

Chatterbox

Only Yesterday

50 Years Ago - Dec. 9, 1932

An original letter written by Gen. George Washington to Col. Zebulon Butler in April 1780 was on display in the banking rooms of First National Bank, Dallas. The letter, in Washington's own handwriting, was from a collection of historic letters in the estate of the late George R. Wright.

You could get—Raisins 4 lb. 25c; butter 2 lb. 61c; eggs 39c doz.; dates 2 lb. 19c; figs 19c lb.; mixed nuts 17c lb.

40 Years Ago - Dec. 11, 1942

Severe storms and blizzards last week turned a four-day duck hunting trip along the St. Lawrence River into an unplanned week's vacation for Jud Hauck, James Oliver, Dr. Charles Ashley and

Hugh Jones. The quartet were marooned on Wolfe Island, Canada.

Married—Bertha Walters to Sgt. Sheldon Ehret; Elizabeth Bunny to Michael E. Kuchta; Florence Rolison to Sgt. John Helfrich.

Deaths—Jennie Gebler, Alderson.

You could get—Raisin bread 10 lg. loaf; flour 24 lb. bag \$1.07; walnuts 33c lb.; dog food 5 lb. bag 3c; oranges 27c doz.

30 Years Ago - Dec. 12, 1952

Lake-Noxen and Lehman-Jackson School inaugurated a wrestling program. Larry Drabick and Lester Squier were instructors at Lehman-Jackson while Thomas Longmore and George Taylor coached wrestling at Lake-Noxen.

George M. Dallas Lodge F&AM approved a plan to build a \$40,000

home on Main Street. James Lacy of Lacy, Atherton and Davis were architects in charge of the project.

Engaged—Doris Marion Grey to Ricahrd Schooley; Mary Bethia Allen to Burton King; Laura Keener to Nelson Harris; Joy Baltimore to Herbert S. Greenwald.

Married—Ada V. Gordon to Ronald Kinney.

Deaths—Charles Hutchins, Goss Manor; Anna Zanesski, Centermoreland.

You could get—Mixed nuts 53c lb.; mild cheese 59c lb.; fresh eggs 49c doz.; pork chops 49c lb.; haddock 49c lb.; oysters 79c pt.

20 Years Ago - Dec. 13, 1962

Back Mountain Protective Association awarded its Community Service award to Rev.

Francis A. Kane, pastor of Gate of Heaven Church. Father Kane was the guiding spirit behind the development and growth of Gate of Heaven Parish and school.

Engaged—Marjorie Ann Hodgson to James F. Lohman.

Married—Lorelie Briggs and Richard A. Bonomo; Glenda Ruckle and Martin Michael Maransky.

Anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Malkemes, 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Covert, 22 years.

Deaths—Irene Blessing, Dallas; Florence Byron, Dallas; Steve Johnson, Shavertown; Louise Bray, Harveys Lake; Vivian Hewitt, Carverton Road; Robert Phipps, Sr., Shavertown; Emma Franklin, Dallas.

You could get—Chuck roast 45c lb.; leg-o-lamb 57c lb.; tomatoes 19c

pkg.; cauliflower 19c hd.; sharp cheese 65c lb.

10 Years Ago - Dec. 14, 1972

The fourth annual Madrigal Dinner featured music, feasting and magic. The Madrigal Dinner was brought to the area by Mary Dower who had enjoyed the festivity at MacMurray College, Ill.

Deaths—Joseph Usher, Dallas;

Michael Silic, Shavertown; Mamie Frederick, Fernbrook; Mary Bellas, Trucksville; Gladys Nueman, Harveys Lake.

You could get—Center cut chuck roast 69c lb.; pork butts 65c lb.; tomatoes 4-16 oz. cans 89c; tangerines, tangelos or oranges 49c doz.; maraschino cherries 3 jars for \$1.



A Little Fact;
A Little Fancy

from Mak

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and the lovely seasonal decorations in the center of Dallas certainly testify to that fact. With each day that passes, more and more homes are getting into the spirit as well. We're looking forward to having a very difficult time judging the Dallas Post Holiday Decorating Contest this year.

Unfortunately, this is also the time of year for colds and flu. Of course, drug companies look forward to "the bug" as it is so often called, but Betty Maher at Maher's Guest Home in Harveys Lake is prepared. She mixes an empty mayonnaise jar full of tonic for her elderly guests and uses it instead of commercially prepared cough medicine. Her recipe is a half jar of brandy, or inexpensive liquor; a half jar of honey and two squeezed lemons, mixed together. She keeps the tonic on a shelf and does it out as needed. One teaspoon in a cup of tea or on a spoon soothes the throat and generally works wonders for cold symptoms. She warns not to refrigerate the mixture, however, to keep the honey from crystallizing.

Speaking of Harveys Lake, Buddie Hoblak was again quite disgruntled last Tuesday, when he arrived at the borough's municipal building at 8 p.m. to find it locked. Buddie is president of the Harveys Lake Taxpayers Association and the group meets there regularly. It appears this was the third time the building was locked on a meeting night and Buddie had to search out someone with a key to open it. Last week it was George Alles, who sits on the Sewer Authority Board, who came out with a key. In the past, Buddie has called upon Mayor Frank Picchi or one of the policemen.

Buddie claims borough officials know in advance when the taxpayers are meeting and can't understand why they are continuously locked out.

What will you get the kids this Christmas? Toys lose their appeal after awhile. Clothes are outgrown. How about a gift that wears well and plays for keeps—U.S. Savings Bonds with market-based interest. The perfect gift for almost perfect

kids—or so says the U.S. Treasury Department.

When is the Temple University Professor going to rule on the arbitration for Kingston Township police? David Weinstein has 30 days from the Nov. 17 meeting to do so, but everyone involved, and a few others, are waiting impatiently. Although the officers know they will be getting a contract, they do not know what it will contain. One source fears the police might not get as good a deal as they expect.

In the meantime, the men continue at their job and take it very seriously indeed. Kingston Township patrol cars are frequently seen along Carverton Road, as well as Route 309. Just in case you've been lucky to date and get away with a faster rate of speed than is posted, don't think your turn isn't coming!

Ann Rowlands, Back Mountain Intensive Care Unit Coordinator and volunteer extraordinaire, has made the news again. Ann is featured in the cover story of American Health Magazine, a publication of the Pfizer Drug Company. Her story, "I overcame MS" is in the September edition. You won't find the magazine on your average newsstand, but maybe in a doctor's office. Or ask Ann to see it...she probably has a dozen copies around.

She's the first to admit she loves being a "star". But for some reason her husband, Hopkin, and daughter Lainie aren't ever as impressed as they should be when she is honored. So says Ann who wouldn't mind the red carpet treatment. Well, we're impressed anyway!

Here is proof that women are truly coming into their own. The Lake-Lehman Junior High Hockey team numbered 56 girls from seventh, eighth and ninth grades last season. From a school district the size of Lake-Lehman, that figure is quite impressive. It shows the world that girls are no longer content to take a back seat in the male dominated field of athletics. Not only are their numbers strong, but the team came home with the Wyoming Valley Conference Title for the second year in a row. Good work ladies, keep it up!

Duck hunters stranded by storm

Editorial

Council adults or children?

By this time, it is possible that Harveys Lake Council has managed to produce a quorum which was at least able to address the community's proposed spending plan for 1983. After two aborted attempts at doing so, it appeared likely the protesting members of that governmental body would indeed show for Council's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Whether they did or not is irrelevant at this point. Whether the community presently has a tentative budget on display is not the essence of the situation. Boycotting two council meetings to prevent

business from being conducted is an appalling way for responsible members of government to behave. It reminds one of something straight out of the 1960s, when liberals were taking whatever means available, regardless of the cost and effects on others, to prove a point.

The issues have nothing to do with the actions. When three adults, given the trust of an entire community, behave in a manner befitting precocious children, it is time for everyone to sit up and take notice. Whatever their motives, to refuse to perform the function of

government bestowed by the people can be nothing less than a breach of that trust.

Harveys Lake Council has had its share of personal and political differences. Unfortunately, members of that body, too often allow their personal and political persuasions to interfere with the job at hand, that of running the community. Bad government has ruined far greater states than Harveys Lake. But 'no' government is worse than even a bad one.

The next time Council members split on an issue which directly relate to the community (and which issues

do not?), they might remember that people are indeed watching their behavior. Voters are keeping tabs on who does what, in particular since six of the seven seats will be up for grabs next November, and other communities are watching as well.

In fact, shenanigans at Harveys Lake are often considered a big joke by some outside the borough limits. Continued childish and irresponsible behavior will not serve to change that image. A little democratic cooperation and maturity on all sides could go a long way in that direction.

Library News

'Friends' campaign winding down

BY NANCY KOZEMCHAK

Our exhibit case in the library has been festively decorated with some lighted items. A small green ceramic Christmas tree with colored lights holds center spot creating a tranquil and pleasant setting. A small country church with stained glass windows which light up and makes it sparkle and a beautiful white porcelain Nativity Set, off in the corner makes us feel there is peace on earth. The snow covered mountains with skiers enjoying the snow and a small pond at the bottom of the hill with ice skaters is set at the other end of the case and a new item is Santa's Workshop and if you peek in the windows, you can see the elves and Santa himself very busy preparing for the holiday. These remind us of

the joy of Christmas and something we can all give, good will to men. All of the ingredients for a happy holiday are depicted here in the display and it creates the most important feeling of all, "peace".

Our 1982 "Friends of the Library" campaign is winding down with about four weeks remaining to reach our goal. Needless to say, the expense of operating the library has doubled and in some cases tripled since its beginning in 1945. Many friends have contributed generously for many years and we invite those who have never or have not recently been a 'Friend' to join us now. Any financial contribution will be appreciated, send it to the library, marked 'Friends' and we will gladly add your name to our

1982 'friends' list. If you are not familiar with the library, this is your invitation to come in and become part of it.

Mrs. Florence Crump celebrated her 88th birthday with a new twist. She spent the day at Nesbitt Hospital in Room 311, mending her hip. It seems she twisted the wrong way and suffered a hairline fracture, which required surgery and she now has three pins in her hip. Mrs. Crump and her philosophy are unbelievable, I said to her, 'Are you in much pain?' She said, 'Not too much' and I told her to "lie back and enjoy your stay," which she is. She has a room full of flowers, cards arriving every day, phone calls from well wishers and she is even trying to set up the next Book Club

meeting from her hospital room. You just cannot keep a good woman down. Happy 88th Mrs. Crump and quick mending!

The Book Club will have its Christmas meeting on Monday, Dec. 13 at 1:30 in the library annex. Refreshments will be served and a special program will be presented.

New Book at the library: "The Almighty" by Irving Wallace is a stunning novel about a man so obsessed with power that he is driven to a terrorizing, terrifying manipulation of people, news headlines, and world events. It is also about two women who suspect his deadly game.

Try the Back Mountain Memorial Library for a vast panorama of human ideas and exploration.

Letter to the Editor

Veterans van vandalized

Dear Editor,
I am a member of the Veterans of the Vietnam War. One of the latest things we were trying to do for veterans was provide a van from the organization to pick up veterans and take them to their appointments at the VA or to other appointments and also to take the disabled shopping and on other errands. We

am told that we had a van donated that was in horrible shape. We had volunteers working in their spare time to repair it and after months and a lot of effort, all that remained to do was paint the van.

I just found out at a meeting that were really excited about having the van and providing the service. Since we are always low on funds, I

the van was vandalized and totally destroyed. The doors were ripped off, the wheels and tires were stolen outright, and even the steering wheel is gone. To finish the job, the nice people who did all this also took hammers and beat the body in until it was a total wreck.

So much damage was done that the whole van just had to be

scrapped. It's sitting in a junkyard and the disabled vets are sitting home without transportation. I'm not very good at writing letters like this, so all I can say to the people who destroyed the van is "Thanks, that was really nice of you."

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Christmas wish list

In the spirit of the upcoming season, the Dallas Post would like to offer a few holiday wishes to some of our favorite people.

- United Penn Bank in Dallas: Speedlines
- Dan Meeker, Kunkle entrepreneur: Another 25 years as Wyoming Valley's Saab King.
- Rev. William Langen, Assistant pastor at Gate of Heaven: An Evelyn Wood speed reading course.
- Shawn at the Country Ski and Golf Shop: To open another store.
- Mayor Frank Picchi, Harveys Lake: A new police cruiser, which does not cost \$16,000.
- Glen Jeffes, Chase Correctional Institute superintendent: At least 47 new guards at the prison.
- Jerry, manager at Coscia's Restaurant: A bottomless coffeepot.
- Pat Gregory: An autographed 8x10 glossy of Roger Mudd.
- Ed Price, Kingston Township supervisor: A sliderule.
- Joe O'Donnell, Tex Wilson and Al Pisaneschi, Dallas school directors: Outside lights for night football games.
- Carl Miers, Dallas Township Police Chief: New sites for his gun so he can get a deer like his brothers and nephews.
- The New TOPS Group: Best of luck and hundreds of fewer pounds.
- Eric Dingle, Back Mountain attorney: Another alligator shirt.
- Al Lipko: To become the No. 1 Grandfather clock dealer in the world.
- Ken Walters, Towel Outlet owner: To fill the three vacancies in his new building very soon.

Askin' & Tellin'

What kind of Christmas shopper are you? Do you get it all done early or wait until the last minute?

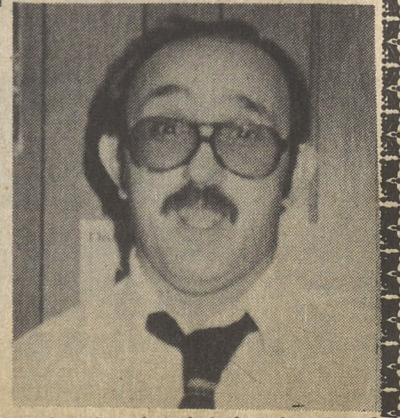
Florence Ann Williams, Kingston Township secretary: "I'm all done, I finished last Saturday. I get it out of the way early because I hate doing it. This way I can enjoy the Christmas spirit without worry."



Tony Chiarucci, Dallas Township Elementary school teacher: "I do mine at the last minute. I mean, I buy for my wife and the children during the last week when I'm in the holiday mood. But my wife does all our other buying, and she's all done."



Amy Nordfors, Sweet Valley: "I wait until the last minute, but only because I don't get around to doing it any earlier."



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