Concern 'unity'

Quite a few letters have been seen recently comparing America's reception of the hostage-returnees with that given to Vietnam Veterans. While this letter does not purport to represent the opinions of all Vietnam Veterans, it is the majority stance of our organization's membership.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War organization wishes to express its appreciation to all of the thoughtful people who have written to newspapers such supportive letters and we also wish to thank the editors and staffs who saw that they were published. This support is most welcome and we are

However, we are extremely concerned about the UNITY of the American People. We would like to state clearly, in the name of understanding, certain of our opinions and beliefs:

1. It is quite true that most Vietnam Veterans feel, to varying degrees, some emotional hurt as they look back on their return; but then we also must try to understand the profound effect the war had on our entire country. It is not false nobility when we say that we do not wish the Americans again divide themselves with emotional comparisons of us with the ex-hostages, although we are appreciative of the sentiment. Rather, we prefer this awareness be applied objectively. We take a clinical approach: the difference of our return has been a contributory factor with regard to some of our problems and we merely wish to solve these without a uselessly vindictive attitude.

And please consider that heroes are only such because of a combination of their actual deeds and the way those deeds are subjectively viewed by others. Times have changed and, with all due respect, if Americans wish to call the ex-hostages heroes, let's do so! In a nation with a long history of bravery, there is room enough for many heroes.

2. Our organization was also not founded to regain any "lost recognition"at least, not in the sense that we still require a "hero's welcome". That is past. Our mission now is to support one another-including emotionally-while we gain sufficient strength to work effectively for our rights. We want to alleviate the socio-economic, medical and psychological problems and conditions existing among our men and their families. Much must yet be overcome but we do intend to stand on our own feet.

3. As a group, we believe that Vietnam Veterans have suffered a very negative image for too long. If any of us has at any time let his frustrations defeat his reason, we do regret it, but we also understand it and it is one of our purposes to assist such a veteran with the problems he may have.

In a broader sense, though, the depictions of us have ranged from the unrealistic to the surrealistic. In actual fact, we are merely sons, husbands, friends and so on, who happen to be also veterans of a particular war-a war which has dealt us a few unique problems. That we advertise those problems as "special" is not to be construed as considering ourselves as "better": we apply that word in a variety of connotations, ranging from "unique" (in the case of Agent Orange) to "prevalent among" (in the case of the Delayed Stress Syndrome).

It is to our national credit if we can lay aside vindictiveness and prejudiceand work together again. Once again: Thank you.

If you would like to talk to us or learn more about us, - or if you know of a veteran needing us -- please write or call Box 214, RD 2, Bald Mountain Road, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702, 825-7215.

> For the Veterans of the Vietnam War Michael Milne, PA State Serv. Rep.

College Misericordia nears competition

50 years ago-March 13, 1931 St. Paul's Lutheran Church ob-

ONLY YESTERDAY

serves its fifth anniversary. G.A.A. Kuehn, Dallas druggist, reflects on 50 years in the drug

College Misericordia building interiors near completion. Extensive improvements are to be made to the grounds including a laid stone drive and a southern gateway. The college's recently constructed library houses many old masterpieces, some dating to

the 16th century. You could get-Coffee 25c lb.; fancy Norwegian sardines 2 cans 19c; eggs 25c doz; Ivory soap flakes 3 sm. pkgs. 23c; bread 5c loaf; large Easter eggs 3 for 10c; jelly bird EAster eggs 10c lb.

40 years ago-March 14, 1941 Dallas Township girls basketball team, champions of the Back Mountain League, will meet Warrior Run in an elimination contest Friday night.

Dallas Borough boys basketball team loses to Luzerne after a victorious confronttion with Moosic in the PIAA playoffs.

In an attempt to acquaint business pupils with actual business situations, Commercial Club of

DANNY WHITE

by Danny White "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8 NIV)

In this season fo Lent, we anticipate the commemeration of the supreme sacrifice of Jesus' death on the cross and the glorious subsequent resurection. Jesus' death on the cross, the Roman electric chair, is proof beyond any doubt that God loves us with an undying

This does not mean that we will be exempt from problems, heartache, or the grief of tragic death. Norman Vincent Peale has written, Dallas Township High School offers their skills to area merchants

business offices. Engaged-Gertrude Bolling and Leroy Loomis; Violet Kline and Harry B. Snyder; Florence Hazeltne and William Monk.

Deaths-Burton Crandall, Shavertown; Nicholas Dalesandro, Trucksville.

You could get-Legs o' lamb 23c lb.; pork chops, center cut, 25c lb; standing rib roast 25c lb.; 1/4 lb. black pepper 5c; sugar 10 lb. 45c; 2lb. cheese loaf, 49c lb; butter 2-lb 61c; bread 2 lg. loaves 15c; fresh spinach 5c lb; iceberg lettuce 5c hd.

30 years ago-March 16, 1951 Anthony Broody, Fernbrook resident, takes over the former Dallas Floral Shop. Broody will operate his Back Mountain floral shop in conjunction with his Plymouth store.

Lack of structural steel halts construction of Gate of Heaven parochial school.

Harter High shows ineffective defense when defeated by Kingston Township for the championship. Engaged-Mary Verbetich and

Frank Kozak Deaths-Marion Disque, Pikes

Creek; Ruth E. Dymond, Marsh

You could get-Sirloin or porterhouse steaks 99c lb; frying chickens 45c lb; pork loin roasts 45c lb; celery 2 lg. bchs. 29c; oysters 69c pt.; cheddar cheese 55c lb.; tuna

33c can. 20 years ago-March 16, 1951 Daniel D. Zimmerman, Overbrook Avenue resident, was killed

in an explosion which levelled a toy

factory in Luzerne. Area merchants form the Dallas Area Businessmen's Association. Mrs. Lee J. McCarthy, Jr. is named North Back Mountain

District Chairman of the annual

Cancer Crusade. Luzerne County sets a goal of \$54,000. Shavertown resident John Henninger, Jr., is a faithful supporter of the Annual Easter Seal campaign. Henninger stuffed thousands of the 55,000 Easter Seal

envelopes mailed out this week. Engaged-Jannette Eleanore Veety and Russell Hons; Betty Doran Jones and Donald Lee Bell. Married-Ruth Phillips and Daniel

Deaths-Amanda Brink, Sweet Valley; Edna Harrison, native of Huntington Mills; Amos Hoover, Sweet Valley; William Post, Sweet Valley native.

You could get-Chuck roast 39c lb; leg o' lamb 59c lb; clams 3 doz. 89c; bananas 11c lb; eggs 57c doz.; shar cheese 63c lb.

10 years ago-March 18, 1971

Julia Elizabeth Sweptston, Fern May Egliskis, Jenni Mari Rodda, Elaine Ward and Sherry Jo Harding attain Girl Scouting's highest award First Class Scout.

In appreciation for her work on behalf of the Girl Scouts Mary Lou Swingle is awarded the Thanks Badge, the highest adult scouting award.

Thomas L. Peeler III, Trucksville, is awarded the Outstanding Young Man Award at the 25th Distinguiushed Service Award Banquet sponsored by the Wilkes-

Deaths-Mildred Keener, Dallas; Glen Barry Keller, Dallas; Anna Gaffikin, Harveys Lake.

You could get-Tuna 38c per 61/2 oz. can; country smoked hams 79c lb; margarine 2 lb. pkgs. 49c; 5 lb. sugar 39c; flour 5 lb. 39c; Florida valencia oranges 49c doz.;; toilet tissue 47c 4-roll pkg.; peanut butter 1 lb. 12 oz. jar \$1.09.

The Love of God

nature of the universe. If anybody comes along-politician, preacher, or what not-and tells you that you are someday going to be free of problems, just don't believe him."

I am afraid that in our culture of ease, we assume that the highest good in life is the elimination of all problems. Many even presuppose upon the goodness of God by thinking that because they try to do right and go to church, that they should somehow be excused from

trouble. This is simply not true. Others blame God for the difficulties and crushing blows that fall across their paths. Be careful not to attribute the work of the devil to the character of God. God desires to give life. The deveil seeks to destroy it. We must remember to affirm that God is the author of life, not death. He is the source of joy, not despair. He is the Saviour and not the Deceiver.

This is true because of the one great act when God incarnate called Christ invaded history and died on the cross. He died so that those trusting and living in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. God did not spare His own Son the agony of the crucifixion. Can we therefore crucifixion.

expect to be relieved of our suffering?

The key to faith, the key to acknowleding God's love is to look beyond the cross to the resurrection. God did not allow the cross to be the final word. Rather, He overcame that atrocious evil with the greatest good, the resurrection.

Likewise, when trouble, tragedy, and turmoil overwhelm us, we can turn in hope to Him who bore all of our sorrows. It is only through faith in Him and acknowledging His love for us that we can look beyond the crosses of sorrow to the resurrections of life.

A Day with Debbie

by Debbie Z What's neat, new and exciting just happened to be one of my favorite phrases around the office, and because nothing was neat, new, or exciting, my favorite boss just happened to help me do something neat, new and exciting. After two years of working for The Dallas Post as part of the production department, I finally got my big chance to go out and sell advertising to prospective advertisers in the Back Mountain communities.

Of course, like anything else I do, I had to have a partner, so I persuaded my good friend, Jane, into "helping" me. Psyching myself and my accomplice for our adventures, I was shocked to see that Jane was getting just as psyched if not more, than I was.

I had to admit she knocked me off my feet when I walked into the office Friday and she had everything ready for our Tuesday adventure.

No sooner could I sit down and type out Tuesday, and Tuesday was upon us. I'll have to admit I was getting shaky about the whole ordeal, but I always finish was I start, and I got my body into the office at 9 a.m. ready willing and able to "hit" the road with my partner. The only problem was, my partner was still at home drinking her hot chocolate.

Things weren't bad until she showed up at the office and we started off, only to sit in the car in front of the Post while we complained about the runners in our stockings and painted our fingernails. I had figured things would be a little rough until we got used to the whole thing, so while driving down the highway in my limo, my partner and I strategically mapped out our whole mission. Our first stop in Trucksville was a doozy. They were

Beginners luck, no way! It was only 9:45 and most businesses, (as we found out later) don't open until 10. Nerves were still on edge between the both of us until one of our prospective customers happened to know something about what we were doing. That gave us some confidence and all was not lost. will have to admit, our biggest thrill of the day came at approximately 10:30 when we were in JB Gallery and received a free carnation for our efforts. Our joy overcame us and we had to take our first "coffee" break, orange juice and donuts.

As with anyone else's day, the clock ticked on and we traveled on. for we had many more businesses to attend to, and many more miles to

Upon entering some of the Back Mountain business establishments we found people to be very friendly and willing to listen to what we had to say. And because we were covering our territory fairly fast, we decided to stop in my dentist's office to say hello. Well, I'll probably never get in their story about the dental hygenist month, since it was in February and it is now March, but I want to say a quick "Hi guys"

Well, anyway, back to the story, things started falling into place, and my partner and I found little tidbits of facts which we could spring on our customers. Such as, insurance agents might be interested in advertising because of our real estate ads which draw in potential home owners who will have to insure their house, and party goers will need graduation supplies, and confirmation kids might like a charm for their bracelet.

I still can't see why anyone would want to refuse the both of us for a measly little ad. We tried all the two different sales pitches we knew. Well, as they say, live and learn. Most of all, we would both like to thank all the wonderful people in the Back Mountain places of business who helped to get our new career started, and we both look forward to seeing all of you next week. As for my career as a potential columnist, you'll have to wait until next week.



WHAT'S NEW-Dallas Area Federated Women's Club will present "What's New For You", a spring and summer fashion show, Tuesday, March 24, 8 p.m., at Dallas Junior High. Discussing plans for the event are first row, Nancy Rowlands, Sandy Richardson, Sheila Bonawitz, Rita Cutter; second row, Mary Alice Lukasavage, Theresa Thompson, Mary Ann Davies, Jane Gutman, Wally Maniskas and Marlene Rollman. (Mark Moran Photo)

Erin Go Braugh!

Historical Society will feature exhibit

On March 19, the Harvey's Lake will run until the Fall.

The earliest school classes at the Lake were conducteed during the winters of 1842-1843 and 1943-1844, at the home of Otis Allen, by Jonathon Winters, a Township supervisor. There were several one-room school houses built between 1844 and 1849. Among the early schools were the Durland, West Corner,

GROSSMAN

Historical Society, Inc., will feature an exhibit on the early school history of the Lake Township school system at the new Lake-Noxen Elementary School. The exhibit includes pictures of early school classes, yearbooks, school records and a descriptive history of the Lake school system. The exhibit

The exhibit includes a picture of the Laketon School near Sandy Bottom which was a four-room school house with three high school grades, the freshman, junior and senior years. Early Laketon graduates had to attend an additional year at a city or borough high school to qualify for a college or teacher's school.

Outlet, Ruggles, Rock, Pikes Creek,

Green Valley and Loyalville

The Lake Township High School, which burned down in February 1979, had its initial graduating class in 1926. Several interior pictures of the Lake Township School and its faculty are on display. After the construction of the Lake Township School, which is now the site of the Lake-Noxen Elementary School, many of the one-room schools were closed.

A few of the early one-room schools, Outlet, Durland, Green Valley, Rock No. 2, Pikes Creek, and Loyalville, remain standing. The Loyalville School is a two-story building at the intersection of legislative routes 40115 and 40128 and is still very attractive.

The Lake-Lehman Board Education is cooperating with the Historical Society to provide display areas at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School for historical exhibits. The exhibits, which will be changed on a periodic basis, will

be under the supervision of Julie Savage, vice-president of the Historical Society, who arranged the current exhibit on the school

Several area residents donated items for the display including Hazel Davis, Pauline Davis, Millie Garinger, Stanley Hoyt, Ether Kocher, Ralph Kocher, Cal McHose, Elsie Oney Petrille Benjamin Rood, and Velma

The Harveys Lake Historical Society is planning a luncheon in the near future at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School to encourage interest in the historical programs of the organization.

Cosmos

by Howard J. Grossman Carl Sagan has written another brilliant book titled Cosmos, which describes the events which have made his field of work one of the most exciting in history. There are many worlds which are near and far to be explored, according to Sagan, many of which hold the potential for life, perhaps not as we know it, but in a great many varieties. He holds to the thesis that 'the galaxy is an unexplored continent filled with exotic beings of stellar dimensions.'

To give a measure of the vastness of space, Sagan points out that "the total number of stars is greater than all the grains of sand on all the beaches of the planet earth." Further, he states, "we live in an insignificant planet of a humdrum star lost between two spiral arms in the outskirts of a galaxy which is a member of a sparse cluster of galaxies, tucked away in some forgotten corner of a universe in which there are more galaxies than

The cosmos is linked to the four basic elements which early man thought to be our basic frameearth, fire, air and water. The cosmos is the quintessence or the fifth element in the wheel of knowledge. As typified by the lost Alexandrian Library which housed the vast storehouse of knowledge of antiquity, the word cosmopolitan meant citizen, not just a nation, but

of the cosmos We, in Northeastern Pennsylvania, are but a small speck of this planet and a tiny part of the puzzle called earth. In the cosmos, we represent a passing blur which can be meaningful if we achieve some semblance of support for our people in those endeavors which can contribute not only to our lifestyle, but to the cosmopolitan view. We can be whatever we want to be, provided that inertia which locked the region for many years can be permanently eliminated and strong leadership applied to the multitude of problems which the region has accumulated over the

Sagan gives us the style and fervor which the early 1960's provided in the mandate to reach

the moon. We have shortsightedly left this richness of exploration behind and not achieved the type of effort which we were led to expect in those years. Leadership and dollar flow have allowed us to be led astray from man's inalienable right to wonder, and to quest for knowledge offered by exploration of the stars. In the same way, there is a need to reach within Northeastern Pennsylvania beyond our current dreams to become an important part of Pennsylvania and the nation. While a tiny speak, we can

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contribute far beyond our size through drive, foresight, vision and a positive attitude toward our future. The negativeness and parochialness of the past must give way to a regional view of our future. As Sagan pointed out, "the West slumbered through a thousand years of darkness between its destruction and Columbus and Copernicus around 500 AD to 1500 AD." The region can avoid the darkness through planning and action.

Northeastern Pennsylvania,

through its talented resource base, its people who have contributed to the greatness of the nation outside of the region, and its developmental opportunities, has the ability and the grace to achieve all of its aspirations. We should take a page from Sagan's Cosmos and attack our problem by focusing attention on solutions. Our region has all of the abilities upon which greatness can be achieved. It rests with our people to rise to the occasion and become a vital force for greatness.

Pencils donated

by Nancy S. Kozemchak I received a phone call from Mrs. Moss the other day telling me she had some pencils for the library and would I be able to come and pick them up. I had mentioned in recent publicity about our pencils getting lost and that we would appreciate some donations. I went down to see Mrs. Moss and enjoyed a delightful 30 minutes with her. She had a collection of pencils ready including a box of Linton Mainliner super thin lead which her husband had been saving. She assured me he would want the library to have them.

Mr. Moss died about 11 years ago and he and Mrs. T.M.B. Hicks were the original founders of the Ham 'n Yegg Club, which was and still is a tremendous financial help to the library through the auction. Mrs. Moss is 81 years old and his continued doing Ham 'n Yeggs herself since 1970. She showed me her card file and lists of names and what really amazed me was her shorthand notes to herself regarding the answers she received from people. She writes some beautiful shor-

She has a son Bill in Illinois and a daughter, Marijane in Nescopeck and five grandchildren. She has trouble getting to the library but assured me she keeps abreast of with the Geographic and the Reader's The library is so very grateful for the many wonderful people that care about its existence

and help and support us in the ways they can. Thank you, Mrs. Moss, for the pencils, your continued support, and that very interesting 30 minutes!

Our display case is now featuring a collection of GEODES: which are hollow, stonelike formations lined with crystals. These were loaned to us by Kathy Gregory of Lehman who teaches science at Lehman Junior High School. She has been collecting these since 1966, some she has found and others she bought. Most are from Mexico. These must be cut with a diamond saw or popped with a chain and

The solid ones are Thundereggs. One, she got from a throw-away bundle and had it cut and found amethyst inside; she had paid \$1 for it and was offered \$35 after it was cut. One piece of quartz was found at an excavation in Harveys Lake. Three of these have angel wing calcite crystals inside. Kathy is a geologist with a degree in earth science and keeps these at home in a book case. Stop in and see this interesting hobby!

New books at the library: "Virgin" by James Patterson is a chilling, unforgettable story. it will keep every reader up late into the night. One of the best thrillers in years! The year is 1987 and the story is a breath-taking novel of inspiration and unspeakable "Palm Sunday" by Kurt Von-negut is a marvelous pastiche of speeches, letters, fiction, articles, woven together by a narrative, presenting the life and opinions of the author. The book combines the tidal power of a major novel with the immediacy of front-line journalism. A literary event.

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