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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

True facts

Letter to the Editor:

We, the supervisors of Franklin Township want to advise you on the report by Mike Polk, "Franklin Township to seek loan" which was in the Dallas Post issue for Oct. 9. This report has more things incorrect than are correct.

The residents of our township and others who read this column should know the true facts, not untrue facts meant to slander the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors.

The \$10,000 loan is needed because of resurfacing Lockville Road and additional funds are needed for tennis and basketball courts. American Asphalt Paving Co., was low bidder on resurfacing Lockville Road at a bid price of \$20,451.20 for about 3/4 miles. The budget for 1980 included a possible loan of \$14,000 to cover the road project.

The tennis and basketball courts construction went to the low bidder, American Landscaping Corp. at a bid price of \$31,850 and the architect services are from Paul Rodda, AIA, with a total cost of \$3,000. Printing and reproduction of drawings is \$76.79, and the advertising for bids cost \$200. The total cost of the recreation project is \$35,126.79 and we have a grant thru the Luzerne County Office of Community Development for \$30,000 which was the figure used in the 1980 budget.

There is no problem on who would supervise the construction of the courts. Paul Rodda will do his services as he is paid to do. The supervisors want to do our own supervising and where Mike Polk, Franklin Twp. correspondent got this wrong idea from, I do not know.

The baseball diamond construction for Franklin Township did not cost \$50,000 and the supervisors did not have to hire another firm to correct the grading and finish the project. The contract was awarded to American Landscaping Corp. to rough grade and stockpile topsoil at a low bid price of \$14,860. Bedrock was encountered in the left field section of the diamond and the contract did not cover removal of bedrock.

Additional funds of \$3600 were needed to blast and remove the bedrock which was done by American Landscaping Corp. The fine grading, infield mixture, seeding and backstop were awarded to A.G. Coolbaugh sons for the low bid price of \$16,500. This work was completed by A.G. Coolbaugh Sons. The architectural services were provided by Paul M. Rodda for a fee of \$2536. The total cost of the baseball diamond construction was \$31,496 and the township did not have to hire another firm to complete the project as was stated by the Franklin Township correspondent. The ballfield has been used by the little league to practice on every evening throughout their season. The Fire Co. played their home games in the softball league on the new field. As for the correspondent he does not know what is happening.

Crown Hill residents asked the Board of Supervisors to snowplow their roads in the development. They have been told more than once that their roads are private roads and the township cannot spend money on private roads. The developer of Crown Hill has never asked the Township of Franklin to accept the road in Crown Hill.

The Franklin Twp. correspondent is wrong again when he accused Frank Coslett of instructing the Franklin Township Supervisors of a method for payment to hire equipment for police protection. The correspondent is also wrong when he stated the hourly rate for Roadmaster Willard Race is \$6.50 per hour, the correct rate is \$6.20 per hour. Also in this report it was stated that \$276 was paid to Russell Race Sr. for use of his tractor for 23 hours on the roads. The tractor is rented to the township from Willard Race and the amount is paid to Willard Race. The correspondent also stated that \$750.28 was approved to pay a bill for repairs to the recently purchased pickup truck. This is wrong, the \$750.28 is payment for engine overhaul on the road grader and a new battery for the grader. William Meade questioned the bill as to how many hours labor were involved as the bill had a flat charge for labor.

The Board of Supervisors feel that when a news article is published, the publisher has the responsibility of reporting true and accurate facts. False reporting damages the credibility of all parties involved including the publisher. We do hope accurate reporting will continue to be part of the Dallas Post's tradition in the future. The actions of the Board are always in the best interest of the residents.

Harold M. Hoover
Secretary
Franklin Township

ONLY YESTERDAY

50 years ago-Oct. 17, 1930

Parrish Heights Civic Club meets to elect officers, name committees and plan the year's schedule.

Chicken thieves are active in the vicinity with numerous reports of these night prowlers' activities.

Rural League Series proves to be exciting. The final game scheduled for Oct. 18 will decide whether Dallas or Beaumont captures the pennant.

Scouting troops are active in the Back Mountain. The Boy Scouts are planning to organize a mounted patrol, the only one in Pennsylvania, while Girl Scouts prepare for Girl Scout Week.

Deaths-Walter Cook, Philadelphia; Leonard Pritchard, Sr., Roaring Brook.

You could get-Ladies shoes \$4 pair; cider pressed for 3c gallon; chuck roast 22c lb.; pork butt 25c lb.

40 years ago-Oct. 25, 1940

Joseph McVeigh of Dallas is named chairman of the local draft board. Draft cards are being numbered in preparation for the lottery.

Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion of Dallas, presents an

American Flag to College Misericordia. The flag will be flown in the circle in front of the main college building. Rev. John O'Leary, disabled World War veteran and pastor emeritus of St. Therese's Church blessed the flag and presented it to the dean.

A chilling cold spell brought the first snowfall to our area on Oct. 22 with temperatures of 17 degrees in Dallas and 15 degrees at Harveys Lake.

Married-Sara Vanada and Russell Bear.

Engaged-Ruth May Hazel and Frank Wyruch.

Birthday-Mrs. Jerusha Williamson Ide, Lehman, 85 years. Now playing in local theaters-Himmeler Theater, "Our Town", starring William Holder and Fay Bainter.

You could get-Bananas 6 lb. 25c; coffee 10c lb.; pumpkin, 2 lg cans 23c; granulated sugar 10 lbs. 44c; Hershey's cocoa 1/2 lb. 9c; three-piece bedroom set \$54.98; full size innerspring mattress \$8.88; Raker gloss enamel \$1.59 gal.

30 years ago-Oct. 20, 1950

Andrew J. Sordoni was elected a

Behind in the window count with the yard still on deck

by L.D. Burnham

There are so many things to do in October, but I find it so difficult to do them. In most ways I am sound of body and spirit, but I am cursed with a terrible affliction.

It strikes quickly. It grips its victims mercilessly. It paralyzes the body and neutralizes the spirit. Its name: bazeblutitis.

Bazeblutitis strikes people of all ages and there is no known cure. It lasts only two weeks, however its side effects linger for months, even years.

As the pennant races come to a close at the end of September, I can feel the first symptoms. I paly tapes of the national anthem, and I begin to introduce everyone I meet as though I were a PA announcer at Vet Stadium.

I mark off my rec room in such a way that I form a little baseball diamond. My chair becomes home plate, I make masking-tape baselines. The TV serves as second. This is to be my stadium, my

home, my place of torment for the next two weeks. It is the beginning of October, and I have again contracted the dreaded bazeblutitis.

The first drastic effect of bazeblutitis comes from the hours one must put in "on the field." A victim might watch a total of 17 baseball games within 14 days.

Figuring on an average of three hours a game, a victim watches over two full days of baseball within those two weeks. Fifty-one hours of baseball.

Some of those games are at night. Sometimes those games go into extra innings. The victim rarely sleeps, and is forced to endure extra-inning daze. Add the stress of making managerial decisions all through the games and analyzing mistakes afterwards...it's too gruesome to speak of.

To combat this stress during the game the victim often relives his anxiety by eating and drinking. And what kind of food stuffs go with baseball? Of course, beer and

pretzels. They're as basic as the hit and run.

If the victim has to go the distance of 17 games, and if the victim averages to sip down a beer an inning for the full 153 innings he will have consumed 153 beers, over six cases at approximately 150 calories per beer. That adds up to 22,950 calories. At 3,200 calories per pound, that's a gain of over seven pounds.

And if the victim eats, say, three beer pretzels an inning he'd consume around 450 pretzels in those agonizing two weeks. At about 100 calories per pretzel that comes to 45,000 calories, or a little over 14 pounds.

The bazeblutitis victim can gain easily 25 pounds in two weeks. What happens to a person's self-image when he gains like that? How can he face his wife?

Of course the victim rarely sees family or friends during the period of affliction. Socialization, work, family...all become secondary. A victim such as myself is forced to fit everyday life in between innings. I come to think of everything in baseball terms.

The game begins, and there I am at home. I've got the squeeze play on from the first inning—that's a can squeezed in one hand and a pretzel squeezed in the other.

My wife's trying to work a force play. She's scheduled me for yard work. She demands that the storm windows be put up. She claims we will starve if we don't get to the

grocery store. I have a column to write. What can I do?

It looks as though I'm going to have to use the sacrifice. I'll give up the food. Who needs to eat? I can afford to lose weight.

That leaves me with a fielder's choice. Yard work, storm windows or column. The storm windows are in the garage. That's close by. I'll get one up between every inning.

I break for the garage to pick up the first windows. I'm slow. The next inning has already begun. I decide to lay one down and wait another inning. And then I'm off. It's a tough one but I beat it out and never miss a pitch.

I'm confident now. I take off from home again. I'm feeling good and I decide to get for two. But I get picked off with a phone call from a friend. Then I get doubled up when the doorbell rings. I'm off the wall.

I'm behind in my storm window count with the yard work still on deck. I'll have to steal on the pitcher. I'll have to work between pitches as well as between innings.

My wife threatens me again. Not doing the job she says, I'm on the warning track she says. "Get help kid," she says. "No, no leave me in. I'm good for another couple innings," I plead. But it's no use. I'm out at home. Washed up without a shower.

The players in the playoffs can play in a maximum of 12 games. I might have to endure 17. Now who deserves the million-dollar contract?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Associate Members of Old Mill Village Museums, I want to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to you and your newspaper for the coverage you have given the articles submitted to you about our programs in the season just completed.

Without such coverage in your newspaper, we certainly would not have been able to have achieved such a successful season, which was enjoyed by the largest attendance ever, of the public. Your consideration in publishing the many news releases is most appreciated, and we do thank you most sincerely.

At the present time we are working on the 1981 program, and feel it will even be better than the ones in the season just completed.

Again, our thanks and appreciation for your consideration and kindness.

With all best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Robert S. Pease
Secretary
Associate Members of
Old Mill Village Museum

'The artist of autumn'

by Danny White, pastor
Dallas Baptist Church

Having lived in the deep South all of my life, the fall season is a new experience for my family. Where I was from, the leaves just turned brown, withered, and fell off the trees. In fact, the live oak stayed green the year around. The colors of fall only came to me in pictures. Now, a seeing and feeling wonder has gripped me as I see firsthand the handiwork of the Artist of autumn.

The feeling is quite different. The October chill is equivalent to a January day. My wife knew in a hurry that our light jackets and sweaters were no match for things ahead. So, off went an order for winter clothes. The first touch of winter has hit us square in the pocket book. And, my church members tell of worse things ahead - snow tires, snow chains, and snow shovels.

At any rate, we enjoyed the first snow of the season on Monday even if it was only a few flurries. That's as much snow as we saw all last winter. A snow flake an acre was a big snow for us! We are excited about the snow coming. We have all agreed in my family that we want the first snow to be a big one. I cannot understand why many of our members bemoan the approaching cold. We are anxious for it. However, they say by March that we will have a change of heart. Do you suppose they will be right? I'll let you know.

Not only is the feel of the chill a wonder to us, but the sights are something to behold. The only rainbows that I've ever seen were in the sky. Now, they are everywhere in the trees. God has taken the rainbow and cast it in the trees. It seems that He has taken his paintbrush, dipped it in his heavenly palette, and splashed the mountains with an array of brilliance. My wife and I have been like two children surprised by a new toy. There is certainly nothing pallid about Pennsylvania.

This first fall has made our hearts burst open in a paean of praise to the Creator. The Psalmist captures the feeling for us. "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

The hymnist, Falliot Pierpont expresses it too:

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies;
Christ our God to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.



National Newspaper Week, October 12-18

EDITORIAL

A personal eulogy to G. Richard Dew

tion bulletins of the Association.

In the last few years he had a growing interest in calligraphy (for many years the art of penmanship had deteriorated to the point that documents and presentations made by the Association to deserving members were not ably handled by professional penmen) and so his hobby he turned into a very personal flourish for those receiving commendations.

No man is an island, they say, but Dick was not only a public man but held ample communion with himself. His home and his den were always swirling with enterprise; gardening, landscaping, painting, reading, writing—the tools lie scattered now, his touch gone. His papers are neatly piled, his chair empty, but the friend who pauses there can touch the shaft of a knife, heft the weight of a hammer, examine the nib of a pen and reflect that the tools are still, but they were handled well.

director of the United States Telephone Association at its convention last week in Chicago.

Atty. Donald O. Coughlin, sportsman and conservationist, was guest speaker at the third annual banquet of the Carverton Rod and Gun Club.

Pennsylvania German Shorthaired Pointer Club will stage its fall field trial on the Jonathan Valentine farm in Trucksville.

Lehman-Jackson seniors choose "It's a Date" for their senior play. Natona Mills displays its products in window of Luzerne County Gas and Electric Company. The display includes samples of lace, eyelet fabric and tricot fabric.

Trucksville Methodist Church men will present the perennially popular Womanless Wedding at Kingston Township High School.

Born-A son to Mr. and Mrs. Al Wallace Potter, West Chester; a daughter, Peggy Jeanne, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Darrow; a daughter, Linda Lou, to Mr. and Mrs. James Miers of Kunkle.

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. Ray Greenwood, Trucksville, 25 years. Deaths-Jefferson Frantz, Centerville.

Now playing at local theaters-

Shaver Theater, "Peggy" starring Diana Lynn and Charles Greenwood; Himmeler Theater, "Three Little Words" starring Fred Astaire and Red Skelton; Dallas Outdoor Theater, "Holiday" starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant; Sandy Beach, "The Gun Fighter" starring Gregory Peck.

You could get-Granulated sugar 5 lbs. 48c; Crisco 3 lb. 95c; King Midas flour 25 lb. \$1.98; chestnuts 21c lb.; Florida oranges 39c doz.; white American cheese 2 lb. 85c; oysters 55c doz.; pork chops 59c lb.; Heinz baby food 6 jars 59c; Ideal pudding 4 pkg. 25c.

20 years ago-Oct. 20, 1960

Richard Nixon's uncle, Dr. E.L. Nixon, formerly of the plant pathology department of Pennsylvania State University, is high respected by local potato growers.

College Misericordia freshmen receive academic caps at Sunday's investiture ceremony.

Approximately 500 teachers attend the PSEA Convention. Robert Belles, Lake-Lehman supervisor of elementary education, is elected secretary-treasurer of the Northeast District.

A 2c. Robert Nicely, Shavertown native, is named "Airman of the Month" at Tachikawa Air Force Base, Japan.

Rev. G.H. Frick, pastor of the Huntsville Christian Church, launches a personal evangelistic crusade enlisting many members of the congregation.

Shavertown United Methodist plans Junior Church service.

Engaged-Constance Chappel to Lawrence J. McClure; Janice Kytte to Peter Mattioli.

Deaths-Roscoe Smith, Dallas; Albert Holcomb, Sweet Valley; Alexander Rinken, Idetown; Alexander Miller, Kunkle.

10 years ago-Oct. 22, 1970

The Federal Water Quality Administration of the United States Department of the Interior awards a \$1,584,000 grant to the Dallas Area Municipal Authority for sewer construction.

Story hour at the Back Mountain Library proves to be more popular than ever. For 14 years area tots

have been entertained by stories, movies, and the various parties.

67 adults attend the dedication ceremony for new Dallas Girl Scout leaders at the Dallas United Methodist Church.

Dallas High School students organize the Association for Man's Advancement to a Better World. This new student association stresses student involvement in problems in the school district.

Small game season opens Oct. 17. Game Commission schedules the last hunter safety course for this season.

Engaged-Sarah Lockhart and John Dodson.

Married-Bonnie Patton and James Malkemes; Susan Bennalack and Richard Shaver.

Deaths-Fred Harrison, McKendree; Stella Steinhauer, Shavertown; William Gelsleicher, Harveys Lake; William Lerch, Harveys Lake; Lucy Elizabeth Litzenberger, Dallas.

You could get-Potatoes 20 lb. bag; rib steak 85c lb.; sliced bacon 69c lb.; cod fillet 45c lb.; mushrooms 49c 10-oz. pkg.; cottage cheese 2 lb. 49c.; 3 lb. can Crisco 99c.