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Editorially Speaking

IT USED TO BE A DIRTY WORD

This is Cancer Month.

Cancer used to be a dirty word, mumbled under the breath. The suffering victim was referred to as "failing

Cancer is one of those things which can happen to anybody.

The causes are probably as varied as the disease it-Cancer is not just one disease.

Research is getting closer and closer, hour by patient hour, with a break-through perhaps just around the cor-

Research cannot be speeded up. It has to follow a certain painstaking procedure. What appears to work on white mice may be completely valueless in human

The men and women in the white laboratory gowns must have absolute proof before they announce any forward step. The scientific mind does not lend itself to rosy promises.

But the work is progressing, and the breakthrough may not be too far distant. A number of things have already been established. At this point, spurring the body to make its own protection is being given close scrutiny.

The solution may come in a flash, in research laboratories all over the world. No laboratory is trying to get a scoop on any other research center. All of them have the same general information, a record of the same findings, the same experiments.

This all takes money. It might even take as much money as landing an astronaut on the moon.

HEADLINE HUNTERS

College students used to swallow goldfish when they needed to make the headlines.

Youngsters used to stagger around the dance floor in a marathon effort that lasted for days, holding each other up, one sleeping while the partner kept shuffling his

Folks sat on top of flagpoles, and the papers kept

There seems to be no end to the idiotic things that people force themselves to do, in the interests of keeping up with the times . . . and reaping headlines.

But dousing oneself with gasoline and striking a match, all as a salute to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, seems a bit bizarre.

Nobody with a balanced mind could do such a thing. It presupposes insanity.

It seems a little extreme, even for headline hunters, of which the world is unfortunately full.

If you aren't around to enjoy the headlines, why bother to make the front page? There are easier ways of dying than going up in smoke.

Things like this appear to go in waves. Let one poor fool immolate himself in Vietnam for the glory of his country, and two others on the lunatic fringe in the United States must follow his example. The sacrifice, if sacrifice it is, seems to have no real

bearing on racial equality or religious liberty. Unhinged minds are a dollar a dozen. Nothing to be proud of in our national picture.

REVENGE (Denatured)

When my dear friend, for cause unknown, Omits to see me passing, she little knows The vengeance that I take, the magic that I make For her undoing.

I close my eyes and see entrancing visions: I, in my robe of velvet night Or sometimes in slim silvery white . . .

(I'm neither slim nor stately, but no matter.)

I stand mid palms in lofty halls And here receive the praises of the world. Great generals and prima donnas And earth's elite (at least of our small section) Are overcome with wonder at my worth, Set forth in precious works of art That I've accomplished.

Sometimes a painting so beautiful and rare That all the surging crowd stands spell-bound At its wonder .

Sometimes I read my poems at their pleading . . . (I neither paint nor write, but that's small matter.)

They stand around in wondrous admiration, Till at the edge of this great convocation I see my friend . . . I do not know her. And presently one brings her to me, "Madame, Allow me, Mrs. Jones." I graciously receive And pass her on to meet the next adoring comer.

And so my poor slapped face is soothed and healed, Nor she nor I, nor anyone, the loser.

by Mary Davis Todd

Only Yesterday 30 Years Ago

Need for rural electrification in Luzerne County was accorded banner headlines. Seems 1,600 homes were without electrical service. Dairy herds were increasing in Wyoming County, upped 2,400 head

in a five-year period. George L. Rice, Lehman, qualified as the lone 400-bushel potato grower in Luzerne County.

Titles of property, 90,000 acres in the County were in doubt. Dated back to times of the Indians. No transfer of property from the Commonwealth to purchasers had been recorded.

Luzerne County was featured on the front page, to the exclusion of local news. Could be there wasn't

Jim Hutchison, farm agent, travelled 14,000 miles during 1935, more than half way around the world, and all in Luzerne County doing his job.

opened at the Y in Trucksville.

It Happened 20 Years Ago

Woolbert's Service Station

High feed costs and shortages put many broiler men out of business Flocks of 500 proved not profitable. The drive to erect a memorial fence around the athletic field at Dallas Township school was in full

Borough School tax increased by 5 mills, up to 30; per capita, from \$3 to \$5.

American Legion was forming a baseball team with Don Gross as

Harveys Lake residents had a loon on the lake, sounding pretty weird.

Harvey Moss cracked his ribs in a fall while skidding logs. Antoinette Mason's second graders visited the Machell farm at milk-

From the Service: Francis J. Beline recovering from pneumonia at Fort McClellan. John Coon was expected Culp, on terminal leave. Howard H.

Carey, up for reenlistment. 20,000 steelworkers in Pennsyl-

Architect's plans for a permanent

Died: Morgan Rowlands, Trucksville. have regularly put in the call for late-model "compact" that was cut dinner may be made with Mrs. Married: Doris Stookey to Harold ambulances when two cars hit. in half in the accident at Fernbrook William Cutten by Friday, April 22. to Frank Bennallack.

Birthday: Fred Boote, 90. Mrs. James Ide, 80.

It Happened

discussion, were ready to sign for Main Road does not have enough old washer and a refrigerator have ing session of a week-long preacha jointure. Dallas Borough, Kings- traffic to warrant a regular stop- been sort of dumped overboard and ing mission of Rev. Frank Thewlis ton, Franklin, Dallas and Monroe light, but it would seem that, traf- now perch like a couple of Indian of England, at the First Methodist

was preempted by the State when Two things about these traffic "Oh, you're the guy," he said.)

William Fisher, 68, Fernbrook. Mrs. Anna Corbeille, Trucksville. August H. Schulze, 64, Carverton. Philip Lake Altar Rosary Pascoe, 68, Carverton. Johnstone

to Arnold Wolfe. Birthday: Mrs. James Ide, 90.

Services Saturday For Mrs. Josephine S. Him

Mrs. Josephine Shackleford Him Dallas, will be buried at Fern Knoll Saturday afternoon, following services conducted by Rev. Robert Sheehan at 2 from the Disque Funeral Home. Friends may call Friday evening from 6 until 10. Mrs. Him, 72, died in the Medical College Hospital, Richmond, Va., following an illness.

Native of Richmond and educated in Richmond schools, she moved to Dallas after marriage to Thomas Him. Upon hiis death in 1942, she moved back to Richmond, where she was employed for eighteen years at the eMdical College. Five years ago she returned to Dallas. She was a member of Dallas

tain Branch Nesbitt Auxiliary. She lleaves these children: Mrs. Agnes Sweezy, Kunkle; Mrs. Ruth Henwood, Dallas, a teacher at Dallas Junior High School; Mrs. Elizabeth Ide, Dallas; four grandchildren. four great-grandchildren; sisters: Mrs. Carrier Blanton, Mrs. Lottie

Smith, aand Mrs. Mary Jones, all

Methodist Church and Back Moun-

* KEEPING POSTED

April 13: SULTAN OF IRAQ dies in plane crash. WRECKAGE BEING CLEARED from airfield near Saigon, after mortar fire attack.

April 14: PRESIDENT JOHNSON in Mexico to unveil statue of Abraham Lincoln. VIETNAM ELECTIONS set for July, civilian government to take over CHROME CURTAIN of secrecy on modern car

manufacture, accuses Ralph Nader in safety hear-STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES U.S.-Peking ac-

PAN-AM ORDERS 25 planes to carry 490 passengers each.

April 15: INDONESIAN sack Chinese Embassy, make merry with Embassy wine. STORM BATTERED ships, caught off-base by violent storm, limping into New York Harbor... SYRIA READY for war against Palestine. INCOME TAX DATE counterbalanced by opening fishing season.

April 16: SOVIET UNION sends greeting to the West. Where's the dagger?

April 18: HIGHER TAXES loom, prices rise, election year. MAJOR SNOWSTORM in Rockies, cattlemen DEAN RUSK on pan as Senator Fullbright in-NEW LOOK at Red China advised. Cautious

feelers extended. Future of Nato explored.

April 19: STRIKE AT KENNEDY.

PATRIOT'S DAY, anniversary of Lexington and

BLIZZARDS CONTINUE. Fruit crop in Colorado decimated.

POWER STATION destroyed in North Vietnam for second time. Rebuilt during cessation of bombing in December. TORNADOES RIP Kansas, Illinois.

FORD AND DIRKSEN at odds on conduct of war in Vietnam. Ford says gross mismanagement. Dirksen soft-pedals.

35,000 SOFT COAL MINERS still on strike. CONSOLIDATION of three major New York newspapers threatened by union. 40,000 workers will

BUDDHISTS GAIN support in Vietnam. Attempt to stop rioting. CONFERENCE IN ASIA on Vietnam suggested, perhaps Burma as mediator.

home from the Azores. Lt. Lewis Better Leighton Never

Soft coal strike meant layoff of constant and strike meant layoff of It has been the conviction of this not of a mind to control excessive Gedon. column for several years now that speed.

United Nations building were drawn the intersection of the highway and Old Main Road at Fernbrook was While the government is busy in-Fire tower on Chestnut Ridge was bedevilled by false alarms of forest to which I find agreement of residents there, particularly those who well consider having a look at the Brobst, Lillian Wood Hebron to Wy- (Last year there was even one last Sunday like a piece of shirt man H. Green'aw. Florence Marrow week in which three accidents took cardboard. place there.)

Dallas Borough and Dallas Town- from saving the price of heavy try to foreign students. ship, the cost would naturally be steel? A lot of people have been borne half and half. All it would talking about that this week. require is some concerted pressure at Council and Supervisors' meet- A complaint has been lodged at To Welcome Clergyman

Died: Margaret Coates, 46, Dallas. ties and the state police alike are What's what?

Elizabeth Furnell to Richard La- its regular monthly meeting on Dalllas, April 6 at General Hospital. Velle. Mrs. Crystal Sterich to Lee
Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Roberts also has a daughter, Center of New York, a non profit

Merchandise Party to be held on Wednesday, April 27th at 8 o'clock Mrs. Myron Williams, chairman, New York. Moderator was Dr. Al-

ing, if you are interested. It may this paper about the vista on the 10 Years Ago ing, if you are interested. It may be state highway, but it's the locals bluff to the left as you are combined north into Dallas on the high-Five school districts, after much It has been maintained that Old way. Complainant notes that an Sunday night at 7:30 at the openfic or not, the highway travellers sentinels in full view all who be- Church in Wilkes-Barre. Maude K. Smith, 61, formery of ought to get into the habit of think-hold. (He added that the pano- Elmer Phillips, program chairman Jackson Township, died three ing they might have to stop there rama was augmented this weekend of the Fedtration, states that the months after being badly burned anyway. Otherwise, it's a natural when someone threw out a case of official welcome to Rev. Thew'is in Florida, her clothing catching to wind out one's car all the way beer empties right on the highway. has been designated as one of its from a trash fire. Former property from Dallas or Shavertown lights. "Stegmaier, to be exact", I said. spring projects

ground was acquired for the Insti- accidents, though. Stoplights and The new appliances on the hill, activity has been scheduled for the blinker lights will never put an however, are certainly no worse wtek, including a dinner for the Kingston Township had new am- end to the speed-demon, nor will than the junkyard on the bluff over visiting pastor on Wednesday evebulance. (It is still in operation) they correct the great flaw in the Old Main Road right behind, which ning in the Fellowship Hall. Chinchillas survived the disas- new highway, which is that it is have been there for years, and trous fire at the Mike Kozich home. built to accommodate, and in fact which Borough Council and Mayor Dr. Berger Attends New foundations were laid and encourages, high speed driving, at were confident of seeing the end a time when the local municipaliof, at the beginning of this year.

N. Y. Eye Symposium

Cheryl Lynn Roberts

Final plans were made for a Elaine Smith, Philadelphia. Janice. Mrs. Roberts is the former

at Lynch's Bingo, Sunset, Harveys and Mrs. Edward Crake, co-chair- den N. Haffner, executive director man, extend an invitation to all.

Donald Davis Wins ₩ Eagle Scout Award

ceived the Eagle Scout award at ceremonies conducted during the third annual Boy Scout Banquet of Troop 681, Saturday evening at the Tunkhannock High School cafeteria.

Clarence J. Fitze, scoutmaster, read the charge of an Eagle Scout and Benjamin Puza, former scoutmaster, made the presentation at a candlelight ceremony.

and scribe.

Stanley Davis, Shavertown.

Goucher Alumnae Present

at Hotel Sterling.

At the morning session at 10:30, John V. Chamberlain will speak on "The Pendulum of Protestant Thought;" at 11:30, Cecille Gold will speak on "Brain Stimulation and Behavioral Control.

Following luncheon, Donald T.

Dallas Presthespians Appear At Presbyterial

United Presbyterian Church will be featured at the 88th annual meeting of Lackawanna Presbyterial Society April 26, held in First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Dallas area women will present a dramatic sketch, "Bridges in Bix-Mrs. George Hamm is director, Mrs. C. C. Wettstein, narrator. Taking part are Mesdames J. A. Dungey, Fred Swanson, Donald Anthony, Lester Hauck, A. B. Baraket, Evan Stauffer, and R. A.

Schedule: registration at 9:45 a.m.; luncheon at noon; afternoon session at 1, with a fellowship Fire tower on Chestnut Ridge was in need of at least a blinker light, vestigating the inherent safety of break in mid-afternoon; dinner at

6, evening session at 7. William Yolton, director of West-What is the great sense in con- minster Foundation in Philadelphia. This being the boundary line of structing a car with no frame, aside His field is social issues and minis-

A great variety of organizational

shinny, participated in an all day educational symposium on "The Care Of The Amblyopic Child" at Constitution Hall in City Square Pascoe, 68, Carverton, Somistone infant, Huntsville.

The Altar and Rosary Society of Our Lady of Victory Chapel held Our Lady of Victory Chapel held Mrs. John Roberts, Burndale Road, The symposium was one of a Spring Conducted by the Optometric Spring Chapter on The Altar and Rosary Society of Our Lady of Victory Chapel held Mrs. John Roberts, Burndale Road, Spring Conducted by the Optometric

> teaching clinic and research center chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of of the Optometric Center.



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Donald Davis, Tunkhannock, re-

Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davis, former residents of Shavertown, is a senior at Tunkhannock High School and a member of the Tunkhannock Methodist Church and Sunday School. He is treasurer of Explorer Post 681, and has served as patrol leader, senior patrol leader, junior scoutmaster

He was initiated into the Order of the Arrow, an honorary campers' society at Camp Acahela in 1963. The new Eagle Scout is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Case, Fernbrook, Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs.

Travelling Faculty

Goucher Alumnae and friends will enjoy a visit from the Travelling Faculty of the College on Saturday

Risley will speak on "Contemporary Sculpture, Old Forms and New

Make luncheon reservations with Mrs. Thomas Heffernan, or with Mrs. Allen Hutcheson of Kingston.

Dallas Presthespians of Trinity

Reservations for luncheon and Principal speaker will be Rev. L.

Bible Class Federation

Dr. I. Berger, Dallas, and Shick-

From-

Pillar To Post...

Folks who attended the Auto Show in New York got an eyeful of beautiful dames prettying up the newest models, showing off the wares in evening gowns and stretch pants and bathing suits.

They also saw, up on the mezzanine floor, a display of vintage cars, polished within an inch of their lives. According to Mrs. Crump, who spent the Easter weekend in New York and took in the Auto Show, there were some ancient jobs that dated from the late eighteen-hundreds, genuine horseless carriages with buggy-sized wheels and a steering lever instead of a wheel.

But no 1901 Cadillac.

That was the model with the engine under the seat, and a crumpled waffle plastered to the dashboard for a radiator.

The drive was on the right, with all the gear levers on the outside. Plus of course the horn, operated by a black squeeze blub. There was no starter. That refinement came a few years later, but in 1901 you got out and cranked, while small boys jeered, "Ger a horse," and ran alongside as the gas buggy got slowly under way,

chuffing mightily. The car rode high off the pavement. This was to facilitate climbing under it to slip the chain drive back into place.

The upholstery was black horsehair, which penetrated the clothing after the first five minutes, at just about the time when passenger and driver were beginning to feel a mite warm from the

There was no windshield. That was the day of the large picture hat anchored under the chin with a flowing scarf tied in a bow-knot in the case of the ladies, and of the duster and goggles for the driver. No lady ever drove. This was a prerogative of the male of the species

All driving was done in the daytime. If you were stranded after dark, you returned home practically on your hands and knees, at five miles an hour, praying that no fast-moving horse and buggy would overtake you. The acetylene lamps came a little later, and were a vast im-

provement, except that you were always running shy of carbide on a lonely country road, and you could never expect another motorist There was a detachable tonneau which could be fitted into place.

transforming the buggy-like vehicle into a touring car with a polished

brass rail around the rear Entrance was by a step at the back, where a small door swung open when required, and at times when not required. Two small corner seats could be joined together into a three-seat arrangemen by adjusting a plank across the aperture. The victim who drew the extra seat had to play it cagey if the door latch was weak, other-

wise he would go catapulting off into space. By 1906, the Cads had taken on a jaunty look. They had a real radiator and an abortive hood. The rear seat had doors at the sides, though the driver's section still was unprotected. You were supposed to hang on.

polished brass headlights. And there was a windshield which folded down in the middle. In wet weather, if you were smart, you stayed at home, because the flapping side curtains with their isinglass peekholes let in as much rain as they kept out.

On the running board was the tank of acetylene which fed the

The drive was still on the right, but shortly thereafter times changed, and the left-hand drive became standard. Hand-cranking was a thing of the past. The starter button was

But when you bought gas, you still strained it through a

chamois-skin and the chamois-skin always yielded dirt and other On the other hand, you didn't pay as much for gas.

There were breakdowns galore. A busy doctor could not afford breakdowns, so the mechanized approach to the daily call schedule gave way to two brisk buggy horses, one for the morning, one for the afternoon.

Both horses earned their board and keep, and they required no gas, only hay or oats. They could be depended upon to keep going in any kind of weather, a virtue not shared by the cars of that far-

No high school boy of the present generation could possibly be-

lieve in that first Cad. Looking back at it, it does seem incredible. Goodness knows how much it would be worth on the antique car market these days, but doubtless a handsome sum.

SPACE FORBIDS Unless an organization specifically asks that a"cut" showing its members receiving checks, or lined up at a table, be preserved for posterity, the cut will be thrown

This has been said a number of times. It always comes as a surprise to the organization which expects cuts to be saved for twenty years. Space forbids. Also, unsolicited material for the paper will not be

Material which is received too late will not be used A telephone call will establish the specific day on

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