

OUR OPINION

Our business future is in good hands

Years ago, high school students who were interested in business careers were considered ... well, let's just say not the brightest bulbs in the pack. Things have changed — a lot.

When the Dallas High School chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America had the opportunity to both host and compete in the organization's Region 16 Leadership Conference, they came out winners both ways. Not only did the 500-person event come off without a hitch, 16 Dallas students earned the right to compete at the state level in April.

The competition stretched way beyond the shorthand and typing of yesteryear, with 35 categories that included business law, banking and finance and network design. So, these kids were doing more than going through the motions of a pretend sales pitch or dictation session.

Proving that they are adept at the quick thinking so necessary in today's business climate, the local chapter volunteered to put on the conference after another school bowed out. That kind of responsiveness will help these future titans, no matter what field they choose to pursue.

Congratulations to the students, teachers, advisors and administrators who worked so hard to pull off this success.

Sewer solution long in coming, but a good move

It has taken a while, but the problem of overflows at the Hillside Road pumping station of the Jackson Township sewer system should soon be a thing of the past. The Dallas Area Municipal Authority, which oversees sanitary sewers in the township, is taking bids for upgrades to the station and a main line, and the work is projected to be completed by July 31.

The solution has been a long time coming — too long for such an important service, and a possible threat to health. The overflows into Hillside Creek were first noticed in the late 1990s, and since then the township, DAMA and the Pa. Department of Environmental Protection have been wrangling over responsibility for the costly repairs. For most of that time, a moratorium has been imposed on new connections, harming families who want to buy new homes and the contractors who build them. It seems the restrictions are now a thing of the past, or at least soon will be, along with the pollution.

In finally addressing this issue, the township and its engineers have wisely chosen to install components that can handle far greater capacity than now exists. Given the pace of development in the Back Mountain, that would be an appropriate stance for all agencies, departments and municipalities in the region — that and a quicker response when problems turn up.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Feb. 14, 1886, the first trainload of oranges grown by Southern California farmers leaves Los Angeles via the transcontinental railroad for the East. With irrigation, the region proved an ideal environment for growing many crops, particularly valuable fruits like oranges.

• On Feb. 20, 1901, photographer Ansel Adams, whose dramatic black and white images of Yosemite and the American West are some of the most widely recognized photographs of the 20th century, is born in San Francisco. Adams first photographed the Yosemite Valley at age 14 during a family trip.

• On Feb. 17, 1934, the first driving course is offered at State College High School in State College, Pa., giving birth to the American tradition of driver's education. Students who completed Amos Neyhart's course received state driver's licenses.

• On Feb. 19, 1945, U.S. Marines launch their invasion of Iwo Jima with amphibious landings. Iwo Jima, a barren Pacific island guarded by 21,000 Japanese, was prime real estate on which to build airfields to launch American bombing raids against Japan, only 660 miles away.

• On Feb. 15, 1965, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag is officially adopted and raised above Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the capital of Canada. It replaced the Red Ensign, a solid red flag with the Union Jack in the upper-left corner that had flown since 1870.

• On Feb. 16, 1979, the Bee Gees receive the Grammy for Best Album of 1978 for "Saturday Night Fever" and also win the Best Pop Group award. By 1979 the group, featuring brothers Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb, had recorded five platinum albums and some two-dozen hit singles.

• On Feb. 18, 1995, a one-season revival of "Get Smart," the 1960s comedy about bumbling secret agent Maxwell Smart, is canceled after only seven episodes. The original series, developed by Mel Brooks and starring Don Adams, aired from 1965 to 1970.

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Still standing proud in Jackson Township. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

LIBRARY NEWS

Valentine's day special in the Slightly Read Bookshop

Fred Krohle, manager of the Slightly Read Bookshop, has submitted the following notice: "The bookshop is having a special, limited time sale on paperback books. Now is the time to stock up for the next snow storm!! [Editor's note: He said it, I didn't!] To celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th, the bookshop will offer a "Buy one, get one free" book sale. The catch? You must show your HEART (paper, candy, chocolate, whatever — any size or color) at the checkout". Come in tomorrow between 1 and 7 p.m.!



CAROL KING

Orders are being taken at the library for the American Cancer Society's annual "Daffodil Days" to benefit cancer research. The cost is \$7 a bunch. Orders will be taken until February 24; the pickup date is March 16. It's always a lift to have the bright yellow flowers in one's home at the end of winter — and what a good cause!

The next meeting of the Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library steering committee will be held on Friday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. in the Community Room at the library. This is a very active, enthusiastic group, with many ongoing projects. If you are new to the area, and/or have just recently found time to volunteer, please consider joining the group. It's a good way to get acquainted with others in the com-

munity who are eager to help the library. For further information, call the library at 675-1182, or just come to the meeting.

Janet Bauman, who has succeeded Marilyn Rudolph as children's librarian, has already proven her ability and creativeness in serving as Marilyn's assistant for five years. In addition, she is — like Marilyn — very dedicated to serving the community, and a congenial and cooperative person with whom it is a pleasure to work. We wish her all the best in the years ahead.

The members of the book discussion group are reminded that the next meeting is on Monday, Feb. 28. The book to be discussed is "Dancer," by Colum McCann. Rudolph Nureyev is the dancer of the title.

70 Years Ago
Feb. 15, 1935

REYNOLD'S COW MAKES NEW OFFICIAL RECORD

Another Guernsey cow owned by Dorrance Reynolds of Dallas has just finished a new official record for production which entitles her to entry in the



ONLY YESTERDAY

Advanced Register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club. This animal is a three years old Goodleigh Groignet of Bruser with a production of 9554.7 pounds of milk and 463.7 pounds of fat in class EEE.

Two large dogs attacked a deer on the mountain near the home of Thomas Wright at Noxen last Saturday and chased it until humane onlookers intervened.

William C. Luksic of Mt. Greenwood, former newspaperman, has been appointed acting postmaster at Trucksville to succeed Mrs. Jane Lohman. Mr. Luksic's appointment will be effective today.

60 Years Ago
Feb. 16, 1945

BROTHERS MEET IN BELGIUM

Master Sgt. Harry Blizzard, stationed with the Mobile Reclamation and Repair, in Belgium, and his brother, Pvt. Delbert Blizzard, at the Ordinance Base Depot, met in Belgium recently. This is the first time the two have met since Harry entered the service.

Only Yesterday is compiled from the back-issue files of The Post.

Pvt. Chester Gorczynski, 21 a graduate of Dallas Township High School in the class of 1942, died in a French hospital on January 10 of chest wounds received on December 13 while in action with the Seventh Army on the Western Front, according to information reaching his widowed mother, Mrs. Agnes Gorczynski of Centermoreland.

Ralph Paul was reelected president at the annual meeting of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Community Band held Sunday after noon at the band room on Lake street. Robert Scott of Lehman was elected vice-president and other officers named were: Dr. F. B. Schooley, secretary; Harry Ohlman, treasurer; Howard Cosgrove, director; Ralph Paul and William Thomas of Kunkle, were elected associate conductors.

50 Years Ago
Feb. 11, 1955

DOG SHOOTER WILL BE PAID \$2 PER PAIR OF EARS

Burgess H. A. Smith announced yesterday that Daniel G. Chapman of Kingston has been employed to handle the surplus dog problem in Dallas Borough. Mr. Chapman is paid \$2. for every pair of dog ears sent into the State.

Board of Directors of the Sordoni Construction Company at their annual meeting elected Andrew J. Sordoni, Jr., president of the corporation, succeeding his father at that position. At the same meeting, Andrew J. Sordoni Sr. was elected chairman of the board.

Mrs. Clarence Laidler, Pioneer Avenue, is confined to her home with a broken shoulder received when she slipped on the ice while leaving Shavertown Methodist Church Sunday evening.

40 Years Ago
Feb. 11, 1965

1964 COLLEGE ENROLLMENT HITS NEW RECORD HIGH

Dan Shaver's former theater building on Main Street in Shavertown will soon be the site of a new Back Mountain business enterprise. The 33 x 120 foot building erected in 1938 was a favorite entertainment spot until about ten years ago when the theater was closed. Mr. Shaver's great, great grandfather Philip Shaver was one of the earliest settlers in these parts, coming here from New Jersey in 1814.

A 13-year-old lad from Laffin visiting at a city hospital hereabouts suddenly decided to take a free ride in a new Chevrolet Corvair parked nearby, early this week. Familiar with driving techniques observed from his father, the boy set off on a trip through the Back Mountain until he crashed at Hayes Corners. Clyde Birth's truck towed the wrecked vehicle away. Why did he do it? The culprit could not think of one good reason.

For those who believe that the United States Government is strictly political, Mrs. Carlton Davies' account of the widely attended annual breakfast for members and guests of the International Christian Leadership Association may come as a surprise. Notables included the President of the United States, his wife, the vice president and Mrs. Humphrey.

30 Years Ago
Feb. 13, 1975

STAFANOWICZ DEPLOYED TO SICILY

Navy Aviation Machinist's Mate First Class Henery C. Stefanowicz of Rt. 2, Harvey's Lake has been deployed to the Naval Air Facility, Sigonella, Sicily. He will be involved in

fleet support activities, including the transportation of personnel and supplies to ships in the Mediterranean.

The Lake Lehman Junior, High Squad captured its first Wyoming League championship Saturday by defeating Meyers, 51-23. Ed Ladamus is coach of the team.

Births - Mr. and Mrs. John C. Murray, 3 Saco St., Dallas, a daughter, Feb. 9. Mr. and Mrs. Country Racek, Town and Country Manor, RD 5, Shavertown, a son, Feb. 8.

20 Years Ago
Feb. 13, 1985

JUVENILE DRIVER WILL BE CHARGED WITH FIVE COUNTS

In a hearing set for February 21 in Luzerne County Juvenile Court, the 17-year-old back mountain youth charged with running down Kingston Township Patrolman Ralph Seltzer will be tried on five counts. Pennsylvania State Trooper Carl Allen said Tuesday morning the youth is charged with aggravate assault, recklessly endangering the life of a police officer, violating the drug, devices, and cosmetics act, possession of an instrument of crime and possession of a vehicle with a change in the manufacturer's number.

The Jackson Township Democratic Club held its regular monthly meeting recently at Farmer's Inn, Chase. Election of officers was held. Those re-elected for 1985 were: Jim Spencer, president; Stanley Gierczynski, vice-president; Paul Malak, treasurer; and Ginger Spencer, secretary.

In an advertisement for a beauty salon: "The best way to be today is all mixed up. With multi-length hair styles. Where short hair meets long hair, all on the same head."

Post drop box in Dallas

The building that housed The Post until October has been sold, and the drop off box there has been closed. A box at the Uni-Mart in Dallas, across from the Dallas Shopping Center, remains open.

News items, photos and other correspondence can be deposited there at any time. Please do not place cash or checks in the box.

To assure that items reach us in time for publication, deposit items before 8 a.m. Wednesdays.