

Off The Cuff Stuff

by Bruce Hopkins

She Gave My Old Mint Julep A Kick

For those of you who expressed interest, the column this week concerns that little jaunt I took two weeks ago to New York City to see the musical, *Mame*. If I kept a diary and you suddenly came across it twenty years from now, here's what you would read on the dates of August 12 and 13, 1966:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12: Tomorrow may never come at this rate. I'm telling you, this has been the longest day of my entire life. I'm going to see *Mame* tomorrow (if it ever gets here). All day long I've worried hurting myself. Well, I mean, if I let anything happen to me now, after waiting almost two months, I think I'd probably lay down and exterminate myself. I only listened to my *Mame* album twice today. I'd listen to it again but I don't want to spoil the surprise. I guess I'll go to bed now. The sooner I get to sleep, the sooner tomorrow will come.

It's three hours later and I can't sleep. All I keep hearing is "You coaxed the blues right out of the horn — Maa-aame." I did doze off but I had this horrible nightmare: I was sitting there in the theatre waiting for that overture, when this voice came over the loudspeaker and said, "Due to illness, Angela Lansbury will be unable to perform this afternoon. Instead, the part of *Mame* will be played by Ed Sullivan." Then I woke up. (In a cold sweat, I might add).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13: 5:05 a.m. — Buzzzzz. That was my alarm clock. This is it, the day

I've been waiting for, my Broadway debut! Nine and one half hours until curtain time. I'm nervous already. Do you realize that I could get pneumonia in 9 1/2 hours? If I let any harm come to me NOW, I'll lay right down and become extinct!

7:15 a.m. — Here I am on board the Mertz bus headed for New York City. I wish I had taken a tranquilizer.

9:15 a.m. — I just got off the bus. I'm in New York! (Did that seem like a fast ride to you?). There are now only five hours and 15 minutes until curtain and all systems are "go."

12 noon — I'm sitting here in Howard Johnson's eating lunch. It was a very exciting morning. I walked up Broadway and saw all of the theatres where some of my favorite albums are playing — "On a Clear Day," "Fiddler On The Roof," "Skyscraper," and a bunch of others. Then it happened. I was standing on the corner of 49th Street, and there, a block ahead of me, was this huge billboard which covered three buildings. It was shouting, ANGELA LANSBURY IN THE SMASH MUSICAL "MAME!" It was the Winter Garden Theatre. I got all tingly. The excitement was too much. I started doing cartwheels right there on Broadway!

2:15 p.m. — I'm standing here in the lobby of the Winter Garden. It's packed, and some guy is yelling, "This performance completely sold-out!" I'd better hold on to my ticket — if somebody stole it now I'd lay right down and cremate myself. I don't think I'm ever going

Harter's Dairy Wins The Title

Harter's Dairy won the Back Mountain Little League Majors' Championship, downing Dallas Rotary, 2-1, in a play-off game last week.

Snyder, of Dallas Rotary, scored the first run of the game when he came home in the third on a double to left by Goode. Harter's waited until the fifth to score, when Adamshick and Fry scored on a two-run double by Ide.

Lozo, pitching for Harter's threw 11 strikeouts. Rotary's Goode threw 3.

Members of the winning team were: Ide, ss; Bickling, 2b; Lozo, P; Onzic, c; Mohen, 3b; Hosie, 1b; Adamshick, cf; Fry, rf; Cornell, lf.

Playing for Dallas Rotary were: Snyder, ss; Parry, cf; Goode, P; Reeso, 1b; Wilson, lf; Evans, 3b; Long, c; Fry, 2b; Chacko, rf.

to get through that door . . .

2:25 p.m. — Phew! It was a battle getting in here, but I made it. I'm here in S32 biting my nails. I don't ever remember being this nervous before. I bought one of those programs with pictures of the play in it, but I'm not going to look at it until after the show. I wouldn't want anything to spoil the ahhh! the lights are dimming! Listen, the overture! I'm holding on to my seat! I'm not at all sure I'm going to be able to take this. It's like climbing the first hill of a huge roller coaster, when you get the feeling that maybe you don't want to go through with it but there's nothing you can do except jump and if you jump you're going to land right on top of that usher over there. You also know that once you start down that first hill, the ride's on it's way to being over, and somehow you don't want it to end. That's how I feel right now and the curtain's going up and the roller coaster's starting down and I can't breathe!

3:50 p.m. — I hope you don't mind if my writing's a bit shaky, but the first act just ended with the title song "Mame" and I'm very calmly standing up here on the ceiling. The play could have ended right here and it would have been well worth it. It was breathtaking. There go the lights again . . .

5:15 p.m. — It's over. I'm just sort of sitting here, stunned. Listen, if the first act was breathtaking, the second act was enough to make me have to run to the men's room! I sort of wish it was a movie and that I could sit through it again. I guess I'd better leave — people are starting at me. I feel weak. I wonder if anybody has any aromatics.

11:45 p.m. — I'm home now. I'm about to go to bed. I know I'm not going to be able to sleep. All I keep hearing is, "You gave my old mint julep a kick, Maa-aame." You know what? My mouth hasn't



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Road, Fernbrook, managed the second place team. Evan Bonawitz, Lyle Merithew, Jr. and Ken Youngblood were coaches. Assisting coaches this season were Andy Roan Jr., Bud Fredericks, Cliff Dungey and Dave Jones, Jr.

The two Shavertown teams were treated to a picnic last week by their managers. The boys stopped in the middle of an unofficial game at their picnic in Lyle Merithew's yard, East Dallas, to pose for the photographer.

In the top photo are the champions, Shavertown Number One. Kneeling, left to right, are: Ted Shonk, Ken Roselle, Steve Roan, David Chappell, Gary Ross, Dan

Monk, Michael Cook, Mark Kloeber. Standing: Ricky Monte, Dave Erdman, Earl Monk, Carl Dymond, John Kalafsky, Wayne Long, Keith Rogers.

In the lower photo, Shavertown Number 2, kneeling, left to right are: Cliff Parker, Kevin Bonawitz, J. Mihalick, Mike Olenick, Ricky Merithew, Jeff Misson.

Standing: Dave Morgan, Tommy Swingle, Gary Zumchak, Chuck Nichols, Freddie Ostrum, J. Mihalick.

To Meet Monday

Lake Lehman Football Mothers will meet on August 29 at 8 p.m. in Room 24.

Mrs. Sam Margellina will preside.

All mothers of football players and managers are urged to attend. Those unable to be present are asked to pick up their candy from Mrs. Michael Dubil. Mrs. Margellina asks that all those having candy sale returns in funds at this meeting.

Thank You Mothers

Mrs. Shirley Lawler wishes to express her thanks to all mothers of Little League Boys who so graciously gave time and helped at the stands during the games. They did a fine job and it was greatly appreciated.

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Dallas Mountaineers Prepared For First Game At Carbondale

The Dallas Mountaineers are hard at work in preparation for their opening game against Carbondale on September 9. The boys practice at the Senior High School every morning from 9 to 12:30 under the guidance of coaches Ed Brominski, George Dombick, Fred Templin, and Junior High coaches John Cathrall and Robert Cicon. The players are progressing satisfactorily and should be in fine shape for that first game under lights at Carbondale.

Seventeen seniors are busy getting ready to "carry the ball" for the team. They are: Roy Supulski, Scott Fry, Carl Zimmerman, Steve Townsend, Jim Carey, Ron Pietracini, Don Alexander, Jim Knecht, Bob Antanitis, Jim Coburn, Gregg Hicks, Roger Cheney, Russ Gula, Chester Kyle, Barry Noon, Robert Parker and Jeff Morris.

The boys who were introduced to football last year as sophomores, have returned as juniors this season to carry a big part of the

burden. There are twenty-two of them on duty: Melvin Morris, Bob Parry, Damon Young, John Puhalsky, Larry Gilbert, Jeff Farley, Bob Katyl, Kevin McGuire, Bob Harrington, Tom Jenkins, Dave Kapson, Ed Maier, Jan McDade, Louis Mikolaichik, Jay Pope, Bob Popielarz, Paul Priebe, Jerry Rattigan, Barry West, Clark Van Orden, Robert Griffiths, Richard Bogdan.

Twenty sophomores have reported for action, after two years of preparation in the Junior High School. They are ready to do a terrific job, bolstering the team whenever necessary. They are: Billy Martin, Ricky Letts, Richard Morgan, David Jenkins, John Pickett, Ed Rutkin, David Newhart, John Szela, Don Brace, Charles Baker, Carl Goeringer, David Fitch, Bob Humphrey, David Dobson, Jerry Torr, Cliff Garris, Tom Bottoms, Drew Bittenbender, Jim Tupper, Jim Roth.

David Carey, a sophomore, one of the most willing and hard-working boys the team has ever had; is on hand as general manager and custodian of equipment.

All the boys need now is your support! Get out to all the games and cheer them on. Let's make this another big year!

Registration Date

Eighth and ninth grade students of Dallas Junior High School who plan to participate in football this year are asked to secure parental consent forms from the high school office from now until August 30.

These will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and from 1 to 3 p.m.

Medical examinations will be held on Wednesday, August 31 and consent forms signed by the parents must be presented.

Airman Ronald Fink Completes Training

Airman Ronald E. Fink, Jr., USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Fink, 29 Poplar Street, Dallas, has completed the Aviation Mechanical Fundamentals School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

The four-week course introduces students to mathematics, physics and the principles of electricity. Subjects stressed include atomic theory, static and dynamic electricity, magnetic theory and the construction of aircraft batteries.

This month-long course prepares Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel for entrance into more advanced courses at the center.

Firemen Ready To Bowl

The Back Mountain Volunteer Fire Company Bowling League will open its season Monday night, August 29, at 9. Ten teams are already signed up. There is room for more. Any man who wishes to join the league should be at Crown Imperial Lanes at 8:30 Monday night so he can be placed on a team.

Present teams are Noxen, Idetown, Dallas, Trucksville, Jackson (4 teams), Lehman (2 teams). Officers are Bob Pilger, president; Harold Lyons, vice-president; Ed Havrilla, secretary and Bob Disque, treasurer.

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