

HEATING ASSISTANCE

Hot line helping people stay warm

A new toll-free number will help needy Pennsylvanians stay warm this winter according to State Senator Charles Lemmond of Dallas.

The toll-free number, 1-866-550-4355, provides the state's residents with immediate information about restoring utility services, paying their heating bills, fixing residential heating systems and locating available shelters in the area.

The hot line also offers advice for those individuals wishing to help their neighbors get through the winter.

"Some families are less fortunate than our own, and they should not have to choose between food and heat this winter," said Lemmond, who has an office in the Dallas Shopping Center. "This toll-free number provides a single point-of-contact for families to get the assistance they need."

The Republican says programs such as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the \$1 Ener-

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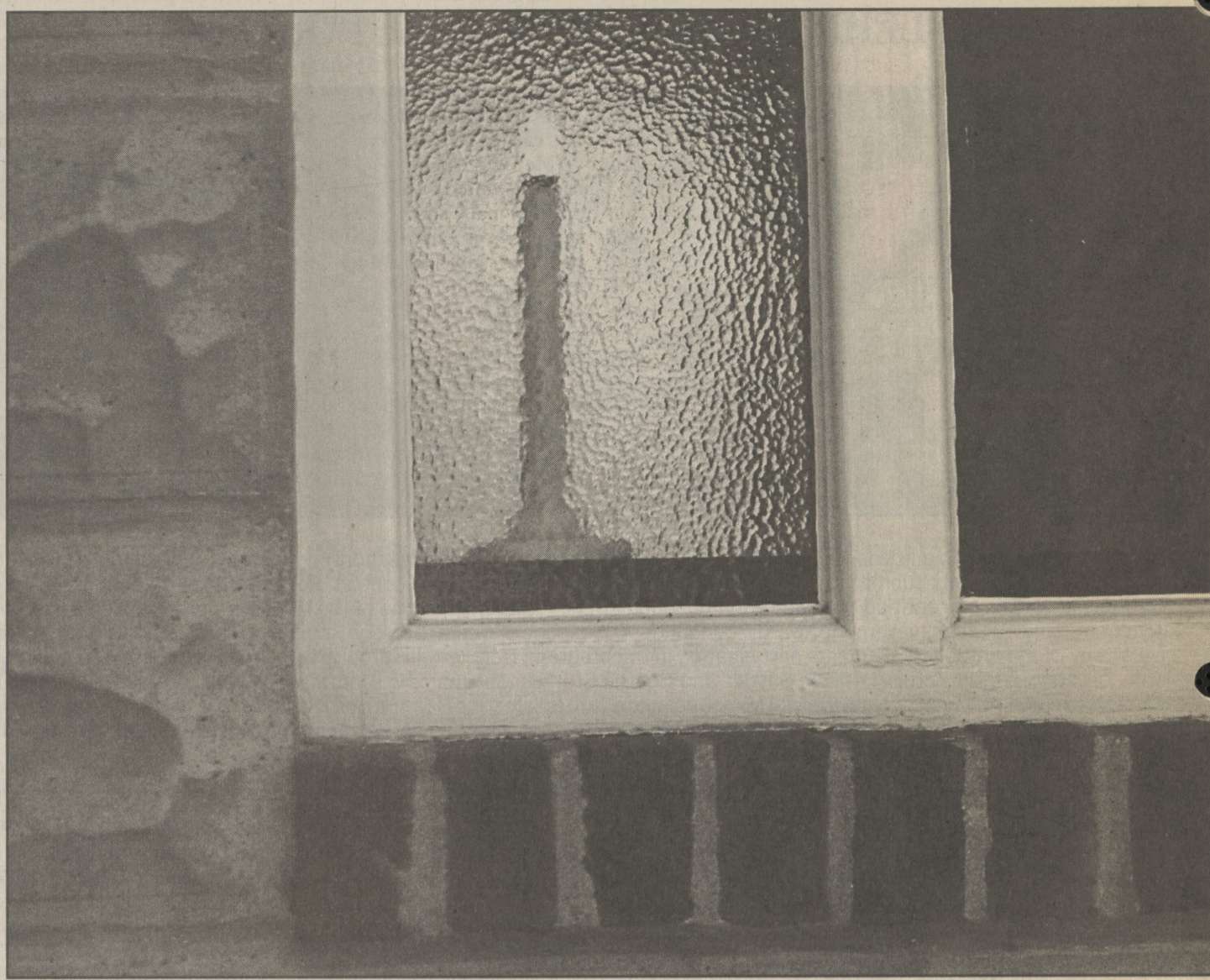
Charles Lemmond
State Senator

gy Fund assist struggling families with heating costs.

Last year the LIHEAP program assisted 350,000 households statewide.

Also, most heating companies offer budget programs which balance energy bills by charging a fixed amount each month.

For more information about heating assistance programs and energy saving tips, visit the Web site www.staywarm-pa.com.



FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK
A lone candle in the window of a church might not emit a lot of light. But for millions of people, that light - whether it comes from a candle or from a star in the sky - is the reason for the Christmas season.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On Dec. 20, 1820, Missouri puts a price on bachelorhood, instituting legislation that forced single men between the ages of 21 and 50 to hand over an annual tax of \$1.
- On Dec. 24, 1851, a devastating fire at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroys about two-thirds of its 55,000 volumes. Today the collection contains more than 17 million books.
- On Dec. 19, 1915, internationally renowned French singer Edith Piaf is born. At age 20, Piaf supported herself with street singing and prostitution until a nightclub owner discovered her, dubbing her "la mome piaf" ("the waif sparrow").
- On Dec. 21, 1937, actress Jane Fonda is born. The daughter of actor Henry Fonda, she was nominated for an Oscar for "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" (1969), and won the Best Actress award in 1978 for "Coming Home."
- On Dec. 23, 1944, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower endorses the finding of a court-martial in the case of draftee Eddie Slovik, who was tried for desertion. Eisenhower authorized Slovik's execution, the first such sentence against a U.S. Army soldier since the Civil War, and the only man so punished during World War II.
- On Dec. 22, 1964, comedian Lenny Bruce is sentenced to four months in a New York jail for violating obscenity laws during his nightclub act. After being convicted during the longest and costliest obscenity trial in history, Bruce died of an overdose in August 1966 while the case was on appeal.
- On Dec. 25, 1985, David Turner and Tim Pickhard arrive in John O'Groats, Scotland, the northernmost point in Great Britain, to complete the longest battery-powered drive in history. They traveled 875 miles on a single battery charge after setting out four days earlier from Land's End, the southernmost point in Britain, in a battery-powered Freight Rover Leyland Sherpa driven by a Lucas electric motor.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

- Bermuda has more golf courses per square mile than any country in the world.
- In an innovative -- though not particularly ethical -- attempt to earn some extra income, a Chinese peasant farmer decided that he would roll large rocks onto a nearby road. The aim of his scheme was to charge motorists to repair the cars that would be damaged by hitting the rocks. Unfortunately, five people were killed in an accident caused by the rocks. The peasant was charged with murder, found guilty and sentenced to death as a result.
- The word "giraffe" comes from an Arabic word meaning "one that walks quickly."
- Much research has been done on death and dying; one of the results of this research is that we now have some idea of when a dying person's senses stop functioning. Sight is said to be the first one to go, followed by taste, then smell, then touch. People can usually hear right up until the very end. I wonder, though: How did researchers determine the order?
- Keep this in mind the next time you're heading to poker night with your buddies: The periodical Gambler's Digest once reported that there is more cheating in private, friendly games than in all other gambling games put together.
- "She's the kind who can marry anyone she pleases. Too bad she doesn't please anyone." It's still not known who made that statement. Or - perhaps more importantly - about whom.
- The number-crunchers at General Motors say that it costs between \$3 billion and \$9 billion to conduct the research and development necessary to design a new vehicle. And that's before the costs of producing the vehicle for the masses are figured in.

Thought for the Day: "Baloney is flattery so thick it cannot be true; barley is flattery so thin we like it." - Fulton Sheen
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Slightly Read Book Shop going through renovations



The Back Mountain Memorial Library Open House will be held from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21 and Thursday, Dec. 22 at the library on Huntsville Road in Dallas. Everyone is invited to stop during those hours to share the Christmas spirit and refreshments.

We also want to remind you that the library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 26. It will also be closed Saturday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 2.

Fred Krohl, manager of the Slightly Read Book Shop, and/or Lake-Lehman schools are delayed or canceled.

LIBRARY NEWS

CAROL KING

announces that the shop is closed to undergo renovations. The paperback book room, however, remains open. It is expected that the Slightly Read Book Shop will reopen in February.

Hours for the 2006 winter/spring story hours have been announced. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4. Call the library at 675-1182 or stop by the Children's Room to register your child.

The story hours begin the week of Feb. 6 and end the week of April 3. The story hours will be canceled on days that Dallas

and/or Lake-Lehman schools are delayed or canceled.

There will be two Toddler Circle Times - each lasting a half-hour - Tuesdays at times to be announced. Children's librarian Janet Bauman is in need of a second story lady for the toddler group. Please see her if you know someone who might be interested in reading to the toddlers.

The schedule for the 3-5-year-old group, which lasts 45 minutes to an hour, is: 9:45-10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays; and 10-11 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

The library has several items available for your gift-giving: 2006 Entertainment Book, \$30;

Peepers, those unique eyeglasses, starting at \$13; and library tote bags, \$5 for children's and \$12 for the adult version.

Once again this year, best wishes for a holiday filled with the love of family and friends, and the warmth of happy memories from all the staff, starting as always with the Ms - Martha, Millie and Margaret - and Anna, Brian, Cindy, Debbie, Edie and Janet.

May the New Year bring health and happiness to you all!

Carol King is a volunteer at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Her library news column appears every other week.

70 years ago
Dec. 20, 1935

HUNTERS PROVIDE DEER FOR BANQUET

Eighty pounds of venison are being cooked today for the first annual Game Dinner of the Blue Ribbon Club of the Dallas M.E. Church in the new recreation rooms at the church tonight.

The meat is from three deer shot by Robert Hislop Jr., James

Besecker and William Lauderbaugh in Bradford County early in the hunting season

when a hunting party made up of Blue Ribbon Club members went out to secure the meat for the scheduled dinner.

Judge W. Alfred Valentine of Luzerne County Common Pleas Court and Judge E. Foster Heller of Orphans Court will be the speakers.

MUSICIANS, THESPIANS GOING TO CAPITOL

Two local groups - one made up of amateur actors and the other of musicians - will represent Luzerne and Columbia counties in the annual state wide play tournaments to be a feature of the Pennsylvania Farm Show at Harrisburg next month.

They achieved the honor on Wednesday night in the elimination finals at Bloomsburg, when they were selected by judges after a competition.

Six men and women from Lehman, appearing under the sponsorship of the Ladies Aid Society of Lehman Methodist Episcopal Church, presented Bessie C. Gray's "Greener Grass" to defeat

two Columbia County groups.

The Pike s Creek Orchestra was the only entrant in the musical competition and was selected to represent the bi-county district at the farm show.

60 Years ago
Dec. 14, 1945

GAME PROTECTOR URGES TRAPPING

Attributing the absence of small game this season to the increase of predatory animals in the woods, William Beisher, District Game Protector, on Huntington Mills, gave a talk and demonstration on trapping to Lehman High School Sports Club this week.

Mr. Beisher blamed the increase in foxes, weasels and skunks on the war and the absence of trappers. There has been little trapping, he said, for several years. He urged students to take it up as a healthful sport and remunerative hobby. He showed the students how to set traps for different animals and drew many illustrations from his own experiences and those of professional trappers.

L-L SENIORS PRESENT PLAY

Students of the Senior Class of Lehman Township Schools will present a dramatic version of Booth Tarkington's famous novel, "Seventeen," in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. this evening Friday, December 14.

William Johnson will portray the role of Willie Baxter, the love smitten adolescent, and Ann Husted will play Lola Pratt, the pretty girl from another town whose summer visit creates a variety of sensations among the circle of Willie's friends.

ROOSTER AND SETTER

ARE FAST FRIENDS

Politics make strange bedfellows, but politics has nothing to do with the affection Claude Cooke's 14-year-old Blue Belton setter, Donnie, has for a yearling Rhode Island Red Rooster.

The two are inseparable companions and slept together every night in the old dog's coop. Claude first discovered their friendship several months ago when he found that the rooster was never on the roost with the other chickens at night. In spite of considerable investigation, he could not locate the rooster, until one evening when Mrs. Cooke went out to feed the dog. There she found the rooster snuggled up against Donnie in the back of the kennel.

50 Years Ago
Dec. 16, 1955

CHORALE CONCERT IN MANHATTAN

For the third consecutive year, Dallas Woman's Club Chorale, under the direction of Mrs. Norman Patton, presented a program of Christmas carols Monday evening at Grand Central Terminal, New York City.

Forty four women made the trip in a chartered bus leaving Dallas at 6 a.m. arriving at Radio City Music Hall at 10:15 a.m. affording them sufficient time to see the Christmas Show at the Music Hall and to visit places of interest before giving their concert at 5 p.m. from the balcony of the thronged terminal.

THREE COMPANIES BATTLE

BLAZE, SPECTATORS
The Alan S. Wilkinson home on Bunker Hill was saved from destruction Wednesday night by the concerted efforts of three fire companies, Trucksville Sha-

vertown and Dallas.

A blaze, which started as a grease fire at the kitchen completely wrecked the kitchen, and destroyed the breezeway and garage, but was prevented from spreading to other portions of the new ranch-type house.

Trucksville Fire Company arrived first at 10:10 Chief Vought Long immediately summoned Sahvertown and Dallas.

Onlookers hurrying up Carverton road in their cars, blocked access to the premises, hindering the fire fighters and delaying action.

STUDENTS WELCOME AT SANTA CLAUS HOP

Dallas-Franklin-Monroe Township juniors and seniors will hold the annual Christmas dance in the gymnasium Wednesday evening. There will be dancing to music furnished by the H-Tones from 8 until 11. Students from other high schools are cordially invited to attend the Santa Claus hop.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1965

VANDALS DAMAGE L-L SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Vandals left themselves out the front door after breaking into the Lake-Lehman High School sometime after 8:30 p.m. Saturday, smashing their way into several rooms and emptying vending machines boxes of an undetermined amount.

Evidence indicates there was more than one and since they did not eat ice cream out of one of the machines they smashed for money, it is presumed by some that they were not very young. In the cafeteria, the broke open milk and ice cream machines totally ruining the doors on the \$1,000 machines.

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