

# Chatterbox

## Editorial

# Craft fairs have ideas for all types of shoppers

Believe it or not, the time of year for holiday shopping is rapidly approaching. While we all look upon the upcoming shopping crush with varying degrees of enthusiasm and spirit, it is certainly through no fault of advertisers. If newspapers appear heftier during October, November and December, it is not because of accelerated movement in world events. Rather, it is local department stores, offering two-

the season. Radio and television entice us with repetitious phrases, counting down shopping days from 93 to 0.

Shoppers themselves add an interesting note to the more commercial aspects of the big winter holiday—the Christmas season. They can be easily categorized depending on individual style and personality type.

There are those who begin to systematically prepare lists of gift ideas and spend months searching out the best bargain. Once found, the gift might be wrapped or carefully stored away until the holiday arrives, and that recipient's name

methodically checked off the list. Such efficient shoppers can certainly justify the smug grins they wear while the rest of us are scurrying around at the last minute. But they surely won't reveal their chagrin at finding the clock radio, bought and wrapped last month for Uncle Harry, on sale in the same store, at \$3 less with a \$5 rebate.

There are also those who head for malls and shopping centers complete with lists of good ideas which are immediately forgotten amid the tinsel and glitter prevailing the holiday atmosphere. Yes, Aunt Maggie, that's why the cologne you requested last year turned out to be

a cute and cuddly, white and furry, stuffed teddy bear.

Although early shoppers are even now crowding stores and gift boutiques, many of their kind are pouring over catalogs, frantically filling out order forms and trying to keep track of partial shipments, mailed returns and "Sorry we are unable to complete your order for a

chenille robe, size 5, as requested; but we are sending along a pair of silk pajamas, size 15, of equal or greater value as a replacement," statements. In an attempt to save time and get the jump on the crowds, these shoppers are often

left with a large number of gifts, suitable for very few loved ones.

Then there are those who absolutely refuse to plan in advance. "I'll get an idea as I go along," is the attitude here. And true enough, the ideas aren't hard to come by, although the end result is often more good intention than good news.

Finally, the last minute shoppers, who have the patience and fortitude to wait out the early come-ons. These people turn a deaf ear to colleagues busily checking off their progress, confident that all will be properly concluded by Christmas Eve. For some, all is not even properly begun until that same day,

but again, the intention is good.

Actually, the intent (again good) of this entire message, was to remind shoppers of whatever type, that many local church, school and civic groups are presently sponsoring craft shows and Christmas boutiques. These are, for the most part, a fun and interesting way to see friends and find unusual and unique gifts for our loved ones, young or old. Handmade decorations and ornaments also highlight such events. Whether you prefer to get the job done early or wait until the last minute, it's highly likely a trip to a few holiday boutiques will add a lot of pleasure to your holiday shopping.

## Only Yesterday

# Dallas gridders remain undefeated, down GAR, 28-14

**50 Years Ago - Nov. 11, 1932**  
Franklin D. Roosevelt won 42 states in a landslide election. Although Luzerne County voted Democratic, the Back Mountain remained staunch in their support of the Republican candidate Herbert Hoover.

**Married—**Orciel Gross and Glenmore Eipper.

You could get—2 1/2 lb. bag flour 69c; ketchup 5c btl.; macaroni or spaghetti 4 pkg. \$1; peanut butter 2 lb. jar 19c; sliced bacon 20c lb.

**40 Years Ago - Nov. 13, 1942**  
Motorists were urged to fill out

vehicle registration forms immediately. No gasoline would be sold to those who failed to file inspection reports. Wartime conditions caused the rubber shortage and gasoline rationing.

**Anniversaries—**Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Boice, Idetown, 25 years.

You could get—Chickens 35c lb.; veal roast 29c lb.; sausage 35c lb.; grapes 2 lb. 25c; cabbage 50 lb. 75c; cranberries 23c lb.

**30 Years Ago - Nov. 14, 1952**  
Lehman-Jackson High School Board voted to cancel a veterans program in the shop and agricultural departments of their school.

One hundred and nine students, many of them disabled, were transferred to Dallas-Franklin Township to continue their education. Supervising principal Lester B. Squire cited economic reasons in explaining the course cancellation.

**Engaged—**Carol M. Isely to Peter L. Roushey.

**Married—**Ada L. Morgan and Lawrence C. Brown.

**Deaths—**Charles Bush, Dallas; Isabelle Lee, Idetown; Cassie Hazlett Bryden, formerly of Bloomingdale; Robert Steltz, Shavertown.

You could get—Pork and beans 2 for 33c; granulated sugar 10 lb. 97c; ground beef 37c lb.; potatoes 10 lb. 53c; oranges 2 doz. 35c; 1 lb. fruit cake 99c; hams 49c lb.; duckling 49c lb.; rib roast 69c lb.; pumpkin 2 lg. cans 29c.

**20 Years Ago - Nov. 15, 1962**  
Dallas Borough and Kingston Township were prey to five Memorial Highway service station burglaries as thievery continued into its third night in the area. More than \$100 had been taken from Gorda's Service Station while \$4,000 in cash and bonds and three watches were taken out of two safes at

Devens Mill, Dallas.

**Anniversaries—**Mr. and Mrs. Algert Antanaitis, 33 years; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Besteder, Centermoreland 25 years.

**Deaths—**John F. Leston, Trucks-ville; Dr. Ebenezer Flack, former area resident; Joseph Hackling, Noxen.

You could get—Turkey 29c lb.; bananas 12c lb.; cranberries 19c lb.; chestnuts 17c lb.; fresh oysters 12 oz. \$1.09.

**10 Years Ago - Nov. 16, 1972**  
Leo Robert Downey is named dean at College Misericordia.

Dallas Mountaineers remained undefeated when they defeated GAR on the gridiron by a score of 28-14.

**Married—**Constance Lanning to Dean Doty.

**Deaths—**Hulme S. Daron, New Goss Manor; Aloysius Satkowski, Sweet Valley; Mary Stolarick, Lehman Twp.; Arthur Steinhauer, Dallas; Benjamin Post, Trucks-ville; Charles Roberts, Shavertown.

You could get—Egg nog \$1.19 1/2 gal.; cottage cheese 2 lb. 49c; pumpkin 2 cans 45c; cream cheese 8 oz. 29c; ground beef 69c lb.; bacon 79c lb.

## Library News

# Antique Christmas ornaments make library festive

BY NANCY KOZEMCHAK

You've heard of 'Christmas in July'; well, as we were setting up our new display at the library for the month of November, somesaid, "Isn't it a bit early for Christmas decorations?" Of course, we explained these were not decorations, merely a display. Have you ever heard of setting up a Christmas ornament display in November with the temperature around 80 degrees? Now, that is unexpected but much enjoyed. The beautiful

weather the past few weeks has been a welcome gift.

Our display is a collection of antique Christmas ornaments borrowed from Bruce Rosenthal of Shavertown. Most of the ornaments belonged to Beth's grandparents and date back to the turn of the century. These ornaments have remained in the family and have gone through generations. There is a wood lamb covered with lamb's wool and a wood Santa Clause with a large round belly and a girl

holding a pine bough with a painted face, all three of which are at least 100 years old. A bisque bird with a clip is too heavy for some branches, a felt carrot and a red glass pickle are unique. A clown with a burnt black face from getting too close to a light bulb is still loveable. There are glass pitchers, tea pots and vases to hang on the tree.

One rare ornament is a World War I flying air plane. One old time St. Nicholas is handmade of crepe paper with a paper face. There are

the scales of justice made of glass beads, which has meaning because of her husband's profession. There are some of the large ornaments from her parents about 40 years ago. Beth is taking special care of these for her children some day, two year old Patrick and one year old Becky. These are unusual ornaments and worth a trip to the library to see. They will surely help with the holiday mood.

Children's Book Week will be celebrated Nov. 15 to 21. The theme

is "Books Are Big Fun" and dinosaurs will be the featured logo. Special programs are being planned for the school children and the window at Besecker's Realty will be displaying some books.

The Book Club will meet Monday, Nov. 15 at 1:30 in the library annex.

New books at the library: "Megatrends" by John Naisbitt is about 10 new directions transforming our lives. It is a book whose predictions for tomorrow are based on a dynamic analysis of what

America is today. A new way of looking at America's future and today's jumble.

"A Lifetime Burning" by Ellen Douglas is as real as life itself—a novel shimmering and vital and recognizably true. It is the story of a woman desperately trying to understand what has happened to her life. A surprising chain of events in an interesting life.

Need to find a fact? Try the Back Mountain Memorial Library where facts are free!

## Letters to the Editor

# Vietnam Vets honored November 11

Dear Editor:  
Veterans Day this year will be extraordinarily meaningful. The period of November 10th through 14th is designated as a NATIONAL TRIBUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS. Additionally, Governor Thornburgh has signed a proclamation establishing the same period as our Commonwealth's salute to those, living and dead, who served in Vietnam.  
Those men and women who experienced the unique horrors of Vietnam and survived have been either callously ignored or cruelly maligned; their fallen comrades are all but forgotten. The remainder of Americans angrily or sadly dissociated themselves from the tragedy of the war, inadvertently or consciously leaving the Vietnam Veterans behind and

alone. The National Salute is designed to pay a belated and lasting tribute to our youngest war veterans, but also carries the theme of "Marching Along Together Again". The time and opportunity for a rebirth of pride, honor and unity has come.

In Washington many significant events are planned. There will be an around-the-clock candlelight vigil during the five days of the Salute — during this vigil the names of the nearly 58,000 war-dead and missing will be read. Major veteran organizations will conduct their own special ceremonies and programs and there will even be a computer-assisted program by which veterans will be able to locate others with whom they served (registration is necessary). On November 13th, there will be a

massive parade, led by Vietnam Veterans wishing to do so. The parade will take place along Constitution Avenue and finish at the Elipse, where the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be dedicated.

We, at the Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center, are prepared to aid those wishing to attend the Salute. We can provide a complete schedule of events, registration forms for the Reunion Program, information on making transportation arrangements, a list of hotels and motels (with prices) and so forth. For those interested in hearing a certain name or names read during the vigil, we can give the day, date and approximate time.

We are hoping that this Salute will be successful and represent a new

beginning. Hence, we stand ready to assist you in any way we can to make your trip easier and your experience memorable. The above-listed items can be obtained ONLY by picking them up at our main office in Wilkes-Barre or at any of our outreach sites in the twelve counties of the Northeast. You may call our main office toll-free, 1-800-432-9735, Monday through Friday to find out when a representative will be in your area and where you can pick up the information you need.

From all of us at the Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center, it is hoped you will find strength and pride in the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans.

Sincerely,  
Donald J. Swartz  
Director

# Fans set dubious example for our youth

It has always been my understanding that extra-curricular activities in the secondary school program has been for the purpose of teaching students the elements of good sportsmanship—how to win without arrogance, how to lose with graciousness, consideration of others, play to the best of one's ability and be competitive while having fun.  
During the past several weeks I have had doubts whether or not my idea of the purpose of extra-curricular programs was correct. While covering the local high school

football games I had the opportunity to observe the actions of Dallas fans and so-called supporters. To say the least, they were disgusting.

During the first four games of this season, the Mountaineers played heads-up football and the fans cheered them on and sang their praises. During the next several games, circumstances were reversed. The Mountaineers lost to GAR on the Meyers turf. Fans were disappointed but said little. Next they were defeated by a much

larger, heavier and faster Pittston Area. Fans began to grumble, bleacher quarterbacks began to call the plays (after the game, of course); some fans blamed the coaches, others the kids.

Then came the Valley West game and again the Mountaineers lost. (No, the local athletes did not play up to par. They made mental erros, costly mistakes.) But they are kids—kids playing a game because they enjoy it, not for money, not for publicity but for fun!

Like all kids they have good days and bad days. Some days they are sharp mentally, other days (who knows for what reasons) they are not. They may not play up to their potential but they try. In any event, these kids do not deserve the abuse hurled at them by Dallas fans at the Valley West game. They are not 'bums', 'dopeys', 'idiots', nor any of the other names called. To me the fans and their remarks at that game were disgusting.

These same fans, many of them members of a supposedly supportive club, also put down the

coaches. Head Coach Ron Rybak was great while the team was winning. After three losses, "he didn't know how to deal with the kids, he never uses any new plays, he doesn't use the right kids," and on and on.

In my opinion, it's time Dallas fans took a long, hard look at themselves and realized that high school sports (football especially) is just a game, a game for the kids to enjoy, to compete with other teams with a friendly rivalry. They are not pros, they do not earn huge annual salaries, but just kids supposed to be learning the fundamentals of good sportsmanship while having fun. It's the adults who supposedly set the example for these fundamentals.

What kind of an example are Dallas fans setting by their behavior during the past few games? They should ask themselves that and act accordingly at the next game, whether the team wins or loses. Kids follow the paths set by adults. Why not make it a straight path leading to the top?

# Askin' & Tellin'

This week, a few fast food experts responded to a question concerning the raging television controversy between Burger King, McDonalds and Wendy's. Here is the restaurant of their choice:



**Mike Scavone, Sweet Valley:** "Burger King — I like Whoppers!"

**Shane Lukasavage, Noxen:** "I like all three, but I'll vote for Burger King."



**Michelle Morgan, Chase:** "Burger King, because I work there."



**Scott Fletcher, Huntsville:** "I say get rid of them all and put up a Hardies."



**Lori Youren, Loyaltyville:** "I guess — McDonald's."

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