

# Perspective

Only yesterday

## Classes overcrowded; two new teachers hired

**50 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 29, 1933**  
Due to overcrowding in the fourth and fifth grades, Kingston Township School Board hired two additional teachers for the school year. Audrey Carle and Kathryn Phillips were hired at a salary of \$900 annually.

Brotherhood of St. Paul's Lutheran Church held an old-time minstrel featuring several well-known local entertainers. Proceeds benefited the church.

**40 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1, 1943**  
Hugh B. Morton, aviation officer first class, a survivor of the Aircraft Carrier Hornet, was spending a three-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Morton, Harveys Lake.

William Baker resigned as Dallas Borough Street Commissioner. Ralph Eipper was chosen to replace Baker.

Married - Jane D. Hutchinson to John C. Coleman.  
Deaths - Simon Schneider, Shavertown; William Devens, Mooretown.

**30 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 2, 1953**  
Herbert H. Butler was named executive vice-president and general manager of the Commonwealth Telephone Co.

Construction was moving along rapidly on the 24-unit motel at the intersection of Routes 309 and 115. Construction was expected to be completed by December 15.

Sgt. John Vavrek, home from a prisoner of war camp in Korea, was honored by members of Demunds Methodist Church. The entire community was invited to take part in this program which consisted of patriotic selections including vocal and piano. A presentation from many businessmen was presented to Sgt. Vavrek.

Engaged - Carolyn Berdy to Joseph Williams; Louise Eleanor Owens to Raymond Haas.

Deaths - Charles W. Lee, vice president and general manager of H.A. Whitman Co., Wilkes-Barre.

You could get - Chicken legs 59c lb.; shrimp 69c lb.; Tokay grapes 2 lb. 23c; honeydew melon 59c ea.

evaporated milk 8 tall cans \$1; tomato soup 12 cans \$1; Reese's Peanut Butter Cups 6-25c; Planter's Cocktail Peanuts 8 oz. can 33c.

**20 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 3, 1963**  
Peggy Jordan, DeeDee Pope, Susan Fielding and Bonnie Gennetts were chosen by their fellow schoolmates as princesses of the Fall Fair. Peggy and DeeDee were students at Dallas High School while Susan and Bonnie attended Lake-Lehman High School.

Kingston Twp. residents protested the state's takeover of property owned by Gavy's Market and Trucksville Pharmacy for road widening. Residents felt that this would leave their community without a grocery store or drug store. Three hundred and thirty three residents signed a petition expressing their feelings.

Engaged - Mary Elizabeth Davison to Robert Joseph Lynch.

Married - Rochelle M. McGuire to W. Randolph Brooks.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hummel, 42 years.

Deaths - William Kelley, Dallas; Robert Smith, Harveys Lake.

You could get - Sirloin or rib-steak 79c lb.; bologna 59c lb.; picnic hams 29c lb.; shrimp 69c lb.; bartlett pears 2 lb. 29c; Ideal dog food 6 cans 89c; bacon 39c lb.

**10 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 4, 1973**

Dallas Education Association held a "Meet The Candidates Night" where area residents had the opportunity to learn candidates views on various subjects. Candidates were William Dierolf, Phillip Gallagher, Harry Lefko, Bernard Novicki and Harry Swebston, Jr. Ruth Ambrose and Walter Glogowski were co-chairmen of the event.

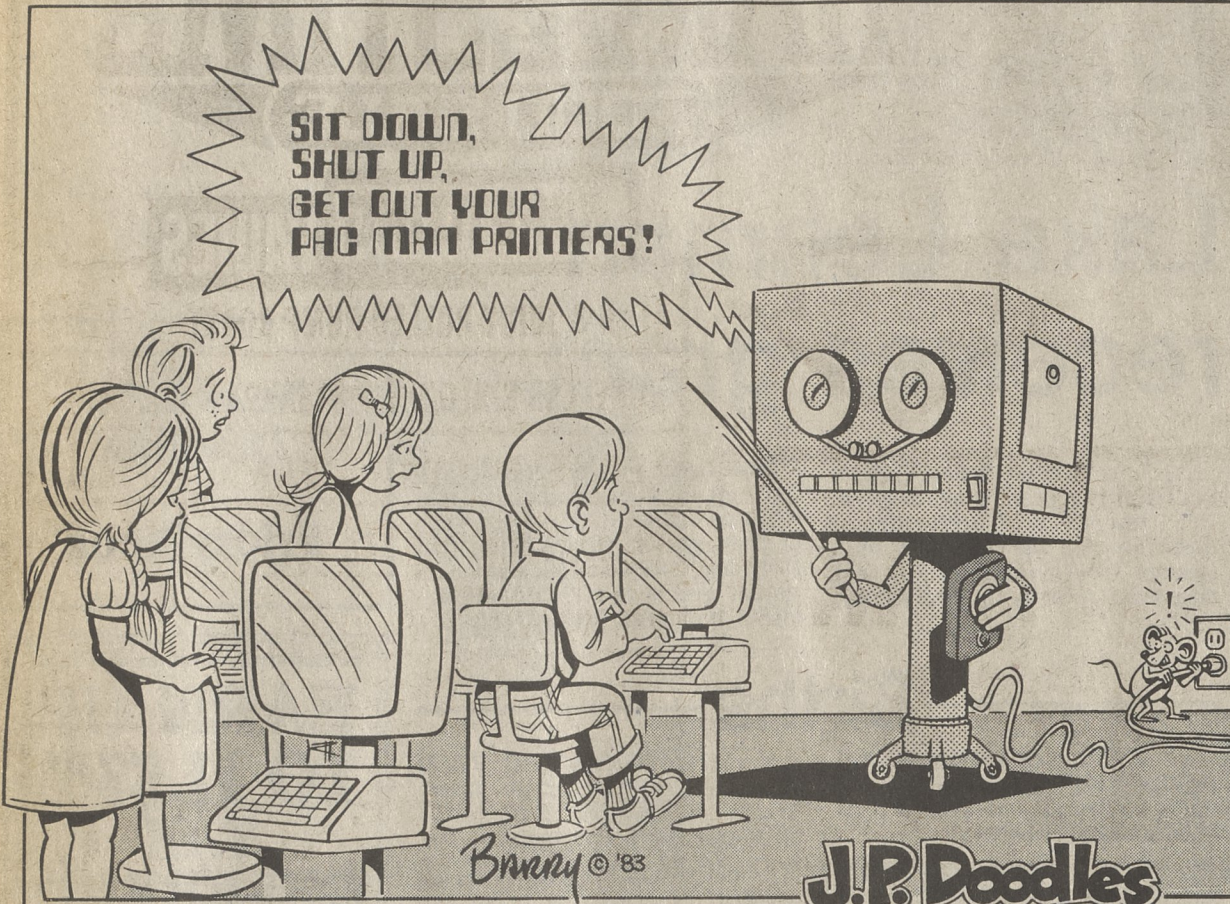
Forty Fort Dairy Bar, a landmark in the Back Mountain for more than a generation, closed its doors Sept. 30. It reopened Oct. 1 as Mark II Restaurant.

Engaged - Rhina Schwartz to Robert O. Morgan.

Married - Jeanne Mascali and Brian Roche; Nadine Teberio and George Mrochko Jr.

Deaths - Percy Wagner, Jackson Twp.; Elizabeth Morgan, Harveys Lake; Charles Hosler, Dallas; Blanche Ranson, Dallas.

You could get - Granulated sugar 5 lb. 59c; round roast \$1.39 lb.; pork chops 94c lb.; iceberg lettuce 25c; fruit cocktail 3-16 oz. cans \$1; semi-boneless hams 99c lb.; 4 cans Contadin tomato sauce, 89c; Campbell's vegetable soup 7 cans \$1; bananas 2 lb. 29c.



**All-time favorites**  
Pac Man, as well as Snoopy, has been a favorite of young children for a long time. Although posters featuring Snoopy poking fun at schools were not meant to harm anyone, educators nationwide were offended by them.

## Opinion

# C'mon, gang! Give Snoopy a chance

For years now, Snoopy has been as American as apple pie, Chevrolet and baseball. However, because schools officials hit the ceiling over his latest antics, Snoopy may never again win a popularity contest and will certainly never again consider running for President.

our children anxiously look forward to year after year. Do you really think he would deliberately offend the principles of the American educational system?

complained, Hallmark responded and withdrew its Snoopy posters from the market - a very brave move on the part of the Hallmark Corporation. After all, the company certainly sank quite a bit of money into marketing the Snoopy posters and to have the bottom fall out of the whole promotion is surely a blow to its pocketbooks.

Holding a mug of root beer in one hand, a pizza in the other and dancing in a dormitory room with his friends from the Peanuts comic strip, Snoopy dared to poke fun at American schools. Imagine that! That loveable little guy with the big ears whose neatest trick is sleeping on the roof of his dog house has somehow innocently managed to turn the American educational system topsy-turvy.

Snoopy has been an educator himself for a lot longer than most of us can remember. And the Hallmark Card Co. has been an educator for years and years, sponsoring countless educational television specials. Hallmark has served the public in so many ways for so many years, that surely it is not fair to chastise them for marketing a product they honestly thought would be taken in fun.

So, Snoopy with his root beer, his pizza and his dancing dormitory friends will soon vanish from the shelves of areas stores and the Hallmark Co. will think long and hard before ever poking fun at anything again.

And all he did was allow the people from the Hallmark Card Co. to photograph him for a poster that high school and college kids went crazy over. And when cash registers across the nation went wild ringing up sales of the Snoopy posters, parents, teachers and school administrators went berserk.

It is hard to believe that with things like rising education costs and teachers' strikes running rampant, the American public would even bother to take the time to point a finger at Snoopy and the Hallmark Co.

Now, can we please get back to the ever-serious business of running the American educational system in such a manner that our students can receive the best possible education to which they are entitled?

C'mon, gang! This is Snoopy. The Snoopy we have all adored for years. The Snoopy who provides us with great television specials that

But, because the people

— DOTTY MARTIN

## Library features miniature paintings

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

Our display for the next four weeks is a group of miniature paintings done by the Cider Painters of America which have been loaned to us by Sue Hand, local artist.

The organization was founded in 1983 and is a tongue-in-cheek tribute to a national group of artists called the Whiskey Painters of America.

The CPA is dedicated to the fine art of painting miniatures while enjoying a bit of liquid refreshment and the companionship of fellow painters. Each painting may be as small as the member wishes, but may not exceed 3 by 5 inches (not including the mat or frame). Membership in the organization is by invitation only and dues are \$1.00 per year. The local organization was founded by the Wednesday night art class.

There are 23 miniature paintings in our display case, which includes the painters name. The paintings are done by professionals as well as amateurs, teachers as well as students, young and old, male and female.

Sue Hand has been interested in art since she was a young girl and operates an art studio, Sue Hand's Imagery, at 35 Main Street in Dallas. She has recently taken some lessons with Don Stone in Maine. Her most recent endeavor is the painting of two large murals on the walls of the First National Bank of Wyoming. Another exhibit of miniatures is being shown at her studio. These paintings will be at the library until October 19 and the public is invited to visit.

The Summer Youth Employment Program ended on Aug. 24 and the library had two pages for the summer. Many projects were accomplished in the library buildings and on the grounds. Our thanks to Christine Long and Michelle Vivency for their faithfulness.

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## Letters

# Fair chairman feels editorial was unfair

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in response to the comments made by Dotty Martin (Associate Editor of the Dallas Post) and Former Fair-Goer about the Luzerne County Fair.

The article written by Dotty Martin was quite shocking and really unfair to the volunteers who worked on the various committee positions. They are really giving of their time to a worthwhile project. There really wasn't enough research put into what goes into running a fair of this size. When I contacted this paper regarding the article, I was told that I was drawing the wrong conclusions from the story - that it was written to give support to my thoughts that the same person should attempt to run the fair each year.

This article conveyed all negative thoughts about the fair - there wasn't one positive thought. With articles like this, the fair will never get any volunteers to work.

Since the position of fair chairman and his/her additional committee members is purely voluntary and involves such things as long fair hours, loss of personal family time, it makes it difficult to get people to accept the jobs under these conditions. Those who are willing to do them then open themselves to the criticism of those who know how to do it better but just can't sacrifice the time.

I offer the following information in response to the areas designated:

1. The Association.  
The Dallas Area Fair Association is comprised of representatives of 12 Back Mountain member clubs that meet on a monthly basis in a well organized manner. It is the responsibility of these representatives to attend each meeting and make a report at their next club meeting. Should a representative not make the meetings his club is not kept abreast of things.
2. Fair Exposure.  
I feel that our exposure to the public was more than adequate since we used TV coverage for the first time which gave us exposure to a broad area ranging throughout Luzerne County and into part of our surrounding counties. In addition, we had radio coverage both prior to and during the fair by such stations as WARM, WBAX, WNAK, WKRZ, WBRE, ROCK 107, and WDWL-WICK covering the major Scranton area. We also sent public service bulletins covering the fair dates along with entertainment schedules to other stations within our listening area. Articles were sent along with pictures to such papers as the Scranton Times, The Times Leader, Citizens Voice, Suburban News and

The Dallas Post to name just a few. Not all of our articles got printed, but we have no control over how a newspaper operates. We also had live TV broadcasts by WNEP and WBRE from the fair grounds.

The statement that the Mountaintop community didn't know about the fair gives me the impression that nobody in that area listens to the radio, watches TV or reads the local newspapers. But it does indicate that our own Back Mountain paper, which publishes both a Scranton and Mountaintop paper, did not give us any type of plug in those areas.

During the course of the fair, The Times Leader and the Suburban News sent photographers to the grounds to get pictures for a background story on the fair and the crowning of the Luzerne County Fair Queen on Sunday afternoon. There were also pre-fair and post-fair interviews by the same two papers. But not once did a reporter or photographer of the Dallas Post come to the grounds or contact a member of the committee for an interview.

3. Supporters.

While it is true that some supporters of the previous fairs were not involved in the last year or so, it does not mean that the Association is responsible for their so called "turning off" comments. Some of these people have done a tremendous job since the inception of the Luzerne County Fair project. They have given a great deal of their personal family time helping in the past and now feel that it is time for some new faces to take over for them so they can come out and enjoy the fair as a spectator instead of a worker. To them I say "Thank you for your past help and please continue to give us your future support", without your help there would be no Luzerne County Fair today.

4. Parking.  
The Boy Scout troop has been handling our parking of cars for the last several years and I feel that they do an excellent job based on the conditions they work under and the abuse they must put up with each day. Each year they strive to do a better job and to improve on the parking conditions.

To the former fair-goer.  
I can only say that I know of no fair that reserves parking spaces near the main entrance for the elderly or handicapped to park. We did allow those people who advised us they had a handicap or medical problem to proceed down by our main entrance area or within the grounds gate for disembarking.  
For the first time this year, we

arranged with a Back Mountain school bus company to provide a bus and driver to transport our elderly patrons to and from various pickup points in the parking area and the main entrance. This took place for several nights with the driver under specific instructions to only transport our elderly people. But each night he began to get overdriven by the younger people boarding the bus against his wishes and he was forced to curtail the service because he could not control these people and the service was just being abused.

We were also successful in acquiring aluminum bleachers from the Lake-Lehman School District for use in our entertainment area. Thus we made it better for our patrons to sit and enjoy the entertainment on stage. Hopefully we can expand on this next year.

Whenever new rules are put into effect for the first time, as in the case of our vehicular control, there are bound to be some shortcomings. Such was the case this year in our trying to prevent people from attempting to circumvent the parking regulations. Everyone becomes a fair worker or wants to park close to the gate because of an illness etc. and it just can't work like that. Someone has to park in the rear sometime and maybe it will be you.

In conclusion, let me state that it has always been the aim of the Dallas Area Fair Association to make the Luzerne County Fair into an annual county event. Sure, we know we need to do things such as: a) improve our parking areas; b) pave our roadways; c) build some type of permanent structures to house our Arts-Crafts and 4-H animals just to name a few. Yes, we can cover the crafts with plastic but the judges require being able to pick up things for inspection and want to touch items etc. All these things we want to do and more but it takes more money that we are able to raise with our current fair. The major portion of our money is used to help support the Medical Center and the Back Mountain MICU vehicle.

We are constantly searching different sources to see if we can qualify for any kind of federal-state aid or help from agencies who have men and equipment to donate and use to improve our fair grounds.  
When the Association starts to look for a candidate to chair next year's fair, I will be the first to nominate Dotty Martin for the job. I'm sure I'll have no problems getting a second to my nomination.

BILL KALINOWSKI  
'83 FAIR CHAIRMAN