

EDITORIALS

State grant rewards fire company's good work

Jackson Township firefighters will be better equipped to combat brush fires this spring thanks to a state grant that has helped them purchase clothing and equipment specially designed for the purpose. There are two bits of good news in that sentence; that local volunteers are actively working to improve their capabilities and that the state is willing to help them.

Brush and forest fires are a particular danger in rural and suburban areas. Fortunately, none have recently gotten out of control enough to harm people or property. That doesn't mean a fire might not do so, though, given our propensity to build homes in woods and fields. This equipment, which includes modern "Indian" tanks, a special hose and fire-resistant suits, will help assure that our challenges to nature will carry less risk.

This grant, presented by State Sen. Charles D. Lemmond Jr., was one of several the Jackson department has garnered in the past year. That good fortune is unlikely to be repeated, and like all volunteer companies, this one depends on donations and support from the people who live in the community it serves, not just on government handouts.

Show of concern pays off

Stan Marchak wanted to help his friend Christie Taylor and her twin sons, Kaleb and Zachary, who live with the devastating disease cystic fibrosis. A musician, Marchak figured out how to put his talent to good use when he planned a benefit concert in the Taylors' honor.

Held last weekend at the Idetown Fire Hall, the concert raised \$850 that will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, where it can be used to help find a cure for the disease. Stan, other band members and everyone who turned out deserve credit for their effort to help others who are in need.

Publisher's Notebook

Ron Bartizek



Like millions of Americans, I'm eagerly anticipating the time of year when masochism and self-flagellation become not just acceptable, but the prime weekend activity. I'm speaking, of course, of the golf season, that glorious few months when we fork over wads of cash for the privilege of cussing out errant shots and slamming clubs into the turf as tension release.

Non-golfers may wonder why we engage in such an activity if it makes us so ornery. They have apparently forgotten the advice we received as children - which they've no doubt passed on to the next generation - about adversity building character. Let me tell you, nothing fits that description better than a perfectly struck five iron that manages to travel the exact distance to the only sand trap within a three-mile radius. Those of us who revel in such character building aren't satisfied with that, though. No, we seek out courses that have ponds, streams and rivers running alongside and across fairways. That way a drive hit 1/4 of a degree off target becomes yet another step in the fulfillment of our spiritual destiny.

Last weekend's golf show at the Kingston Armory gave me a head start on this year's lessons. After the long-drive contest was over the booth was left open and stragglers took turns swinging a shiny new driver and measuring their distance. The contest winner had hit the ball an estimated 293 yards, and I didn't expect to match that. But after a couple of decent swingers before me had tallied about 250 yards, I figured to match that or come close. So, I carefully prepared my grip, took a couple of practice swings to shake out the rust gathered over the past three months and took a rip. I hit it pretty good, but the machine somehow malfunctioned and gave me only 217 yards. Since it wasn't my club, it remains intact.

I'm reading a book titled, "Golf is not a Game of Perfect." I manage to reinforce that point each round I play, and I'll keep coming back for more until I prove it wrong. I guess that's why golf is considered a lifetime game.

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Old wood, fresh snow in the sunshine. Photo by Jim Phillips.



Carol King

Librarian's Annual Report for 2000 Officers of the Library Board of Directors for 2001 are Randall Glidden, President; Karen Boback, Vice President; Pauline Kutz, Secretary; and Joseph Mazzoni, Treasurer. Carol Oliver, the Lake-Lehman School District Representative, is a new Board member.

While **monthly circulation** statistics are reported in this column, the totals for the year are impressive and are listed here, with totals for February in parentheses: circulation, 27,968 (4,324); books added, 2,714 (233); new borrowers, 931 (87). Active borrowers for the month of February totaled 13,487.

Martha Butler concluded her report to the Board with the following pledge: "The Back Mountain Memorial Library is committed to meeting the informa-

Library boasts impressive statistics

tional, educational, and recreational reading needs of the community and improving service to our patrons. The staff and I will continue to strive at providing our patrons with friendly, helpful, and professional service. On behalf of the staff and myself, I wish to thank you for serving as Board of Directors. We are grateful to you for your caring commitment and for guiding the library through another year of growth and success."

Mother and Daughter Book Club Additional mother-daughter pairs have signed up to participate in the book discussion program which is sponsored by the Times Leader Newspapers-Education program and the Tudor Bookshop. The library has made its facilities available for meetings of the group from the Back Mountain, on a schedule determined by its members.

This month's book is *A Coal Miner's Bride*, by Susan Bartolletti; the possible meeting date is February 21 or February 28. Please call Mrs. Rudolph, the children's librarian, at 675-1182, if you and your daugh-

ter(s) in grades 3 to 6 are interested in joining the group.

New staff member Anne Cannon is the new staff member you will meet at the front desk when you visit the library. She and her husband of 10 months live in Bear Creek. Anne is from Baltimore; her husband, from Plains. He is a pharmacist in Scranton. Anne has a degree in School Libraries Media from Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. She worked as a Primary librarian in Baltimore County. Two dogs complete the family: Blitz, a very friendly Black Labrador/collie mix, and Panzer, a regal Alaskan Malamute/wolf.

New display Barbara Ann (Bee) Reggie has loaned some of her collection of lace to the library. She was born in New Jersey. She and her husband, who is semi-retired, live on the property in the Bunker Hill section of Kingston Township which was originally owned by his grandparents.

Bee started making lace when she was, 7 years old. Some older women in the neigh-

borhood were trying, unsuccessfully, to interest their children in lace work, and Bee was fascinated. At 7, she was considered by the ladies to be too young to tackle it, but she pestered them until they relented and taught her how to make bobbin lace. Her first bobbins were clothespins with kite string around them.

Her passion for lace-making has led Bee in many directions. She demonstrates the art at Colonial reenactments (she hand-stitches every piece of clothing she wears). She has done some restoration work, recreating patterns that had been lost, sometimes literally taking a piece apart in order to do so. Her work has been displayed in small museums in New Jersey. She can make 17 different types of lace; examples of only 4 types are on display. She also does quilting and sewing, but lace-making is her passion. Please don't miss this very interesting and informative display in the library.

Tax forms Copies of Federal and State income tax forms are available at the library.

ONLY YESTERDAY

70 Years Ago - Feb. 20, 1931
NEW ROAD PROPOSED TO HARVEYS LAKE

Senator A. J. Sordani and other Luzerne county legislators are actively supporting and sponsoring plans in Harrisburg to have 330 miles of rural township roads in Luzerne county "taken out of the mud." Among the projects is the plan to have a new highway constructed to Harvey's Lake from the south central section of Luzerne county. Such a highway would offer a direct route to the Lake for residents of Plymouth, Larksville and other neighboring communities. The road as proposed would join the Lehman-Harvey's Lake highway, connecting with the road around the Lake at the Outlet.

Miss Estella Goldsmith, of Dallas, was one of the 15 to receive a master's degree at the mid-year commencement of Pennsylvania State College. Miss Goldsmith received her bachelor of science degree from the institution in 1927 and continued her scientific studies as a post-graduate student.

Displaying their best form of the year and proving the fact that time develops athletes, Noxen high fought bravely against the Laketon league leaders for four full periods of skillful basketball and went to defeat by the score of 31-11. Gallaway and Van Campen scored for Noxen, while Elmer Deater and Pat Elias excelled for Laketon.

60 Years Ago - Feb. 21, 1941
POST HAS FIFTY NEW SKILLET FOR FRIENDS

To show its appreciation to loyal old friends and meet new ones, The Dallas Post has obtained 50 famous Speedy-Clean chrome skillets which it is going to give away to the first 50 paid-up old subscribers who mail or bring to its office one \$2 new subscription for someone who does not now take the paper. The offer is not open to new subscribers. The Post wants to reward those old friends of long standing who boost the paper, give it encouragement and say a kind word when they meet someone who isn't a subscriber.

State Highway Department plans for the new \$300,000 three-lane highway from Dallas to Harvey's Lake are on display in the office of the Dallas Water Company. The new highway will not use any part of the present pave to the Lake but will cross the highway in four places - at the Casterline, Blewitt, J. R. Davis and Davis and Hefzel properties along the route. A number of structures must be removed to make room. At the Harvey's Lake end, four cottages, gas stations, fruit stands are affected, while at Idetown two dwellings, garages and toll sheds are also. In Dallas Edwards' coal office, near Kuehn's Drug Store has to be removed.

About 55 members of the Huntsville Christian Church and friends in the community attended the valentine farewell party honoring Rev. C. H. Frick who has a year's leave of absence to Indiantown Gap with the 109th Field Artillery. Rev. Frick has been pastor at Huntsville for twenty years.

50 Years Ago - Feb. 23, 1951
WOODSES SAIL FOR BRAZIL AS MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Woods, missionaries awaiting their sailing date for Brazil at Forest Hills Baptist Youth Center, Sweet Valley have received their orders. They will sail on the John McCormick Line from New York to Brazil. For six months they will attend Portuguese language school at Cantinas, then proceed to their station in Sao Paulo located in a valley along the coast. They will remain there from five to seven years, and hope eventually to go to Rio de Janeiro. Their mission is the first established in that section by the Baptist churches.

Evans Drug Store, Shavertown, will give orchids away to every woman who stops in. The orchids - 500 of them - are being shipped here from Hawaii by air express and will be transshipped from California to La Guardia Field and then to Avoca. Evans hit upon the idea of giving them away after listening to the war news and noting that many persons appear depressed, especially women who are concerned about their 18-year-old sons and loved ones who may be called. It was then that the order was placed for the orchids.

All but two of the ten walkers and 18 wheel chairs owned by Woman of Rotary and loaned to shut-ins are now in use and those two are in a bad state of repair and should be replaced. A new wheel chair costs \$45 and is purchased through the National Wheelchair Association. Women of Rotary have financed replacement of all chairs worn out in service, but this is not enough to meet the increasing demands, and new chairs must now be purchased. The public will be asked to help, by patronizing the Wheelchair Card Party which will

be held at Castle Inn, owned by Nick Perugno.

40 Years Ago - Feb. 23, 1961

ROBERT C. RINEHIMER NAMED TO BANK BOARD

Robert C. Rinehimer, Dallas, has been appointed to the Wilkes-Barre Associate Board of Northeastern Pennsylvania National Bank and Trust Company. A partner in the firm of J. S. Rinehimer and son, Mr. Rinehimer is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and received his degree in Commerce and Finance from Pennsylvania State University. He is married to the former Dorothy Tonkin. They reside on East 42nd Street.

Cliff Garris, Jackson Street, Dallas, a driver salesman for Dallas Dairy, rolled a perfect game recently, while bowling in open play at Crown Imperial Lanes. The big game is the first 300 at the local establishment since it opened four years ago. Tony Bonomo, proprietor of Crown Imperial since it changed hands, has been experimenting with the new Tuf-Tex pins. The new pins have been on the lanes just one week and Tony is pleased the perfect score was made while using them.

One of the hometown boys was on the prowl in an attempt to spot the cruise ship Santa Maria. Navy Lt. David Parsons, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Parsons of Kunkle, was detached temporarily from duty with his flight squadron at Rota, Spain to fly to the Cape Verde Islands, just off the bulge of Africa. For three days while the pirated cruise ship dodged pursuers and threatened to head for Africa, Lt. Parsons was on the watch. When the Santa Maria finally fled to Brazil, navy fliers rejoined their units in Spain.

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