Politics** - President Clinton reintroduces a plan to reform the nation's health care system. Now that 72 percent of the population either can't get or can't afford coverage, the bill may have a chance at passage. She made the announcement in an address to Congress, which is still working on a campaign finance reform package.

**Sports** - The Ames, Iowa Giants win the Super Bowl, beating the Eureka, California Oilers. Because every city of more than 20,000 population now has an NFL team, the Giants had to claw their way through 64 rounds of playoffs to claim their first trophy. The regular season was abolished four years ago.

**Media** - Disney/Time/NBC/Harper Collins/Paramount/Gannett has acquired the only remaining family owned newspaper in America, the 1,650 circulation Wanatchee Wizard. The company also owns the 14 major television networks, 75 percent of the magazines and theme parks in all 50 states. Disney chairman, God, said the company's next foray would be into school playgrounds, where they hold only a 30 percent market share.

**Politics again** - Sen. Strom Thurmond, SC, at age 106, is re-elected, despite the fact that no one has seen him in seven years. His campaign manager assured voters Thurmond is alive and well, just too cantankerous to appear in public.

**Movies** - *Die Hard 26* is the top movie of the summer, amazing critics who felt *Jurassic Park*, *Dinosaurs in Fantasyland*, would be the season's big hit. Despite being confined to a wheelchair, Bruce Willis was in fine form and a 27th sequel is planned.

**Automobiles** - The new Kia Behemoth is selling like crazy, as the battle of the big Sport Utility Vehicles continues. The Behemoth is 32 feet long, weighs 7,500 pounds and gets 6 miles per gallon with a tailwind. Buyers say they are willing to pay the \$136,000 price because they feel safe behind its armored exterior.

**Music** - The Rolling Stones cancel their latest world tour when lead singer Mick Jagger collapses from exhaustion in Bangkok while performing "I Can't Get No Satisfaction." A spokesperson for the band said Jagger had neglected to take his Geritol for several days. The tour is expected to resume now that a case of the stuff has been flown in by Federal Express, which is a subsidiary of Disney.

**Health** - Researchers have discovered the secret to weight loss. An article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* made the startling discovery that people who eat less don't gain weight, and can even lose some. But the finding was denounced by tobacco companies, which have been selling cigarettes as a weight loss aid since gaining FDA approval in 2002.



Window on the world. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

**Newspaper wisdom from the past**

Maryan Daily, who lives in Elmcree and is a great friend of *The Dallas Post*, shared these items with us recently. She found them in papers kept by her grandfather, who was editor and publisher of the

Elizabethville (PA) *Echo* at the turn of the century. We thought our readers might enjoy them too. They are both from a publication called "Newspaper Talk," vol. VI, no. 7.

**THE COUNTRY PAPER**

Amid the pile of papers,  
 That swamp my desk each day  
 And drive me weak with clipping  
 And filing stuff away,  
 Comes once a week — on Thursday —  
 The quaint old four-page sheet  
 That's printed up in Pelham,  
 A drowsy county seat.

You see, 'twas up in Pelham  
 That first I saw the light,  
 And — well, my heart grows softer  
 And I feel my eyes shine bright  
 Right reverent my touch is,  
 It spreads the columns wide.  
 The local's what I'm seeking —  
 The patented inside.

Ah, here it is: "The County,"  
 And "Jottings," "Local News" —  
 You learn who's traded horses  
 And who have rented pews;  
 It tells about the schoolhouse  
 Where we used to sit and dream,  
 A-watching dust specks dancing  
 In the sunlight's shifty beam.

Oh, toilers in life's workshops,  
 Are not those dream-mists sweet,  
 Which memory casts about us  
 When past and present meet?  
 And so, I love that paper  
 From the village in the hills  
 For the old life that it wakens,  
 For the weariness it stills.  
 — Nathaniel S. Olds,  
 in *Rochester Post-Express*.

**THE IDEAL NEWSPAPER.**

By Dudley A. Reid, of the Gallatin (Mo.) Democrat.

At the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Missouri Press Association Dudley A. Reid of the Gallatin Democrat read the following interesting paper on "The Ideal Newspaper:"

All men are dreamers. The poet tells his dream in the epic, the sculptor chisels his into marble, the artist puts his on canvas.

The business man dreams also. By carrying his dream into his place of business he evolves a newer and better system of doing things, and success is made possible.

The housewife dreams, and the working out of her dreams is a clean, chaste home and a cheerful fireside that dispels from the husband's mind the allurements of the bar room and the social club.

The farmer's dream is realized in better barns, places for all his tools, shelter for his stock, books for his children and wife, a model home, the memory of which every member of the family will cherish through all the vicissitudes of life.

The doctor's dream is the putting of medicine on a firm basis, a knowledge of every dis-

ease to which suffering man is heir, a panacea that will bring the bloom of health, to every wan and faded face.

The lawyer's dream is of a world and clientele that will enable him to clasp hands with Truth, and live before all the world an honest man.

The newspaper man also has a dream, and it is his dream that we propose to consider. His dream is the most beautiful of all, yet the most difficult of all to awaken into life. It slumbers on and on, too enraptured with ecstasies of dreaming to arouse and work into beautiful practicality the gorgeous raiment of Slumberland.

With every newspaper man there are constantly present two papers — the ideal and the real. The paper as it is and the paper as he would make it.

The ideal newspaper is too often but an ideal. We keep it in the background of the unattainable, along with the other beautiful and faded pictures of our hopes.

In the moments of exuberance we hang it upon a high hook and afterwards find ourselves unable to get it down.

**Library news**

  
**Nancy Kozemchak**

The construction at the Back Mountain Memorial Library has progressed to the point that the main clerical staff has been moved to the community room in temporary arrangements and the information and check-out department is set up in the hallway in front of the main reading room.

The reading room books and the reference room materials are 90 percent intact. There are some children's books available at the end of the reading room for circulation. The three computers for public use are also still useable. The daily procedures of the li-

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brary will continue as normal as is possible during this renovation time.

The library statistics from the circulation department for September are: 7,093 books and materials, 3,932 adult and 3,161 juvenile; Book Club circulation, 191; new borrowers, adult 60, juvenile 58; Re-registrations, adult 93, juvenile 30; new books added, adult 136, juvenile 5; books withdrawn, adult 58, juvenile 36; reference questions 297; inter-library loan 72. Total active borrowers as of Sept. 30 = 11,531.

**New books at the library:** "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant is a novel told of the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood — the world of the red tent. Her name is Diana. In the Bible, her life is hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the chapters of the Book of Genesis, that are about her father, Jacob and his dozen sons. The story is deeply

affecting with rich storytelling. "The Trouble With A Hot Summer" by Camilla T. Crespi is a Simona Griffio mystery. All Simona wanted was a walk in the sun, some long walks on the beach, a dip in the ocean, a cool drink to top it off. But her summer plans turn cold when her new friend, Bud Warren, disappears one morning during his daily row on the bay. Bud told her his wife's death a year ago was murder. Now, he's gone.

"Murder at Wittenham Park" by R.W. Heber is about the Manor which is dark, imposing, and impossibly expensive to maintain. The cash-poor Lord Gilroy has tried everything to raise some capital, to no avail. Lady Gilroy goes bankrupt, Lloyd's calls in its debts, and an unethical realtor threatens to claim his land. The hapless aristocrat is forced to open the manor for an Agatha Christie Murder weekend.

**ONLY YESTERDAY**  


60 Years - Oct. 29, 1937  
**LEHMAN POTATO FARMERS HIT BIG WITH 400 BUSHELS**

Three potato farmers from Lehman twp. have won membership in Pennsylvania's famous 400 Bushel Club by attaining yields of potatoes well over 400 bushels to an acre. At the farm of George Rice & son the yield was 569 bushels per acre. Thomas Pollock had a yield of 462 bushels and Alfred Rice got 446 bushels to an acre.

Besides being the Republican candidate for school director in Dallas Township, George Gregson of Shrine View is a confirmed walker. He achieved one of his most ambitious feats of pedestrianism on Monday night when he addressed the Republican rally at Kunkle Grange Hall. Mr. Gregson walked to the rally, a distance of about three miles.

Workmen from the Art Craft Co., Lima, Ohio, started work this week erecting a new neon marquee at Himmeler Theatre. The marquee will be an attractive addition to the business section of Dallas and will do much to liven up the main street during the evening hours.

50 Years - Oct. 31, 1947  
**DALLAS BORO. CHECKS INTO SEWER SYSTEM**

Continued refusal of Main and Lake Street property owners to install septic tanks has forced Dallas Borough to employ the services of Albright and Friel, sanitary engineers to make a preliminary survey of the Borough to determine the probable costs of a public sewer disposal system and whether it is feasible. Dallas Borough Council has been cited by the State Sanitary Water Board for failure to enforce its Health Ordinance preventing dumping in Toby's Creek.

Board of Directors of First National Bank at their meeting Wednesday voted to resume Saturday business hours starting Nov. 7.

40 Years - Nov. 1, 1951  
**BMT STUDENTS BOUNCING BACK AFTER ILLNESS**

Back Mountain schools have bounced back from the epidemic of respiratory ailments. Dallas Schools closed Monday afternoon and remained closed for the rest of the week. Lehman schools did not close. Students passed the peak of the flu with an all time high record of 178 absent out of 600.

Rev. Emory D. Stokes, pastor of Outlet Free Methodist Church will officiate at ground breaking ceremonies Sunday at 12:30 when earth will be turned to inaugurate construction of a new parsonage and church house.

You could get: Porterhouse Steaks, 79¢ lb.; Fancy Lobster Tails, 99¢ lb.; Cauliflower, large head, 17¢.

30 Years - Oct. 26, 1967  
**ECUMENICAL SERVICE DEBUTS IN BACK MTN.**

It's probably the first time that residents of the Back Mountain have come together for a church service which crossed lines of denomination and custom and stressed the underlying faith of a community. Catholic priests, Methodist ministers, Lutheran and Episcopal clergy took part Sunday night in a Sesquicentennial Ecumenical Service at Dallas High School underlying the common faith and laying the foundation for what is hoped will be an annual custom.

Back Mountain blood donation went over the top last Friday with a collection of 232 pints. This was the largest donation ever contributed by the Back Mountain.

On Saturday morning October 28 at the new Dallas Post Office, Dallas Senior Womens Club will plant and dedicate an evergreen tree as part of the Dallas Sesquicentennial Celebration.

20 Years - Oct. 27, 1977  
**RACE FOR SEAT ON SCHOOL BOARD IN ACTION**

Residents of the Back Mountain are focusing their attention on the race for school director as the Nov. 8 date of the general election draws near. Incumbent candidates in Dallas school district are Mrs. Pat Gregory and Ernest Ashbridge. Basil Russin and Robert Chamberlain will be making their initial bids for the office.

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