

EDITORIALS

For 75 years, firefighters have earned our support

The members of the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company are celebrating a milestone. Later this year they'll get together to mark the 75th year of the company's existence, and countless acts of concern and heroism made on behalf of friends and neighbors in need. It's hard to tell which is more remarkable — the organization's longevity, or the sacrifices that members have made each of those years.

Being a firefighter doesn't just mean jumping in a truck, turning on the siren and racing to the fire. Volunteers put in hours of training to learn how to operate equipment and how to attack a blaze most effectively, but with the least risk to life and limb. They also spend time maintaining equipment, raising funds and educating the community about fire safety. Each fall, fire company members go into schools to talk to children during Fire Prevention Week, and host an open house so everyone can get up close and personal with the big red (and sometimes yellow) machines.

Firefighters also have become experts at dealing with hazardous waste spills, a less-common occurrence than fires, but equally dangerous. Each time they are called out, they know firefighters are putting their health on the line for others, whether or not they have been a supporter of their efforts.

As the volunteers of the Shavertown Fire Co. plan its 75th birthday party, there are probably two items at the top of their wish list: More volunteers to share the burden of maintaining public safety, and more financial support so they can have the best equipment at hand when they come to fight a fire... at your house.

Publisher's notebook

Ron Bartizek



MEMORANDUM

Feb. 24, 2000

To: Loyal Republicans

From: The Establishment

First, let me say how much we appreciate your support of our candidate, George W. Bush, in the recent Michigan and Arizona primaries. Like you, we are proud that "W" won the Republican vote in each of them, even if he did lose overall.

Now, some observers have suggested that since John McC (I'm sorry, but I can't bring myself to write his name) attracted so many votes from independent voters and Democrats, he would make a better GOP candidate in November than our man. And you might wonder why we're so committed to "W," even as he seems better at spending those millions of your donations than he is attracting votes. Well, the answer is simple — he doesn't scare us the way John M does, with his crazy talk about campaign finance reform, saving Social Security and paying down the debt. And the way he deals with the press, letting them ride on his bus, telling jokes and not asking that anything be off the record; could you imagine what would happen if he conducted the presidency that way? Why, the American people would know exactly what's going on all the time.

Anyway, back to the subject at hand. As you know, most of the upcoming primaries are "closed," that is for people like us only, and that's the way we like it. That will free "W" to veer as far right as necessary to win and finally put this pesky rebel under. Then he'll stumble — er, move — back toward the center just in time to take on Al Gore in the Big Show. At least that's what we've told him to do, and we have every reason to believe he will follow our directions, given all the money we've showered on his campaign, and he's frittered away.

And what of all those voters J Mc brought out in the primaries? We think they'll be so disgusted by the traditional big-money, negative-ad campaign we and the Dems will run that they'll stay home, meaning our core right-wing whackos will carry the day. That is unless Ross Perot jumps in again.

About letters, columns and editorials

The Dallas Post attempts to publish opinions on a variety of topics in many forms.

Editorials, which are the opinion of the management of The Post, appear on the editorial page and are written by the editor unless otherwise indicated. Any artwork represents the opinion of the cartoonist, and columns are the opinion of the author.

Letters to the editor are welcome and will be published, subject to the following guidelines:

- Letters should not exceed 500 words.
- No writer may have more than one letter published during a 30-day period, except as a reply to another letter.
- Letters must be signed and include the writer's home town and a telephone number for verification.
- Names will be withheld only if there exists a clear threat to the writer.
- The Post retains the right to accept or reject any letter, and to edit letters for grammar and spelling, as well as to eliminate any libel, slander or objectionable wording.

In addition to letters, we welcome longer pieces that may run as columns. The author or subject's relevance to the Back Mountain will be the prime consideration when selecting material for publication.

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Church in the snow. East Dallas UMC before the thaw. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

SENIORS - Check the scholarship file in the guidance office to see if you meet the criteria requirements. The following new scholarships have recently arrived: Allied Services, Rose Brader Scholarship for careers in therapies; College Misericordia, Future Teachers Scholarship; Dallas Area Federated Women's Club, Book Scholarship; Dupont High School Alumni Scholarship; Luzerne County Head Start Scholarship; President's Student Service Challenge Scholarship; C.E.O. William Remington Memorial Schol-

arship.

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The Parenting Scheduling Assembly for Course Selections will be on Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend and get involved in their student's curriculum choices.

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The P.T.S.O. is sponsoring a D.H.S. 2000 Pancake Breakfast to raise money for the D.H.S. 2000 Lockin party on Graduation Night. The breakfast will be on Satur-

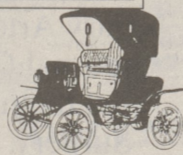
day, March 4, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets may be purchased in the high school guidance office or from any of the committee members. Jack Martin is the chairperson of this event. For further information call the P.T.S.O. hotline at 674-7333 or Robyn Jones at 674-7217.

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The P.T.S.O. is still looking for parent volunteers to assist with the D.H.S. 2000 party planning. Thanks to the hard work of Sharon

Bartolini, Lynne McDonald, Sherry Riley, Kathy Samanas and Sue Levinson this event is a reality for our graduating seniors.

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Attention all JUNIORS: The 17th annual Youth Salute is looking for nominees. To be nominated the student must be a high school junior, maintain a "B" average and participate in extra activities such as sports, student council, band, scouting, etc. Nomination forms are available in the guidance office.

ONLY YESTERDAY



70 Years Ago - Feb. 28, 1930 BROADWAY STARS PROVIDE DINNER ENTERTAINMENT

Hi-Grade Gas and Oil Company, distributors of Mobil gas in the Luzerne County territory, were the hosts Monday night to more than 650 people at a dinner and entertainment program in Hotel Sterling. Many Dallas residents attended the affair which they claim was the most pleasing given in Wilkes-Barre this year. Popular Broadway stars, including Thelma Wynn, Flo Richardson, Kay Bernard and George Heather were among the celebrities who entertained.

Now playing at Himmler Theatre: "The Untamed" with Joan Crawford.

60 Years Ago - March 1, 1940 BMT STUDENTS PERFORM WELL IN STATE QUIZ SHOW

Gertrude C. Kintz, a star on

Dallas Borough's basketball team, and James Fritz, Lehman student, made a commendable showing on the scholarship quiz program, broadcast on radio station WBAX last Monday night. Tackling difficult questions which would have stumped many of their elders. The students displayed a surprising fund of miscellaneous information, and reflected considerable credit on their schools.

The Senior class of Dallas Township High School will present its annual play on Wednesday evening, at the High School auditorium. It will be "Lunatics at Large", a three act comedy.

50 Years Ago - March 3, 1950 PRICE CUTS OFFERED ON NEW MODEL CHEVROLETS

W.E. Boston Chevrolet Company of Pikes Creek, has announced reductions in list prices of all Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks. The price cut of \$10 per car and truck is effective immediately and is now being applied on Chevrolet car and truck sales at all local dealerships. "Increased production and lower costs have enabled General Motors to slice their prices for the third time in less than a year and a half," Mr. Boston said. "I am happy to pass along these savings

to local purchasers of 1950 Chevrolets".

Back Mountain winter sports enthusiasts, after a tedious early winter wait, have finally obtained the long-sought opportunity to engage in one of their most thrilling sports with the announcement that the snow conditions at the Beaumont Ski-tow are now very good. A 6-8 inch base topped by powder is reported with ideal conditions existing at Travers Park.

40 Years Ago - March 3, 1960 NEW RADIOS MAKE TAXI SERVICE MORE EFFICIENT

Dallas Taxi Company, owned by Elston and Gould is now licensed for two-way radio service which will be in operation as soon as equipment arrives. The company now has two taxis and one limousine.

Couples Club of Shavertown Methodist Church will have its annual spaghetti supper on Saturday, in the social rooms of the church. Last year the club served almost 500 people.

30 Years Ago - March 5, 1970 HELPING ORGANIZATION NEEDS FINANCIAL HELP

FISH, the Back Mountain "help

your neighbor" organization is completely operational now. Volunteers are answering calls for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. FISH charges nothing for any services rendered. Costs are beginning to mount and several community organizations and church groups, as well as individuals have made donations.

Mothers and wives of students of Penn State's Wilkes-Barre campus were guests of honor at an informal tea last week at Hayfield House. The tea was planned by students of the social usage class.

20 Years Ago - Feb. 28, 1980 GATE OF HEAVEN ALTAR SOCIETY HOLDS TEA SOCIAL

On Monday evening, following a brief meeting at 8 p.m. the Altar and Rosary Society of Gate of Heaven Church, will hold a Past Presidents Tea in the auditorium. All past presidents have been invited.

Members of the Circle K Club of Penn State Wilkes-Barre raised funds for the Borrowdale Acres Exceptional Riders Club by holding a bake sale at the Back Mountain Shopping Center, Shavertown.