

"Well, fancy giving money to the government..."

might as well have put it down the drain. Fancy giving money to the Government! Nobody will see the stuff again. Well, they've no idea what money's for - Ten to one they'll start another war I've heard a lot of silling things, but Lor! Fancy giving money to the Government!

Sir Alan Herbert

It's traditional in the United States, whenever the military budget is due for consideration by Congress, that the Pentagon and the arms industry speed up their promotion of fear over Russia's monster missiles, its mammoth navy, its huge defense budget, and the dangers to our national security.

Before "detente" (lessening of tensions between nations), the "cold war", while not gone, was nearly forgotten. Even while at war - in Vietnam - most Americans were willing to live and let live where the Soviet Union was concerned. Then came, for the first time in decades, a real peace. No American soldier was fighting anywhere in the world. But with peace came faint rumbles of war on some vague frontier. President Ford and his administration began pushing for higher military spending - in spite of the fact that the Vietnam war was highly responsible for the terrible inflation that is currently destroying the American economy.

Of course Ford's administration justified spending billions more of tax money by trying to sell the American public on the idea that we were a second-rate military power. All this was - and is - done in the face of the fact that the United States is the world's leading manufacturer and distributor of weapons of destruction.

Some us became lulled into believing that the terrible waste of money, time and resources on armaments would be stopped by electing Jimmy Carter as president. Mr. Carter told us - as most candidates will - that the military and industrial complex must be checked, but he no sooner slid behind the oval desk then we became bombarded with the propaganda of war.

No nightly newscast, on either of the three networks, failed to inform us of the "gap." Newspapers and

magazines followed suit and the Pentagon plagued Congress with the dire need for the B1 bomber, neutron bomb, fighter planes for Israel, Egypt, etc.

In the process we are told it is because the Soviet Union and Cuba is involved, that they are spreading their military might around the globe, that they have bases and troops threatening the peace of the world. Yet we gloss over the fact that the United States has a naval base on Cuban territory, that we have 30,000 American soldiers stationed in Korea and thousand of other military personnel in hundreds of bases all around the world, Germany, Britain, Scotland, Greece, Turkey, Japan, the Philippines, Guam, Panama, etc.

Does it really matter who started this, or who has "superiority"? What matters is that both sides can totally obliterate the other, that neither side will gain a thing - except self-destruction. A nuclear war doesn't mean Russia or the U.S. wins anything because a nuclear war, a very grave and certain possibility with the continued arms race, most certainly will disrupt the natural forces that make life on this planet possible.

The water and air, the life-line of our frail life-supported system, would be destroyed for everyone for years to come. Part of the problem may be that the scenario is so staggering we can't - or won't - comprehend it.

Now, at this critical stage in the American way of life, when it is facing enormous pressures to survive, when daily it is faced with one economic and social disaster after another, is the time to stop this mad squandering of the national resources on yet more murderous weaponry.

The cost of one B1 bomber prototype, \$500,000,000, would build enough city housing for 50,000 people. Just one M60 tank, \$630,000, could provide 30 families with a nice little home of their own, just one \$16,000,000 F-15 fighter plane would build a power plant, fueled by garbage, to heat downtown Baltimore.

The United States, alone, has enough nuclear warheads to kill every man, woman, and child on the earth, twelve times over. So what is the use of increasing the military budget every year?

"Ten to one they'll start another war."

JOHN ALLEN

"Isn't it time to act?"

TO THE POST:

A few weeks ago you asked the question, "Should we have gun control?" This week I read a paragraph about a handgun being concealed in a locker at the Dallas Junior High School; I think the answer is a very obvious "Yes".

As a concerned parent and a person who has always been very wary of guns of any kind, I feel there should definitely be strict control of firearms. I feel that all weapons should be licensed even though I am told it may be against one of the basic American Rights - the right to bear arms.

What is the prime purpose of a person owning a firearm, for shooting animals to eat - hunting; or for shooting his fellow human being? I think it is somewhat outdated for man to say he needs a gun to provide food for his family. Those who hunt need licenses so what harm in making them license their hunting tools?

I personally feel that the only people who need to carry handguns are the police and certain security guards (as is the case in most European countries). When it comes to the point that a child can take a weapon into school, isn't it time to act?

KATE VANDER KISTE
Dallas

A Miner's Ditty

My sweetheart is a mule in the mines.
I drive her without any lines.
On the bumper I sit, and tobacco I spit.
All over my sweetheart's behind.
ANON.

by Barry McWilliams



Only Yesterday

Tannery rate raised to 68¢ hourly

50 Years Ago - Feb. 12, 1932

Rural routes are extended to include families in the vicinity of Meeker. Served by carrier William J. Corcoran, the local post office served the largest number of rural routes in the County.

You could get—10 lb. sugar 45c; flour 24½ lb. bag, 75c; 2 tall cans salmon 19c; 2 cans shrimp 19c; sardines 5c can; macaroni or spaghetti 6 pkgs. 25c; rye or white bread, 20 oz. loaf 7c; eggs 25c doz.

40 Years Ago - Feb. 13, 1942

A late afternoon fire destroyed a large barn on the Vernon farm of William Payne. Several machinery sheds were also destroyed and two silos were damaged. Eleven cows and a valuable bull were burned to death.

Mrs. Fred Eck was elected president of the Woman's Club. In other club business, the group purchased another defense bond and made plans for a dinner dance.

Noxen employees of the Armour Leather Company at Noxen received retroactive increases of pay. The minimum hourly rate was raised to 68¢ for all employees. The plant was busy filling war orders for heavy leather, much of which was sent to Russia.

Engaged—Emma Ruth Shayer to William J. Broad; Ann Sortore to Sheridan Geer.

Married—Araminta Smith to Howard Martz.
Deaths—Thelma Agnew, Dallas.

You could get—Chickens 27c lb.; hamburger 25c lb.; pork chops 29c lb.; lamb chops 35c lb.; fruit cocktail 2 tall cans 23c; fig bars or ginger snaps 2 lb. 19c; coffee 2 lb. 39c.

30 Years Ago - Feb. 15, 1952

Mrs. Harold Dixon, the Kunkle housewife bit two weeks ago by a rabid fox, died in Nesbitt Hospital. Although Mrs. Dixon had been taking the Pasteur treatment of 14 injections for rabies, the treatment failed to help her.

Mrs. Charles Nuss, Lehman, was elected to head Dallas District Girl Scouts for a two year term. She replaced Mrs. Harris Haycox, Dallas; Mrs. Calvin Hall, Shavertown, was vice president; Mrs. John Wardell, Carverton, secretary and Bethia Allen, Lake Township, treasurer.

Engaged—Mary Louise Mahaffey to Richard Post; Claire Marie Baur to Adrian DeMarco; Joan Coolbaugh to Donald Britt; Joan Edity Cragle to Richard L. Culver; Wilma J. Robbins to Robert Gordo.

Deaths—John Henry Stevenson, Shavertown; Dr. J.C. Fleming, Dallas; Pauline Berrettini, Dallas; Emory Kitchen, Fort McClellan, Ala.; Humphrey Owen, Dallas.

You could get—Pork loin roasts 39c lb.; sliced bacon 29c per ½ lb.; shrimp 79c lb.; oysters 1 pt. can 79c; 46 oz. can orange juice 19c; Sunshine Krispy Crackers 30c lb.

20 Years Ago - Feb. 15, 1962

Pennsylvania State Fish Com-

mission stocked Harveys Lake with 4,000 brook trout and 4,000 rainbow trout. The commission had been unable to determine the cause of death of a number of fish found along Toby's Creek.

Engaged—Carol A. Rother to Frederick Hons.

Married—Ruth Gordon Weed to George Shupp; Donna Weeden to Robert L. Natole; Judith Winans to Johnson C. Miers; Wilhemina Blank to Thomas W. Geffert.

Deaths—Mary Ladamus, Lehman; William S. Lee, Dallas; John Hay Frantz, Cleveland.

You could get—Lobster tails \$1.59 lb.; oysters 98c per 12 oz. can; chickens 29c lb.; 6-6 oz. cans orange juice 95c; fresh green beans 2 lb. 29c; cheddar cheese 35c per ½ lb.

10 Years Ago - Feb. 24, 1972

Imperial Potentate C. Victor Thornton, Shrine of North America, visited Irem Temple. A reception at the Irem Temple Mosque had more than 2,000 Shrine members and their wives in attendance.

Frank S. Paczewski, vice president of Elby's Restaurants, announced the opening of a new restaurant in the Back Mountain in May.

You could get—Chicken legs 49c lb.; frozen green beans 5-9oz. pkg. \$1; 3-40 oz. bottles apple juice \$1; butter 59c lb.; 3 doz. eggs \$1; saltines 41c per lb.; jello, 11c per box.



A MUSICAL FAMILY: Their father is Ferdinand R. Ferdinand Jr., Victor, Mark and Nina, performed a classical music concert for students of Dallas Junior High. Nina, apparently, wasn't quite ready for the photographer.

A listing of awards for Pocono Northeast promotion

For the third consecutive year, the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, has recognized positive accomplishments in which municipal governments, civic organizations, and others were recognized for outstanding contributions to the promotion of the Pocono Northeast.

According to Howard J. Grossman, executive director of the council, a total of thirty-four first place awards and 109 awards overall have been given in the first three years of competition.

During the first three years of competition, the first place winners included the following:

1. Anthracite Museum Complex
2. Boscov's Dept. Store (W-B)
3. CAN-DO, Inc.
4. Carbon Co. Tourist Promotion

5. Child Development Council of NE Pa., Inc.
6. Children's Museum of NE Pa.
7. Carbondale City
8. Cometa, Mr. Charles
9. College for Kids, Inc.
10. Duryea Borough
11. E. Stroudsburch Borough
12. Greater W-B Industrial Fund
13. Hill Neighborhood Assn.
14. Jack Frost Mt. Ski Area
15. Lackawanna Co. Board of Commissioners
16. Lackawanna Co. Conservation Dist.
17. Little Schuylkill Conservation Club
18. Luzerne Co. Commission on Economic Opportunity
19. Luzerne Co. Office of Community Development

20. Milford Reservation Solar Conservation Center
21. Mountaintop Area Library
22. Panther Valley Recreation Center
23. Pocono Mt. Vacation Bureau
24. Schuylkill Co. Council for the Arts
25. Scranton Primary Health Care Center
26. Swoyersville Borough
27. The Station Restaurant (W-B)
28. United Campus Ministry, E. Stroudsburch State
29. Univ. of Scranton
30. Wilkes-Barre II, Inc.
31. W-B Kiwanis Wheelchair Club
32. W-B Redevelopment Authority
33. Wyo. Valley Historical and Geological Society
34. YMCA Tutorial Program (Gr. W-B Area)

Memorial Library's business up

BY NANCY S. KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library's annual meeting, held the last Thursday in January, is now history and some exciting statistics were presented to the board members.

The library circulated 88,528 books during 1981, an increase of 3,872 from 1980. The current book stock stands at 45,204 and 10,939 reference questions and workers were recorded. The Book Club circulation was 2,785 and volunteers gave 1,292 hours of their time. Estimated active borrowers stands at 9,911.

Of the total circulation, 43,495 books were checked out by students. These figures show steady growth and activity at the library.

Bonnie West stopped in the other day; she was a former display participant. We had her collection of dogs at the library and she had an interesting story to tell. It seems a former friend's mother read the article about her collection in the paper, sent the article to her daughter and as a result of this, Bonnie was offered dogs for her collection. She was thrilled and had adopted an additional 50 dogs and also received two book cases in which to house her collection. Quote: "It's a small world". And a nice one!

The Collector's Group will meet Wednesday evening, February 24 at 7:30 in the annex.

New books at the library: A Book Club purchase, "The Dean's December" by Saul Bellow is a tale of two cities, Chicago, and Bucharest, Rumania; a tale of the East and West. It is also a story of a double crisis in the life of Albert Corde. A tale of love and death.

"North and South" by John Jakes is a compelling, panoramic novel of two wealthy families during twenty turbulent, troubled years that culminate in the shattering Civil War. It is a handsomely conceived mirror of the times. This is an exciting American saga.

"Jacintha" by Sar Hylton is a spellbinding novel of family intrigue, rebellion and romance set against the bleak, brooding beauty of the Lake District and the war-ravaged French countryside. Jacintha lives at Ravenspoint, a haunted old cliff-top house in Cumberland, England.

"Missing Persons" by C. Terry Cline, is a novel of ultimate terror. A riveting, unforgettable story of vengeance stretched to the outer limits of sanity. Fatal attraction to a charismatic killer in the slayings of young women, cloaked in his innocent sexual allure.

Just where on Planet Earth do you want to go? You name it and you'll find practical assistance for your pre-trip planning in the travel-history section of the library. There are guide books to almost every area on the globe. There is information on foreign customs, governments, and religions. Half the fun is collecting the information you need. Try your library!

Kiwanis slates sleigh ride

The Dallas Kiwanis is sponsoring a sleigh riding party for all retarded citizens and their families. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The party will be held on the Fair Grounds on Route 118 in Dallas, behind the Back Mountain Medical Center. Sleigh riding, tobogganing, and snowmobiling will be provided along with indoor activities and a barbecue.

All retarded citizens and their families are invited, there is no charge. Ron Mosca, coordinator of the event said that reservations can be made by contacting the Association for Retarded Citizens by Wednesday, February 17, at 829-7953.

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SEEKING INFORMATION—Anyone having knowledge as to a Mamie Kitchen and or the M.E. Sabbath School at Harveys Lake, is requested to contact the Dallas Post. The inscription photographed above is from the Sixth Edition of "Tom Brown's School Days" and is believed to have been hand-copied, utilizing a feathered pen. The book was presented to Mamie Kitchen by Pastor Robert T. Christopher, at Alderson, March 24, 1889.