

EDITORIALS

# In library project, a triumph for all of us

It was a triumphant day Tuesday when formal dedication ceremonies were held for the new children's wing at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The event was highlighted by the presence of Pennsylvania First Lady Michele Ridge, who spent 16 years working in the Erie County library system before her husband was elected Governor.

But for all the glow Mrs. Ridge's appearance cast over the day, this was a celebration by and for the Back Mountain, and the hundreds of people who worked to bring the enlarged children's area to fruition. It was a yeoman effort, requiring generous donors, hardworking volunteers and a willing community. And it was a resounding success, with the wing paid for and \$376,000 left over in an endowment that will help pay for its upkeep and the expansion of its offerings.

The Back Mountain has changed tremendously in recent decades, as waves of new residents have joined established families. But we've learned to co-exist quite comfortably, and the library project is one example of our success. Volunteers came from all segments of Back Mountain society; for example John Gager, a Dallas native, led the fundraising committee of the board of directors, while the campaign was organized by Dr. Wallace Stettler, a relative newcomer.

Our lives are enriched by institutions such as free libraries, and our communities are made stronger when we work together to support so valuable a resource. The temporary discomfort of a few dollars donation or hours volunteered is more than repaid by the satisfaction in a job well done, one that will benefit this and future generations.

## Publisher's notebook

Ron Bartizek



Happy 25th birthday, WVIA-FM. The public radio station that serves our region will note 25 years on the air April 23, and I'm glad it has survived and prospered over the last quarter century. Naturally, I like National Public Radio news programs the best, particularly the weekend morning shows, "Weekend Edition Saturday" and "WE Sunday." During the week, I tune in "Morning Edition" on the way to the office, and "All Things Considered" on the way home. The latter name could apply to any of these programs, since it aptly describes the range and depth of coverage, from several minutes spent on the day's top story to entertaining features of special or topical interest. Most programs include at least one segment on music, an appropriate subject given the amount of the broadcast day public radio stations devote to the lively art.

It can be reasonably argued that NPR News is too Washington focused, since it is based there and devotes a good portion of its programming to national political news. My own pet peeve is the "Voices in the News" segment Sunday mornings, during which excerpts of the week's news are presented in a medley of original voices, with the President's almost always among them. But if NPR spends too much time on Washington politics, the failing is more than made up for by a delightful ability to find new and interesting approaches to stories that are covered in harmony by the major television networks.

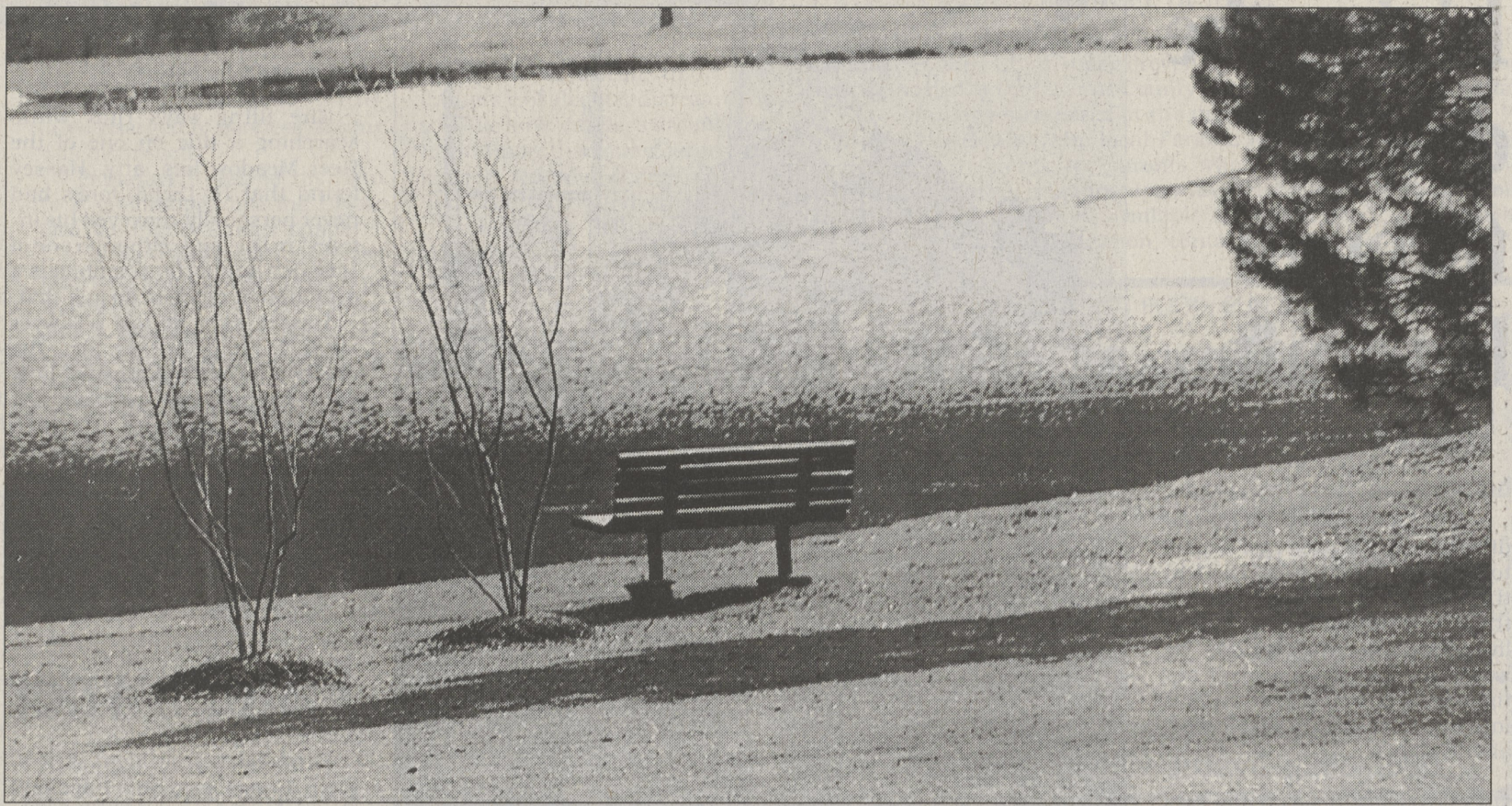
Speaking of music, as I was a paragraph ago, if asked I suspect most people would say public radio plays classical music, and that would be true during much of the day. But WVIA changes tunes at night, with a marvelous set of programs that include "All That Jazz" and "Mixed Bag," creations of George Graham, surely one of the most knowledgeable and entertaining radio hosts to be found, and a veteran of the station's entire life. Graham doesn't just spin CD's, he tells the story behind the music and the artists, adding perspective to entertainment. That makes him the modern counterpoint to Robert J. Lurtsema, to whom New Englanders woke to for decades, as he played the classics on "Morning Pro Musica," surrounded by running commentary about the composers who created them.

An occasional daytime treat is broadcast of speakers at the National Press Club. This 1 to 2 p.m. program brings a wide range of speakers to the table, for a half hour speech followed by questions from an audience of news professionals. There's a whole lot more to public radio and WVIA, but you'll just have to tune in to discover them.

Public broadcasting is still under attack in some circles, but appears to have withstood the most severe challenge, which arose after the 1994 Congressional elections. Many people responded to the threat to end federal funding by increasing their contributions, the lifeblood of both public radio and television, and their commitment has continued. I've usually made an annual contribution, although I can't recall if I did last year, but I expect I'll find out once the folks in the WVIA office read this.

## Your news is welcome

The Dallas Post welcomes submissions about Back Mountain people and events. In order to plan each issue, we must adhere to self-imposed deadlines, as well as those of our printer. To have the greatest likelihood of publication, items should be received at our office by 4 p.m. the Friday prior to each issue. Items will be accepted until 4 p.m. Mondays, although much of the paper is already assembled by that time. Send or bring items to: The Dallas Post, 607 Main Road, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, PA 18612. Our normal business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. A deposit box is located at the front of the building for after-hours submissions.



An inviting spot on a near spring day. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

## Library news



Nancy Kozemchak

The Children's Wing of the Back Mountain Memorial Library has announced the next session of story hours will begin with registration during the week of June 1-6. Toddler storytime will be held Tuesday evenings from 7 to 7:30 p.m. for two year olds. The three to five year old story times will

## Children's Wing plans June story hours

meet on Wednesdays with three different sessions: 9:30 to 10:30; 10:45 to 11:45 and 1 to 2 p.m. Toddler times will start on June 23 and three to five year olds will begin on June 24. Story hours will conclude on August 4 and 5. Sign ups may be made at the library or by phoning the library.

**New books at the library:** "Legacy of Silence" by Belva Plain is a stirring story of a deception that reaches across continents, oceans and years. A prosperous family in Berlin cannot see what the future holds when they adopt a poor orphaned girl, Lore, instantly an older sister to their biological daughter Caroline. A

story of family and lovers, betrayals real and imagined.

"You Belong to Me" by Mary Higgins Clark is a masterful combination of page-turning suspense and classic mystery. Dr. Susan Chandler decides to use her daily radio talk show to explore the phenomenon of women who disappear and are later found to have become victims of killers who prey on the lonely and insecure and has no idea that she is exposing herself to terror.

"The Undertaker's Widow" by Philip Margolin is a riveting new tale of betrayal, blackmail and murder. It is full of suspense at its finest, with surprising twists and

turns, erotic undertones that can quickly turn deadly, and most of all, a keen sense of the inner workings of the American justice system. When Quinn presides over a trial, he learns there is not a clear path to justice.

"Thrill" by Jackie Collins, is a sexy rollercoaster thrill ride for the nineties. Set in New York, the Hamptons and L.A., the latest contemporary page-turner is an erotic, psychological thriller—a high suspense story of fame, lust, violence and passionate obsession. Glowing with excitement and glamour this is a highly charged novel to continually shock and surprise you.



60 Years Ago - April 29, 1938

### LEHMAN TOWNSHIP TO TAKE OVER ROAD

A request by petitioners last fall to have Lehman Twp. supervisors take over Hillside Avenue at Harveys Lake as a township road was granted by Luzerne County courts this week and supervisors moved promptly to make the long-needed improvements to the thoroughfare. Section being repaired by Lehman Twp. is about 3,000 ft. long between Carpenter's Road and the bridge at Sunset.

William G. Scott has assumed his duties of Irem Temple Country Club here, succeeding E. A. Pine who had charge of the club for the last several years. Instead of leasing the club to an entrepreneur, as has been the custom since 1934, Irem Temple this year will operate the club, itself with Mr. Scott as manager.

50 Years Ago - April 30, 1948

### JACKSON AND LEHMAN SCHOOLS TO MERGE

Jackson and Lehman Township school directors have paved the way for the organization of a joint school board to serve both districts. A committee of members of both boards is now setting up a joint budget to determine the amount of receipts and expenditures that will be required for such a district. Lake directors were not inclined to favor setting up a joint board for the present and indicated that a merger of Lake with Noxen and Monroe Townships in Wyoming County might be more feasible.

Howard Isaacs, Chrysler-Plymouth direct dealer, has broken ground for a new sales and showroom at his present location along Memorial Highway, Trucksville. Isaacs expects the building which will double his present floor space to be completed in about three months.

Now playing at Shaver Theatre: "Red Stallion" in color with Robert Paige, Noreen Nash.

40 Years Ago - April 25, 1958

### MRS. FRANK HELPS SAVE THREE MEN AT LAKE

Three men in a boat lost a hat,

their fishing gear and came within a breath of losing their lives yesterday morning at Harveys Lake when their small craft upset in rough water 300 yards from shore. Mrs. Milton Frank heard cries for help, rushed to the dock, started her motor boat and with the aid of Leo Kalinowski, a man laying carpets in her home, managed to tow the three men to shore. Chief Edgar Hughes states that without Mrs. Frank's instantaneous response the men would have drowned. Their numbed fingers were already slipping from the smooth surface of the boat.

William R. Florop, Middletown, CT, will become plant manager of Natona Mills Inc. on Monday. He succeeds Herman L. Weisler who has managed this branch of Native Laces and Textiles since 1949, two years after its opening.

30 Years Ago - May 2, 1968

### OPPOSITION TO SEWAGE SYSTEM IN LEHMAN

Opposition to the projected sewage system for the more densely settled sections of Lehman Township brought a number of questions at an open forum at Idetown Fire Hall. The questions in the last analysis hinged on cost of installation and on the fact that many residents have fairly large

acreage with adequate septic tanks. Engineers representing Weston Co. stated that hooking up a system for Oak Hill and close environs with the Back Mountain system now proposed for the Dallas area would result in lower costs for service.

Back Mountain Coal Sales and Service according to announcement made by Granville Sowden, president of Back Mountain Lumber Co. is passing into the hands of Tom Flynn Fuel Co. as of May 1; Back Mountain will continue to act as agent and bills may be paid at Back Mountain. Expansion of Back Mountain Lumber with its growing hardware and gift business makes it advisable at this time says Sowden to relinquish the coal business.

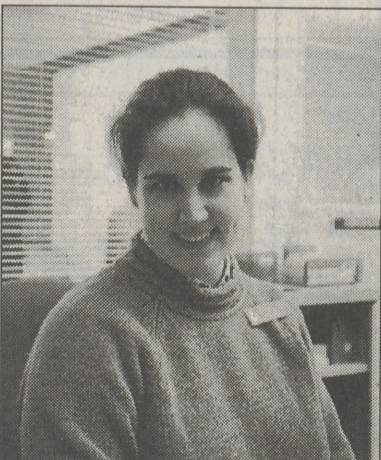
20 Years Ago - April 27, 1978

### SURVEY SHOWS BMT TEENAGERS USE DRUGS

According to results of the Back Mountain Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse's student survey as many as 15.4% of high school age males and 5.4% of females often use marijuana. Repeated usage was even higher in the consumption of alcoholic beverages with 87.1% males and 76.1% of high school girls reporting consumption of alcoholic beverages.

## WORD ON THE STREET

Q: If you were to write a book, what would the title be and why?  
Where asked: The Back Mountain Memorial Library



MELANIE EVANS  
Trucksville

"Forgotten Palaces." I'm interested in why castles are used and then abandoned."



JEFF KREHELY  
Shavertown

"Swimming With An Octopus."



RITA WINNICKI  
Lake Silkworth

"All the Good Ones Are Taken." Because all the good ones are taken."

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**BACK MOUNTAIN HARVEST ASSEMBLY** - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. 696-1128. Pastor, Daniel S. Miller. Christian Education for all ages, 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m., "Genos" youth service. Mid-week home groups; call for days and times. Weekday prayer 6:30-7:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. Michael A. Bealla. Pastor. Sunday School 9 a.m., Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. Douglas and Janet Bryant Clark. Music Dir., John Vaida. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service; SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services. Visitors expected. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Sat. Worship 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Worship 8:30 and 11 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Rev. Charles H. Grube, Pastor. Phone 675-3859 for more information. Everyone Welcome!

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