

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Commander applauds coverage of veterans

Editor,

I would be remiss if I didn't take the time to express my appreciation to Dallas Post editor Dave Konopki and photographer Charlotte Bartizek for the articles that you publish on behalf of veterans, especially the Back Mountain's own Daddow Isaacs Post 672.

Last Sunday's poignant picture of the stars hanging from the ceiling of the Dallas Middle School with the Legionnaire's gazing upward has generated many compliments from people who have approached me.

In this day and age when people take their freedoms for granted — those freedoms which have been maintained in great measure through the sacrifice of many veterans — it is gratifying that many publications and area churches took some time to remember these servicemen and servicewomen to whom we owe so much.

The programs at the Dallas middle school and high school; the Veterans Day service on Saturday (Nov. 11) was well-attended; a special service at the Shavertown Methodist Church; and the attendance at the Veterans Day parade in Wilkes-Barre in which our Post 672 participated buoyed all of our spirits.

Thanks again and God Bless America.

Clarence J. Michael, commander
Daddow-Isaacs Post 672, Dallas



With each stride on Hayfield Road in Lehman -- a move closer to strength, to health, to a goal. Yet each step takes us away -- from a season, from allotted time, from what life might be. So use each wisely -- time and strides through it.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Nov. 25, 1783, nearly three months after the Treaty of Paris was signed ending the American Revolution, the last British soldiers withdraw from New York City.
- On Nov. 22, 1927, Carl Eliason of Sayner, Wis., is granted the first patent for a snowmobile. The small vehicle had rope-controlled steering skis and running boards made out of two downhill skis. The U.S. Army ordered 150 Eliason machines in Alaska during World War II.
- On Nov. 26, 1933, 15,000 people in San Jose, Calif., storm the jail and lynch two men suspected of murdering the son of a local grocer. Not only did Gov. James Rolph reject the National Guard's offer to send assistance, he reportedly said he would pardon those involved.
- On Nov. 23, 1959, Robert Stroud, the famous "Birdman of Alcatraz," is released from solitary confinement for the first time since 1916. Stroud was first sent to prison in 1909 after he killed a bartender in a brawl. He lived amongst the canaries that were brought to him by visitors, and became an expert in birds and ornithological diseases.

THOMAS DISPLAYING NUTCRACKERS AT LIBRARY



Jordan Thomas, a seventh grade student at Lake-Lehman Junior High School, is sharing his vast collection of Nutcrackers with the patrons of the Back Mountain Memorial Library during the upcoming holiday season. Thomas resides in Shavertown and has been collecting Nutcrackers since he was about 6 years old. Most of the Nutcrackers on display are gifts from his grandmother, Regina Owens of Nanticoke and are original Steinbach Nutcrackers from Germany. Thomas met creator Christian Steinbach at Dundee Gardens when Steinbach and his daughter, Karla, were on tour of the United States. Steinbach is recognized all over the world for his unique design of his wood-carved Steinbach Nutcracker masterpieces and his tradition will live on in his daughter, Karla. Thomas is very fortunate to have many of his Nutcrackers autographed by Steinbach or his daughter. His unusual collection also includes large Nutcrackers in the shape of Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim, a Barrister, farmer, golfer, pilot, cowboy and a seaman complete with a yellow slicker. A Clockmaker Nutcracker and one portraying Uncle Sam are also animated and musical. The smaller nutcrackers include Sir Lancelot and King Arthur of Camelot, a pilgrim, snowman, Santa and sports figures. His display also includes several traditional Nutcrackers on the bottom shelf of the case.

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'The Innocent Man' among new books on shelves at library

The following new books were recently donated to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road in Dallas. The library also accepts books donated in someone's memory or honor. For more information, call 675-1182.

EXPRESS(1 week)

"The Innocent Man" by John Grisham
"The Collectors" by David Baldacci
"Christmas Letters" by Debbie Macomber

"The Hounds and the Fury" by Rita Mae Brown

FICTION

"The Collectors" by David Baldacci
"Summer at Willow Lake" by Susan Wiggs
"Impulse" by JoAnn Ross
"Morrigan's Cross" by Nora Roberts
"The Testament" by Eric Luster
"The Swarm" by Frank Schatzing
"Golden Threads" by Kay

Hooper
"Under the Mistletoe" by Mary Balogh
"Christmas Letters" by Debbie Macomber
"Finding Noel" by Richard Paul Evans
"Tolstoy Lied" by Rachel Kadish
"Dance of the Gods" by Nora Roberts
"Trouble in High Heels" by Christina Dodd
"Goodnight Texas" by William J. Cobb
"Born to be Wild" by Cath-

rine Coulter
"The Widow" by Carla Neggers
"The Bishop's Daughter" by Wanda E. Brunstetter
"For One More Day" by Mitch Albom
NONFICTION
"The Innocent Man" by John Grisham
"State of Denial" by Bob Woodward
"The Confession" by James E. McGreevey

70 YEARS AGO
Nov. 20, 1936

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION READY TO BEGIN

Bids for construction of 16,589 feet of concrete highway on Route 92 between Dallas and Tunkhannock will be opened today at the office of Secretary of Highways Warren Van Dyke of Harrisburg. The new construction which may be laid yet this winter, will begin near Eatonville and extend to join with the newly-laid concrete stretch at Sugar Hollow.

ONLY YESTERDAY

Two bridges, a 155-foot plate-girder bridge and the other a reinforced bridge, will be part of the new contract.

The 80th anniversary celebration of the Lehman United Methodist Episcopal Church will be climaxed on Sunday by a full day of special services, concluding with High School Night. Large crowds have been attending the special series of services at the church, which started last Sunday night.

60 YEARS AGO
Nov. 22, 1946

HIGH SCHOOL BANDS ATTEND MARINE CORPS CONCERT

Five hundred and sixty-seven students from Back Mountain area high schools were among the 10,000 who attended the student concert of the United States Marine Band at the Kingston Armory on Tuesday afternoon. This was the first appearance of the Marine Band in this area since 1937.

Uniformed bands of Lehman Township, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough were among the many of which participated in the program. Lehman headed bands from the West Side schools as they marched Kingston Corners to the armory.

Almost 300 people attended the meeting of the Dallas Borough PTA on Monday night,

making it, in the words of president James Besecker "a good meeting with the largest crowd on record present."

Main business revolved around a discussion of plans to purchase playground equipment for the school. Members of the committee stated that due to material shortages, they have been unable to obtain promises of spring delivery.

Dallas School Board director David Jenkins and two Wilkes-Barre businessmen narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday at 4:30 p.m. when Mr. Jenkins' new Stinson, four-passenger plane crashed and burned on Nescopeck Mountain near Stone Ridge.

The trio was returning from a business trip to Milwaukee, Wis., when the plane became lost in heavy fog as it passed over Williamsport. Searching for an opening, Mr. Jenkins found one and piloted his plane for it but the fog closed in before he reached it. Descending too fast, the plane struck a tree on the mountainside. The men were treated for superficial bruises, cuts and sprains.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 16, 1956

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN FOR NEW DALLAS H.S.

Two things occurred at the Tuesday night's meeting of the Dallas School Board: a site was mapped out for the new high school and the firm of Lacy, Atherton & Davis was selected as the architects.

The site, announced by building and grounds chairman James Hutchison, embraces the 66 acres of the Arthur Newman and Charles Lipp farms in Dallas Township, exclusive of the Newman homestead.

A survey group representing the Wilkes-Barre Real Estate Board carefully inspected all four sites under consideration and certified their value and suitability for the new construction.

The site selected is a perfect spot, lying high and level for the most part, but with one wooded knoll abutting the George Rice farm, high enough to provide gravity feed from the water tank. There was once a windmill here, proving presence of water.

The Dallas Women's Club International dinner at Prince of Peace parish hall, despite competing with the Rotary Club's annual dinner, did not draw as large a crowd as usual, but everyone who attended was delighted with the menu.

A committee headed by Mrs. Vern Groff prepared the dinner at home. Mrs. Ralph Dixon, Mrs. Raymond Elston, Mrs. L.L. Richardson, Mrs. Walter Elston, Mrs. Robert Dyer and Mrs. Thomas Robinson each assigned a recipe for the menu.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 22, 1966

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS HOLD JOINT MEETING

A meeting of municipal officials of the Back Mountain area was held at the Jonathan R. Davis Fire Hall in Idetown on Friday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the possibility of a sanitary landfill to be located in Lake Township and to discuss other local problems that could be solved on a joint basis.

The following officials were present: John H. Stenger, Alger W. Shafer, Sharon Whitesell and Walter Hoover, Lake Township; Wesley Lamoreaux and Harold Bertram, Jackson Township; Fred Lamoreaux, Phillip Walter, Basil E. Frantz and Glenn M. Howell, Dallas Township; George Thomas, Dallas Borough; William Samuel, Alan Major, Clinton D. Smith and Michael Godek, Lehman Township; and John Funke, Kingston Township.

Hunters will take to the woods on Monday for the opening day of deer season. Local schools, bowing to the inevitable, close for the occasion and lengthen the Thanksgiving holiday vacation by one day.

Students are asked to call the Dallas Post to report their kill. Last year's harvest of deer was 64,129 in the state of Pennsylvania and the harvest for 1966 is estimated to be equal or surpass that figure. Many deer have also been killed on the highways. Officials estimate the remaining deer herd to include approximately 90,000 adult bucks.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 18, 1976

LAKE-LEHMAN SEEKS BUSINESS MANAGER

School board director Gilbert Tough told the Lake-Lehman School Board last week that qualifications for the district's new business manager are to include a college degree in business or accounting and at least four years experience in budgetary or office management.

The new position, approved by a vote of 6-2 with board member Ellis Hoover not voting, will carry a salary of \$10,000 to \$18,000. In outlining the qualifications for the job, Tough informed the board that it was his committee's goal that a "top notch individual" be retained for the job.

Members of the Dallas Borough Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22 to open the applications for police chief, evaluate them and determine the applicants they feel are qualified to fill the position of chief in the borough.

At Tuesday night's meeting, council president Jerry Machell explained the meeting would merely be for the purpose of studying the applications and that no action would be taken. Machell also stated he wanted to meet with the police committee and patrolmen prior to a Nov. 22 meeting with the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Co.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 19, 1986

DALLAS WINS OLD SHOE GAME

Playing through frigid weather and a snow-covered field, the Dallas High School football team retained the Old Shoe trophy with a 15-2 win against Back Mountain rival Lake-Lehman in the annual Old Shoe Game. Despite the weather, warmly-dressed fans packed the stands at Edward H. Edwards Stadium in Lehman.

Average annual salaries of administrative/supervisory staff positions in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts are lower than the state average in every category but one, according to data provided by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Only the business manager salary at Lake-Lehman is slightly higher than the state's average.