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### COMMENT & OPINION

#### MY TYPEWRITER TALKS

#### Tire dough

by the Rev. Charles H. Gilbert  
I have not long been in the habit of thinking of myself as an "Old Timer." Certainly not as one who was fond of how things were done and with what manner of tools and customs "way back when".

I have not been used to comparing things as they were when I was a boy to comparable usages of today. I have not been much inclined to think of those days and conditions as ideal. The "good old days" is not favorite quotation of mine, I have not come to the place where I wish things were as they used to be.

I have come to the place, however, where I do look backward more than I used to do. Perhaps it has come to be the time in life when there is not so much to occupy the mind and one feels it might be a good time to look ahead and see what of the future I can piece together to make the fabric of life. Has my world become so nearly like the ideal world I used to think of as "when I grow up", or "when I get old"?

Once in a while something comes into my mind which I recognize as something that used to be but is only a memory now. There came unbidden to my mind just the other day an occupation that I used to do when I was trying to earn some money to help me through school. Beating carpets and shaking rugs was something that

### Barbara Evans seeks township tax position

Barbara T. Evans, a Back Mountain reporter has entered the race for tax collector in Dallas Township.

Mrs. Evans is completing her final term as judge of elections in the Middle District of Dallas Township this year and she was until recently the secretary-treasurer of the Dallas Township Planning Commission and the Zoning-Hearing Board.

Mrs. Evans is also the new emergency communication controller for the civil disaster unit of the Shavertown Fire Company.

She became familiar with the workings of local governments beginning in 1966 when she worked as a stringer for the Wilkes-Barre Morning Record, covering municipal



Photo by Alex Rebar

Barbara Evans

had to be done, and many housekeepers found themselves without quite enough muscle to do that.

When I was a boy it used to be quite a process to take the tacks out from the edges of the carpet. Who tacks down a carpet now? I don't know. It was quite a job to lay the carpet on the floor and then by a series of stretches and grunts and groans to pull the edges into place along the side from one corner of the room to the next corner, fastening it down every few inches with a tack.

Professional carpet layers filled their mouths with tacks, from which they would have a tack on the tongue to pick out and hold while using the tack hammer. Some tack hammers even had magnetic heads to hold a tack for the first stroke.

The opposite occupation, of course, would be that of taking up the carpet, pulling out all those tacks, then hauling that mass of dust and lint out the door to the big back yard clothes line, spreading the carpet tent-like along the line.

Then get the beater from its place hanging on a nail somewhere and fall to the job of beating that carpet and see the clouds of dust take to the wind and away. That was hard work; I did some of that to get my education. Shaking rugs was another kindred task; some got shaken so hard that

meetings and writing the Back Mountain column for that newspaper. She then was moved to the Times Leader where she reported in the same area.

Mrs. Evans left the Wilkes-Barre papers in January of 1973 and became a reporter for the Dallas Post. She subsequently served as a communications clerk for the Dallas Township Police Department and is presently an office clerk at the Back Mountain Lumber Company, Shavertown.

She still covers meetings on a part time basis for the Dallas Post in Dallas Township and at the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA).

Mrs. Evans is the wife of Matt Evans, a familiar face at Evans Drug Store, before his retirement. They have lived on Church Street in Dallas for nearly 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans have five children; Barbara, at home; Mrs. Anthony (Carol) Honko, Shavertown; Christine, Edison, N.J. Jeanne, a sophomore student at La Salle College, Philadelphia and Matthew William a sixth grade student at Gate of Heaven School. The Evanses are also the proud grandparents of two year old Anthony Matthew Honko.

Born in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Evans moved with her parents to the eastern part of the country in her early teens. She lived in Scranton for several years and then moved to New York City where she resided with her family until marrying Matt Evans.

The Evans family are members of Gate of Heaven Church where Barbara was active in the Parent Teachers Guild and The Altar and Rosary Society.

Mrs. Evans said she feels women are essential in politics and that they have a certain insight men do not possess.

40 years ago - March 5, 1937

A new rate reduction announced by Luzerne County Gas and Electric Company is its 10th voluntary cut in nine years and will cut the bills of consumers \$125,000 annually.

The official colors of the Daddow Isaacs American Legion, Dallas, will be dedicated at a public service in Dallas Township High School auditorium, Tuesday, March 11.

Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane is the new proprietor of Suburban Inn, Main Street, Dallas, which has been operated for the past several years by Mrs. Emma Shaver.

Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort of Lancaster this week notified officials of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, he will accept their invitation to the pastorate of the church.

The six room addition to the Kingston Township High School building is among the PWA projects approved under the county's allocation of funds.

The Fashion Show, presented by the Dallas Junior Woman's Club with the cooperation of Zimmerman's Apparel Shop, proved to be one of the most outstanding social events of the season.

Deaths - Joshua Welter, Dallas; Mrs. Lucille Race, Alderson.

You could get - Pork loin roast 21

cents lb.; pure pork sausage 23 cents lb.; stewing oysters 3 doz. 25 cents; beets or carrots 2 bch. 9 cents; jumbo Florida oranges 39 cents doz.; salad dressing 35 cents qt. jar; bread 8 cents lb.; butter 2 lbs. 75 cents; coffee 2 lbs. 39 cents; cheese 23 cents lb.

30 years ago - February 28, 1947

Back Mountain Library Board discusses big spring auction which will be held June 7.

Dallas Borough Band Association directed by Robert Henderson, selects March 27 as the date for the spring concert.

George B. Schoonover, Centermoreland, was killed by a truck, while he was directing towing of a State highway truck, broken down near Vernon.

The newsprint shortage has grown increasingly worse during the past several months and is now critical for this newspaper. This condition makes it necessary for us to remove from our mailing list the names of all past-due subscribers.

Kingston Township citizens are contesting the move to raise taxes. Supervisors met with the citizens committee to try to solve the difficulty.

Many Back Mountain residents enroll in the adult classes at Shavertown Elementary School which are conducted by the Wyoming Valley Playground and Recreation Association.

Now playing at local theatres - "The Plainsman", Gary Cooper, Jean Arthur, Charles Bickford, James Ellison, Shaver Theatre.

Married - Doris Monk to John W. Mallin; Lester McCarty to Alberta Denmon; Paul Clemow to Roberta Sutton.

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hazeltine, 18 years; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lloyd, 50 years.

Birthdays - Mrs. W.S. Kunkle. Deaths - Ruth Wagner, Dallas; Harvey W. Danks, Huntsville; Mrs. Susan Petrie, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Caroline Gregory, Muhlenburg.

You could get - Chuck roast 39 cents lb.; hamburger 35 cents lb.; smoked bacon 57 cents lb.; bread 10 cents lb.; eggs 57 cents doz.; coffee 41 cents lb.; solid tomatoes 25 cents pkg.; new potatoes 3 lbs. 23 cents; Palmolive soap 2 bath bars 29 cents.

#### GROSSMAN

### Town meeting returns

by Howard J. Grossman

In a recent issue of the *Washington Post*, Neil R. Peirce, a contributing editor of the *National Journal* writes that the new Carter Administration may well have a proposal which could dramatically affect the way decisions are reached by the federal government.

The concept is to "present to the public alternative policy courses on such tough national issues as inflation, unemployment, health policy, and energy. Through an updated version of the traditional New England town meeting, using press and television, the public would be candidly briefed on the benefits, costs, and trade-offs for each policy option and asked to give its opinion."

This prior to, rather than after, proposal by which decisions are unleashed on the public would indeed be a major move toward democratizing public decision making at the national level.

Another concept being thought of is a "goals for America" project. This concept was originally tried in 1960 under the Eisenhower Administration and then recently revived through a special commission headed by former Vice President Nelson Rockefeller just prior to his being appointed in that office.

Both of these attempts led to little lasting value and the new attempt might not succeed any better but should be tried as a basis for framing state, regional, county, municipal, and private sector decision making across the country.

(Continued from P. 1) **Stranded** very beginning. He said that there are not many industries in the area-only several lumber mills, which use coal. The main institution to suffer was the school. Travis said "Five years ago they were told to install gas, that economically and ecologically it was the most desired."

One good thing—the college snack bar remained open which was an advantage, since it was the only place to get anything to eat after 8 p.m.

He was glad to get home, however, and enjoyed the two weeks with his family but he looked forward to returning to school which he did this past Monday where he will resume his studies, do some white water kayaking when weather permits and go hiking in the mountains.

"When I left W. Virginia to come home, it was snowing. But when I landed in Washington, the weather was beautiful. I hope the trip back and the weather in Elkins is milder and as beautiful as it has been since I have been home. But, in all, it was a challenging experience and those of us who remained at school for two weeks found it a new experience."

20 years ago - March 1, 1957

Eleanor Jones tenders resignation as Dallas Area school secretary.

Local girls will take part in March ballet production. They are Lynn Jordan, Jane Graham, Judy Gross, Tally Thomas, and Beth Weaver.

The new Hislop and Daring Kitchen on Memorial Highway went into production this week manufacturing delicious home made food products.

Harveys Lake Chief of Police Edgar Hughes says the lake smelt fishermen are making nuisances of themselves.

Foundations for state buildings are taking form and the Jackson Institution will soon begin to rise on the hill top at Chase.

Now playing at local theatres - "Anastasia", Ingrid Bergman, Yul Brynner, Himmler Theatre; "Don't Knock the Rock", Forty Fort Theatre; "Northwest Passage", Spencer Tracy, Robert Young, Luzerne Theatre.

Engaged - Charlotte Ann Michael to Donald Watchulonis; Rita Kuczborski to Lewis Kitchen; Daisy Fitzer to Alyn Sulyk; Margaret Weigel to George Poynton.

Married - Bardue Germick and Richard Jatkowski; Mary Ann Darbie and A.E. Edgington.

Lake-Noxen High School girls cagers take the championship fifth consecutive year.

Lake-Noxen matmen top the Rural Urban League, winning six consecutive league meets. Huntsville Christian cagers take title in the Church League by defeating Alderson 61 to 56.

Deaths - Mrs. Belle Jenks Smith, Centermoreland.

You could get - Pork chops 69 cents lb.; rib roast 59 cents lb.; frozen oyster stew 4 cans \$1; Sunkist oranges 49 cents doz.; fresh spinach 19 cents cello pkg.; American cheese 2 lb. loaf 99 cents; tomato paste 6-6 oz. cans 55 cents; Gold Seal spaghetti 2 lb. pkgs. 37 cents; Vienna bread 17 cents lf.

10 years ago - March 2, 1967

Herman Kern, Lake resident, is mayor candidate chosen by the Lake economy council.

Sheldon Ehret is the only Back Mountain high school musician to make the State Band. Ehret is a student at Lehman High School.

Senior Women's Club to present

president of Community College.

Two Back Mountain area matmen win District 2 championships. Carl Zimmerman of Dallas with a record of 14 wins, one tie and one loss took the 165-lb. title. Ron Sorber with 16 wins and one loss took the 127-lb. title. Both boys will enter the regionals at Williamsport on Saturday.

Dallas cagers take the District 2 Class B championship when they downed Forty Fort 62-53 Friday night.

Engaged - Lois Jean Weaver to Walter E. Wendel, Jr.; Margaret Ann Giampietro and Joseph Manzoni.

Married - Lillian Traver and Frank Lubasavate.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Merle J. Pope, 26 years; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Josuweit, 15 years; Mr. and Mrs. Homas W. Evans, 25 years.

Deaths - Walter T. Rowett, Dallas; Charles M. Tyrrell, Shavertown; Anthony Ross, Trucksville; Edison H. Lanyon, Orange Road; Mrs. Isabelle A. Ritchie, Dallas; John Davis, Jr., Midway Manor; Walter Marger, Idetown.

Girl Scout Troop 656 Carverton, presented flags by veterans and Sunday School Class.

Interfaith tea draws many members from churches in the Back Mountain, to take part in what has become a living testimonial to brotherhood and understanding.

Elfriede Heftt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman G. Heftt, Carverton Road, has been notified that she successfully passed the state board examinations for registered nurse. She is presently a member of the staff at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, where she is assistant head nurse, on night duty, in the intensive care unit.

You could get - Porterhouse steak 85 cents lb.; smoked pork chops 85 cents lb.; sliced cheese 69 cents lb.; white solid tuna fish 3 7-oz. cans \$1; Florida oranges 2 5-lb. bags 69 cents; pascal celery 2 lg. stalks 29 cents; hot cross buns 39 cents pkg. of eight; ice cream 1/2 gal. pkg. 59 cents; Jif creamy peanut butter 1-lb., 2-oz. jar 59 cents; frozen sliced strawberries 3 1-lb. pkg. \$1; frozen french fries 8 10-oz. pkg. \$1.

### Borough

### to reinspect

### Maher house

A reinspection of the Harveys Lake "boarding house" of Mrs. Elizabeth Maher was accepted as a first step in the legal review of the nonconforming use approved for that property by the Lake borough council.

Atty. John Thomas, borough solicitor, and Arthur Piccone, counsel for 20 neighboring property owners who oppose Mrs. Maher's use of the single family residential zone for boarding house, agree to have Borough Zoning Officer secretary Roy Roberts inspect the home.

Roberts will review the prior use confirmed by his predecessor, William Yuscellas, which was the basis for the approval of the "nonconforming" boarding house by the borough council.

Mrs. Maher, who is not directly involved in the actual litigation at this point, was given council's formal approval for the home as a boarding house because she formerly housed college students there, according to presentation made to borough officials.

Mrs. Maher previously sought to obtain variance from borough zoning ordinances for operation of the structure as a "rest home." The variance was denied and she presently reports two boarders in the home.

A borough official reported Tuesday the matter has not been resolved and the reinspection is probably just the first step in reopening the matter. The agreement was reached in the presence of Judge Athur Dalessandro.

All parties will be notified of the report following the reinspection and all parties will have the right to the report.

Mrs. Maher and her attorney, Joseph Kasper, were present during the conference which resulted in the reinspection decision.

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