



State Capitol ROUNDUP

by Rep. Frank J. O'Connell
120th Legislative District

Here is a summary of the important events that occurred on Capitol Hill and legislative action taken by the House of Representatives and the Senate in the recent week:

-THE HOUSE PASSED AND SENT TO THE SENATE LEGISLATION creating the Pennsylvania Energy Council as an arm of the General Assembly. The 15-member Council would be responsible for coordinating and implementing the State's energy policy, with particular emphasis on the use of coal and the allocation of fuel during emergencies.

-THE HOUSE DEFEATED A BILL which would have made it easier for the Governor to win confirmation of his appointments to the Public Utility Commission. The bill would have changed the number of Senate votes needed for confirmation from two-thirds to a simple majority.

-IN ANTICIPATION OF A TAX INCREASE VOTE next week, student body presidents from three State-related universities lobbied in the House for quick action on finding the \$300 million needed to fund the non-preferred appropriations. The House is expected to either agree to Governor Shapp's request for a tax increase or vote to reopen the Budget for spending cuts.

-IN OTHER HOUSE ACTION, a measure to boost the price of a fishing license from \$7.50 to \$9.00 was approved and sent to the Senate. Under the bill, anyone over 65 could purchase a lifetime license for \$10.

-LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE ELECTION OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL remained locked up in a Senate Committee. The bill, which was approved by the House earlier this year, is opposed by the Governor and the Senate Democratic leadership.

-IN OTHER ACTION, THE SENATE PASSED an amendment that would force all judges to run for re-election instead of on a retention basis.

-ALL STATE STORE PRICES WILL BE GOING UP if the Liquor Control Board approves a proposed per-bottle service charge. The increase would amount to less than 15 cents per item and would raise an additional \$15 million, according to the LCB.

-WILLIAM WILCOX HAS RESIGNED as State Community Affairs Secretary. Wilcox, a member of Governor Shapp's original Cabinet, will become an energy consultant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

-OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST ON CAPITOL HILL INCLUDED:

1) PennDOT's announcement that Pennsylvanians can look forward to more efficient snow removal on State highways thanks to an increase in the number of contracts between PennDOT and local municipalities.

2) A report by the U.S. Labor Department stating that strike activity in Pennsylvania last year matched the highest total since World War II, but that the net days lost was the lowest in four years.

3) An announcement by House Republican Leader Robert J. Butera that he will introduce legislation creating the Pennsylvania Mortgage Guarantee Corporation to stimulate mortgage lending in the State.

4) The agreement by the State to accept a compromise payment of \$1.6 million in a decade-old dispute with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

5) The approval of a State request for \$100,000 in matching funds for Johnstown Flood relief planning from the Appalachian Regional Commission.



LOTS OF PIES--There are lots of pumpkin pies in these pumpkins raised by Anthony Westawski, Huntsville Road, Lehman. The two small ones weigh 75 lbs. and 35 lbs. The

large ones, left to right, weigh 104 lbs.; 110 lbs.; 127 lbs. This is the first year that Anthony has raised pumpkins. They make delicious pies but he plans to use one for a Jack-O-Lantern.

ONLY YESTERDAY

Business growth recalls paper mill

40 years ago-October 15, 1937

Growth of business section in Kingston Township above Luzerne recalls almost forgotten paper mill which once stood beside toll gate. The large 100-year old mill made paper by the ancient method, using rags placed in a lime solution and allowed to soak. In the year of its greatest activity the mill produced \$7,000 of paper in one year.

With the announcement that none of the three directors of Dallas Borough School Board whose terms expires this year are seeking another term, research has discovered that for the past 16 years board members have willingly ended their duties at the end of one six-year term.

Eight-year-old Fred Warhola, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Warhola, died in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, 10 hours after he was hit by a car near the old Goss homestead on Kunkle Road at noon Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Neyhard, Fernbrook, will succeed her late husband as the Republican nominee for Justice of the Peace in the general election, according to plans this week immediately following Neyhard's sudden death.

Lake-Lehman High School football team will play Shickshinny this Saturday; Dallas Borough will be at Nicholson, and Kingston Township will play at Wyoming. Dallas Township has no game scheduled until its Oct. 30 game with Kingston Township.

Dallas Junior Women's Club makes plans for a card party, Nov. 12, at Irem Temple Country Club.

You could get-eggs 29 cents doz.; ketchup 10 cents bot.; tomatoes, corn, peas or string beans 4 cans 25 cents; spaghetti 5 cents pkg.; lettuce 2 hds., 15 cents; rutabagas 4 lbs. 10 cents; bananas 5 cents lb.

30 years ago-October 17, 1947

Henry Peterson, general chairman, says the eighth annual Halloween parade, Friday night, Oct. 31, will be the best in eight years with a specialty class for pets and animals included.

Daniel C. Roberts and Henry M. Laing Fire Companies battled for an hour and a half Monday afternoon to extinguish stubborn flames at the A. L. Stull, property, Alderson.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Group seeks 2-party vote in Dallas Twp.

Historically, the most successful and most honest form of government is our Democracy under a two party system. Almost every municipality known to us in Northeastern Pennsylvania, whether it be county, city, borough, or township, has enjoyed this check and balance of a two party system.

One exception to the two party system is Dallas Township. Here a single party has dominated the power for more than 30 years. The minority party has made many attempts to correct this situation, but has been defeated over these many years by an overwhelming number of votes who have always voted just one way.

The incumbent power has now prohibited the two party system long enough! Evidence of this occurred in the last primary election, their incumbent supervisor was defeated by the popular vote, but now will run again.

Seventy-five members of Dallas Township and Lehman Veterans Agricultural Schools and members of their faculties were guests of Col. Dorrance Reynolds at a demonstration of dairy cow judging, and a clinic on the care of hoofs and horns at Goodliegh Farm on Monday.

Robert Grose, shortstop with Dallas Legionnaires for the past two years, has signed a contract with the Philadelphia Athletics and will be assigned to a Class D farm club early in the spring.

Final game in the Susquehanna League will be played this week between Dallas Legionnaires, champions of the South Division, against Od's Cafe, champions of the North Division, at Larksville Sunday afternoon.

Bob Smith, son of Col. and Mrs. Norman Smith, Huntsville, is named to second right end position at Annapolis.

Now playing at local theatre "Shocking Miss. Pilgrim," Betty Grable, Dick Haymes, Ann Revere, Shaver Theatre.

Engaged-He len Marie Roberts to Everett Hines.

Married-Jane Amelia Mackenrow and Walter Hough, Jr.; Charlotte H., Hildebrandt and Clarence W. Payne.

You could get-Pork chops 69 cents lb.; hamburger 45 cents lb.; turkeys 59 cents lb.; bread 11 cents loaf; coffee 39 cents lb.; Lifebuoy soap 3 cakes 28 cents; pork and beans 2 cans 61 cents; celery 23 cents bch.; sweet potatoes 4 lbs. 23 cents; McIntosh apples 3 lbs. 29 cents;

20 years ago-October 18, 1957

Lehman-Jackson, Ross schools with 271 students absent out of an enrollment of 984 closed yesterday for the weekend to give pupils a chance to recover.

John Beagle is suffering from first, second and third degree burns at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, as the result of a gas explosion at his Taste-Freeze plant on Memorial Highway. The explosion touched off devastating fire destroying the business property on which insurance had been allowed to elapse.

The Dallas-Exeter football game and the game between Lehman and Avoca have been called this weekend due to illness among the players.

Union District is gaining favor among Dallas Borough, Dallas, Franklin, and Kingston Townships as the November election draws near when voters will vote on the Union.

Rotary Club presented memorial bookcase to Back Mountain Library in memory of the late Harry Ohlman.

Now playing at local theatres-"The River's Edge," Ray Millard, Debra Paget, Forty Fort Theatre; "Unnatural," Moonlite Drive-In; "The D.I.," Jack Webb, Luzerne Theatre; "Beau James," Bob Hope, Vera Miles, Himmler Theatre; "The Pajama Game," Doris Day, Dallas Outdoor Theatre.

Ann Peterson, Dallas, who is teaching school to Army children in Germany this year, met the granddaughter of the great opera composer, Richard Wagner.

Engaged-Charlotte Michael to Donald Watchulonis; Helen Shook to Chester Goodman.

Married-Elizabeth Mary Stofila and Gerald T. Doskos; Margaret Ann Polk and John Smith.

Anniversary-Mr. and Mrs. George Weintz, 50 years.

Steve Nagy gets surprise as nine-year old Danny Hanson with a 100 pin handicap beats the pro bowler 253-219.

Dallas Area band to lead the Halloween parade in Dallas on Oct. 31.

You could get-Steak 79 cents lb.; fresh sausage 69 cents lb.; veal chops 79 cents lb.; lobster tails 99 cents lb.; rye bread 17 cents loaf; black pepper 35 cents 4-oz. can; frozen Hawaiian Punch 2 6-oz. cans 39 cents; egg noodles 2 12-oz. pkgs. 43 cents; frozen asparagus spears 3 9-oz. pkgs. \$1; tomatoes 19 cents lb.; avocado pears 2 lbs. 29 cents; carrots 2 pkgs. 23 cents.

10 years ago-October 19, 1967

Sesqui motorcade heads for Sweet Valley tonight leaving the Dallas Bank lot at 7:15 p.m. When they arrive at Adams store there will be dancing and refreshments for everyone.

Lehman Township supervisors agreed to follow the recommendations of Weston, Inc., as regards sewage facilities in that area.

Kingston Township will add third police officer and board member, John Funke asks for better lighting on the highway and Carverton Road.

Rev. Grove Armstrong, pastor of Park Neighborhood Free Methodist Church, announces the sale of the original church edifice across from Kingston Township Fire Hall on Carverton Road.

Letters of commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1967 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test have been awarded to Dallas students, Ruth Besecker and John Anderson.

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kytte, 60 years; Mr. and Mrs. Christian Appel, 48 years; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pope, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Russel G. Transue, Jr., 25 years; Birthday-Mrs. Daisy Prynny, 82 years.

Deaths-C. Fred Terry, Meadowcrest; George S. Seymour, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Louise Foss, Sweet Valley;

Scott Lefko's kick provides the one point margin which gives the Mountaineers their 7-6 win over Plains.

You could get-Sliced bacon 49 cents lb.; turkey drumsticks 29 cents lb.; smoked pork chops 99 cents lb.; ketchup 2 bts. 63 cents; sandwich bread 31 cents loaf; frozen niblets corn 3 pkgs. 89 cents; frozen cauliflower 5 pkgs. \$1; fruited babka 55 cents lb.; margarine 2 lbs. 83 cents; velveeta cheese 2 lb. loaf 99 cents; bath size Ivory soap 2 bars 35 cents; spinach 10-oz. pkg. 19 cents; cabbage 4 lbs. lb.; ripe tomatoes 19 cents cello pkg.

MY TYPEWRITER TALKS

Most glorious best

by the Rev. Charles H. Gilbert

We are in the habit of thinking of Columbus Day as the time when foliage in this vicinity is at its most glorious best. It was on that date (Oct. 12, not merely the second Monday of the month) in 1930 when we first went over the hills from Binghamton to Forest City.

We had heard all kinds of ill reports about the place, and I was the fourth pastor to be appointed that year. One said it wasn't a fit place to bring up his children. As time goes on I don't think it was the worst thing that ever happened to ours, and we all think it was a valuable experience for us.

And the autumn leaves were at their most brilliant, setting off the culm piles as we drove down the last long hill into the town.

This morning we made an early trip to Kingston for my 9:30 a.m. appointment with the doctor. The sun was shining at home, but the Valley was nearly blotted out with fog. It was fast clearing as we returned home, and the colors on the mountains we live back of were bright in the sunshine.

There is a fall kind of chill in the air that makes us anxious to get the rest of the precious house plants inside. The tuberous begonias under the fir tree are still lovely to look at with their rich colors, but they are beginning to look somewhat "past their prime".

GROSSMAN

The future: fact or fiction

by Howard J. Grossman

A recently published book titled *Future Facts* by Stephen Rosen contains over 350 pages outlining what lies ahead in the way of technological changes and new products by which our nation will pursue its quality of life in the coming decades.

In this one book, a compendium of quality of life changes is outlined by which the reader can gauge and measure the type of nation the United States may be by the time the 21st century appears. Many of the products and ideas outlined in the book are technologically feasible at the present time. The book is must

reading for those who wish to explore the future.

Major technological changes in the fields of transportation, life styles, health, communications, and other specialized functions are outlined in the book.

For example, high speed ground transportation through tubes across the United States are being considered. In one such scheme, the tube system would flow through Northeastern Pennsylvania.

In a communications network using satellites and other new techniques, a system already exists through the U.S. Department of Defense wherein such

a high speed communications network traverses Northeastern Pennsylvania.

These and other ideas are the types which should be explored carefully by the citizens and officials of Northeastern Pennsylvania as a basis for changing the way the region has evolved over the years.

Future Facts discusses solar energy, submarine homes, fiber building, laser fusion, wall size television, 3-D TV, and many other significant changes.

In this era of rapid obsolescence, *Future Facts* provides a basic text for those concerned with the future. In Northeastern Pennsylvania, we have an opportunity to be in the vanguard of this futuristic way of doing business. Whether or not the region chooses to go in this direction will be decided in the next several years.

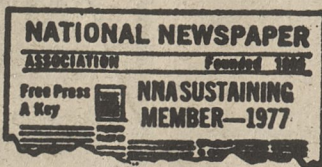
The opportunity is there; whether or not the will exists to move toward 21st century thinking remains to be seen.

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