

#### 70 Years Ago - April 4, 1930 LOCAL STORE NOW SERVING **HAND-DIPPED ICE CREAM**

Herman S. VanCampen, propietor of VanCampen Store at Shavertown, is installing an ice cream machine and from now on will furnish his trade with regular old-time homemade ice cream. Mr. VanCampen has installed the latest in machinery and will not only make ice cream but popular ices as well.

Now playing at Himmler Theatre: "Sweetie" with Nancy Carroll.

#### 60 Years - April 4, 1940 **AREA TROOPS TO EXHIBIT GIRL SCOUT ACTIVITIES**

Girls Scouts, leaders and committee women of the Dallas District, are preparing for the demonstration rally of Girl Scouts of Wyoming Valley which will be held at the Kingston Armory. One hundred and one troops and packs will participate.

The exposition will include 86 exhibits designed to show the various activities of Girl Scouting. There will be folk dancing, puppet shows, shadowgraph entertainment and group singing.

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## 50 Years Ago - April 7, 1950 **WAYSIDE MARKET TO OPEN** THIS WEEK

Glenn N. Watkins of Harveys Lake, will open his new Wayside Market this week in the Insulaco Building. The building is being improved and last week Mr. Watkins had bulldozers at work leveling and filling in parking space for automobiles. Outside display racks will be built so that fruits and vegetables can be displayed under canopies during season.

Bus service, long projected for Parrish Heights is delayed because Dallas Borough Council has failed to provide a suitable turn-around at the end of the line. Warden Kunkle says that there are two alternatives: buses could make a circuit of the American Legion Home, or the unpaved street connecting Park and Elizabeth Streets could be used. Mr. Jones of the bus company stated that the Legion Home is private property and the bus may sink out of sight on an unpaved street during storms or spring thaws. Continued service for Parrish Heights residents will depend upon patronage of the bus line.

## 40 Years Ago - April 7, 1960 **ICE SHOULD MELT IN TIME** FOR TROUT SEASON

Chief Edgar Hughes, thinks that Harveys Lake will be free of ice by the beginning of trout season. It is still eight inches thick but is beginning to blacken and show cracks. The ice-fishing for smelts, which stopped March 15,

was the least productive this year. You could get: Sirloin, T-Bone or Porterhouse steaks, 77¢/lb.; Ground beef, 49/lb.; Florida oranges, 39¢/dozen; Fresh butter fish, 25¢/lb.

## 30 Years Ago - April 9, 1970 **STRONG WINDS CAUSE TRUCK TO TIP OVER**

Strong winds caused an empty truck to tip over on Route 309 at Church Street, Dallas. Men with three wreckers attached lines to the vehicle to right it, while the fire department stood close by.

A bomb scare at the Dallas Junior High School caused the evacuation of all students in the building. The complete search of the newly constructed junior high school building was completed and no bomb was found. All students were returned to their classrooms.

### 20 Years Ago - April 3, 1980 JAZZ QUARTET SCEDULED TO **PERFORM AT IREM TEMPLE**

The regional jazz event of the year will take place Sunday, April 13, when the Dave Brubeck Quartet appears in concert at Wilkes-Barre Irem Temple. The one-nightonly performance, which will begin at 8 p.m. will benefit Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

The Swoyersville Recreation Board will sponsor two free film matinees for children on Saturday, April 19 and 26, at the Swoyersville Municipal Building.

## Library news 0 0 **Carol King**

First, a reminder about the presentation of "Cinderella's Storyland" on April 12 at 7 p.m., part of the celebration of National Library Week. Children from 4 years old and up, and their families, are welcome. Please register ) by calling 675-1182.

There will be a meeting of the Friends Steering Committee at 1 p.m. in the Community Room on Friday, April 7. Newcomers are welcome

The library announces that computer classes will be offered at the library on Monday mornings in April and May. "An Introduction to the Internet" is scheduled for April 10 and April 17 from 9:30-11 a.m. Topics included are terminology, going online, visiting websites and using search engines. Participants must know

## New computer classes

how to use a mouse. "An Introduction to Windows" includes terminology and instruction on using a mouse, using Windows and components of desktop applications. The classes will be held on May 1 and May 22 from 9:30-11 a.m.

There is a limit of five persons per session. Depending on the response, more classes may be scheduled.

Since the library went online in December, library patrons must present their barcoded card whenever they borrow books or other materials. If you don't have your new card yet, you may obtain one the next time you come to the library.

Mark your calendar now: The 2000 Library Auction will take place from July 6 to 9. Chairmen are Ernie Ashbridge and Joe Stager. Volunteers are needed to do many different types of jobs. For more information on how you can become involved in this annual event, call the library at 675-1182. It's an especially good way for newcomers to the area to become acquainted and to make a Mr. Ball, won a National Book contribution to the future of the

#### library

Slaves in the Family, by Edward Ball, was discussed at the March meeting of the Monday morning book discussion group. The author, a descendant of South Carolina rice-planters who owned slaves from 1698 to 1865, searched through countless records to trace the Balls and many of their slaves down through the generations. He located, and recorded conversations with, numerous cousins who were descendants of plantation owner/slave relationships.

The discussion group found the enormity of the undertaking and the volume of research done truly awe-inspiring. We gained new insights into some of the customs attached to the practice of slavery. Members termed the book "scholarly," "educational," "a documentary," and generally found the story fascinating.

The ratings were high: six of the

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