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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Financial burden

Dear Editor,

In nearly fifty years of medical work, I am firmly convinced that the medical profession ranks high in community service above self, in vital concern for the health and well-being of their patients.

With personal sacrifice, day and night in public obligations, continuous interruptions in daily life, irregular meals, limited and disturbed periods of rest, but with love and respect for the people for whom they have medical responsibility.

They spend many hours of study to up-date medical knowledge as well as attendance at regular seminars to keep up with advanced methods of diagnosis and treatment.

With the tremendous escalated cost of medical education and medical insurance, all physicians and surgeons have a costly and unbearable burden.

For over 40 years our government has failed to recognize and apply adequate preventive and corrective measures against inflation.

Unnecessary bureaucratic government rules and regulations add to the total cost of medical work, plus many hours of additional paperwork.

The dedicated clergymen and dedicated medical and surgical professionals are blessed by the guidance and direction of the divine physician in their unselfish service for humanity.

Sincerely,
Frank Budd Schooley, M.D.
Dallas, Pa.

Impolite drivers

I would like to take this opportunity to express my anger to those impolite drivers that cause me grief everytime I am out on the road. Are you really in that much of a hurry? Do you really care that little about yourself and others to do some of the insane things you do behind the wheel of your cars?

I could cite many instances, but one that really gets to me is when I am trying to exit a shopping area only to have one and perhaps two cars wedge themselves between me and the car ahead, or to have someone entering the area pull in on the wrong side of me.

The majority of people here in the Back Mountain are the most discourteous drivers I have ever seen.

A new resident

COCKLEBURRS AND CORN

by Dick Swank

Pennsylvania Press Bureau

Me and Pap was sittin around the kitchen the other night watchin the late moths tryin to commit suicide in the oil lamp when there come a knock and that city woman from down the holler come in with her No Nukes shirt strected across her chest. She set down and Ma put a cup of tea in front of her and Pap reached for his speks because he knewed shed be pullin out one of her payteeshuns.

Sure enough after she done her small talkin about her oraganin garden and her wood burnin stove for what she had paid a kids ransom, she got to the point which was that them school directors needed taken down for puttin the taxes up to where us poor folks can't pay them no more and she took a peek at her gold watch with the diamonds and said would we sign there and then.

Pap took the paper and he studied on it as though the words made sense and only me and Ma knows he can't read a lick and don't know a bump from a mole hill. But he kin put on the charm and he kind of smoothed his mustach with his little finger and he reached for his best pipe and lit it with a long slick stick out of the range and like Ma says, he preened. Ma also claims he's an old fool and an old goat and any woman what would look at him crossyed must have come from the barn without getting a good holt on the apron in which she's carryin her eggs.

All the time the city woman is watchin bug eyed where the terbacker juice is tricklin out from under his mustach because he forgot he had a chaw in when he lit the pipe. She quick gets out a pen that got its own ink in it and Pap takes it and twists it between his

fingers. He hems and haws and holds it over the paper but then of a sudden he hands it back and says, I'm sorry, missus, but I just can't do it, it goes against my grain. I voted for old Hen Snyder and if he voted for them taxes I got to too for their aint no one I know tighter than old Hen. In fact his missus got to unwind him every night just to find him in the quilts before gettin to bed.

And he went on like that a spell before the city woman put her pen down her blue jeans and got her dander up enough to ride it back down the hill. When she left I said Pap, why do you want to fool her on like that and he says, well it serves her right, comin up here all the time for this and that. Remember the first time she could come and she was all drest in leather skirt and boots and coat, even had a leather hat with a ringneck feather in it. And then she had a payteeshun to stop them poor Indians up in the north from hittin seals on the head to sell their hides...

And that got him thinkin about how she is always wantin to clean up the atmosphere from their three mild islands and the assabestus what drifts out of them big schools they oughtnot to have bilt in the first place and if I had been born when they had the kinter-gardens he wouldn't have let me play in them anyhow. He got ravin about people who smoke cigarettes and drink cockertails and drive over thirty miles per the hour tellin' others how they is protectin them from disasters and so on and so on.

It took me and Ma two hours to get him settled down, and if it hadn't been for that black raspberry cordial the widow woman give me last week, I don't know...

I surely hope you've been the same.
Wheatfield Willie

SEA endorses bill

The Susquehanna Environmental Advocates recently endorsed the Pennsylvania Alliance for Returnables (PAR) drive for the enactment of a returnable container law (or bottle bill) by the state legislature. PAR is gathering endorsements from environmental action groups around the state for this bill.

This bill, if enacted by the Pennsylvania legislature, would result in energy savings, conservation of resources, a net increase in jobs, saving of money by consumers (since throwaways are 25 percent to

40 percent more expensive), and a decrease in litter. In fact, we think this is the best way to deal with the problem of litter," stated SEA spokesperson Gerald R. Schultz.

"The national law would save about as much energy as 'syn-fuels' development will provide for several years - without tearing up large areas of the West and costing us as taxpayers billions of dollars. The fact that our Congress has passed one and not the other shows how it is controlled by big business," Schultz exclaimed.

Burnham

Some find marriage two confining

by L.D. Burnham

"An institution is defined as a place of confinement, such as a mental institution," says Dr. Emoni. "And so I ask you," he continues, "what is the institution of marriage? A place of confinement for the mentally unstable. Marriage is crazy. Write that down," he directs me.

The man before me is the eminent Dr. Emoni, expert on marital affairs, or more accurately, divorce affairs. He is a short man, older, with greying hair. His face is round, his nose pug, his teeth large. He resembles Mickey Rooney, another divorce expert.

"You seem to dislike the idea of marriage," I say.

"Quite correct. Marriage is the No. 1 cause of divorce in this country," he says.

"That sounds like an old joke," I say.

"But listen, we consider divorce a major social problem in this country. No one who isn't married ever gets divorced. Marriage is at the source of the problem," he says. "Divorce often ends many problems. Marriage is only the beginning."

"I think you have a rather slanted view, doctor," I counter. "For some, marriage is the beginning of a lifetime of loving companionship."

"You watch too many movies," he says. "Listen, consider the whole

Analysis

by David M. Cleary

Harrisburg Bureau

HARRISBURG (PPB)—Whenever a defective product injures a person who uses it properly, the manufacturers and sellers of that product should be held responsible.

That principle, is generally accepted, even by the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce, which represents businessmen of the Commonwealth.

Yet proposals for making product liability a matter of state law have been before Pennsylvania lawmakers since 1977, without action, and Sen. George W. Gekas (R-Harrisburg) last week said the issue appears to be "dead for this session."

Gekas reached that conclusion after he attempted to bring the matter to a vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee under a rule which requires a committee chairman to schedule consideration of an item if the majority of committee members, plus one, formally requests that action.

In the Judiciary Committee, Gekas needed votes of 11 members. But he was able to get only the five other Republican Senators on the Committee to sign the petition with him. They are Senators, Andrews, Dwyer, Hopper, Jubelirer and Snyder. None of the Democrats joined in the request.

During the General Assembly's 1978-79 session, a product liability

ONLY YESTERDAY

50 Years Ago - Oct. 3, 1930

Hon. John A. McSparren, former past master of the Grange and former candidate for governor of Pennsylvania will speak at Shavertown Methodist Church, Sunday night.

Rev. H. M. Faulkner is installed as pastor of the Free Methodist Churches in Dallas and Trucksville. Luzerne Gas and Electric Company announces a reduction in electricity rates. This rate reduction will result in savings of approximately \$90,000 a year to consumers.

Beaumont and East Dallas co-operators in Rural Baseball League eliminations. Married: Harlan Farver to Iona Holcomb; Hazel Reese to Leroy Wech; Hazel Rittenhouse to Charles Smith.

Death: Mrs. Lewis Wolfe, Shrine View. You could get early morn coffee 19 cents lb.; coats \$22.50; dress \$7.95; cocoa 2 lb. 12 cents; salmon 28 cents can; Land O Lakes butter 50 cents lb.; ginger snaps 2 lbs. 25 cents; fresh pork sausage 35 cents lb.

40 Years Ago - Oct. 11, 1940

Men between the ages of 21 and 36 are called to register for the draft. Those who fail to comply will face the possibility of paying a \$10,000 fine or spending five years in jail.

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company committee investigates the possibility of training local civilian men for a possible war-time emergency.

Area residents retain the name Back Mountain in Dallas Post poll. Quarterback Larry Isaacs, former Kingston High School griddler, scored two touchdowns for Susquehanna University against game. Married-Virginia Allen to Fredrick Swanson.

Engaged-Ella Kenler to George

process of getting married. What things do you believe to be the major causes for divorce?"

I scan my well-informed memory. "Why, financial stress, incompatibility, sexual differences, career pressure. Things like that," I answer.

"Right. Now consider that before one day of wedded bliss a loving couple must handle things like banquet halls, churches, gowns, formal wear, receptions, menus, invitations, thank-you cards, rehearsal dinners, showers, honeymoon plans, apartments, leases...all these things require money. Pretty tough for two people who may not have been working very long, and nobody's family can afford everything."

"And the two loveydoves have to agree on who to invite and whether to have ham or stuffed breast of chicken or..."

"Oh, stop it," I say, "you're giving me a headache."

"That gets us to the sexual differences. Who wouldn't have a headache after trying to survive the financial stress and decision-making involved with a wedding?" he says.

"I can see your point there," I say.

"And what does the couple do after they endure the ceremony and the kissing and the handshaking? They go on a 'honeymoon' a com-

pound word meaning 'sweet month'."

"Ah, that's the nice part," I say. "Sure the couple goes someplace totally unfamiliar, eats strange food, drinks strange water, sleeps in a strange place and makes the pretense of being totally overjoyed and ravenously sexually starved." What a burden. What pressure," he says.

The man is convincing, but still I pressure him. "That may be true," I say. "But as the old saying goes, 'The honeymoon ends.' A year or so later the whole thing is in the past."

"Right," he says. "The whole thing is in the past along with many other things. Things like communication for instance. All those long romantic walks, quiet dinners, chitchat for two disappears when No. 3 comes along. Who can ever hold a conversation with a young child in the house?"

"That's a challenge," I concede.

"That's why when you're in a public place you can tell who's married and who's dating. The married couple never talks. They've grown used to ignoring all forms of noise—even a spouse's voice. Probably wouldn't even recognize it."

"That's depressing," I say.

"And I'm doing something about it," says the doctor. "I'm not offering solutions. I'm dealing with the way things are. So many people are getting divorced these days it

seems the process should get at least as much attention as marriage. It's a big step in a person's life.

"I've coined a new term," he says. "Vorce. That's the name of the ceremony. The vorce ceremony."

"How does a person get vored?" I ask.

"Standard format," he answers. "The couple spends some time apart. Something like the opposite of dating. Then there's the formal disengagement, the vorce announcement in the papers with pictures. Then the couple sends out voring invitations, sets the date, and makes up the ceremony."

"Some folks are very creative. They bring chain saws, or meat cleavers as tokens. They draw demarkation lines, fling insults. It's all very nice."

"The ceremony ends. The voring official proclaims, 'I now pronounce you vorcee and freeman.' The organist plays a chorus of 'Breaking Up is Hard to Do,' and the newly-vored couple leaves through separate doors and take off to separate receptions."

"And has this ceremony caught on?" I ask.

"You bet," says the doc. "We're quite proud of our motto."

"You have a motto?" I ask.

"Oh sure," he says. "May the vorce be with you."

Defective products

bill passed the Senate but "became bottled up in the House," said Gekas. "Now, in the 1979-80 session, the reverse is true, with the Senate being the culprit."

In the absence of specific law, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce argues that courts are going too far in holding businessmen responsible for damages caused by products, sometimes making awards to persons who have disregarded the sensible instructions for using the products safely. Another argument is that the courts have made "windfall" awards to persons who have already recovered from insurance.

Until the mid-1960s, according to the Chamber, the law required that a product liability claimant had to prove that the manufacturer had been negligent.

But the courts have become so liberal since then that the number of claims against Pennsylvania companies has increased fivefold, according to a survey conducted by the Chamber.

The bill before the Senate Judiciary Committee provides for a defense on the basis of product misuse, among other things. Where a product has been modified by someone else after it leaves the manufacturer, for example, the manufacturer would not be held liable if that change is shown to be the cause of damage.

Abortion Debate in House

The most heated argument in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives last week was about payment by the Department of Public Welfare for abortions.

Last Wednesday afternoon, the House adopted an amendment, offered by Freshman Rep. M. Joseph Rocks (R-Phila.), which would give the Welfare Dept. authority to tighten exemptions from state-funded abortions under Medicaid, if the U.S. Congress adopted similar restrictions on abortions at federal expense.

Federal law now allows Medicaid payment for abortions when the pregnancy is caused by rape or incest, or when continuation of the pregnancy is a threat to the woman's life. But a proposal now before Congress would do away with the rape and incest issues.

Later on Wednesday, Rep. George F. Pott Jr. (R-Gibsonia) pointed out that the Rocks amendment did not exactly reflect the one before the U.S. Congress.

That set off a debate that lasted until after midnight. It ended with rejection of the Rocks proposal in favor of an amendment offered by Pott which would continue to permit state-funded abortions in cases of rape or incest regardless of what federal lawmakers decide. The Pott proposal was adopted by a 147 to 23 vote.

Pornography Legislation
Pennsylvania lawmakers are

trying to come up with a law that will shield children from smut and be constitutional in the eyes of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Adult book stores and prnographic motion pictures have proliferated in the United States since the Supreme Court ruled that local governments could not limit access to them by adults. Several states have adopted laws which have been declared unconstitutional by the high court.

A Pennsylvania Senate-House Conference Committee has come up with proposed legislation that it hopes will be acceptable to federal jurists—it would prohibit bookshops, theaters, and other places of business from displaying "explicit sexual" material wherever minors could or would probably see it. It would also make it possible for violators to be arrested without first getting a court injunction banning a specific item.

Sen. Michael A. O'Pake, chairman of the conference committee, said all anti-pornography legislation involves "a fine line between what is permissible and what isn't." If the proposed law goes into effect and satisfies the nation's highest court, it will increase from two to five years the maximum prison sentence for persons convicted of obscenity charges.

Faulkner installed at Free Methodist

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Deaths-Frank Hunter, Centermoreland Margaret Clue, Harvey's Lake; Alice Kingsley, Trucksville.

You could get-bananas 5 cents lb.; lettuce 2 lg. heads 15 cents; pumpkin 3 lg. cans 25 cents; hams 16 cents lb.; cauliflower 10 cents head; butter 2 lbs. 63 cents; full size electric range, completely installed, \$99.75.

30 Years Ago - Oct. 6, 1950

Mrs. C.M. Booth, Dallas, has returned from a visit to her son, Nelson, an airport expert, and his family in Andara, Turkey. During her stay, Mrs. booth visited Egypt where she climbed the pyramids and touched the Sphinx.

Kiler Udyke, Kunkle and Robert Kemmerer, Trucksville are seriously wounded in Korea.

Back Mountain Blood donor Day is scheduled for Nov. 2. Red Cross seeks 100 donors.

Raymond E. Kuhnert, principal of Dallas Township High School and Charles A. James, Dallas Borough supervising principal make plans to study the feasibility of a jointure between the two districts.

Dallas Sr. Women Club to hold fashion show at Dallas Township School featuring 25 models from the Back Mountain, Hazelton and Wilkes-Barre showing dresses and suits from the Country Dress Shop.

Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company will hold their annual Fall Festival Oct. 21. The festival will feature an action of farm produce and a turkey supper.

Coach Bob Thomas' Dallas Township Redskins rack up their second triumph with a 13-8 victory over Avoca.

Weddings-Ferne Bronwyn Howell to Paul Sabol, Jr.

Engagements-Ruth Stile to William Guyette

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis, Trucksville, 25 years; Mr.

and Mrs. P. Archie Majors, 50 years.

Deaths-Mrs. W.H. Burnaford, Shavertown; Sarah Conklin, Carverton; Helena Czuley, Dallas; Dr. Byron H. Creasy, Chavertown; W.E. Schoonover, Centermoreland.

Playing in local theaters-Shaver theater, "The Furies," Barbara Stanwick, Wendell Corey, Walter Huston; Himmler Theater, "Ticket to Tomahawk," Dan Daily, Ann Baxtor; Dallas Outdoor, "The Prince of Thieve," John Hall.

You could get-Fresh ground beef 62 cents lb.; leg of lamb 69 cents; 1 lb. coffee 85 cents; bananas 2 lb. 27 cents; potatoes 33 cents peck; sweet potatoes 19 cents lb.

20 Years Ago - Oct. 6, 1960

College Misericordia's Theater Three headliners for the 1960-61 season include "Ballet Espanol", Marcel Marceau, and opera soprano Phyllis Curtin.

Rev. Arthur B. Mayo will leave the Little White Church on the Hill for a charge in Waverly, N.Y.

Colorettes and key Club Drill Team will participate in the Flaming Foliage Festival in Renovo on Saturday.

Bill Ferry and Al Sweitzer are honored by Jonathon R. Davis Fire Company.

Westmoreland Mountaineers meet West Wyoming for their first game of the football season.

Married-Beverly Sayre to Albert Tirpak; Judith Thorne to Hilbert Stark; Judith McKensie to Stepehn Worrell.

Engaged-Gloria Jean Gramley to Alfred Lynn Hadsel; Theresa Burnat to Paul Hahn.

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wright, 30 years; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seboka, 15 years.

Birthdays-Amy DeWolfe 91 years. Deaths-Beulah Van Campen, Noxen.

You could get-Bacon 63 cents lb.; sausage 59 cents.; Kosher corn beef

79 cents ½ lb.; lettuce 2 heads 29 cents; Ivory liquid 12 oz. bottle 39 cents; Cascade 20 oz. box 41 cents; sharp cheese 63 cents lb.

10 Years Ago - Oct. 8, 1970

Parishners of Gate of heaven Church honor Msgr. Francis A. Kane at a testimonial dinner for his 20 years of service to the parish. Msgr. Kane will assume the pastorate at The Nativity of Our Lord Church.

Back Mountain Association for Better Education drafts a letter to the Dallas School Board stating their opposition to the school dress code.

Fire Prevention Week began for students at Dallas High School when members of various Back Mountain fire companies conducted a fire drill there Tuesday morning.

Town and Country Autumn House Tour sponsored by the Wilkes Barre Jr. League is a huge success. Over 800 persons toured area homes including those of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dewitt, Goodleigh Farms; Mr. and Mrs. John Troup, Shrineview; and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Troup, Jr. Sutton Road. Punch was served at the pool house of Mr. and Mrs. James Durkin, Sr., Shrineview, followed by a luncheon at Irem Temple Country Club.

Engaged-Thomas Gauntlett, to Susan Moore; Rosemary Vecchio to Yorath Evans.

Anniversary-Mr. and Mrs. Frank Traver, Ruggles, 45 years.

Deaths-Alberta Foss, Sweet Valley; Stephen Ward, Harvey's Lake; Elmer Russell, Dallas.

You could get-Fryers 35 cents lb.; celery lg. bunch 19 cents; Bartlett pears 2 lbs. 49 cents; 5 lb. canned hams \$4.99; bacon 69 cents lb.; Duncan Hines Cake Mix 43 cents; Kosher Dill pickles ½ gal. Bottle 69 cents; ½ gal. orange juice 69 cents; Spic and Span 1 lb. pkg. 29 cents; Maxwell House Coffee 2 lb. can \$1.99.