

MOMENTS IN TIME

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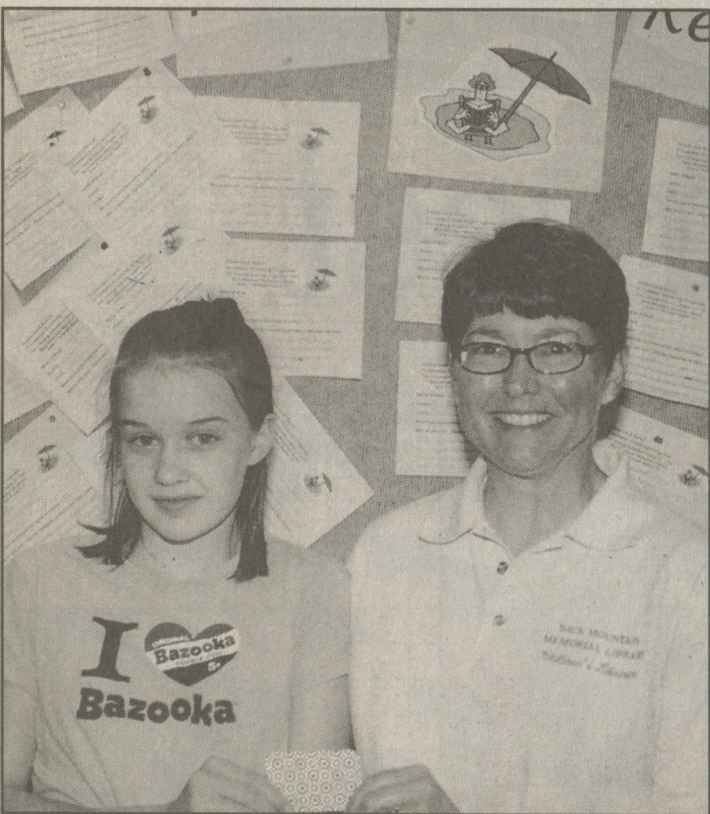
- On Oct. 1, 1856, the Revue de Paris publishes the first segment of "Madame Bovary" by Gustave Flaubert. The novel, about the romantic illusions of a country doctor's wife and her adulterous liaisons, scandalized French traditionalists. Flaubert was brought to trial for obscenity in 1857. He was acquitted, and the book became a popular success.
- On Oct. 2, 1922, the New York Stock Exchange opens the doors to its new offices. Like its predecessor, the 11-story building was located in downtown New York City, at 11 Wall Street.
- On Sept. 27, 1935, 13-year-old singer and actress Judy Garland signs her first contract with MGM. In 1939, Garland became a major star after playing Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," a role originally intended for Shirley Temple. Garland received a special juvenile Oscar for her performance.
- On Sept. 26, 1945, Lt. Col. Peter Dewey, a U.S. Army officer with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in Vietnam, is shot and killed in Saigon when he refuses to stop at a roadblock manned by the Viet Minh. He was the first American soldier to die in Vietnam.
- On Sept. 30, 1954, the U.S. Navy commissions the world's first nuclear submarine, the USS Nautilus.
- On Sept. 28, 1968, the Beatles' single "Hey Jude" hits the top of the charts. Paul McCartney wrote the song about the same time that John Lennon was divorcing his wife Cynthia. McCartney once claimed the song started out as "Hey, Jules," and was meant to console John and Cynthia's son, Julian.
- On Sept. 29, 1988, Stacy Allison of Portland, Ore., becomes the first American woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest, which at 29,035 feet above sea level is the highest point on earth. About two dozen climbers died in attempts to reach the top of Everest in the 20th century.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It's been reported that the Tasmanian devil can consume up to 40 percent of its body weight in half an hour. In human terms, that would be the equivalent of an adult eating 50 pounds of beef at one sitting.
- Actor Roger Bowen played the role of Lt. Colonel Henry Blake in the 1970 film version of "M*A*S*H", while actor McLean Stevenson portrayed the same character in the long-running TV series. In a weird coincidence, they died within one day of each other - Stevenson on Feb. 15, 1996 and Bowen on Feb. 16, 1996 - and from the same ailment: a heart attack.
- It's still not known who observed, "Of all the ways of paying for a thing, cash is the cheapest."
- The world's largest species of flower, the titan arum, has a lifespan of 40 years and can reach up to 18 feet in height. It only blooms a few times over its life, but it's quite an event when a flower emerges. In order to attract insects for pollination, the bloom emits an odor that's been likened to that of rotting flesh.
- Perhaps unsurprisingly, then, another name for the plant is "corpse flower."
- By itself, California constitutes the world's fifth-largest economy.
- Though Rome didn't sink into powerlessness all at once, the date usually given by historians to the fall of Rome is Aug. 28, 474 A.D. Of course, there have been many theories regarding the empire's decline, but one of the more interesting ones centers on the water supply. Rome was dependent on a vast system of aqueducts to bring in the water needed to supply the population. The aqueducts, however, were lined with lead, which has led some researchers to speculate that the Romans slowly went mad.
- Thought for the Day: "Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children." - George Bernard Shaw.

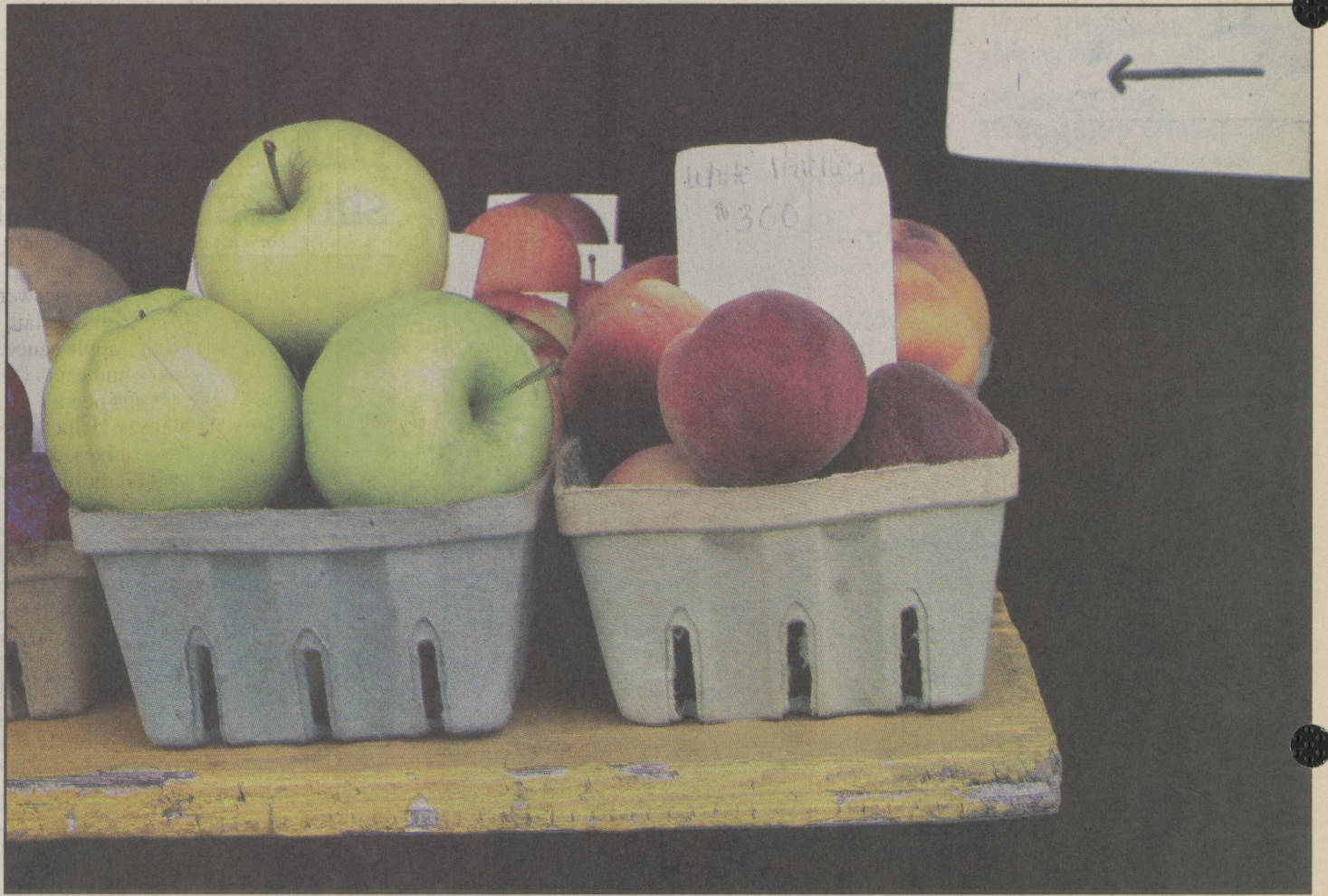
LIBRARY CONCLUDES READ AND RELAX PROGRAM



The Back Mountain Memorial Library recently held its annual Read and Relax summer program. During the program, young people are invited to read and review books. This year's program winner was Mirelle Perry of Nanticoke. The 12-year-old is home-schooled and is a seventh grade student in the PA Virtual Charter School. She is also a member of the Young Adult Book Discussion Group at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Above, Perry receives a \$50 gift certificate to Target Stores from Janet Bauman, children's librarian and coordinator of the Young Adult activities at the library.

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70 YEARS AGO
Sept. 27, 1935BROWN NAMED
POST COMMANDER

Officers were elected by members of Dallas Post, No. 672, American Legion, at a meeting on Wednesday night in Dr. Henry M. Laing Hose House. Arthur Brown was re-elected as commander. Other officers are Homer Teall, first vice-commander; Paul Shaver, second vice-commander; Charles Stookey, adjutant; Arthur Dunge, finance, and Donald Frantz, chaplain.

The farming situation in Luzerne County has improved remarkably during the past two years and the outlook is now the best since 1929. This is the opinion of agriculture experts, who believe also that the farm price index will continue a slow but firm advance.

As The Post reported last week, general crop conditions have been favorable in the Back Mountain and excellent yields are resulting for most crops. The prospects for dairy and poultry farmers are the most promising of the past few years.

ONLY
YESTERDAY

Until one tops his experience, James A. Oliver will be recognized officially by this newspaper as Dallas' most seasoned air traveler. No novice in the skyways, Jim spent a hair-raising two hours and eight minutes bucking a 65-mile head wind in a big cabin plane between Newark and Buffalo last Sunday to achieve this title.

St. Therese's Church of Shavertown - already recognized as one of the most beautiful churches in this region - will achieve another distinction among small churches when its new pipe organ, which work began installing this week, is completed. It is hoped that the organ will be ready for use in about two weeks. Formal dedication will take place at an appropriate service planned tentatively for the middle of October.

60 YEARS AGO
Sept. 28, 1945WPR BOARD
CLOSES DOORS

Dallas War Price and Rationing board will close on October 3. During these three war years, from October 1, 1942 to October 1, 1945 the local board served a population of between thirteen to fourteen thousand people living in the area comprising the townships of Lake, Dallas, Lehman, Kingston, Jackson, and Dallas Borough.

The closing of the Dallas office conforms with the nationwide consolidation program found necessary with the release of many commodities from ratio-

nal control.

In the 10-county area comprising the Scranton OPA District, 40 boards will merge into 20. Cutbacks in OPA are essential due to the end of the war and the reduced work load of all local boards since gasoline, processed foods, fuel oil, stoves and rubber footwear have been removed from rationing control.

Nine Back Mountain men are among those discharged from the Army at Indiantown Gap this week. They include T/5 Alfred J. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Shavertown, who was a prisoner of war in German, captured during the Battle of the Bulge last December while serving with the 28th Division.

The Dallas Township and Lehman football teams start the 1945 season this afternoon at the Lehman High School Field. The Red and White has nine members of last year's varsity returning. Coached by Tony Barbose of Luzerne, Dallas Township has hopes for a successful season.

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 26, 1955RUN-OVER CHILD
DISCHARGED FROM
HOSPITAL

X-rays taken at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital showed no broken bones and no internal injuries, so 2-year-old Elizabeth Gross was discharged Friday after a 24-hour precautionary stay in the children's ward.

Grave injury was expected when the baby slipped the catch of the car door and fell under the wheels in the Commonwealth parking lot on Lake Street when her mother, Mrs. Harry Gross of Park Street was making a U-turn Thursday afternoon.

Two Back Mountain boys, George Major and George Yurko, members of the Blue Ridge Chapter FFA, Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School, took grand champion ribbons during a week devoted to dairy cattle shows.

Major won at the Bloomsburg Junior Achievement Show in Bloomsburg on Saturday, while Yurko won at the Tunkhannock FFA Show on Wednesday.

Two Back Mountain girls survived the semi-finals on Sunday, and will compete for the title of Lady of the Lake tomorrow at Harveys Lake. The girls are among sixteen contestants including Karen Jerkins, last year's winner, and present title holder.

The Back Mountain girls are Margaret Bellas of Noxen, and Lois Osko of Haverys Lake. Eighteen contestants were eliminated. The winner will receive a \$200 purchase order; the runner-up an order for \$100; and third place winner, a \$50 order.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 30, 1965BARRY, WERTMAN
EXTINGUISH FIRE

Fire broke out in a car owned by Carol Owens of Sweet Valley in the parking lot of Miners National Bank, Dallas, yesterday around 11 a.m. It was extinguished by Francis Barry with a bank extinguisher and by fireman James Wertman with an extinguisher from the fire truck.

A report in the Aug. 19 issue of the Dallas Post that toll-free phone service to parts of the Wyoming Valley for Center Moreland was being considered has been confirmed.

Due to the fact that continued interest has been expressed by many customers of Commonwealth Telephone Company for toll-free service between Center Moreland and Kingston-Wilkes-Barre, the phone company will conduct a poll of Center Moreland residents on Oct. 1. The toll-free calling would eliminate the 15-cent message charge on calls between the three exchanges. It would enlarge the toll-free calling area in Center Moreland from 5,300 to 51,000 customers.

A deer shot by Charles Fehlinger, Dallas RD 3, in 1945, numbers among the top 10 "Typical White-tailed Deer Taken with Gun" in a recent statewide survey of Pennsylvania trophies, according to a Game Commission announcement.

The measuring was done by Game Commission Field Divisions in 1965.

Gross profits of the 1965 Dallas Rotary Club Fall Fair fell due to bad weather, although it rained for the same number of days last year. Gross earnings on the grounds last year was \$4,351 according to a Rotary report. The gross this year was \$3916, a drop of \$435 for the annual event. The fair was held Sept. 10, 11 and 12, with bad weather breaks on Sunday.

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 25, 1975DR. LES JORDAN
RECEIVES ROTARY
AWARD

Dr. Les Jordan received the Rotary Club International's highest award, the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, during a special meeting of the Dallas Rotary Club on Saturday night.

A Rotary spokesman noted that in addition to his leadership in the Rotary organization itself, Jordan made tremendous contributions to the local and state Professional Dental Societies, the United Fund, the Boy Scouts of America, the YMCA, the YWCA, and the Back Mountain Public School Educational Association.

The Lake-Lehman football team lost its first game of the season, while Dallas (3-0) continues to roll along unbeaten. Both teams face rugged opposition this week in games against Nanticoke Area and Pittston Area, respectively.

Last week, Lake-Lehman put up a splendid battle against defending champion Meyers. The

game was an indication has a resurgence in its grid program. "While we didn't win the football game, I was pleased with the all-out effort of our players," said coach Rich Gorgone.

Pittston and Dallas have played each other five times, with the Patriots winning three. Dallas head coach Jack Jones feels the game will be the toughest to date, if not the remainder of the season.

The Rev. Ralph Eugene Bennett has been elected pastor of the Huntsville Christian Church, according to an announcement made by chairman of the board Richard Yanalunas.

The Rev. Bennett will assume the ministry of the church on Oct. 1 following a 10-year ministry at the Galesburg, Ill. First Christian Church.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 25, 1985FRANKLIN'S
RESTAURANT
BEING SOLD TO
FRIENDLY'S

A report over the weekend that Franklin Family Restaurants will be purchased by the Friendly Ice Cream Company received general confirmation by the Dallas Post on Monday, Sept. 23. James Velis, director of Friendly Ice Cream Company, had signed an agreement to purchase the entire Franklin Family Restaurants organization, which consists of 12 restaurants. A formal agreement is expected to be released Sept. 30.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will celebrate its 40 years of service to the community with an Open House birthday party on Saturday, Oct. 12.

On Feb. 15, 1945, Judge Harold J. Flannery granted a charter to the Back Mountain Memorial Library Association to establish a free, non-sectarian public library for the Back Mountain communities. The first goal was to purchase the Ryman building on Main Street in Dallas for \$4,000. A formal dedication was planned for Oct. 7, 1945, but violent storms prevailed and the dedication ceremony was put on hold.

The library serves the nine municipalities of Dallas and Harveys Lake borough, along with Dallas, Ross, Kingston, Franklin, Lake, Jackson and Lehman townships.

The Lake-Lehman Homecoming Dance will be held Friday, Sept. 27 from 7-9 p.m. at the Lake-Lehman High School gym. Homecoming festivities will be held during the football game against Bishop O'Reilly on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Edward H. Edwards Stadium.

Members of this year's Homecoming Court are Tracy Cigarski, Carrie Konig, Marlo Lukas, Suzanne Redmond, Donna Rish and Danielle Silveti. One of these members of the senior class will be crowned by last year's Homecoming Queen, Cheryl Campbell.