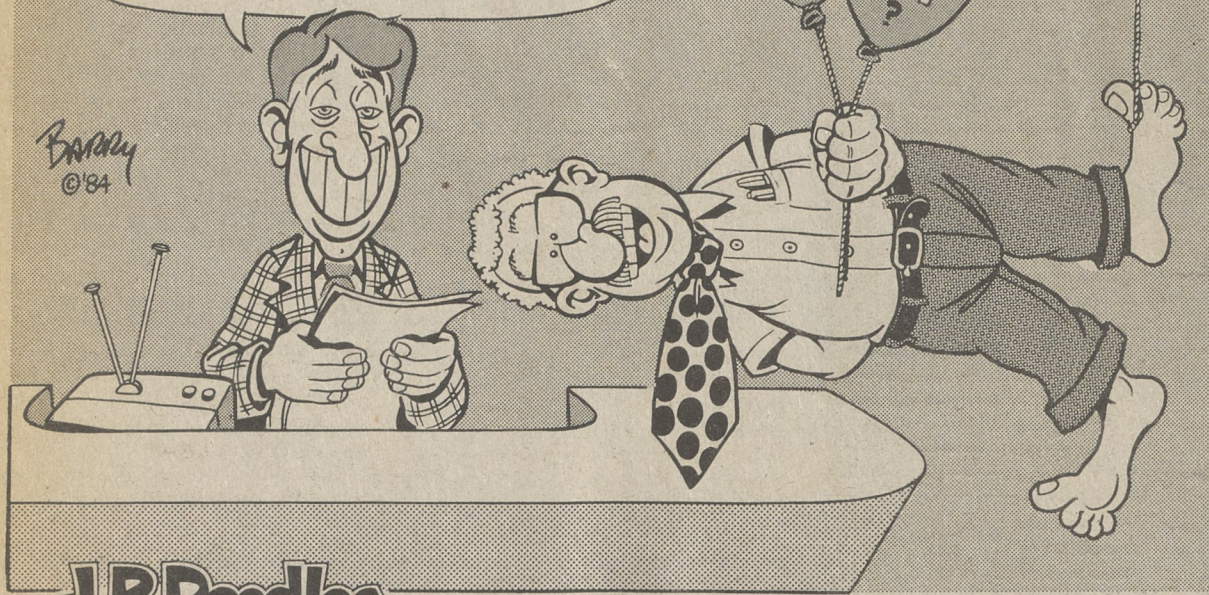


Perspective

NOW, HERE'S THE ONLY THING WEIRDER THAN TODAY'S WEATHER—BOB BOZO...



J.P. Doodles

You're not kidding!

Weird isn't the word to describe the kind of weather we've been experiencing around here lately. First we have an ice storm, then a couple days of snow, then some rain, freezing temperatures and more ice. Seems the weather is getting crazier all the time.

Only yesterday

Proponents of new school felt confident of success

50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 2, 1934

Proponents of plans for construction of a new Junior High School for Kingston Township expressed confidence that the project would be carried through successfully. Opponents of the plan continued their attempt to block the project.

Appointment of Irvin C. Davis as acting postmaster of Shavertown was announced at Washington, D.C. by Postmaster General James A. Farley.

Dedicator exercises were held at the new Lehman Township Grade School at Lake Silkworth under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher Association of Lehman Township.

Deaths — William H. Hutson, Dallas; Mrs. Susan Kline Zimmerman, Huntsville.

You could get — Prunes, 2 No. 2½ cans, 25c; peaches, 2 lbs., 25c; grape fruit, ea. 5c; apple cider vinegar, 2, 22-oz. bottles 15c; motor oil, 2 gal. can, 90c; bacon ½ lb. pkg., 10c.

40 YEARS AGO - FEB. 4, 1944

Two Lake Township youths were killed instantly and two others injured when their 1935 sedan crashed broadside into a tree near Sandy Beach, Harveys Lake. The dead youths, Thomas Walters, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Walters, of Dallas RD 1 and Harry Hoover, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover, also of Dallas, were on their way home after attending a dance at Kunkle with Roy Rogers, 17, of Outlet, and David Walters, 19, a brother of Thomas.

Estimated to contain 50 and 100 ships, several groups of fighter planes on night flying operations flew over Dallas.

Officials of Wyoming Valley Motor Club gave their hearty approval to plans of the State Highway Department to construct a new highway between Lehman and Idetown as the final link in the route between Williamsport and Wilkes-Barre.

Deaths — Mrs. Jennie Austin Brickel, Dallas; Fred Kraft, Pringle; Mrs. Emmajean Mott, Pikes Creek; Miss Delia Durkin, Shavertown.

Married — Mary Elizabeth Jeter, Dallas, to Lt. James B. Davies,

Dallas; Jean Adelaide Hadsel, Dallas, to 1st Sgt. Herbert H. Updyke.

You could get — Pancake flour, 20 oz. pkg., 7c; smoked hams, 33c lb.; fancy large shrimp, 37c lb.; oranges, doz., 27c; 2 bunches carrots, 17c; cabbage, 5c lb.

30 YEARS AGO - FEB. 5, 1954

Daniel M. Shaver's resignation from the Kingston Township School Board came as a surprise to members of his own and of the Dallas Borough-Kingston Township joint board. Shaver stated that for personal reasons he did not wish to continue.

Two members were elected to the Advisory Committee of the Dallas Branch according to an announcement made by Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre. They are Sheldon T. Evans, Shavertown druggist, and Charles H. Long, Sweet Valley farm equipment dealer.

Dallas Borough Council adopted its annual budget for the expenditure of \$34,051.58 during the fiscal year 1954.

Married — Jean Ruth Hart, Rochester, N.Y., to Robert C. Monk, Dallas; Joan Kittle, Sweet Valley, to Francis Cornell, Pikes Creek.

You could get — Potatoes, 10 lb. bag, 49c; butter bread, loaf, 25c; rib roast, 59c lb.; chuck roast, 35c lb.; chocolate syrup, 2 lb. cans, 33c; wax paper, 2, 125-ft. rolls, 45c.

20 YEARS AGO - FEB. 6, 1964

Dick Demmy was elected president of Back Mountain Memorial Library Association at the annual meeting in the library annex.

Rev. Charles Frick, former pastor of Huntsville Christian Church for 35 years, was seriously injured in New Orleans when he was struck by a car and knocked to the ground.

John J. Kritchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kritchen, Shaver Ave., Shavertown, received his Eagle Scout Award at St. Therese's Church.

Married — Alberta Joan Goble, Noxen, to Robert Crispell, Noxen; Shirley Williams, Swoyersville to David Mikulka, Wyoming, RD 3.

Deaths — Mrs. Lizzie Franklin, Humlock Creek; Marvin P. Everts, Five Forks.

You could get — Lobster tails, \$1.69 lb.; spinach, 10 oz. pkg., 10c; Banquet dinners, 9 oz. tray, 39c; orange juice, 3 6-oz. cans, 83c; strawberries, 2 10-oz. pkgs. 45c; asparagus, 10 oz. pkg., 45c.

10 YEARS AGO - JAN. 31, 1974

A Lake Township man who sued area police departments for \$5 million and lost, charged a former Dallas Borough patrolman with perjury, concerning the same matter. Edward Meck, could then bring his case against Ronald Dudik to the Luzerne County Court's grand jury.

Ground was broken for the Harveys Lake sewer project, following years of effort and years of feuding between members of the borough council and the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority.

Deaths — Dorothy Anderson, Trucksville; Rosa Vosler, Hunlock Creeks; William Shook, Falls; Augusta Roese, Sweet Valley; Peter Grazulis, formerly of Carverton; Vida Comstock, Harveys Lake; Stanley Garbush, Sweet Valley; and Lucy C.J. Traver, Noxen.

You could get — Maxwell House instant coffee, 6 oz. jar, 78c; Macintosh apples, 3 lb. bag, 59c; Morton dinners, 2 pkgs., 79c; margarine, 2 1-lb. pkgs., 69c; Ma's Old Fashion sodas, 2 half gal., 89c.

Library dues are raised

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Book Club dues for 1984 has been increased to \$10.00 for a single membership and \$15.00 for a double. The amount of the dues had been enough to cover the cost of an average price book. The average price of a book today is 15.95, which necessitates this membership increase.

In 1983, 149 books were purchased with Book Club money. These books remain on the book shelf 'for book club members only' for one year and then they are added to the regular library collection. We would like to admit 225 members to the Book Club for 1984. Membership to date for 1984 is 126 members. The next Book Club membership meeting will be held on Monday, March 19 in the annex.

The Library Board of Directors is seeking individuals who can help the library by remembering that the library is a worthy institution to be considered in your will. There is no better way for you to go on living in the hearts and minds of your neighbors than through a memorial bequest to your library. Your gift will still be working to improve minds through the dissemination of knowledge in years to come. Won't you consider the library in your will? It can provide long range help to insure financial security.

A famous quote, "There's a time in life to play the fool and a time to be a lover. And there's a time to return a library book, too. It's on a card inside the cover."

New books at the library: "Tough Times Never Last, But Tough People Do!" by Robert H. Schaller is a book about how to make your dreams come true - starting today.

"The Succession" by George Garrett is a novel of Elizabeth and James. It is a triumph of intellect and imagination that once more brilliantly recreates Elizabethan England. This story is a grand tapestry of history, passion, and stragem. Absorbing, unflagging, entrancing.

Environmental Council opens Asbestos Information Center

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

As a service to the residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Council has opened an Asbestos Information Center to alert citizens to the hazards of asbestos. Once considered a health risk for asbestos workers only, asbestos is known to be a potential hazard to the health of millions of people on and off the job who are routinely exposed to asbestos fibers in the air they breathe.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Council is located at the Courthouse in Scranton and its address is Box 3113, Scranton, PA 18505. A request for information concerning asbestos can be secured by calling 961-1150. The service has been offered for a short period of time, but already hundreds of persons have requested information concerning this critical problem.

Recommendations are found in the research material describing asbestos as a problem and actions are described which can be taken to help alleviate the problem. Data on why asbestos is a problem, what the government is doing about this health hazard, the fact that not all asbestos products are hazardous, a review of asbestos issues affecting schools along with a series of actions to help identify asbestos problems are included.

Asbestos in a house can be a serious problem, although techniques exist to alleviate health hazards caused by asbestos in the home. Asbestos may be found in such areas of the house as vinyl floor tiles and vinyl sheet flooring, patching compounds and textured paints, ceilings, stoves and furnaces, door gaskets, walls and pipes, appliances, roofing shingles and siding.

General guidelines for handling products containing asbestos including those mentioned above are found in the materials available through the Asbestos Information Center. The information sheets point out, also, that not all asbestos products are hazardous. Asbestos becomes a health hazard only when fibers are released into the air. This usually happens when the asbestos materials can be crumbled in the hand.

The Asbestos Information Center is an opportunity for Northeastern Pennsylvania citizens to receive essential information in order to protect themselves and to focus attention on an important problem, national in scope. In addition, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Council offers direct services to regional citizens and should be viewed as a major resource to help stem the tide of environmental problems facing this region.

(Howard J. Grossman is the executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania.)

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

Following is a list of events that occurred at the State Capitol last week:

GOV. THORNBURGH'S proposal to abolish the state store system and allow private industry to control the sales of liquor in Pennsylvania was debated at a hearing before the House Liquor Control Committee this week.

Opponents of the plan, which would replace the Liquor Control Board with a five-member Alcoholic Beverage Commission, contend that it's the state's responsibility to "control" the sale of liquor and not encourage it.

LCB member Mario Mele defended the governor's proposal saying that "people are buying (liquor) elsewhere and our pricing structure has aggravated this."

He added that the loss in sales was responsible for a reduction in LCB employees from 3,200 to 2,900.

STATEWIDE TAX reform legislation will not become a reality unless more public pressure is placed on state legislators, according to one House Republican.

Rep. Leonard Gruppo (R-Northampton) told a group of school officials that there are many approaches to tax reform among lawmakers and that public pressure must come to bear before compromise legislation is achieved.

Many school districts support tax reform that would allow schools to collect increased earned income tax on the local level, usually as a tradeoff for decreased property taxes.

"When you're changing the tax structure so drastically, it affects so many people and makes it difficult to reach a compromise," Gruppo explained. He added that the General Assembly may be ready for a

tax reform vote in 1985.

A HOT LINE which provides information about the newly-enacted mortgage foreclosure relief law has averaged 400 calls a day and has been expanded to handle the heavy number of inquiries.

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, which oversees the program, this week doubled the hot line's capacity.

Typical callers "have been laid off from heavy industry. They have been off for more than a year. They have exhausted their unemployment benefits," a PHFA spokesman said.

He added that requests for information come from all arts of the state and from lending institutions. The new law provides low-interest loans for up to three years to homeowners two or more months behind on their payments and with a reasonable prospect of making future payments.

It's tax time!

Students should take time to learn how to save money

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Between now and April 15, income tax is first and foremost in most of our minds. In an effort to make filing income tax forms a little easier for our readers, The Dallas Post is publishing tax tips each week for five weeks. This week, the second of the series, the tips are entitled, "Tax lessons can save money for students and parents." The tips are furnished by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Philadelphia.)

Too often, students who earn spending money on a part-time job decide their taxes don't matter and fail to file a tax return. Smart? Dumb. Every year millions of these students never collect refunds to which they are entitled. According to William L. Smith, Jr., CPA, President, Northeastern Chapter, Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, students can save themselves and their families tax dollars by understanding a few basic tax rules.

Even if you are one of those who did not file for a refund of money withheld from your paycheck, it's not too late. You can file an amended tax return for as far back as 1980.

If you earned less than \$3,300 in 1983, your tax refund may be sizeable. Here's why: If you work for only 10 weeks out of the year - as a summer camp counselor, for instance - you are taxed routinely as if you were working 52 weeks. In other words, if you are earning \$200 a week at a job, you will be taxed as if you earned \$10,400. But since your

income for 10 weeks is only \$2,000, you have no income tax liability. In fact, on earnings of less than \$3,300, you don't even have to file a return unless you are entitled to a refund.

If you had no tax liability last year and expect none this year, you can ask your employer to not withhold any of your salary. If you know how much you will be earning over a given period of time, you can calculate what the tax will be and ask your employer to withhold the appropriate amount. You don't want to have an excessive amount withheld because that's like giving the government an interest-free loan with your money. And that money could be earning interest for you.

Another point students should consider can save their parents' tax dollars. If you provide more than half of the money needed to support yourself, your parents are not entitled to claim you as their dependent. Consequently, they lose a \$1,000 exemption from their income and must pay more tax.

Because you are a student, your parents get certain tax benefits for supporting you. If they pay more than half of the cost of your lodging, clothing, food, medical expenses and education, your parents can claim you as a dependent and receive an exemption. You may also claim a \$1,000 exemption for yourself if you file a tax return.

As an example, let's say the total cost of your support is \$15,000 a year. If you find that your own earnings are nearing the halfway mark of \$7,500, consider stashing

away your earnings in a savings or investment account. This is not considered part of your "support." You will save your parents valuable tax dollars because they can claim the \$1,000 exemption for providing more than half your support.

Money from grants or scholarships can generally be excluded from income and does not count as part of your support if you are working toward a degree. In addition, income from college work study programs may also be excluded from income, depending on how the college has set up the program. You may want to check with the IRS to see how this may affect you.

If possible, parents may want to consider giving their children tax-free gifts or interest-free loans. Each option has benefits. A mother and father can jointly give up to \$20,000 in gifts a year to each of their children. The gift can be invested or spent by the children who are presumably in a lower tax bracket and won't pay as much tax on the investment interest.

Unlike a gift, an interest-free loan will eventually be repaid to the parents. In the meantime, it can be invested or spent by the children. If invested, the children pay less tax on the income generated by the loan money because they are in a lower tax bracket, and the parents can still get an exemption for supporting the children because it is not considered money used to support themselves.

LETTERS

Ambrosino makes plea to adults

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In response to the recent tragedy of another youngster in Luzerne County to alcohol, Carmen F. Ambrosino, executive director, Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc., has issued this urgent plea to all adults 21 years of age and older in Luzerne County.)

Recently our community lost another young person to alcohol. This is not an isolated case by any means since 34 youngsters died in Luzerne County in 1983 due to drugs and alcohol. On an average three young people per month die in Luzerne County due to drugs and alcohol.

I am writing this letter as an urgent plea to all adults in Luzerne County over 21 years of age. My reasons are two-fold:

1. There has been a continuing alarming pattern of death among our young directly attributable to alcohol consumption. This pattern has been prevalent for several years

therefore we need to stop and examine the reasons why which brings me to point 2.

2. Reports of adults furnishing alcohol to minors is a critical problem which for years has been treated lightly in this County. This practice must cease at once and we, as an adult community, must realize the potentially tragic consequences of what may seem as an innocent act. Giving young people alcohol is a dynamite situation and the results are in. How much more loss of valuable human life are we going to accept.

During the past 10½ years I have had the opportunity and privilege of working with young people. Our agency, the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services Inc., remains committed to reaching out to our young and helping them to find alternatives to difficulties in their lives.

Therefore, I urge all residents of Luzerne County, 21 years of age and

older to refrain from supplying alcohol to young people. Please stop condoning the use of alcohol at proms, graduation parties, bazaars, family get-togethers, outings, etc. The problem is at an epidemic stage and I ask your full cooperation in this matter.

Most adults are responsible and should not be convinced by young people that getting alcohol for them is no big problem. Therefore, I additionally encourage and urge all adults to report any suspected knowledge of an underage drinking party or the knowledge of an adult furnishing alcohol to minors to DA Gillespie's Alcohol Tip Line: Hazleton Area 455-9441; Wilkes-Barre Area 824-9944; Pittston Area 655-3771; Mountaintop Area 474-9211; Back Mountain Area 675-5259; Shickshinny Area 542-4114.

Let us as adults, rise to the challenge of setting a good example so our young people can look to us as model citizens.

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