

ONLY YESTERDAY

40 years ago - August 14, 1936

Henry M. Laing Firemen's fund passes the \$400 mark as volunteers redoubled their efforts and the end of the campaign neared.

Lack of interest and numerous obstacles prompted the Dallas American Legion to cancel the horse show planned for this month.

A book left in a vein of an old Mt. Lookout mine in Exeter 45 years ago by Charles Wilner, Evergreen St., Shavertown, was returned to him this week after workmen cleaning out that section of the mine discovered the worn volume "The Fair Maid of Perch", by Sir Walter Scott.

Jerry Elston clings to lead in baby contest but position is challenged as other contestants evidence new strength.

Ellis Meeker elected president at the Meeker Reunion held at Brulington Park, Smithfield.

Hugh W. Ransom, Demunds, named president of Ransom Reunion held last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corey Ransom of Demunds.

Married - Edna Cease to Ted Cerwanka; Betty Jane Laycock to William Thomas.

You could get - Legs of lamb, 29 cents pound; broiling chickens, 29 cents pound; sugar, 10 pounds, 49 cents; butter, two pounds, 79 cents; lemons, 29 cents dozen; potatoes, 39 cents peck; bread, six cents loaf; catsup, 10 cents bottle.

GROSSMAN

by Howard J. Grossman

Respect is a word which has been used, misused, and abused so many times that its meaning has been lost in the jungle of politics and the public interest. The traditions, heritage and natural rivalries within Northeastern Pennsylvania have countenanced against a great amount of respect for governmental officials. Some of this is fair, but some of it totally unfair in lights of the countless hours which our part and full time governmental officials give toward public service throughout the seven counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The general image of government is relatively poor throughout the region. Again, some of the perceived images concerning the role which government plays in the solution of major problems and issues is totally out of context of reality.

On the other hand, it has often been

30 years ago - August 16, 1946

New lace plant will have work for 350 persons as work gets underway by Sordoni Construction Company.

Women of Rotary plan a card party and tea at the home of Mrs. L.F. Kingsley, Orchard Street, Trucksville.

Firemen's fair opens tonight at Trucksville on the Fire Company's grounds on Carverton Road. The Fair will open with a roast beef and fish supper at 5 p.m.

Dallas Borough Schools will open Sept. 4. Any pupil entering school for the first time must be six years of age before Feb. 1, 1947, present his birth certificate and a certificate of successful vaccination against smallpox.

Alderson WSCS will present its sixth annual flower show at Laketon High School auditorium on Aug. 21.

Legionnaires defeat St. Michaels to take the Bi-County League pennant. In the game held last Sunday, the Dallas team defeated St. Michaels 12-5 on the latter's field.

Now playing at local theatre - "The Bride Wore Boots", Barbara Stanwyck, Robert Cummings, Shaver Theatre.

Engaged - Laura Grace Keiper and Leland Case; Bette Jones and Kenneth L. Grose.

Married - Ellen Piatt to Benjamin Hummel; Loretta Hilbert to PFC R.S. Fitzgerald; Gwyneth Davies and

Malcolm W. Dale.

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruggles, 53 years.

Deaths - James Youells, Luzerne; Rev. W.S. York, former Alderson-Noxen pastor.

You could get - Fillets of cod, 35 cents pound; eggs, 59 cents dozen; bread, 10 cents loaf; peanut butter, one pound jar, 30 cents; home grown cabbage, three cents pound; home grown cucumbers, five cents each; Elberta yellow Freestone peaches, three pounds, 29 cents; California seedless raisins, 11-ounce package, 10 cents.

20 years ago - August 17, 1956

Lack of action on the part of Dallas Area School Board resulted in the status quo on driver training and kindergarten, two fields where all 25 board members agreed completely on wanting both. Still no vote was cast.

Several firms survey the vacant Fernbrook Mill and it is hoped a buyer will be found who can give male employment to at least 400.

Triple jointure favors uniting with Lake-Noxen making it a merger of Lehman, Jackson, Ross, Lake and Noxen School system.

Saturday's barn clearance sale netted the library \$17,191.97.

Summer band students of Dallas Borough-Kingston Township schools will give two outdoor concerts next week.

Alfred Bronson, Sweet Valley

funeral director, is planning an addition to his facilities by adding a new wing on the upper side of the present structure.

Lady of Lake finals are Sunday with the contestants reduced from 31 to 15 finalists.

Westmoreland wins the pennant on Goodwin's four hit shutout.

Lehman-Jackson-Ross Band sponsors will hold a Band Booster night, Aug. 29. A bake sale will be held following presentation of a program.

Harveys Lake Boat Club will hold its annual semi-formal dance, Saturday, at Irem Temple Country Club.

Now playing at local theatres - "The Proud Ones", Virginia Mayo, Robert Ryan, Himmler Theatre; "The Toy Tiger", Jeff Chandler, Laraine Day, Tim Hovey, Luzerne Theatre; "On the Threshold of Space", Forty Fort Theatre; "The Searchers", John Wayne, Jeffrey Hunter, Vera Miles, Ward Bond, Dallas Outdoor; "Court Jester", Danny Kaye, Glynis Johns, Moonlite Drive-In; "The Racers", Kirk Douglas, Bella Darvi, Sandy Beach Drive-In.

Engaged - Diane Clara Bystrak to Carl Otto Metzger; Faith Hoover to LaMar Dinger.

Married - Jane R. Griffith to Judge Benjamin R. Jones, Jr., Ethel Margaret Merchant to Arthur L. Nuss.

Anniversaries - Dr. and Mrs. Otis

Allen Sr., 45 years; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruggles, 63 years.

Birthdays - Frank Searfoss, Harveys Lake, 80 years; Mrs. Walter Covert, Sr., Dallas, 86 years.

Deaths - Emma Gallup, Pikes Creek; Bessie Cook, Evans Falls; Mrs. Mary Alice Kemmerer, Lehman; Mrs. Annie Brown, Centermoreland.

You could get - Whole hams, 59 cents pound; chuck roast, 33 cent pound; sharp cheese, 59 cents pound; smoked bacon, 29 cents pound piece; rye bread, two loaves 29 cents; sweet corn, 39 cents dozen; watermelons, 89 cents each; frozen cauliflower, two 10-ounce packages, 49 cents; frozen lemonade, seven cans, one dollar.

10 years ago - August 18, 1966

Residents seeking dumping facilities in Lehman Township appeared before the Board of Supervisors of that municipality on Saturday morning. Chairman William Steltz explained that the township does not take in enough taxes to maintain a landfill.

Centermoreland auction and chicken barbecue draw usual large crowd for both the barbecue and the auction which followed on Friday and Saturday nights.

Last reports on auction receipts showed gross reaching nearly \$20,000 with \$19,763 in to date.

Clubbust pelts area with hail as cellars are flooded. Gate of Heaven

auditorium is under 12 inches of water.

Homebuilders Association holds outing at Watahnee Park.

Linda Rae Taylor has been awarded a nursing scholarship by Geisinger Medical Center.

Rain failed to dampen the spirits of more than 6,000 people attending Back Mountain Night at Pocono Downs.

Dallas football season opens; sixty four boys are examined on Monday.

Now playing at local theatres - "Born Free", Bill Travers, Virginia McKenna, Luzerne Theatre; "Lt. Robin Crusoe, U.S.N.", Dick Van Dyke, Forty Fort Theatre.

Engaged - Eileen M. Crispell and Elvin Bean; Sandra Faye Hoover and Gary Howard Whitesell.

Married - Carol Lyons to Burton Steltz; Lois Ann Ryman to Joseph F. Hardisky; Patricia Zawoiski to James Kozemchak, Jr.; Amy Louise Hetrick to Francis Stocker.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lewis, 43 years; Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick, 26 years.

Birthdays - Orrison Kocher, 85 years.

Death - Lamon Harmon, Hunlock Creek; John Belles, Reyburn.

You could get - Boneless round steak or roast, 85 cents pound; cube steaks, 99 cents pound; sweet corn, 69 cents dozen; Pascal celery, 19 cents stalk; Vienna bread, two loaves for 39 cents; Eight O'Clock coffee, 69 cents pound; salad dressing, 39 cents quart jar; butter, 84 cents pound; Star Kist chunk white tuna, two 6 1/4-ounce cans, 75 cents.

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Survival in the public jungle

the private sector which has taken the leadership to achieve constructive change and the solution of major problems throughout the region. A major factor in all of this is the lack of professional governmental expertise at the local level, generally speaking, in relation to the per capita population in the region.

Few municipalities in the metropolitan or non-metropolitan sectors of the region have full time administrative personnel capable of carrying out policies and directing or guiding the future of that jurisdiction. Part time governmental officials are handicapped by the lack of time or the general disrespect which many citizens have concerning those people who they elect to office. The same people who criticize elected officials are often the same people who elected them, or even worse, are the same people who failed to cast a ballot.

The hierarchy of governmental disorder in Northeastern Pennsylvania prevades the entire scene and prevents the region from reaching its full potential. Naturally there are exceptions to this overall statement, with the point being citizens and local governmental officials need to meet on common grounds to restore some dignity to the governmental apparatus existing and proposed for the future.

For example, the steam seems to have run out on the efforts toward home rule and governmental modernization as a result of the 1972 home rule charter and optional plan of government law, which has resulted in the cities of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, as well as several other municipalities in Northeastern Pennsylvania reorganizing their forms of government.

It is clear that home rule offers no

panacea for achieving a better quality of service at a more effective cost. In fact, home rule may destroy any opportunity for intergovernmental cooperation and go against the grain of governmental professionalism and modernization. However, it does offer an opportunity to at least take a look at existing forms of government and involve more citizens in the process of how government functions and operates.

The political nature of much of Northeastern Pennsylvania has caused many good professionals to leave the region in frustration over the intolerance of those who failed to recognize major problems or those who recognize them but fail to do anything about them.

Survival in the public jungle of elected officials, appointed advisory personnel, and paid professionals is thus a difficult and frustrating

venture. Only time will tell whether the species called "governmental official" will survive and prosper in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

MY TYPEWRITER TALKS

Fascinating story

by the Rev. Charles H. Gilbert

It is about time I took the trouble to find out more about "magnetic tape"! Somebody must have invented it or some concern must have conceived its production.

Nowadays things come into existence and little is said about the person who first got the idea. Years ago, back when the sun still came up and shone in the bedroom window to let you know it was a new day, the school book I was exposed to in hopes that I would get some learning from it had a fascinating story about a man named Thomas Alvah Edison.

He did a lot of experiments and got into trouble doing it, got thrown out into the street with all his stuff where he had been trying out this and that and an explosion occurred, and that was the end of that! But he began again, kept getting new ideas with electricity, what it could do, and we credit him with the invention of the carbon filament electric lamp.

I was alive back when they became the wonderful lighting material. Kerosine lamps grew dim. But the carbon filament in the galls globe would break at the slightest jar. I remember gently shaking such a lamp with the broken filament that could be seen quivering with the shock, and I shook it gently until the broken ends touched and fused back together and the light worked for a while longer.

And then I remember reading about Samuel F. B. Morse who invented the telegraph. When wires were strung on poles and the story went out that you could send a message over those wires to someone far away, one person hung a pair of boots on the wire to be sent away to be cleaned.

Some opposed those poles in front of their houses for fear they would have no privacy any more. But the telegraph came, and my older brother and I were experimenting with electric batteries and wire. My mother decided it was better for her not to try to do much sweeping or cleaning in our room with all those wires around. We had privacy to experiment. We got a couple of instruments, hitched them up, learned the Morse symbols and even had a "line" stretched three blocks to a friends house and actually sent messages. Only we found we could not string our own wires on company poles!

Now times are different. I seldom read of the wonderful works of any one man in the field of inventions. I rather think that now some great industries reward their workers for any new ideas they may get for doing something better, so the inventor does not get so much individual credit.

That is probably why I did not know who first invented, for instance, the magnetic wire recorder. We went to my brother's home so I could baptize his new granddaughter, and his son recorded the ceremony on a spool of magnetic wire. Then all of a sudden without my knowing what was going on, magnetic tape on reels was being used to record voice and music and play it back. And then I began to hear about video tape giving us pictures on TV.

I never knew who did it! And now I am being overwhelmed by the way magnetic tape is benefitting me beyond my belief almost. I am getting help in my study of New Testament Greek in the form of reels of magnetic tape with lessons in Greek on them. And from the Library of Congress, through a regional center in Philadelphia, a special kind of tape player especially for the blind and handicapped. And just this week, two whole books on tape came for me to "read"; they were completely different, things I hadn't asked for, but somebody in that library thought I might find them interesting because of a Greek word in the title!

Mysterious magnetic tape! I wish I could know how it works and who invented it. Of course I will use it and rejoice, but I want to thank somebody who did it! Well, anyway, I had better put in my prayers a great big "Thank you, God!"

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School

as project director of Title III, 306, for the extended duration of the project at her regular contract salary as elementary guidance counselor. While serving as project director, Mrs. Whitman's counseling duties are handled by a long term substitute, William Cobb, appointed at the meeting held Aug. 17.

Reading Club presents awards here

The young members of the Vacation Reading Club at the Children's Annex of the Back Mountain Memorial Library were awarded emblems and pens at a party on the lawn of the library on Friday, Aug. 13.

The children from second through sixth grade were required to read 10 books, five fiction and five non-fiction. Each child received a colorful helicopter mobile to which he added a parachuting frog for every book completed.

Library assistants, Mrs. Valerie Tirpak and Ms. Noreen Gallagher, under

the direction of Ms. Johnyne Wascavage of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit, presented a Bicentennial puppet show. Mrs. Helen Lewis and Mrs. Florence Crump of the library Book Club presented the awards to the children. Refreshments were served.

Members honored were Michael Balberchak, Debbie Balonis, Larisa Bergevin, Michael Bigus, Lisa Burak, Tim Corcoran, Adele Corraeale, George Corraeale, Barbara Davies, Kevin Delaney, Joseph Delaney, Michelle Farris, John Gabriel, Colleen Golden, Amy Gouldstone,

Sarah Gouldstone, Debbie Haefle, Chris Hale, Maureen Hale, Paul Hartzel, Keith Harvey, Bridgette Hislop, Kelly Hislop, Sean Hislop, Tammy Hislop, Terri Hislop, Kathy Hocker, Ryan Holthaus, Richard Holthaus, Sandy Hoyt, Judy Hrabowski, John Kelley, Jim Kelley, Kathy Kelley, Michael Kochoer, Paula Knizer, Beth Knizer.

Corinne Kravits, Stefanie Kravits, Stefanie Michael, Joey Maniskas, Maura Mundy, Hugh Mundy, Leslie Myers, Marjorie Myers, Susan Niskey, Liisa Niznik, Paul Niznik, Paulette Niznik,

Johnny Ochman, Chris Ondish, Jennifer Ondish, Sharon Orlovski, Jennifer Parduski, Heather Pitcavage, April Petroski, Colby Powell, Kathy Quick, Kim Rinehimer, Amy Rogers, Frank Roginski, Mary Jule Roginski, Rita Joan Roginski, John Roskos, Chris Ryan, Heather Sheehan, John Sheehan, Nan Shiskowski, Shane Stavovec, Susan Stravinsky, Karen Strutko, Eric Supey, Mike Todd, Lynn Todd, Amy Williams, Lisa Williams, Allison Witter, Brian Witter, Judy Zurinski.

Irish teachers end three-week stay

Twenty teachers from Ireland on Saturday completed a three-week stay at King's College under a project of the college and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Greater Wilkes-Barre.

On Saturday, they left for New York City and the Hotel Piccadilly, where they will stay briefly before boarding a jet plane at the Kennedy Airport to return to their homeland.

Coordinators at King's have been Dr. Donald Farmer, project director; Joseph Balz, business manager; and Mary Barret, librarian.

During the past week, the Irish teachers visited the Daniel J. Flood Elementary School, Meyers High School, the Anthracite Museum at Eckley, GAR High School, RCA plant at Mountaintop, and the studios of

educational television station WVIA-TV, Channel 44 in Pittston.

Teachers were feted at a farewell party Friday night in the dining hall of the Sheehy Student Center at King's College.

During the past week, they were feted with an outdoor social at the summer home of John McCole at Crystal Lake. Various classes were held at King's each morning in

the Biscontini Auditorium of the D. Leonard Corgan Library on the college campus.

One of the big social events for the group took place last Sunday when they visited Hanson's Park at Harvey's Lake. Despite a rainy and overcast day, some 2,500 persons were on hand to exchange greetings with the teachers.

Dymond assists in Beirut rescue

Navy Aviation Structural Mechanic Third Class Marvin P. Dymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin O. Dymond of 125 E. Franklin St., Shavertown, participated in the rescue of more than 300 American foreign evacuees from Beirut, Lebanon, as a crewmember of the aircraft carrier USS America in support of "Operation Fluid Drive."

The refugees boarded unarmed landing vessels and were ferried to the amphibious transport ship USS Coronado. The extraction of the civilians from the beleaguered Lebanese capital was

accomplishing without incident and the evacuees arrived safely aboard the Coronado for transport to Athens.

In a message from President Ford, the task force, was commended for its high degree of professionalism which contributed to the success of the operation. His ship is homeported in Norfolk, Va., and is currently deployed as a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

A 1973 graduate of West Side Technical High School, Pringle, he joined the Navy in September 1974.

DAMA okays plan to handle billing

Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) approved a resolution to purchase a computer cassette to do its own billing. This resolution was passed at DAMA's regular meeting last week.

The present billing is done by First Eastern Bank and the contract will end in October. Approximately 2500 customers will begin receiving their bills from DAMA in about 90 days when the computer will be delivered and installed.

Mrs. Doris Parsons, secretary, will be in charge of the program.

The original assessment payments which were on an installment plan are due paid in full on Oct. 1.

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