

Perspective

AS A DULY ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL, I WISH TO TAKE THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION TO SAY,
GOBBLE-DEE-GOOK,
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GOBBLE-DEE-GOOK
— AND YOU CAN QUOTE ME ON THAT!



J.P. Doodles

BUT, I CAN'T QUOTE YOU IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING!



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Listen carefully!

Election time is right around the corner and politicians are out in full force right about now. Listen carefully to what they have to say and exercise your right to vote in the general election on Nov. 8.

Only yesterday

Kingston Township High held first Alumni Day

50 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 27, 1933

For the first time Alumni Day was held at Kingston Township High School. Highlight of the day was the football game between Wyoming Seminary and Kingston Township.

Margaret Dorothy Girvan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Girvan of Claude Street in Dallas graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Hoboken, N.J.

You could get - Easy washer, (wringer type) for \$35.50; ladies fur trimmed coats \$22.50; ladies woolen dresses \$4.87; children's oxford shoes \$1.98; boys knickers 98c; ladies hats \$1.95; flannel nightgowns 97c.

40 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 29, 1943

Pvt. Joseph Malarkey, Centerville, was listed missing in action since Sept. 9 when the Fifth Army landings were first made in Italy. Malarkey's son and wife lived in Centerville.

Determined to stamp out whooping cough in the Borough, Dallas Board of Health adopted a program for the free immunization of all children between the ages of three and six.

Spooks, hobgoblins and witches were ready for the third annual All-Back Mountain Halloween Parade. Judges for the parade were Raymond Kihner, chairman; T.A. Williams, James Martin and Howard Hendricks.

Married - Martha Sedler and Pfc. Melvin Adler.

Deaths - Anna Appleton, Shaver-ton.

You could get - Chickens 39c lb.; sausage 39c lb.; scraple 15c lb.; Oxydol lg. pkg. 23c; tomato soup 11 oz. can 8c; large golden pumpkins 3c lb.; celery 15c lg. bunch; cauliflower 25c hd.; cabbage 4c lb.

30 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 30, 1953

Commonwealth Telephone Company spent \$70,000 to improve rural phone service giving Sweet Valley and Noxen their own exchange.

Charles James, familiar with the woods and hunting, demonstrated for students of hunting age at West-

moreland High School, how to handle firearms in the woods.

Rt. Rev. Frederick J. Warnecke, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Bethlehem confirmed the following at Prince of Peace Church: Lloyd Kear, Robert A. Hughes, Paul Griffin, Mary Griffin, Margaret Jones, Joseph Allen, Roy Hall and Lynn Sheehan.

Married - Lois Minchin to Mark J. McQuilkin; Audrey Campell to George Coolbaugh.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Seth B. Howell, Fernbrook, 45 years; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Monka, Fernbrook, 25 years.

Deaths - Nelson Moore, Carverton; Fred Goodrich, Harveys Lake; Jacob Straley, Kunkle; Charles R. Seafoss, Dallas.

You could get - Three piece snow-suit for children \$12.98; turkeys 69c lb.; eggs 3 doz. \$1.59; leg o lamb 59c lb.; lobster tails 89c lb.; cauliflower lg. hd. 15c; pears 2 lb. 25c; Scott tissue 9 rolls \$1; tuna fish 3 cans \$1.

20 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 31, 1963

Back Mountain was the fastest growing section of Luzerne County in total number of people according to the report of the County Planning Commission. It was projected that by 1980, 3300 acres would be needed for homes, college, industry and roads.

Children's Theatre at College Misericordia presented "Beauty and the Beast." Maryann Homack and Pat Walters starred in the production.

Engaged - Alice Martin to Bruce Zeiser; Ruth Ann Alt to Roy G. Crawford.

Married - E. Jane Gosart and

Library news

Glassware on display

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

There are pitchers and goblets

Richard L. Goodwin; Beatrice Gramley and Ronald Clemow; Mary Alice Cooper and Darryl Dickson.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Van Buskirk, Florida, former Fernbrook residents.

Deaths - Ralph A. Newcomb, Dallas; Elmer Haring, Beaumont; Myrtle Ranier, Trucksville.

You could get - Boneless round roast 75c lb.; pork butts 35c lb.; skinless franks 59c lb.; pineapple juice 3-46 oz. cans 89c; carton of 24 large candy bars 89c; 5 lb. bag Florida grapefruit 49c; shrimp 79c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1, 1973

Six local Boy Scouts received the Ad. Altare Dei Award at Gate of Heaven Church with Rev. Stephen McGough officiating. Scouts receiving this award were Shawn Muldoon, Michael Muldoon, Walter Weir, Vincent Sodrosky, Jr., Mark Hession and Edward Janosik.

Campaign chairman Richard M. Ross Jr., reported that Back Mountain donations exceeded the expected quota by 4.5 percent.

Engaged - Mary Alice Fertal to Paul Joseph McMillan.

Married - Nancy Howell and Ralph Ide; Barbara Bonning and John Paul, Jr.

Deaths - Vincent Uzdilla, Sweet Valley; Iona Davis, Pioneer Avenue, Dallas.

You could get - Chuck roast \$1.19 lb.; bologna \$1.09 lb.; tangelos 59c doz.; bananas 12c doz.; delicious apples 3 lb. \$1; cranberry cocktail juice, 49c qt.; eggs 69c doz.; paper towels 3-2 ply rolls \$1; 1 lb. pkg. saltines \$1.

borrowed from Orceil Brown Davis of Dallas in the display case at the Dallas Library for the next four weeks.

Orceil has been collecting pitchers through the years and receives many as gifts. She received her first pitcher 30 years ago, a crooked hobnail from California.

We have 14 pitchers including glass, pewer, china and milk glass. There is one copper luster pitcher which is part of the Dickens collection that was in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington for over 30 years. The goblets are from Orceil's mother, Mrs. Percy Brown, and are antique crystal. We have 10 on display and no two in the collection are alike.

There are many fascinating designs including button and a bulls eye and heart design, which was Orceil's favorite. We have also displayed six miniature Toby mugs; and a folding fork and a coffin spoon. A couple of really neat special items are a miniature cranberry glass brandy pitcher and two small jigger glasses.

The Wednesday morning story hour children will be viewing films on Nov. 2 and during this time, Cathy Breish, an educational consultant for Discovery Toys, will give a demonstration for parents and guests. The company is based in California and the toys are sold by educational representatives. The program will be held in the annex from 10 to 11.

We have a new page working for us under the work study program. Judy Grivner of Pringle is in her second year at College Misericordia, working towards a bachelors degree in nursing.

The Collector's Group will meet Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 in the annex.

Opinion

John Baur helped pay other side's attorney

As ridiculous as it may sound, John Baur actually helped to pay the fee of an attorney who fought against him.

Baur, proprietor of Treat Drive-In on Route 309 in Dallas, had plans of constructing four more two-unit buildings like the one already on his property. Members of the Dallas Township Zoning Hearing Board, however, dampened those plans when they refused to give him a building permit.

The zoning hearing board made a decision not to give Baur a building permit because it was believed he was building a shopping center. Baur, in turn, filed an appeal, stating that he was not building a shopping center. Baur's reasons for the appeal lie in the fact that a zoning ordinance in Dallas Township defines a "shopping center" as retail stores situated on two acres of land. The tract of land on which Baur wants to construct eight units is only 1.083 acres.

Following Baur's appeal, the township was forced to provide an answer to it. Attorney Frank Townend, solicitor for Dallas Township who would normally handle such a case, explained that

he turned this particular case over to Attorney Keene Mitchell for personal reasons.

"My son was killed at that location," Townend explained last week, just a few days after Judge Bernard Brominski handed down the final decision in Baur's favor. "I was prejudiced and was afraid I couldn't be impartial in the case."

Townend's reasons for not representing the township in this case was respectable.

The question that arises however, is why did anyone have to be paid to represent the township in the first place? There wasn't anything to fight about.

Townend is the first to admit that the township zoning ordinance defines a shopping center as a tract of land of two acres. Townend is the first to admit that John Baur's land is 1.083 acres. Townend is the first to admit that 1.083 acres of land is not two acres of land. Townend is the first to tell you that Brominski's decision is "unfortunate and a mistake."

"We (the zoning board members) believe that 10 stores is a shopping center," Townend said. "Brominski decided that as long as it

(the land) is less than two acres, then it is not a shopping center. I think that's wrong. The answer here is that we never believed anyone would try to put 10 buildings on one acre of land."

Townend also admits that it is the township's responsibility to pay the fee of the attorney who represents it in such legal matters. Therefore, Dallas Township, or, more specifically, the taxpayers of Dallas Township or, more specifically yet, John Baur, a taxpayer of Dallas Township, contributed something to Atty. Mitchell's fee for the time he spent fighting the case.

Townend feels Brominski's decision is regrettable.

What is regrettable here is that John Baur has been trying for 2 1/2 years to do something that was perfectly legal when he first had the idea, and is still perfectly legal today. What is regrettable is that Dallas Township spent any money at all fighting something that had no reason to be fought in the first place. What is most regrettable is that it is the taxpayers, and John Baur himself, who have to foot the bill for an attorney to fight such a cut-and-dried matter.

— DOTTY MARTIN

Most groups oppose gambling

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

In recent months, much attention has been given to the prospects of either casino gambling or slot machines and video game devices being legalized in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The attention has been focused on proposed legislation which is yet to be introduced into the General Assembly relative to these forms of gambling. Statistics have been collected on the results of gambling in Nevada and Atlantic City, and various study committees have been established throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania to determine what policies should be adopted concerning the legislation of various forms of gambling.

Such organizations as the Pocono Mountain Vacation Bureau, the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania and others have established such study groups. Focus has been placed on the Pocono Mountains in relation to where legalized gambling might occur. No one can predict what might result in the way of legislation which the General

Assembly might eventually adopt in relation to legalized forms of gambling.

Thus, the issue is a statewide subject which deserves the attention of all citizens of the Commonwealth.

The official policy position of most organizations who have studied the problem thus far in Northeastern Pennsylvania is to oppose legislation that would permit casino gambling in Northeastern Pennsylvania. For example, the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania examined the issue of casino gambling from an economic point of view. It found that casino gambling in the region would cause substantial problems for economic development over and above any positive effects which might accrue as a result of permitting casino gambling to occur. Other forms of gambling, however, were left undecided as to a policy position.

In recent weeks, two legislators in Pennsylvania announced that they would introduce legislation in the General Assembly in the fall of 1983 to permit slot machines and video game devices in large resorts in the Poconos. The proposed legislation

has received the endorsement of the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau. Many other organizations have established special study groups or have committed themselves to monitoring closely the legislation and what its impact might prove to be in the Commonwealth, and in particular, Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The economic impact of slot machines and video game devices to the State and to portions of Pennsylvania remains to be determined. Revenue flows as a result of such gambling activities according to the sponsors of the legislation would accrue substantially to the Commonwealth and to municipal governments where such facilities would be permitted. It is likely that the debate over slot machines and video game devices being permitted in the Pocono Mountains will result in a strong and vigorous dialogue, one which should involve the views of all citizens in the Commonwealth.

(Howard J. Grossman is the executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania. His column appears every other week in The Dallas Post.)

Letters

'Cabbage Patch Kids' cause near riot at Zayre's Store

DEAR EDITOR:

I have never before seen such a display of barbarism ever.

On Sunday morning, Oct. 16, I went to Zayre's Department Store in Wilkes-Barre to get my daughter a Cabbage Patch Kid by Coleco. I arrived at the store approximately 9:15 a.m. The store opens at 10 a.m.

When I arrived, there were approximately 15 to 20 other people waiting. By the time the doors opened, there must have been 300 people there. Standing outside the store for 45 minutes for the store to open was fine, until the last 10 minutes. The people in the back started to push. There was yelling and hollering back and forth amongst the crowd.

Once the doors opened, that was it. People were pushing, shoving and rude. Men as well as women were in on the act. Fighting was going on over these dolls. People were jumping over counters, knocking things from shelves, stepping on each other and the things they had knocked down.

One girl had a hold of another by the neck choking her to get her doll. She then proceeded to rip the doll out of the package by the hair. I have never seen anything like this in my life.

The behavior display of these

adults appalled me. They are certainly not a fine example for our youth.

If this type of behavior were displayed by a group of teenagers, the police would have been called, arrests would have been made, and they all would have been hauled off to jail. I guess for adults, it's okay to act this way.

I also feel that Zayre's could have handled the situation differently.

Maybe as the people got there they could have taken a number and stood in line, then numbers called out and they got to choose a doll. First come first serve.

I never did get the doll, which was alright. I was just glad to get out of there with my life. I am withholding my name because I don't want any repercussions.

DISMAYED ADULT

Business center opens

Representative Frank Coslett said recently that the state's Small Business Action Center is ready to serve Pennsylvania's business people.

Recognizing that smaller firms frequently experience difficulty in identifying and meeting government requirements the state established the center in 1980.

The center helps small businesses identify government regulations and taxes affecting their companies and obtain needed state forms and applications. The center maintains an

inventory of such forms so there is no need to contact several different government agencies and departments, Coslett said.

The center can also assist in obtaining federal, state, local and private financing and solve business-related problems with state agencies.

Publications helpful in opening or expanding a small business are also available through the center, Coslett said.

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