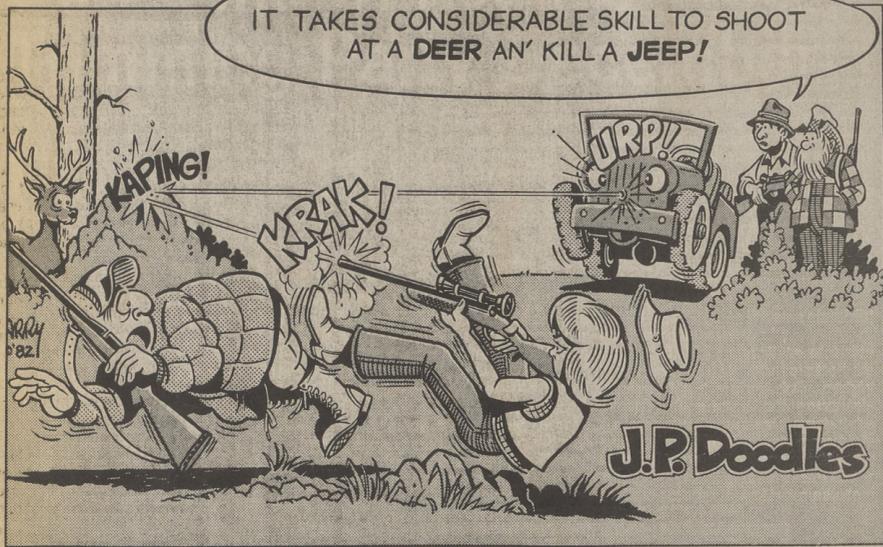


# Perspective



## Chaotic hunting

Oops! Hopefully, area hunters didn't run into any scenes such as this as they flocked to the woods by the thousands last week for the opening of antlered deer season. Although heavy rains last Monday were the primary reason for a low kill, some area hunters were successful.

## Only yesterday

# John Roberts elected School Board president

50 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 8, 1933

At a reorganization meeting John E. Roberts was elected president of the Dallas School Board. H.J. Disque was elected vice-president, J.F. Beseker, secretary and Ralph Brickel was retained as treasurer.

A still, having a capacity of 15 gallons, was confiscated with five gallons of moonshine and two barrels of mash by Chief of Police Ira Stevens of Harveys Lake. The still was located on property near Rugles Corners.

Deaths - Mary E. Sullivan, Corpus Christi, Texas; Mrs. Adam P. Kiefer, Shrineview; Dahiel H. Evans, Ashley.

You could get - Fleischmann Yeast 3c cake; Post Toasties Corn Flakes 2 pkg. 17c; Baker's Milk Pack Coconut 15c can; Jello 4 pkg. 25c; cheese 19c lb.; eggs 25c doz.; butter 2 lb. 53c; Chase and Sanborn coffee 26c tin.

40 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 10, 1943

Farmer's North Star, a corporation owned by Back Mountain, Wyoming County and Nicholson businessmen, installed a mammoth electric incubator with a capacity of 85,000 eggs. The hatching plant, located in Tunkhannock, had a weekly output of 17,000 day-old chicks.

Mrs. Robert Moore was appointed school nurse upon recommendation of the Board of Health.

Engaged - Lois Marion Heitsman to Corporal Leon Emanuel; Marjorie Brown to Corporal Hiram Sorber; Julia Chamberlain to Pvt. Ralph Richards.

Deaths - William Payne, Kingston; Ronald Kittle, Mooretown; Corey Miers Perrin, Shavertown.

You could get - 100 percent wool Faribo blankets \$12.85; desk set \$3.75; umbrellas \$3; Horsman dolls \$3.29; cuddly teddy bears 98c ea.; electric football games \$1.98; Chemcraft educational set \$4.95.

30 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 11, 1953

Lake-Noxen joint school boards reorganized electing Wilfred Ide president; Willard Bender, vice

president; Harry Allen, secretary; Leslie Kocher, treasurer. Jean Moledor was appointed school nurse. Mrs. Donald Longmore was appointed art instructor.

Dallas Borough workers string holiday lights which will be turned on Dec. 12. The borough council contributed \$150 to the expense while Chief Russell Honeywell had collected another \$100 from Main Street Merchants.

Engaged - Alice Elizabeth Kleiner to Robert H. Scott, Jr.; Dolores Kenjorski to Louis Kubasek; Harriot Van Lewis to James School-nover.

Married - Dorothy Schooley to Harry Smith; Anna Space to Carl Smith; Doris Hazeltine to Leonard Stoner.

Deaths - Harriet Elston Miller, Shavertown; Oscar Osman, Shavertown.

You could get - Women's bedroom slippers .99c; children's shoes \$1; winter jackets \$4.99; rib roast 49c lb.; fryers 47c lb.; cod filets 39c lb.; mild cheese 59c lb.; Swiss cheese 69c lb.; 25 lb. bag Pillsbury's best flour \$2.35.

20 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 12, 1963

A building committee began plans for early construction of an edifice for Trinity United Presbyterian Church. Committee members were Mrs. George Davis, William Cooper, Rev. Andrew Pillarella, Mrs. William Cooper, Lester Hauck, Mitchell Jenkins, John Marsy, Ronald Woolcock and Donald Miller.

William Pugh was elected Shavertown Fire Company fire chief. William Frederick, Walter Davis and John Chapple were elected assistant fire chiefs.

Engaged - Dorothy Gunderson to Frederic W. Anderson; Juliana Van Blarcom to Edward J. Hochreiter; Carole Clark Herb to Gerald Zimmerman; Gail Jones to Wilbur John McCullough.

Married - Mary Ann Zarychta to Marlon H. Rimple; Judith Ann Richards to John Cathrall.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mannear, Overbrook Avenue, Dallas.

Deaths - Wallace Perrin, Trucks-ville; Lillian Bauman, Elmira, N.Y.; Robert Curries, Kingston Township school board member.

You could get - Pork 23c lb.; legs of lamb 55c lb.; bananas 10c lb.; oranges 49c doz.; mixed nuts 49c lb.; figs 21c lb.; pitted dates 39c lb.; black walnuts 59c lb.; fruit cake \$1.59; halibut steak 59c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 13, 1973

John R. Finn, Dallas, was chosen manager of the Back Mountain office of Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Association.

College Misericordia embarked upon its first capital funds campaign. A concerted effort was made to raise funds for a new library, for general academic endowment and for student aid endowment. Sister Miriam Teresa R.S.M. college president announced that the goal had been set for \$2 million for each of the three areas.

Engaged - Sheryl Annette Beard and Christopher Jay Robbins; Sue Anne Ertwine and H. Scott Lefko.

Married - Lt. Patricia A. Eljas to Dr. Jose Vincente Mamrique.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. William Wasser, 50 years.

You could get - Schick Lasting Curl hairsetter and mist \$19.99; chuck steaks 79c lb.; shrimp \$1.89 lb.; pears 29c lb.; mushrooms 79c lb.; pkg. of 100 Tetley tea bags 89c.

## Library may get new home

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

If all goes well, the Back Mountain Memorial Library could have a new home in 1984. The Court of Common Pleas was scheduled to decide this past Monday whether or not the Dallas School District can sell the former Dallas Borough School building to the library.

The two buildings which now house the library on Main Street have become over-crowded through the years with book shelves being added to cover windows and every conceivable place where shelving could be used. Many of the books have been stored in the attic of the annex as the space is so limited. The space available in the new building and the parking facilities have got to be the two most important reasons for the change. Our dream for a new spanking clean library could become a reality in the summer of '84, according to Ernie Ashbridge, president of the library board of directors.

The library welcomes a new volunteer. Mary Thom of Dallas does her thing at the library on Tuesday mornings for three hours as she shelves books and files cards.

A very dear friend, Corinne Pawling, who suffered a freak accident this summer while on vacation, is currently recuperating at the Reading Rehabilitation Hospital. Corinne has served as secretary of the library board of directors for the past five years. We wish for Corinne continued improvement and send her our love and our prayers.

The Book Club will hold its December meeting on Monday, Dec. 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the library annex. Mrs. Crump will preside at the business meeting and a Christmas program will be given by members of the club. Refreshments will be served and guests are invited.

# Letters

## Reader questions new holiday

DEAR EDITOR:

A large segment of Congress recently voted for the adoption of a National Holiday to honor Martin Luther King. As an American citizen, I seriously question the considerations on how Dr. King was awarded a tribute that should be given at most, once or twice a century.

Dr. King did stand for equality and peace, but let us seriously look at the records of Benjamin Franklin and John F. Kennedy before passing such an historical event and decide who should have been honored with a National Holiday.

Any one of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S accomplishments would have been enough to make him famous. Franklin was an expert printer, originated the American Philosophical Society, formed Philadelphia's First Volunteer Fire Co., was the first person to raise money for America's First Hospital, brought about the founding of major colleges, invented a bookkeeping

system for every post office, invented the Franklin Stove, was one of the world's greatest scientists, helped craft the Declaration of Independence and one of his final public acts signed a memorial to the state legislature to abolish Negro Slavery.

On the same level of consideration, may we consider the honor student from Harvard, John F. Kennedy. Kennedy wrote the best seller "Why England Slept" that showed England's unpreparedness for World War II, saved his entire crew when his ship (PT-109) was cut in half by a Japanese destroyer, was named by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce one of America's Outstanding Young Men, fought hard on the Select Committee to stop unfair Labor-Management Relations.

As President in only three years, Kennedy established the Peace Corps to teach the underdeveloped countries how to survive, the Alliance of Progress was inaugurated, vastly promoted America's Space

Program by having Alan Shepard complete America's first space flight, established a teletype link between Washington and Moscow as a precaution against war by accident, initiated a medical care plan where hospital expenses, for most elderly persons, would have been paid through the social security system, demanded the Russians to remove missiles from Cuba in front of the world and succeeded, and established a nuclear test ban treaty with Russia.

It's apparent that accomplishments such as the two great Americans mentioned weren't even considered. When race and popularity for votes interfere with decades of performance and accomplishments, we should take a serious look at proposing Ben Franklin and John F. Kennedy for national holidays on the basis of espousing the highest ideals embodied in American Principles.

JAMES DENNIS  
WEST WYOMING

## Feels nuclear war survival slim

DEAR EDITOR:

Some 20 odd years ago, I was part of a team studying, for a defense contractor, the effects of a nuclear war. At that time, we concluded that if the Soviets successfully fired all of their weapons and if we did likewise, the likelihood of survival would be slim and the problems of doing so would be awesome. Since, then, of course the situation has deteriorated substantially.

Today, in the event of a massive nuclear exchange, the destruction initially engendered would probably be followed by such a severe climatic change that survival by most life forms would be improbably. For this reason, there doesn't seem to be any real point in flagellating ourselves over an inability to come to some form of agreement with the Soviets.

If both sides understand that any sizable nuclear conflict means suicide, it may well be that the ulti-

mate conflict will be avoided. I suggest that while the Kremlin may shout and pout and while Washington may moan and groan, Armageddon is unlikely at this time.

However, this does not mean that some nut or a small group won't get hold of a nuclear device and then proceed to detonate it in one of our cities. This would indeed be catastrophic for a number of reasons.

Our economy might not survive the blow if, for example, all computer programs were thereby destroyed or if most public power systems were knocked out for any considerable length of time. The likelihood of such a disaster would appear to increase as nuclear weapons proliferate. And according to Murphy's Law - if it can, it will.

For this reason, I think that prudent survival planning for the next few decades ought to be aimed more at circumventing the effects of a limited nuclear disaster than the "end-of-the-world" event envi-

sioned by some. For example, a lot of grief might be avoided if computers and programs were shielded against the magnetic effects that accompany nuclear explosions. And, while large regional power grids may presently have advantages in economy, smaller widely-dispersed units are less vulnerable to disaster.

On the other hand, if one is convinced that agreement with the Soviets is essential to avoid the ultimate disaster, then the outlook is dismal indeed.

Adherents to this viewpoint might well consider the so-called "Noah Project" which has been propounded to insure continuation of the race of man - a few people, animals, etc. hidden deep in the earth for a very long period of time would be counted on to repopulate the planet some years after. It could work. But to what purpose?

HUGH P. KING  
DALLAS

## Hillman wants School Board seat

DEAR EDITOR:

As a candidate for School Board Director in the Lake-Lehman School District in the Primary Election, I am very interested in the vacant seat created by the tragic and untimely death of School Director Vincent Marchakitus.

Vince and I are from the Lake Silkworth area and worked together on many projects for the betterment of the community. We were the best of friends and we both decided to run for school director to be able to

get on the board to work in harmony with the other directors to maintain good quality education. I was very happy and proud to see Vince win the primary election and had already planned to run again in two years.

I did not conduct a write-in vote of my own nor help with any write-in vote at the election because I believe Vince should have won the elections he thought so much of.

I would only hope now that consideration of the School Board mem-

bers be given first to those people who ran in our region in the Primary Election because I feel they had enough interest and stamina to run in the election that they should be most considered for this appointment.

And, in addition, the taxpayers did elect a new school board director when they elected Vince Marchakitus. So replacing Vince with one of the other two candidates is only appropriate.

RAY HILLMAN

## Feels highway deaths unnecessary

DEAR EDITOR:

Betty Britt, David Lorah and Candy Lorah did not have to die. Their deaths must be charged, not only to the drivers involved, but primarily to PennDOT's negligence regarding lane and speed control on Route 309 as it abuts Stapinski's

Drug Store.

Before other innocent persons are killed or injured, PennDOT must reduce the 45 mile per hour speed limit and must also restrict center lane passing heading north.

The entire stretch of Route 309

from Franklins to Coscia's needs speed and lane control especially now that population and business growth has outstripped circa 1920 roadways.

A NEIGHBOR  
AL J. BALOGA

## Thanks reporter for remembering

DEAR EDITOR:

I got the nicest surprise yesterday while reading The Post. I came across our name in the anniversary part of the paper.

You (Joe Gula) sure don't forget your hometown people. Of course, I will cut it out and put it in the album. I can't believe a year has gone by.

Thank you so very much and wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN MANA  
SWOYERSVILLE

## Auxiliary appreciative of support

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Woman's Auxiliary, I want to thank you for the publicity coverage provided to us by

The Dallas Post for the 15th Starlight Ball.

Publicity is such an important part in the planning and success of a fund-raising affair and your coop-

eration helped make the 1983 Ball a successful one.

ELAINE RUSIN  
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN  
1983 STARLIGHT BALL

## EPA Office has toll-free hotline

The Environmental Protection Agency's Regional Office has a 24-hour toll-free hotline which citizens can use to report suspicious incidents of waste dumping or the existence of dumpsites of which EPA may not be aware. The number is 1-800-438-2474 and has been in use since February 1983.

When calling EPA's hotline, all "tips" should include as much relevant exact geographic location, the date and time of the incident, the suspected parties, and, if possible,

the type of material or containers being disposed. Also, callers are encouraged to leave their names and telephone numbers so that EPA may obtain additional information if necessary. In this way, EPA can conduct an effective follow-up investigation of each complaint and provide a direct response to every caller. EPA will protect the anonymity of all callers.

EPA's toll-free hazardous waste hotline is available anytime a "midnight dumper" is suspected. All calls will be answered personally

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; but, after that time, the messages will be recorded. However, if an environmental emergency arises that needs immediate attention, such as spills of oils, or hazardous substances, it should be reported to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.

The Region III Office of EPA covers the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

## Pennsylvania Farm Show set for Jan. 8

Music will fill the air at Pennsylvania's largest family affair - the 68th Pennsylvania Farm Show, Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

According to State Agriculture Secretary Penrose hallowell, a variety of musical talent is scheduled to perform at the show's Youth Benefit Concert at 6:30 p.m. on the opening day of the annual event.

General admission tickets are \$4.50 (\$3.50 in advance) and \$6 reserved. Tickets may be ordered by writing: Farm Show Youth Benefit Concert, P.O. Box 15724, Harrisburg, PA 17105-5724. All mail orders must be postmarked by Dec. 27 and should include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Checks should be made payable to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Ticket orders postmarked after Dec. 27 will be held at the door in the purchaser's name on the night of the concert. Tickets may also be purchased at the Farm Show Ticket Office on North Cameron Street

beginning Dec. 27. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or phone 717-783-6513 after Dec. 12.

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