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YOUR SPACE



"Little One" is a Shih-Tzu given to Albert Steinhauer, of Harveys Lake, by his wife, Lorraine, on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. Little One, who will be 10 years old in February and who is Albert's faithful companion, lives the good life with the Steinhauers. She posed for this picture on a rock ledge behind the Steinhauers' home.

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers.

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turned should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kingston Twp. Lions Club looking for new members

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to residents of the Back Mountain to inform them about Lions Clubs and to invite them to join the Kingston Township Lions Club.

Since 1917, Lions Clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their community. Today, with more than 1.3 million men and women located in 205 countries and geographic areas around the globe, Lions have expanded their focus to help meet the changing needs of society.

District 14-W, which covers all of Luzerne County and consists of 41 individual clubs, is a part of The International Association of Lions Clubs, or Lions Clubs International. LCI is the world's largest and greatest service club organization and consists of men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Our motto is "WE SERVE."

Lions are recognized for their service to blind and visually-impaired people. Besides collecting and recycling eyeglasses for distribution here as well as in third world and developing countries, Lions also make a strong commitment to young people through their many youth programs.

Lions provide support for diabetes research and education (Diabetic Retinopathy is the leading cause of vision loss and/or blindness in the United

States.) Lions provide disaster relief around the world and here at home with aid to Hurricane Katrina victims and tsunami relief in Indonesia. LCIF has worked with Lions leaders in Southern California to help victims of the California wildfires.

Locally, we received an emergency grant of \$10,000 when winter flooding occurred in Bear Creek and \$5,000 when Hurricane Ivan flooded homes in Plains and Jenkins Township along the Susquehanna River. Both were accomplished with a phone call.

Local Lions Clubs provide scholarship programs to today's college students, have provided voice-activated computers for blind residents, support nursing home residents with visits or with baskets or gifts. Many sponsor Little League teams, donate to local fire departments, ambulance associations, recreation and parks departments, libraries and their local YMCA.

Do you think you've got what it takes to become a Lion? Ask any Lion member for information, visit www.lionsclubs.org, www.district14w.org or call 570-208-LION to find out more. Just look at what we do now! Think about how much we could do with a few more members.

Patty K. Warwick
District Governor, 2009-2010

20 YEARS AGO

They may be safe but the rumble strips added to Route 309 in Dallas aren't very popular. Several motorists traveling down Route 309 toward the intersection with Route 415 were startled during the last week when they thought the sudden noise they heard was a flat tire on their vehicle.



ONLY YESTERDAY

The rumble strips were installed recently as requested by Dallas Borough Council. Several months ago the council agreed the strips might be a way to help lower the number of accidents caused by vehicles which were unable to make the turn on Route 309 where it turns right onto Route 415. Many times the speeding cars or trucks took out the traffic control box mounted at the intersection.

The students of the Dallas Middle School recently participated in the Ann Landers Valentines for Veterans project. Almost 300 valentines were collected by Miss Mary Alice Umphred, seventh-grade English teacher, and have been sent to the Hines VA Hospital in Illinois, where they will be sorted and then distributed to VA hospitals throughout the country.

Some of the participating students were: Becky Mathers, Angie Gialanella, Alyssa Rosentel, Steve Button, Jerry Wysocki, Mike Dymond and Jim Roberts.

30 YEARS AGO

Northeastern Bank of Pennsylvania plans to build a branch office in the Back Mountain, according to Tom Roberts, vice president of marketing. The bank officials filed an application in January to

construct a branch building of Northeastern on property at the intersection of Route 309 and Upper Demunds Road, across from Wilson's Restaurant.

Senior members of the Dallas High School Band recently received their band jackets from the Dallas Band Parents Association. Among those receiving jackets were the senior strutters including Kim Pellam, Mary Yakobovicz, Debbie Van Horn, Carol Kwasnik, Connie Suder, Janet Davies, Karen Thompson, Bonnielynn Vail, Tracy Hughes, Jill Crompton, Pam Carey, Loreen Duran, Kris Butler and Cathy Kemmerer.

Cub Scout Pack 144 recently held its annual Pinewood Derby in place of its regular pack meeting. First, second and third place winners were Paul Pasek, Michael Walski and Michael Sabadish, respectively, all of who received trophies.

Recipients of runners-up trophies were John Olejnik, Robert Krull and Mark Romanowski.

40 YEARS AGO

Installation of new officers of Dallas Women of Kiwanis was conducted at a recent meeting of the group at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas. Mrs. Harry Lefko presided.

Mrs. John Blase installed Mrs. William Mathers, president; Mrs. Leo A. Corbett, first vice president; Mrs. Vincent D. Roman, second vice president; Mrs. George W. Nichols, treasurer; Mrs. Reese E. Pelton, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Bernard C. Banks, Jr., secretary.

Michael J. Kester, Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, has been named chairman of the Heart Fund campaign for Back Mountain area. The appointment was announced by Richard Adams, Kingston, general chairman of this year's drive for \$55,000.

The Eagle Badge, highest award in Boy Scouting, will be awarded Clifford W. Kozemchak at the Eagle banquet at Dallas United Methodist Church.

Cliff, 14-year-old son of Mr. and

Mrs. Walter Kozemchak, Overbrook Ave., Dallas, is a ninth grade student at Dallas Junior High School.

50 YEARS AGO

Signing of contracts for the new Dallas Senior High School was carried out at a special meeting of the Building Authority at which Fred Eck presided thus clearing the boards for beginning actual construction after ground breaking ceremonies which were held on Feb. 11.

The community took a long forward step in its progress by breaking ground for the new school. High on a hill in Dallas Township (directly back of New Goss Manor), overlooking to Borough and busy arteries of traffic leading to Wyoming Valley, in sight of Dallas Junior High School and farther to the west the beautiful grounds and buildings of College Misericordia, the latest comer to the educational picture will take it place. For thirty years, a consolidated high school has been a dream.

Lake-Lehman jointure had two winners in the recent Betty Crocker Contest for homemakers, one in each of the two senior high schools: Judith Ann Covert at Lehman and Mary Ann Seven-ski at Lake.

Examinations taken by all senior girls were held in early December, and results have just been made available.

Winners are eligible to compete in the district, State and National contests. All-American Home Maker of Tomorrow will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

60 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. John Tibus and Marcella and Dorothy of Park Street, attended the Kotalik-Pilkerton midget wedding. The Tibus family has been lifelong friends of the bridegroom.

All of the wedding guests except the Tibuses are midgets, most of who have gotten together in the show business. Practically all appeared at the New York

World Fair.

An honor of distinction was bestowed on Miss Marilyn Malkemes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Malkemes of Trucksville, last week when she was chosen May Queen for the forty-ninth annual Wilson College May Day Celebration to be held in May, by the vote of the entire student body.

Those in favor of a central high school to serve all of the districts in the Back Mountain area contend that now is the time to give such a school serious consideration.

They reason that Lake, Noxen and Monroe Townships are considering a formation of a joint school district with the expenditure of more than \$315,000 for the construction of additional secondary school facilities.

70 YEARS AGO

Alfred Ringstrom and Robert Royer of Trucksville are members of the Men's Glee Club of Bucknell University which is on its annual mid-winter tour. They will visit five states and the District of Columbia.

David Joseph, veteran minstrel man, is assured another hit when Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club stages its minstrel show in Kingston Township High School later this month. John Miles, who is a end man, is well known for rib-splitting humorous portrayals. The Kiwanis Club is producing a minstrel to raise money for its work among underprivileged children.

Movies playing at the Himmler Theater, Dallas, included "Private Lives of Elizabeth And Essex" starring Erol Flynn and Betty Davis; "Calling All Marines" starring Donald Barry; "Clouds Over Europe" starring Ralph Richardson; and "Another Thin Man" starring William Powell and Myrna Loy.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 121 years old. The information is printed her exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Feb. 20, 1792, President George Washington signs legislation creating the U.S. Postal Service. The federally funded postal services included 75 regional post offices and 2,400 miles of postal routes. The cost of sending a letter ranged from 6 cents to 12 cents.
- On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain publishes his novel "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Twain (the pen name of Samuel Clemens) first introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his tremendously successful novel "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" (1876).
- On Feb. 17, 1915, after encountering a severe snowstorm, the German Zeppelin L-4 crash-lands in the North Sea near the Danish coastal town of Varde. One month earlier, the huge airship had taken part in the first-ever air bombing raid on Britain.
- On Feb. 15, 1933, in Miami, Giuseppe Zangara shoots and fatally wounds Anton Cermak, the mayor of Chicago. Zangara pled guilty to the murder and died in Florida's electric chair on March 20. Today, such a swift outcome would be practically unheard of, particularly where the death penalty is concerned.
- On Feb. 19, 1954, the Ford Thunderbird prototype is born. The T-Bird was a scaled-down Ford built for two. It came with a removable fiberglass hardtop and a convertible canvas roof. With its V-8 and sporty looks, the T-Bird was an image car costing \$2,944.
- On Feb. 21, 1965, black nationalist leader Malcolm X is assassinated while giving a speech at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem in New York City. Malcolm X, born Malcolm Little, had split from the Nation of Islam almost a year before and had escaped several other attempts on his life.
- 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. The group had dominated the charts in late 1977 and 1978 with three consecutive No. 1 hits from the "Saturday Night Fever" album.

"DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE VALENTINE'S DAY MEMORY?"



"We went to Lancaster with friends - a nice romantic weekend."

Amy Sabol
Dallas



My granddaughter Samantha Sabol was born on Valentine's Day so it's always very special."

Mary Jo Scott
Edwardsville



"I bought the usual dozen roses and then got hollered at for spending the money."

William Shively
Dallas



"Valentine's Day is my brother's birthday. He's the oldest of nine children so it's always a special day for us."

Ann Henry
Shavertown



"Dinner and flowers from Gerald, my husband."

Pat Millo
Dallas



"Baking hear-shaped cutout cookies with my mom and then we'd have a neighborhood party with all the girls."

Susan Maloney
Dallas