

Chatterbox

Only Yesterday

Trout stream stocked with oversized fish

50 Years Ago - Oct. 28, 1912

District Boy Scouts rallied at the Dallas High School auditorium. John M. Hewitt, Scout executive, was in charge of the ceremony which included a formal inspection and awarding of badges.

Fourteen trout streams in Luzerne County were stocked with brook trout above legal size. Those stocked in our area were Harveys Creek, Huntingdon Creek, Nescopeck Creek, Little Shickshinny Valley Creek.

Deaths--Thomas Oney, former Outlet resident; Joseph Howarth, Outlet.

You could get--Pumpkin 2 lg. cans 15c; rice 3 lb. 10c; hams 12c lb.; beets 4 lg. cans 25c; dried peaches 2 lb. 17c; sardines 4 cans 19c; mixed nuts 17c lb.; peanut butter 2 lb. 19c; Hershey's cocoa 2 cans 15c.

Library News

BY NANCY KOZEMCHAK

A tribute to C.D.! Catherine Williams Phillips of Huntsville Road, Dallas, who passed away a few weeks ago, was affectionately known to friends, relatives and library staff members as C.D. Every Monday and Wednesday morning, unless it was utterly impossible to drive, she was here at the library doing volunteer work. For the 15 years that I have been associated with the library and

Editorial

There are some children who believe Halloween is almost as much fun as holidays go as Christmas. Planning a costume, dressing up, school parties and trick-or-treating is very much a part of childhood and as traditional as baseball and apple pie. But this year Halloween has been tainted and somehow the children again become the unsuspecting victims. The nation has recently been

40 Years Ago - Oct. 30, 1942

James Besecker and Harry Ohlman, marshals expect 1,000 marchers in the annual Halloween Parade.

Three hundred persons received Red Cross Awards at a mass meeting held at Dallas Borough High School. Red Cross First Aid and Home Nursing certificates were awarded followed by famous Red Cross motion pictures showing conditions during British air raids.

Engaged--Evelyn Culp to Charles Bettison.

Married--Hilda Allen to Walbridge Leinthal.

Birthdays--Bertha Jenkins, 78 years old.

Deaths--Eva Holcomb, Shavertown; John Rogers, Orchard Farms; Elmer J. Schrader, Centermoreland.

You could get--Bread 10c loaf; apples 6 lb. 25c; onions 3 lb. 13c; liver 19c lb.; doughnuts 15c doz.; cod 29c lb.; Ritz crackers 21c lb.; bologna 29c lb.; sharp cheese 37c lb.

30 Years Ago - Oct. 31, 1932

Two area men assumed high offices in Wyoming Valley Council Boy Scouts of America. John S. Mitchell, Orange, was named president while H. Robert Weaver was named vice president.

Large political announcements proclaim "We Like Ike". Eisenhower promised to investigate the Korean conflict, to help the farmers and to safeguard social security if elected.

Engaged--Bernardine Staub to Richard Paraventi.

Married--Frances Yurevitch to Cecil Sickler; Marilyn Lois Miller to Dean Daubert.

Anniversaries--Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palchanis, 19 years.

Deaths--Alvin Deater, Noxen; Captain Alfred S. James, Trucks-ville.

You could get--Ice cream 1/2 gal. 90c; hunting knife 98c; alarm clock \$2.98; hunting license holder 25; pocket watch \$2.69; oleo 5 lb. 89c; peaches 29c lb.; Crisco 3 lb. can 73c.

20 Years Ago - Nov. 1, 1962

Mrs. Fred Anderson, chairman of Back Mountain Center, Luzerne County Unit of the American Cancer Society's Pennsylvania Division, was awarded the Silver Sword pin, the highest award for volunteer service at the unit level.

Over 300 costumed children of all ages and 150 adults jammed the Back Mountain Shopping Center area to watch the annual Halloween Parade. Members of the Dallas

Area School District faculty and Parent-Teachers Association judged the costumes on the basis of originality, ugliness, beauty, historical quality and humor. A total of 120 silver dollar prizes were awarded.

Engaged--Lorelie Briggs to Richard Bonomo.

Anniversaries--Mr. and Mrs. John S. Duda, Dallas, 50 years.

Deaths--Esther Inez Levine, Lehman native; Lois Daniels Lilley, Ransom Road, Dallas; Georgina Welch, Davenport Street.

You could get--Grapes 2 lb. 25c; chestnuts 19c lb.; grapefruit 6 for 39c; chickens 29c lb.; halibut steak 59c lb.; sharp cheese 65c lb.; cream cheese 8 oz. pkg. 29c; Louella butter 1 lb. 72c; Heinz tomato soup 9 cans 98c.

10 Years Ago - Nov. 2, 1972

Pennsylvania voters voted on a referendum to a Constitutional Amendment determining whether the Commonwealth has the right to make direct grants to people who suffered financial loss in the flood.

In other voting news, Kingston Township residents voted on the decision of Home Rule for the township.

Engaged--Patricia Rice to Gary Miers.

Married--Virginia J. Jenkins to Richard Oliver Toth.

Deaths--Lawrence Belles, Noxen; Dr. Jacob W. Nulton, Wilson; Alice Zick, Chase; Ruth C. Auvil, Noxen.

You could get--Chicken legs 45c lb.; chuck roast 89c lb.; rib steaks 89c lb.; 10 oz. jar Maxwell House instant coffee 99c; 4-roll pkg. toilet tissues 18c-coupon; turkeys 49c lb.; spinach 35c pkg.

Tribute to a dedicated volunteer

many years before that, she would be here alphabetizing the cards from the previous circulation and shelving returned books upstairs. A delightful person, eager to please, loved reading mysteries and got first choice on the new ones, enjoyed her cigarette break with Charlotte and always a pleasant person to chat with. We will miss C.D.; she was a dedicated volunteer, and well loved by our staff. C.D. will always be a part of the library, especially with the

memorial money we have received to purchase books in her memory, which will remain a lasting tribute to her.

Charlotte Oney, our number one front desk person, receives many interesting things at her desk and one day last week a small boy brought her a woolly caterpillar. The middle part was medium brown and the two ends were black. We have decided that means we will have a mild winter. Sounds like wishful thinking! Unfortunately,

Charlotte will be away for a while up at NPW Hospital for some tests. She has been with the library four and a half years and does a great job. The interlibrary loan department, the reference department, the reserved books and the overdue calling will suffer without her. Hopefully, we can cover for her and expect she will be back soon, feeling better than ever.

October 20 turned out to be a real pleasant Wednesday for me. I spent a few hours of that day with some

special people. Even though I was running late, I decided to stop for coffee at lunch time and was joined by Floyd Sanders, a very personable gentleman, who brightened my lunch hour immensely. He is a very interesting person to talk to. Then, as was pre-arranged and long overdue, I picked up Mrs. Crump and we went off to Iorio's for dinner. We spent 4 1/2 hours together and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute. The food was delicious and the

company stimulating. Both of these people are tremendous because of the fact that they are each looking forward to their 88 birthday in a few months. Neat people!

The Collector's Group will meet Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 in the library annex.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is an institution in your community that is filled to the brim with ideas--for fun, for relaxation, for excitement. Come and check out our books!

A stark reminder for Halloween

shocked by the sick actions of a few. Tylenol poison deaths and the variety of imitators cropping up throughout the country are a stark and fearful reminder that human nature's baser instincts are not to be taken lightly.

For the most part, we try and protect our children from the knowledge that such atrocities exist around us. We don't dwell on the subject when they are within

hearing distance and if they question something heard or read, we try and explain it away like a fairy tale.

Now do we warn little children to be careful, without frightening them to the point of taking the joy from Halloween? Media warnings are suggesting that trick or treating be done away with in favor of Halloween parties at home. It is also highly recommended that parents accompany their children if they do go out. And of course, check all treats before the children get to them.

The advice is certainly sound and

sensible and parents may choose whichever route with which they are comfortable. What is frustrating and sad is the idea that another childhood pleasure has been tainted by sadistic elements in our society. Once again, the actions of the most deplorable among us have managed to instill fear and worry about self-protection in the rest.

Try as we might to hide it from "the kids," they'll sense the worry this year, and another bit of their already too short childhood will be snatched away as they digest the idea that Halloween is fun but also very dangerous.

Letters to the editor

In support of Rybak

To whom it may concern:

I am a senior on the Dallas Football team and would like to comment on the abuse Coach Rybak had to take during our Pittston game. You so called fans can sit up in the stands and criticize our coach who has worked all year to try and get us together. He did not play the game, the players did. We are to blame for not doing what he prepared us to do.

I hope that when I graduate I will look back and say that I did my best because our coach always tells us, if you can say this to yourself then you will always have your pride. When you make excuses and blame others, then you are putting yourself above the good of the team.

Our problem lies not in the

coaching but in the lives of some of our players. Coach Rybak's main fault is that he trusts his players and would do anything for them. He is always willing to give them a second chance. If any of you knew of the personal problems that Coach Rybak has to solve you would probably quit. I am glad that I have been associated with this man.

In psychology class I learned that there is safety in numbers and those fans that yell know that if they were in the same situation, they would not be able to work it out. I also learned that the word "fan" comes from the word "fanatic". A loyal fan supports the team, a fanatic destroys and enjoys the destruction.

Sincerely,
Name withheld by request

Will fence contain inmates?

To the Editor:

You have heard from the hysterical citizenry and politicized bureaucrats regarding prison security at Dallas. Are you willing to listen to a logical prisoner? I have spent over 15 years served of a 20 to 40 years sentence for burglaries in Pittsburgh in 1967.

We read about another fence to be erected around our "correctional" institution here at Dallas at a cost of \$1,290,000. Who is manufacturing this fence? The Rolls Royce company? Also, one presumes this figure is before over-runs.

We don't really need the existing single fence. Take it down and chalk a line around the perimeter with signs posted every 30 feet saying: "Those crossing the Line Lose Movie Privileges For A Month." That will keep the chalk off the soles of 99 percent of us.

The other one-percent? There will always be dissatisfied customers. They got out of Devil's Island and Alcatraz. Far more than the official fraternity ever owned up to.

This prison provides a lot of jobs for this area. People get killed and injured building bridges and skyscrapers. It is all figured in and accepted at the beginning.

But put up the second fence (use convict labor like they do in Russia). Men will escape. Then a third fence. More dissatisfied

tenants and a fourth fence. Since the perimeter increases with each additional fence...the cost per fence accordingly increases. Eventually your backyard fence will be a prison fence.

The last two dramatic escapes were not over the fence; functional security was breached in both cases, not physical security. Pennsylvania is now sacrificing security for custody-critical overcrowding with no accompanying logistics.

Our properly concerned neighbors are stridently demanding blanket "solutions". They ring the right bell at the wrong address. They should rather vociferate against the vegetable soup policy of mixing all kinds of offenders together. There are nine adult prisons in Pennsylvania. Why not screen prisoners into maximum, medium and minimum facilities? One is only asking a question.

We need a thoughtful, professional approach: A professional being one who can make a decision without getting personal. Or, so it seems to this observer.

Prisons have to be particularized to classification. Only then can one reasonably think-in-bunches.

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Askin' & Tellin'

With Halloween coming up this weekend, your neighbors responded to a question about their plans. The question was "Will you change you children's method of trick-or-treating in view of recent warnings and poisonings (beginning with the Tylenol deaths)? Here is what they said:

Susan Seward,
Dallas: "No. We always go to people we know."



Joanne Freeman,
Dallas: "Our children don't go trick-or-treating. We live too far out for them to go around. But if they did, I don't think I'd let them go this year."



Betsy Aston,
Dallas: "No. It'll be the same as always. We only go to people we know and I check all his stuff before he gets it."



Cindy Cave, Dallas:
"No. We limit where they go. We only take them to their grandparents and friends."



Jeanette Saneholtz,
Chase: "I haven't thought about doing that. Our children only go around the development and we know most of the people. I feel safe."














TIPS FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN



Both Dr. Richard Shipe of the Dallas School District and Chief Carl Miers of Dallas Twp. have expressed their concern that "trick or treaters" exercise the utmost caution while out traveling the byways of the community.

Dr. Shipe has had circulated the below listed items of safety as compiled by the American Automobile Association.

And Chief Miers warns the little (and big) "hobgoblins" that vandalism, besides being destructive and careless of other people's property, is also a crime. In fact, it is a summary offense with fines ranging from \$300 to \$1000, depending on damages. so watch out...

-  **Try to Trick-or-Treat when it is still light outside.**
-  **Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see and be seen.**
-  **If you must go out at night, make certain that your costume is light in color.**
-  **Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.**
-  **Use reflective tape on your costume so people driving cars can see you.**
-  **A face mask will keep you from seeing well. Take off your mask before you cross a street.**
-  **Why not use makeup instead of a mask?**
-  **Have a parent, older brother or sister go Trick-or-Treating with you.**
-  **If someone older cannot go with you, Trick-or-Treat with a group of children.**
-  **Plan your Trick-or-Treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well-lighted.**
-  **Tell your family on which streets you will be Trick-or-Treating.**
-  **Cross only at corners. Never cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.**
-  **Wait until you get home to sort, check and eat your treats.**