

## LIBRARY NEWS

## Community invited to library's Open House

Resident of the community are invited to take a few minutes from their holiday shopping, baking and cleaning to stop by the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Huntsville Road in Dallas during its annual Holiday Open House on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 20-21. The open house will be held during regular library hours.

There will be refreshments, homemade cookies and candy. And while you are there, ask about the new eAudiobooks, look over the new DVDs or even apply for a library card. It's a gift you can give to yourself!

The library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 25 in celebration of the Christmas holiday. Likewise, the library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 1 for New Year's.

The Slightly Read Bookshop will also be closed Saturday, Dec. 23 and will not reopen until Saturday, Jan. 6. Fred Krohle, bookstore manager, would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers and patrons for their support and dedication throughout 2006.

Looking for some last-minute presents or decorations? Patrons are reminded that the Library Holiday Boutique is continuing to offer a variety of Christmas items in the foyer of the library entrance. New and nearly new holiday items are replenished almost daily.

Some of the items available include Christmas dinnerware, linens, ornaments, cookie jars, wreaths, floral and stuffed snowmen and toys. The items will be available until Jan. 6.

Registration for the winter/spring story hours and for the spring parent/child workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3 at the library. Children's librarian Janet Bauman is looking for volunteers to conduct a toddler half-hour story time and a story hour for the older toddlers, ages three to five years. Bauman suggests teaming up with others if you have an interest but cannot commit to the entire session.

For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

## The History Channel

- On Dec. 19, 1732, Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia first publishes "Poor Richard's Almanack." The book, filled with proverbs preaching industry and prudence, was published continuously for 25 years and became one of the most popular publications in colonial America, selling an average of 10,000 copies a year.

- On Dec. 18, 1865, following its ratification by the requisite three-quarters of the states earlier in the month, the 13th Amendment, banning slavery, is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution.

- On Dec. 20, 1892, Charles and Frank Duryea's third automobile was the first to use pneumatic tires. Before the pneumatic tire, wheels were often made of solid rubber. This made travel a bumpy experience, as the streets of 1892 were made of dirt or cobblestone.

- On Dec. 21, 1937, the Lincoln Tunnel was officially opened to traffic, allowing motorists to drive between New Jersey and Manhattan beneath the Hudson River.

- On Dec. 22, 1949, Australian twin brothers Robin and Maurice Gibb are born. Together with their brother Barry, they later formed the Bee Gees (for "Brothers Gibb"). After adding a drummer and bassist, the group began racking up such hits as "To Love Somebody" (1967) and "I've Got to Get a Message to You" (1968).

- On Dec. 24, 1953, "Dragnet" becomes the first network series with a regular sponsor when Fatima cigarettes signs on to back the show. The program was one of the first dramatic series in a medium that had been dominated to that point by anthology shows.

- On Dec. 23, 1968, the crew and captain of the U.S. intelligence-gathering ship USS Pueblo are released after 11 months imprisonment by the government of North Korea. The ship, and its 83-man crew, was seized by North Korean warships on Jan. 23 and charged with intruding into North Korean waters. Both captain and crew were horribly treated and later recounted their torture at the hands of the North Koreans.

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- The unknown soul who made the following sage observation must have been a keen observer of events: "A politician can appear to have his nose to the grindstone while straddling a fence and keeping both ears to the ground."

- The skin of the African elephant, the largest living land animal in the world, weighs 2,000 pounds by itself, and there are more than 60,000 muscles in its trunk alone.

- The record at hand tells of a wealthy man whose family harassed him his entire life to find a wife. The pressure became so great that he developed a hatred of women in general, and he remained a bachelor for his entire life. His antipathy was so great, in fact, that it was carried over even after his death at a rather old age. He specified in his will that he was not to be buried near a woman. In fact, his estate was required to purchase three gravestones next to each other and bury him in the middle one, leaving both of the others empty just to be sure no woman would lie next to him for eternity.

- I'd be very surprised if you've ever heard of Bokassa I, former emperor of the Central African Republic. It's interesting to note, though, that while he was on trial for infanticide, cannibalism and torture, he commented, "Being head of state is an extremely thankless job."

- Any author being published today would love to have his or her work chosen by Oprah Winfrey for her book club, thanks to the so-called Oprah Effect - being included in her book club typically results in a million additional book sales.

- In medieval China, it was common for a woman to breastfeed a child until he or she was 7 years old.

Thought for the Day: "A hick town is one in which there is no place to go where you shouldn't be." - Alexander Woollcott

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Light dapples across a season filled with light and joy and good cheer. Yet there remains angst for some including those left behind, waiting to be chosen, wrapped or placed on an evergreen bough.

70 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 18, 1936

### AMERICAN LEGION RECEIVES NEW NAME

The names of two local young men who died in the service of their country during the World War were honored Wednesday night when the local American Legion Post 672 voted unanimously to name their unit the Daddow-Isaacs Post.



### ONLY YESTERDAY

The action was a tribute to the memory of Lloyd Daddow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Daddow of Dallas, and Gomer Isaacs, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs of Dallas Township.

Daddow enlisted in the spring of 1918 and was sent to Newport, R.I. Four weeks later, his body was brought home after he died of influenza in camp. The 20-year-old's body is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Isaacs died at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia at the age of 23. His family still has a card signed by President Woodrow Wilson, citing Isaacs for serving with honors and dying in service to his country.

Fulfilling their annual tradition as Santa Claus' helpers, local RFD men this week began their weary holiday rounds, weighted down under a record-breaking volume of Christmas mail. The volume of mail and parcel post took its expected pre-holiday jump on Monday and continued heavy during the week, in some cases even compelling the postmen to take the seat cushion from their automobile to pack in the load.

According to the mailmen, a number of people followed the advice of The Dallas Post last week and put ashes on icy spots beside the mailbox, so the RFD automobiles don't skid when they pull to a stop.

60 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 13, 1946

### LOCAL GLEE CLUB PRESENTING PROGRAM

The Glee Club, under the direction of Robert Henderson, will present a special Christmas program at the next meeting of the Dallas Borough School's Parent-Teacher Association. The meeting is scheduled for Monday in the high school auditorium.

Jack Morris, a soloist from Bennett Presbyterian Church, will be the guest artist. Other musical organizations from high school and grade school will participate in the program. The music will include a variety of songs, including traditional

Christmas carols and songs.

Fifteen U.S. Navy veterans of World War II who reside in the Back Mountain have enrolled in the Navy's new Postwar Reserve Program. Lt. John Kenny said the battalion's strength has been greatly enhanced by the interest and cooperation of the local veterans. He said the Postwar Reserve Program is vital to the security of the nation.

Game protector Temple E. Reynolds prosecuted two local men this week for out-of-season trapping and another man for shooting an illegal deer.

An Exeter man was fined \$30 and costs for illegal possession of three muskrats trapped out of season. Another Exeter resident was fined \$170 and costs on charges of trapping and possessing 17 out-of-season muskrats. Both men trapped the animals in the Susquehanna River.

A Nanticoke man was fined for shooting a spiked buck in Ross Township on the first day of doe season. Game Warden Ferris Roberts made the arrest and the man was later fined \$100 and costs. He paid \$25 at the hearing and will pay the remainder at the state Game Commission office.

50 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 14, 1956

### AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE RISES TO NEARLY \$18,000

Although the number of housing units built in the Back Mountain region during 1956 has been off a little - following the national trend - dollar volume has been probably about the same as last year. This is the opinion of Howard Whitesell, a partner in Whitesell Brothers, a company whose specialty is home construction.

Prior to this year, the biggest demand in the Back Mountain area was for 2-bedroom homes selling between \$10,000 and \$11,000. But there has been a shift and now the demand is for 3- and 4-bedroom units ranging in price from \$13,000 to \$18,000. Whitesell believes the normal demand will be even greater because more and more young families are convinced that the Back Mountain is an ideal location in which to establish a home.

Local churches of every creed are cooperating to help the country of Hungary in her great need, working through many channels, but with the emphasis on warm clothing.

Gate of Heaven Church of Dallas and Our Lady of Victory Church in Harveys Lake have combined to send nearly two tons of warm, wearable clothing, a product of a Thanksgiving clothing drive which netted twice the amount normally contributed. More than 6,000 arti-

cles of clothing were shipped by Lehigh Valley freight to New York City, stoutly packed in 71 cartons. Cash contributions were also sent, but the Rev. Francis A. Kane says that nothing takes the place of wood garments and the emphasis of the drive was placed on the clothing itself.

The Rev. Frederick Eidam of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Shavertown reported the church's Luther League packed warm clothing for shipment to the Phillipsburg Depot for sorting and processing, prior to shipment from New York to the distributing center nearest Hungary. The Rev. Russell Lawry, pastor of Dallas United Methodist Church, says the deadline for donations from his church is this week. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts at the church are holding clothing drives.

Not content to rest on the laurels won by its championship wrestling team of last year, Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School is looking forward to one of the best wrestling seasons in its history. This is the fifth year of wrestling at the school and the third under head coach Jack Armstrong. Last year's team won the championship in the Urban League, which is comprised of experienced programs such as Wyoming Seminary, Benton and Lehman-Jackson. Lake-Noxen is also expected to have a strong wrestling team this season.

40 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 22, 1966

### KT SUPERVISORS DISCUSS PROBLEM INTERSECTIONS

The Kingston Township planning commission will check sites for the purchase of recreational land under the proposed Project 70, said chairman LaRoy Ziegler during a meeting of township supervisors on Wednesday evening.

The board of supervisors also met with the planning body recently and discussed the problem of billboards and several intersections in the township. Mr. Ziegler spoke about the troublesome intersection lights at Center Street, which were proving a headache to motorists when operated on the detector system.

He reported an effort will be made to operate the lights on timing, which has been proven more satisfactory. Approval must come from the state. Included in the request will be the installation of reflectors at the Carverton Road intersection.

Richard Ide, a 1949 Lehman High School graduate, was sworn in Tuesday night at the December meeting of the Lake-

Lehman school board. Ide is filling the vacancy on the board caused by the resignation of Dean Shaver earlier in the month. The oath of office was administered by board chairman Willard Sutton.

Mr. Shaver's resignation had been presented to the board during a reorganization meeting on Dec. 5 and his withdrawal was accepted with regret by fellow board members. Mr. Ide, who is a resident of Idetown, is employed by Air Products.

Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 American Legion held its annual Christmas Party for children of the Back Mountain on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Post Home on Memorial Highway in Dallas. The doors opened at 1:30 p.m. with the festivities beginning at 2 p.m. The Dallas police department was on hand to direct traffic.

Santa Claus was at the party to distribute prizes and refreshments were served. Six grand prizes were awarded this year. The event general chairman was Thomas Reese, according to American Legion commander Curtis Bynon. Reese was assisted by Gus Shuleski, George Cave, Bernard McDermott and Richard Staub. The honorary chairman was Paul Shaver.

30 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 16, 1976

### BURGER KING TO OPEN IN SPRING

Edwin Davis and William Powell, officials of Burger King, Inc., announced Tuesday that ground has been broken for the new Burger King to be built on the property of the former Shavertown Elementary School. In a joint statement, the officials hoped to have the new business completed in the spring and that it depended on weather conditions.

Both Davis and Powell are residents of the Back Mountain and indicated their pleasure in becoming part of the Back Mountain business family. The new business will mean additional jobs for the local area on a full- and part-time basis, they said.

Head coach Chip Sorber's wrestling team at Lake-Lehman High School posted a convincing 50-5 win against Valley View this week. The Lackawanna County school came into the meet against Lake-Lehman with a 2-0 record. Luther Jones, Mike Kyle, Bud Hennebaul, Jack Swire and heavyweight Mike Leskowsky all recorded pins for the Black Knights. Swire and Leskowsky pinned their opponents in less than a minute, while Hennebaul was winning 30-5 before recording a pin in 3:25.

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