

Perspective

Only yesterday

Primary election has very few favorites

50 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 22, 1933

Area voters favored few in the primaries; many contests were decided in November. Voters did choose J.H. Anderson over G. Harold Wagner for Burgess of Dallas Borough.

The new Gospel Tabernacle was dedicated at Noxen. Harry Rundell was pastor.

You could get - Butter 2 lb. 49c; sugar 10 lb. 49c; sliced bacon 1/2 lb. pkg. 10c; peaches 2 lg. cans 29c; salmon 2 cans 31c; salt 3-2 lb. bags 10c; vanilla extract 15c bottle; oranges 29c doz.; Tokay grapes 2 lb. 19c.

40 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 21, 1943

Col. Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine Army, personal aide-de-camp to General Douglas MacArthur and the last man to leave Bataan before surrender, and Jay Allen, foreign correspondent who landed with the invasion forces in North Africa presented lectures at Irem Temple. The lectures were sponsored by the Wilkes-Barre Junior League.

A call went out for area women to make surgical dressings to be shipped to war torn countries. Eighty million a month were needed throughout Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec. Locally dressings were made at Irem Temple Country Club, under the direction of the Red Cross.

Married - Dana Pace and Jack Dungey.

Deaths - Mrs. Gene Fritz Benjamin, Noxen; William Mission, Shavertown.

You could get - Sausage 39c lb.; liver 21c lb.; cake flour 1g. pkg. 25c; Post's 40 percent Bran 2-16 oz. pkg. 27c; Nabisco Premium crackers 19c lb.; Clorox 10c pt.; baking powder 10c can; corn starch 7c lb.; evaporated milk 6 cans 54c.

30 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 25, 1953

George Taylor, supervising principal of Lake-Noxen Township Schools resigned to assume duties at South Middleton Schools, Cumberland County. Robert Belles, principal replaced him.

Ten Back Mountain students begin their college education at Wilkes College. Starting their college years were Robert Gregory, Janet Hooper, William Davis, Lena Misson, James R. Ide, Edward A. Thompson; Frank Fischer; Robert Hontz; Samuel Dilcer, Jr. and Anthony Greener.

Engaged - Nancy Reese to J. Bruce Cleasby.

Married - Doris Kirkendall to Raymond Myers; Patricia Galbraith to Herbert Webster.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Ira Frantz, Orange, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Sr., Lehman, 32 years.

Deaths - Charles Minnick, Chase; Harry Crispell, Lehman Twp.

You could get - Porterhouse steaks 79c lb.; round steak 89c lb.; ground beef 35c lb.; cauliflower 19c lb.; cantaloupes 19c lb.; eggs-69c doz.; American cheese, sliced, 8 oz. pkg. 29c; Lifebuoy soap 3 reg. bars 23c.

20 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 26, 1963

Moelwyn R. Williams was named to fill the unexpired term of the late Robert M. Rogers, Lake-Lehman School director.

Icy frost with temperatures of 20-24 degrees wiped out what left of local tomato crops and endangered hardier vegetables like cabbage and cauliflower.

Bill Davis purchased the stock from Charlie Gosart's Grocery Store. Davis had previously been associated with Gavy's Market, Trucksville. In addition to operating the grocery store, Davis retained the Appliance Center adjoining the grocery.

Engaged - Frances Ann Buchman and Francis John Latosek.

Married - Patricia Dyer and Robert H. Shotwell.

Birthdays - Julia Zacharias, Alderson, 91 years old; Addie Elston, 85 years old.

Deaths - Lena T. McNeal, Shavertown; Jack Swire, Dallas native; George Rennard Carkhuff, Huntsville Road.

You could get - Turkeys 39c lb.; corned beef brisket 49c lb.; liverwurst 39c lb.; sausage 3-1 lb. rolls 85c; Tokay grapes 12c lb.; grapefruit 3-25c; broccoli 1g. bnch 25c; sweet potatoes 4 lb. 25c; fresh mushrooms 49c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 27, 1973

Jackson Twp. Taxpayers Association representatives and American Asphalt Company officials move closer to accord concerning blasting by the asphalt company.

Dallas Area Municipal Authority received their fifth and final payment from the Department of Environmental Resources. Payment was in the amount of \$140,500.

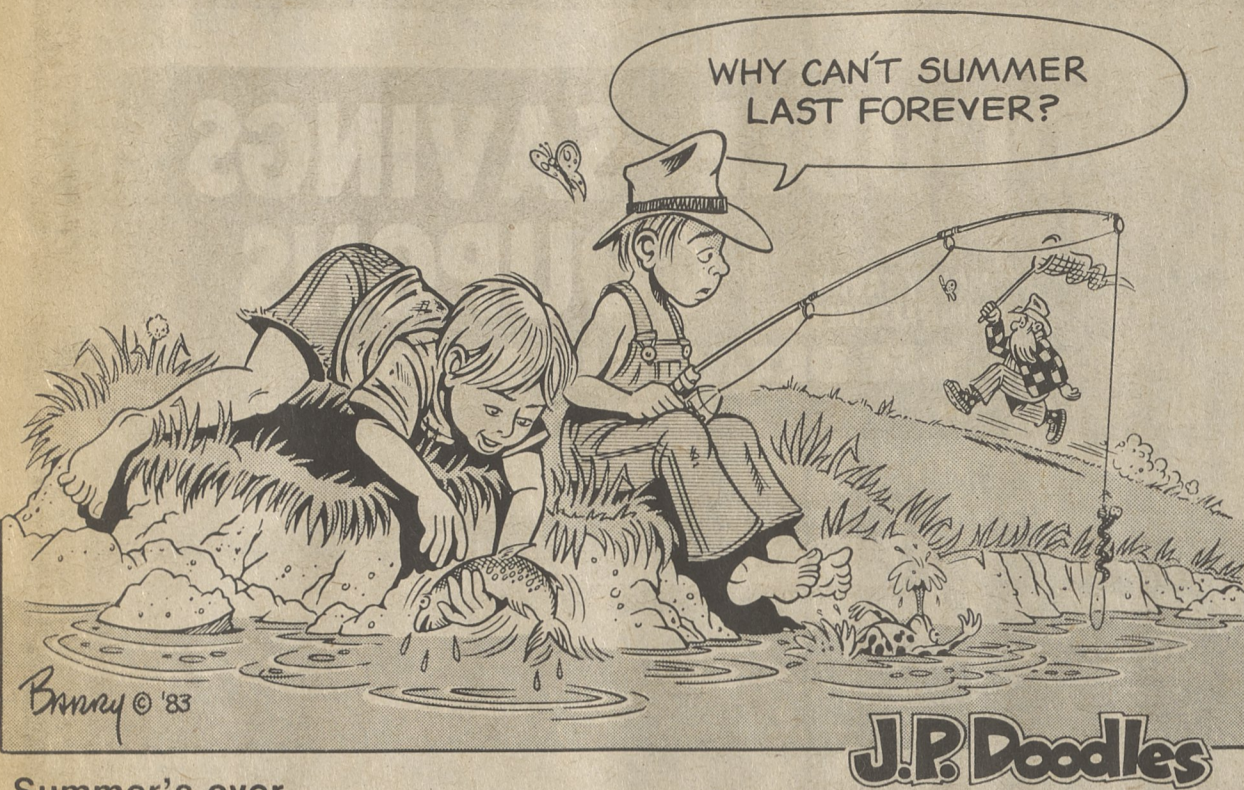
Steel work for the half million dollar Encon plant, located in Fernbrook, was completed and final construction was underway.

Engaged - Cheryl Ann Bilbow to Daniel J. Gadamski.

Married - Antoinette M. Petcavage and John Straights.

Deaths - Helen Crispell, Noxen; Gertie Smith, Kunkle.

You could get - Frying chickens 44c lb.; cube steak \$1.48 lb.; Neopolitan cream pie 3-89c; Tide 84 oz. box 88c; stewed tomatoes 4 cans \$1; honeysdews 69c ea.; celery 25c bnch.; apples 3 lb. bag 69c; eggs 79c doz.



Summer's over

It's official! Summer is now over as a fall weather is up on us. Although fishing, boating and swimming are favorite pastimes during the summer months, it is now time for football, bowling and raking leaves.

Opinion

Today's LPNs deserve a big round of applause

With all the media attention being given to the strike by Licensed Practical Nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hazleton, maybe it's time we give the LPNs of this area a pat on the back.

Regardless of whether or not the demands of the St. Joe's nurses are justified, LPNs are in the limelight these days and now seems to be as good a time as any to tip our hats and say "thank you" to the LPNs in our local hospitals.

Licensed practical nurses are just as important to a hospital as are the registered nurses. They function in almost the same manner as the RNs, providing patient care and administering medication. Although LPNs are not legally allowed to take direct orders from a doctor, they can carry out those orders after they have been passed from the doctor to an RN.

Today's LPNs are a much more skilled lot than LPNs of days gone by. A lot of LPNs have studied and passed pharmacology courses which now allows them to administer medication, thus taking some of the burden off the shoulders of the RNs.

LPNs are not considered to have as much responsibility as the RNs and thus, the LPN in today's medical field is paid less than an RN. Evidently, the LPNs at St. Joe's feel the difference between the wages of LPNs and RNs there is great enough to merit a strike.

The issue at hand here, however, is that hospital officials, patients and RNs must realize that no hospital, regardless of how big or how small it may be, can function efficiently without LPNs on its staff.

Medicine is big business

today and any hospital administrator who doesn't put making money at the top of his priority list is not a good administrator. And, if LPNs are accustomed to the fact that they will be paid a lesser amount than the RNs they work with, hurry for the hospital because the difference in salaries is money in the bank for the hospital.

If a hospital felt it could be just as successful without LPNs than it is with them, the hospital would certainly hire only RNs. You show me a hospital whose nursing staff consists of only RNs and I'll show you a very unprofitable hospital. Any LPN who does just about the same thing as an RN with a little less responsibility is making money for the hospital with his or her mere presence. And, without money, a hospital cannot exist.

— DOTTY MARTIN

Letters

Former fair-goer agrees with Dallas Post editorial

DEAR EDITOR:

I thoroughly agree with the editorial written by Dotty Martin in the Sept. 14 issue of The Dallas Post concerning the Luzerne County Fall Fair. I have attended the fair for the past four years and find many

of her comments to be the same as my own.

I would also like to add that, on Friday, Sept. 9, which was a very busy night at the fair, we arrived at about 8 p.m. and had to park in the field across the highway. When we

left at 10:30 p.m., we and many other people had to cross the highway - busy Route 118 - with cars coming from both directions and cars exiting the fairgrounds. There was no policeman or anyone directing traffic or getting the people across the highway. How fortunate it is that no one was injured.

I also think it is about time some provisions are made for the elderly or handicapped who enjoy attending such an event to be allowed to park close to the entrance. There should also be provisions for people who need to be dropped off at the fair to allow the driver to enter and exit the fairgrounds without harassment by the parking attendants.

It would also be advantageous to people who are not familiar with the grounds upon which they are parked to have some kind of signs showing the way to the exit. In the daylight, at least you can feel your way out, but at night it is almost impossible to find your car, let alone find an exit without a sign.

FORMER "FAIR-GOER"

Letters policy

The Dallas Post encourages and invites its readers to participate in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Letters must be typed or legibly written and must be received by Friday for publication the following Wednesday. All letters must be signed and must include a telephone number for verification.

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

Library news

These volunteers are some special people

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

To quote a recent editorial, "Back Mountain Volunteers: A Rare Breed", no place is this more evident than at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

The library Auction, of course, is just overwhelming with the dedication of so many volunteers and the library itself through the entire year is blessed with some very faithful volunteers. The volunteers at the library shelve books, process and mend books and alphabetize the previous days circulation cards.

We have two special people, George and Janice Jenkins, who deliver books to our shut-ins once a week. A word of praise to our other volunteers, Joan Shuman, Miriam Nulton and Beverly Marchetti. We even get to voluntarily enjoy some of the goodies they bring in, even during diet time.

The Story Hours held in the children's annex are handled by volunteers. Anyone who has a few hours a week and would like to help at the library as a volunteer is welcome to call or stop in and find a time which would be convenient. We certainly do appreciate the time our volunteers give to the library and offer them our sincere thanks.

We are looking for someone who reads current books and would be willing to do some book reviews. If interested, contact the library and ask for Nancy. This is for a special project we would like to get started on.

Governor declares September Coal Workers Awareness Month

Governor Dick Thornburgh has proclaimed September as Coal Workers Health Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Citing the abundance of coal in the state's anthracite and bituminous coal field and its importance as an energy source, he said we cannot forget the importance of those who labor to get it out of the earth.

The dusty conditions that are an inherent part of coal mining have always presided a health hazard known as miners' asthma or black lung. For many years the condition was considered one of the risks of the job. A condition for which nothing could be done.

There is still no cure for this disease, which respiratory specialists call coal workers pneumoconiosis, but in recent years salutary therapeutic and rehabilitative approaches have done much to relieve the suffering caused by the disease. Educational programs have also been developed to teach the

coal workers how their lungs work and how diet, exercise and various breathing techniques can be used to help them breathe easier.

In 1972, the Pennsylvania Legislature passed a bill creating the nation's first Coal Workers' Respiratory Disease Program and placed responsibility for its operation and direction in the state Health Department's Division of Chronic Diseases.

The program began in 1973, according to David A. Hall, the program's director.

"Clinics were opened at seven hospitals, four in the northeast and three in the western coal fields. In the 10 years that the program has been in operation, the number of clinic sites has grown to 26 and more than 50,000 men and women associated with the coal mining industry have been tested, evaluated and treated for pneumoconiosis.

"The program has had other ben-

efits. During regular clinic visits, other illnesses may be diagnosed. In 1982 alone, more than 2,300 non-lung related illnesses such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease were detected and referred for care," Hall said.

The Pennsylvania program has been so successful that it has been used by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a model for a federal program and other coal-producing states have followed suit.

Hall said evaluation and treatment at the clinics has no effect on black lung benefits and is urging all active and retired coal workers who have breathing problems, to find out about clinic services.

During the month long observance of Coal Workers' Health Awareness Month, a toll free number 800-522-7200 has been set up to direct callers to the nearest clinic, respond to medical questions and assist ill coal miners.

WVIA sponsors 'Chemical People'

Channel 44 has launched a major community service project to combat school-age alcohol and drug abuse in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The public television station is joining with area health professionals and others as part of a nationwide campaign calling for a unique series of community-wide meetings to follow two television

programs. Dr. John Walsh, president of TV 44, explained the unique role of television in this ambitious outreach project called The Chemical People. "On Nov. 2 and 9, First Lady Nancy Reagan will host two one-hour PBS television specials dealing with the national problem of chemical abuse among adolescents."

"In conjunction with the first show, A Chemical Society," Dr. Walsh added, "WVIA is helping to organize town meetings throughout our viewing area at which concerned citizens can gather to watch the show and then discuss the specific problems in their communities with panels of experts."

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