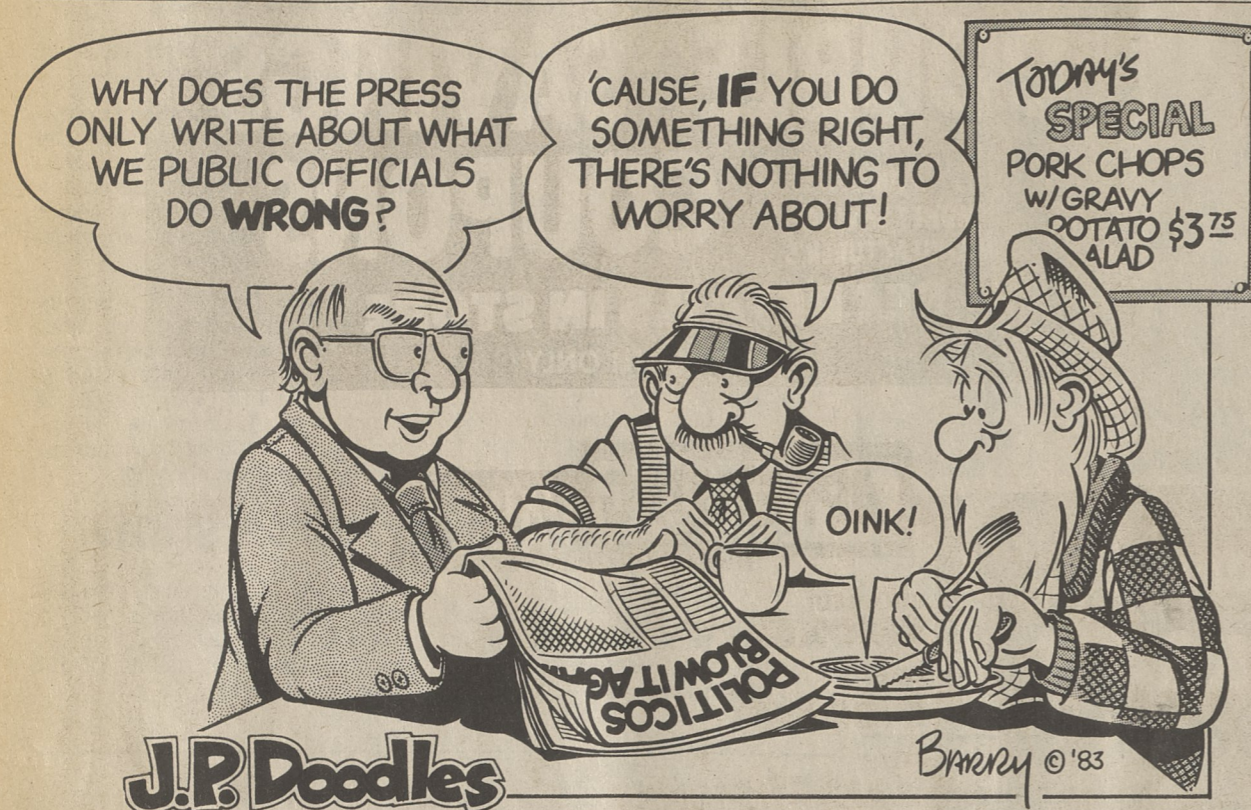


Perspective



In the limelight!

Public officials must realize is that they are in the public eye at all times and no matter what they do, some people are going to disagree.

Opinion

Fair would fare better with same chairman

It's too bad the Luzerne County Fall Fair can't have the same chairman from one year to the next. Things would certainly run a lot smoother if that were the case.

The fair, sponsored by the Dallas Fall Fair Association and held at the fair grounds on Route 118 on an annual basis, has a different person at its helm every year - a person who has never before done that particular job and a person who should have a lot more time and experience at that position in order to make for a successful fair.

The lack of organization of the Dallas Fall Fair Association is difficult to contend with.

But, where do you place the blame?

Every year, a different person steps to the head of the class and takes on the mammoth task of chairing

the fair. And, every year that chairman must first learn the ropes of what the position requires. By the time the "ins and outs" of running the fair are learned, the whole affair comes to a close.

What results from this changing of the guard is a lack of coordination and a lapse of exposure. When people in Mountaintop and Hazleton don't know anything about the fair, which is supposed to be a countywide event, the Luzerne County Fair will never be any bigger or any better than it is now.

It seems the Association has, for one reason or another, managed to "turn off" some very energetic, go-getting people of the Back Mountain who, at one time, put their hearts and souls into making the Luzerne County Fair a success. What has resulted is the enormous task of filling the chairman-

ship with a new and inexperienced person every year.

Thus, the Luzerne County Fall Fair becomes nothing other than a very haphazardly-run affair year after year - from the lack of publicity to the handling of parking cars.

The Luzerne County Fair could and should be just that - a county fair. With the proper organization and coordination of efforts, the whole idea could be an annual shot in the arm for Luzerne County. And, it seems, if the Association could find itself a person who is willing to take the chairmanship on an annual basis, half the battle would be won.

However, with a lack of experience by the members of the committee, it becomes a small miracle that the Luzerne County Fair gets off the ground every year.

—DOTTY MARTIN

Gabriel gets day in court

John Gabriel will get his day in court tomorrow when a public hearing regarding his case begins at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Dallas School District.

Gabriel, you will remember, is the building and grounds supervisor of the Dallas School District who was fired from that position on Aug. 8 by the Dallas School Board. Fired, mind you, for incompetency. How can a man who has been

performing a job for 10 years possibly be fired for incompetency? How can he, all of a sudden, be incompetent if he wasn't incompetent seven, eight or even 10 years ago when he assumed the position?

Gabriel refuses to give up, though. He took the case to court, returned to his job pending the outcome of the hearing, and has continued to work as building and grounds supervisor through the opening of the 1983-84

school year.

His reasons for not throwing in the towel so quickly? Because he knew there was work to be completed prior to the opening of the school year and he felt that if he departed from his post, the work would not get done.

So, despite the insurmountable pressure John Gabriel and his family are suffering through this ordeal, the man continues to go to work every day and continues to perform his job to the best of his ability. How can anyone accuse him of incompetency after all that?

Now, John Gabriel's day in court has arrived. And the reason for a public hearing rather than a private hearing is all Gabriel's doing. He prefers to inform the townspeople of his position in this whole mess rather than keep them guessing by closing the door on them.

Oftentimes, when members of school boards bump heads, innocent people are forced to take the rap. That could very well be the case here as the Dallas School Board members are noted for their constant bickering.

But, why Gabriel was fired without a hearing in the first place is not only questionable, it is illegal according to the Pennsylvania State School Code.

Gabriel, however, is not that easily defeated and is certainly entitled to his day in court. The man is to be commended for doing what he is doing - for putting up with the undue pressure that has been forced upon him and for fighting for what he believes is right.

—DOTTY MARTIN

Only yesterday

Dallas Borough opens new year with meeting

50 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 15, 1933

Dallas Borough began a new year when it met for the first time. Officers were president, James Ayer; first vice-president, Calvin McHose; second vice-president, Theodore Dix; secretary, Mrs. Joseph Schmerer; treasurer, Ralph Brickel.

Henry M. Laing Fire Company of Dallas Borough and Dallas Township held its fifth annual clambake at Frank Martz's farm. Charles Reigle was general chairman assisted by John Yaple and Ad Woolbert.

You could get - Sliced bacon ½ lb. pkg. 10c; sweet potatoes 7 lb. 19c; De Monte crushed pineapple 2 cans 25c; Post Toasties cereal 2 pkg. 15c; flour 24½ lb. bag 95c; Sparkle chocolate pudding 3 pkg. 20c.

40 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 17, 1943

Mrs. Robert E. Mulligan was named supervisor of music on a permanent basis in Dallas Borough schools. A graduate of Kingston High School, she received her Bachelor of Music degree from Syracuse University and did postgraduate work at the University of Louisville.

The Scranton District office of the State Highway Department informed area residents that a preliminary study for a new highway between Hayfield Farm and the Harveys Lake Highway was being conducted. Rumors said that an emergency runway for army bombers was being laid out on the Joe Parks farm in Idetown. The Scranton office made it clear that this was not so.

Engaged - Ann Phillips to Corp. Robert A. Ray; May Dell VanCampen to First Lieutenant Irvin C. Davis, Jr.

You could get - Cabbage 4c lb.; carrots 5c lb.; apples 4 lb. 25c; sugar 10 lbs. 63c; pork sausage 39c lb.; smoked picnic hams 29c lb.; bread 2 lbs. 17c; chocolate layer cakes 45c ea.; coconut buns 12c doz.

30 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 18, 1953

Amid much fanfare and good wishes, residents of the Back Mountain welcomed Sgt. John Vavrek back from Korea where he had spent 33 months in a prisoner of war camp. Friends and neighbors holding small flags welcomed John, his mother, immediate family members and a delegation from Daddow-Isaccs Post American Legion when they arrived from the airport. The Dallas-Franklin Township Band was also on hand for this happy occasion.

Married - Mary E. Long and Luther W. Gregory; Doris Simon and Joseph Zdan; Romayne Smith to Donald Daubert.

Engaged - Eunice Mae Munkatchy to Frank Haverick.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stoners, Park

Street, Dallas, 26 years.

Deaths - Earl Metcalf, Broadway; Mrs. Gilbert Whitesell, Nova Scotia.

You could get - Chuck roast 49c lb.; fryers 47c lb.; veal roast 49c lb.; standing rib roast 59c lb.; lobster tails 89c lb.; tokay grapes 2 lb. 23c; cauliflower lg. hd. 23c; eggs 3 doz. \$1.15; 5 oz. tube Colgate 63c.

20 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 19, 1963

With the passing of the golden keys from supervising principal Lester Squier to John Hewitt, president of Lehman Building Authority, the new Lake-Lehman High School was dedicated. The keys symbolized an ideal and far-seeing program of education. E.S. Teter, Luzerne County school superintendent spoke briefly. Rev. S.F. Banas delivered the prayer of dedication while Rev. B. Kirby Jones gave the benediction.

Engaged - Sheryl Fuller and Robert Phillips.

Married - Elizabeth Kepner and Dr. Jesse Abraham; Catherine Dianne Ide and Clinton George Hess.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Evans, Church Street, Dallas, 35 years; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis, Parrish Street, Dallas, 22 years.

Deaths - Mildred Shook, Evans Falls; Lawrence Szwed, Loyalville; Myrtle Cumberland, Oakdale.

You could get - Delmonico steak \$1.39 lb.; veal shoulder roast 39c lb.; Canadian style bacon 89c lb.; franks 49c lb.; Royal gelatine 3 oz. pkg. 9c; Pillsbury Best Flour 5-lb. bag 47c; Pennsylvania Dutch noodles 32c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 20, 1973

Karen Passarella, Oak Hill, won the Miss United Way contest conducted at the Labor Rally and Community Kickoff Dinner.

Dallas Post carried America and the Future of Man, a unique course by newspaper. The program, which featured 20 of the academic world's most distinguished scholars, was carried over a 20-week period.

Kati the 7th, Irish Setter owned by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mertz, Harveys Lake, made canine history with the birth of 17 puppies.

Engaged - Barbara Sedeski to James E. Regan, Jr.; Elizabeth Jean Eckman to John Lloyd, Jr.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Veitch, Claude Street, Dallas, 50 years.

Deaths - George Parry, Dallas; Charlotte Conner, Sweet Valley native; Beatrice Morris, Overbrook Avenue; Charles Wojchik, Centermoreland native; Eloise Ennis, formerly of Dallas.

You could get - Liverwurst 89c lb.; turbot steak 95c lb.; smoked ham 99c lb.; tuna fish 39c 6 oz. can; bartlett pears 19c lb.; yams 15c lb.; lettuce 29c hd.; lemonade 6 cans 69c.

Letters

An open letter to youths concerning use of drugs

(The following letter from Carmen F. Ambrosino, executive director of the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc., Kingston, Pa., is directed toward the school children of our area.)

I hope you've had an enjoyable and safe summer. The weather's been great for swimming and barbecues and lots of good times.

This is the time of year when most young people start to hear those "Back to School" jingles, which brings mixed emotions for some.

Shortly, you will be rejoining your classmates for the beginning of another school year. Your year, like mine, will be filled with ups and downs, successes and failures, good times as well as trying times. You're a year older and, hopefully, a grade advanced since last school year. Please take a moment and consider a few things at this point.

Drug and alcohol use amongst our young people is still at a critically high point. Our case load at the agency is swelled with young people who find themselves in a situation where drugs and alcohol now control their every waking day. Peer pressure, the need to be accepted, the wanting to belong to a group, the fear of being an outcast, the fear of being laughed at, scorned, or ridiculed if I don't go along with the crowd.

Sound familiar? I'm sure it does. Yes, you will be faced with these issues, but so, isn't everyone? No one escapes peer pressure, no matter what age. We all feel pressured to comply at times. But consider this. You have the right to protect your mind and body. You have the right to make decisions which protect your overall well being. You have the right to be you, an individual, with your own free will, able to make independent decisions. You have the right to choose a peer group which is going to respect your rights and protect your overall health and welfare. You have the right to life; enjoy it to its fullest.

— I dare you to be an individual who makes their own decision.

— I dare you to be creative in your thoughts and life-style utilizing all of your God-given energies and

qualities.

— I dare you to face your daily problems head on. Challenge them seek alternatives, have perseverance and fortitude to win out. Don't quit when life gets tough.

— I dare you to be an example to your fellow peers through a wholesome lifestyle which has as its premise the respect for your life and others.

— I dare you to lead instead of being led by others.

— I dare you to show respect to your parents, teachers, and neighbors.

— I dare you to reach out and help a friend in need. Friendship means having the courage to take a risk with someone you care about. Tell them you care.

— I dare you to pledge you will not use drugs and alcohol since their use would jeopardize everything you are striving to achieve.

— I dare you to find the "natural highs" in life.

— I dare you to visit a nursing home, a home for retarded, a children's ward in a hospital; give away some of your love to those who are less fortunate than you.

Good luck throughout the year.

CARMEN F. AMBROSINO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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DRUG SERVICES, INC.

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Names will be withheld upon request, however, unsigned letters or letters with no verifying phone numbers will not be printed.

Library News

Why not join the Book Club?

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Do you belong to the Book Club? Would you like to? Do you know what it is? The Book Club of the Back Mountain Memorial Library is a group of people who contribute \$8.00 a year for a single or \$10 for a double membership. This money is used to purchase current best sellers for the Book Club shelf in the library.

There is a book selection committee that meets once a month to read book reviews and choose the books to buy. The books are for Book Club members only for the first year after purchase, then they become a part of the library's regular collection. The Book Club has a social meeting on the third Monday of each month in the library annex at 1:30 for a short business meeting, an interesting program and refreshments.

This is just one more way to

financially help your library and also receive some of the new books to read ahead of the crowd. Stop in at the library, look over our book collection, including the Book Club shelf, and become a Book Club member!

The Book Club will hold its first meeting of the fall season Monday, Sept. 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the library annex. Guests are welcome to attend.

The library circulated 7,532 books during the month of August; 4,335 adult and 3,197 juvenile. Book Club books taken out totaled 299 and there were 852 reference questions. 243 new books were added to the collection and 92 new borrowers joined the library.

New books at the library: "Our Endangered Children" by Vance Packard tells of growing up in a changing world. It is a sweeping exploration of modern childrearing and argues that our institutions are "seriously malfunctioning" in preparing children for adulthood.

"Blood and Orchids" by Norman

Katkov is a majestic tale of love and betrayal, murder and justice, set in the exotic Hawaiian territory a decade before Pearl Harbor. This is an epic drama of panoramic scope and riveting urgency and a story of two great loves.

"Men In Arms" by John Crosby is an elegant and witty thriller about Horatio Cassidy, a man who combines careers as disparate as Father Brown's. Cassidy is a professor of medieval history, involved with the CIA, interested in the PLO, the Mossad and the Mafia.

Are you a person with a plan? A plan for self-improvement? Books from your library can help you improve on your job, in your relationships with people, in your knowledge of the world. If you're a person with a plan for self-improvement, you will want to use your library regularly. Take advantage of your library card and start using the many free services available at your library. It just might help eliminate a dull routine!

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