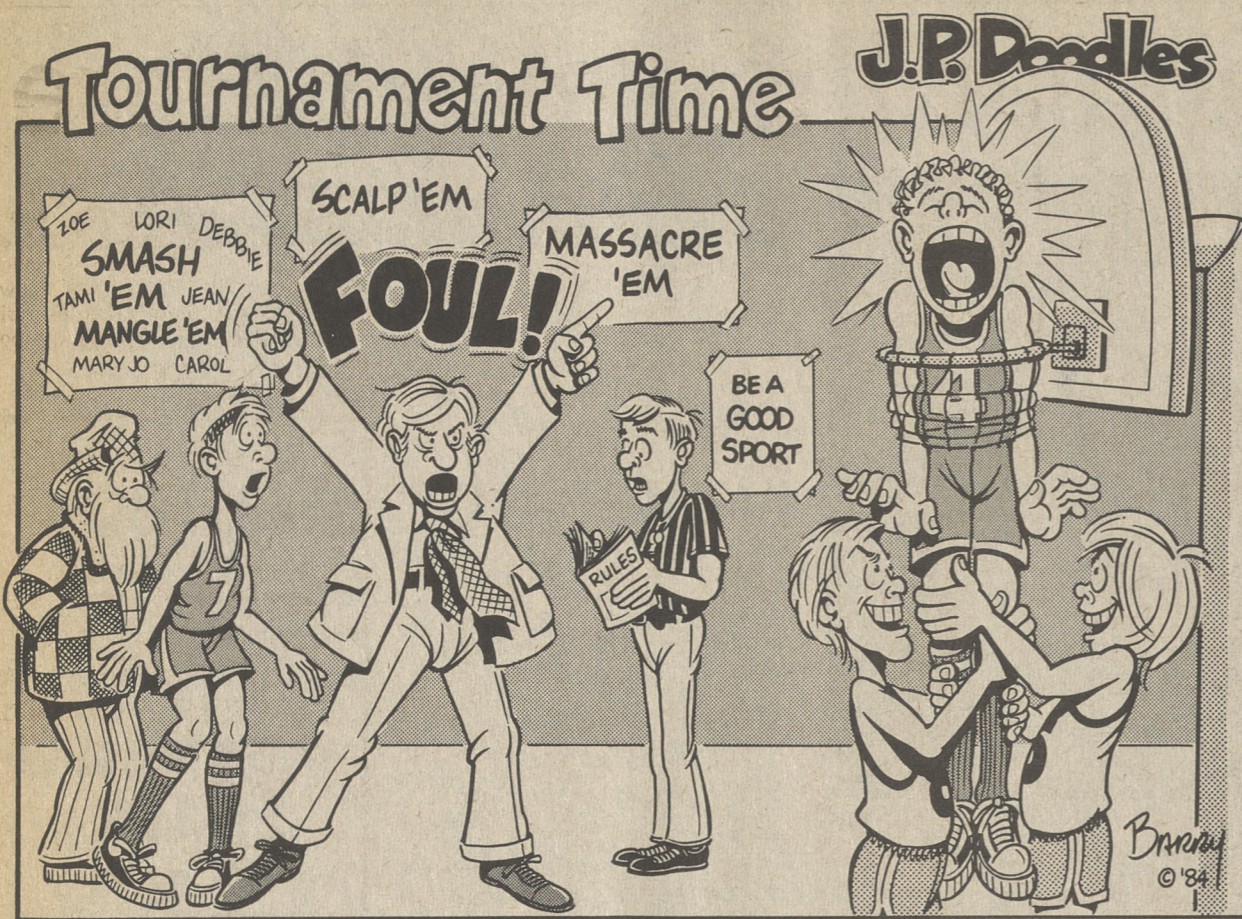


Perspective



Over-zealous fans!

Now that the 1983-84 basketball season is nearing an end and post-season championships are at stake, fans may have a tendency to become a little overanxious. Remember, the athletes are only high school kids and not professionals. Let's treat them as such.

Only yesterday

Association gets reports on delinquent tax collection

50 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 23, 1934
Reports on the progress made in collecting delinquent school and borough taxes in Dallas Borough were made to members of the Dallas Borough Taxpayers Association at a largely attended meeting in the high school.

Breaking up a ring of petty stealing that had been going on in the borough for some time, Chief Leonard O'Kane arrested Frank Klug, Jacob Apolski and Harold Ferdessi on warrants issued by automobile owners who had autometers, hub caps, auto robes and radiator caps stolen from their automobiles during the past few weeks.

Lee Tracy of Shavertown was scheduled to start work under a profit-sharing contract he had signed with Universal Producing Co.

With about 35 percent of the work done, 40 men were still employed 24 hours a week on the C.W.A. project of improving Davenport Street.

Deaths - Mrs. George K. Mosser, Trexlertown, wife of the owner and chief executive of the J.K. Mosser Tanning Company at Noxen.

You could get - Acme coffee, 1 lb. tin, 23c; tuna fish, 2 cans, 25c; red salmon, tall can, 17c; flour, 12 lb. bag, 49c; eggs, 23c doz.; team 1 lb. tin, 57c.

40 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 25, 1944
Lt. Evan J. Brace, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Brace of Huntsville Road, was killed instantly when his plane crashed into a tree in the Florida swamps.

Red Cross workers in Area 8, comprising the Back Mountain Region, had a 50 percent higher goal to aim at with their quota set at \$4,065 as compared with \$2,500 for the previous year.

Alfred Hoyt, son of Mrs. Daisy Hoyt, of Kunkle, was serving with distinction as a gunner's mate on the U.S.S. Delta, a rugged fleet repair ship converted from a merchantman by Cramps' Shipyard in Philadelphia.

Deaths - Howard Monroe, Newark, N.J., son of the late Rev. Charles Monroe of Noxen; Mrs. Amanda Herdman, Kunkle.

Married - Laura Jean Adler, Shavertown, to Pfc. Walter Davies, Forty Fort; Irma Baker, Trucksville, to Clifford Roe, Newark, N.J.

You could get - Broccoli, lg. bunch 15c; cabbage, 5c lb.; spaghetti sauce, 8 oz. bottle, 10c; peanut butter, 1 lb. 19c; apple butter 28 oz. jar, 16c; grapefruit juice, 46 oz. can, 27c; Camay toilet soap, 3 cakes, 20c.

30 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 26, 1954
An audience of 170 people interested in furtherance of education for children in the Back Mountain area gathered at Westmoreland in response to an invitation by the Dallas Borough-Kingston Township PTA organizations.

It was a rare occasion when 50 youngsters were held spellbound by a speaker. Shavertown Girl Scouts of

Troops 75, 66 and Brownie Troop 105 gathered in Shavertown to meet eight young ladies from faraway lands.

Beaver trapping in the Back Mountain area was good as Albert Shaffer of Lake Louise Farm reported seven trapped in Lake Louise by Raymond Goeringer and Trapper Dan.

Married - Alice G. Traver, Noxen, to LaMar J. Stonemetz, Horseheads, N.Y.; Mary H. Kresge, Tampa, Fla. to A-2C Robert G. Fitzer, of Kunkle; Barbara May, Dallas, to Donald Egliakis, Theohannock; Alice Louise Clark, Beaumont, to Theodore Stone, Mehopany.

You could get - Lettuce, lg. hd., 9c; steaks, 69c lb.; ducklings, 59c lb.; rib roast, 59c lb.; fyers, 45c lb.; carrots, 2 pkgs., 15c; tomato catsup, bottle, 19c.

20 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 27, 1964
Persistent reports that the Town House Restaurant, Lake Street, Dallas, was to be sold were confirmed by Mrs. John Townsend.

Lester Hauck, Kingston Township supervisors, tendered his resignation to Board Chairman LaRoy Ziegler, citing "circumstances beyond my control" as the reason for his resignation.

Heavy snow halted progress for a while, but crews resumed work on the dam site by Carverton mill in preparation for construction of Frances Slocum State Park.

Deaths - John N. Frederick, Dallas; Walter Gensel, Shickshinny Valley; Crawford M. Henry, Shickshinny; Benjamin H. Honeywell, Lake Silkworth.

Married - Claudia Laux, Dallas, to David G. Stevens, Lancaster; Paulette Loomis, Harveys Lake, to John F. Sturgis, Newtown Square, Pa.

You could get - Bacon, 2 lb. pkg., 89c; sausage, 2 lb. roll, 65c; apple pie, 39c; applesauce, 15 oz. jar 16c; Spic & Span, 1 lb. pkg., 27c; Tide detergent, 1 lb. pkg., 32c.

10 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 21, 1974
For the second time in as many months, Lake-Lehman School Board members expressed indignation and dismay when informed of a penalty imposed by the Pennsylvania Gas & Water Co. for gas usage at the high school during the month of January.

Two new restaurants were scheduled to open within a few months in the Back Mountain area as the Mark II Restaurant was nearing completion and Perkins' Pancake and Steak House was under construction on Route 309 across from the Dallas Village Shopping Center.

Deaths - Margaret Stack, Dallas; Gladys Martz, Shavertown; Monroe Shultz, Fernbrook; Marguerite Johnson, Trucksville; Edward Dendler, Noxen.

You could get - Round roast, \$1.68 lb.; sliced bacon, 1 lb. pkg., 73c; Coca-Cola, 8 pack, 16 oz. bottles, 69c; tea bags, 48 count pkg., 39c; Heinz ketchup, 26 oz. bottle, 49c; French fries, 2.9-oz. pkgs., 29c.

It's tax time!

Advice for retired taxpayers

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Between now and April 15, income tax is first and foremost in most of our minds. In an effort to make income tax forms a little easier for our readers, The Dallas Post is publishing tax tips each week for five weeks. This week, the fifth and final week of the series, the tips are entitled, "Some advice for retired taxpayers." The tips are furnished by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Philadelphia.)

Retirement is a time to reap the harvest of one's life, a time to collect on the dues paid for decades. Having income from a pension, Social Security and maybe a small nest egg makes it possible to enjoy this time of life.

For many retirees, it's not that easy. Retirement can be a time of personal struggle that demands a financial balancing act. Whether your retirement is a bountiful harvest or a high-wire feat, it's important that you get all you're entitled to at tax time, says William L. Smith, Jr., CPA, President, Northeastern Chapter, Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

As the tax deadline nears, be sure you know how much money you can earn before you file a return, how much you may earn before you must file a return, how much you may earn before losing some of your Social Security benefits, if you're eligible for a tax credit to the elderly and where to go for help with filling out your tax return.

If you are 65 or older, you can claim extra exemptions: one as a taxpayer plus another exemption for your age. If your spouse is also 65 or older and you file a joint return, you claim four exemptions. This means that individuals do not have to file an income tax return unless income is \$4,300 or more. That's \$2,000 in exemptions plus \$2,300 for the standard deduction, or zero bracket amount as it is now known. If you are married and file a joint return, you do not have to file unless your combined gross income is more than \$7,400.

If you receive Social Security benefits, you can earn some extra income without losing any benefits. If you are over 65 but under 70, you can earn up to \$6,600 without losing any benefits. For each \$2 you earn above \$6,600, you will lose \$1 of your benefits. If you are 70 or older, you can earn any amount without losing any benefits.

Retirees receiving Social Security benefits should also be aware of a change in the tax law that could render some benefits to taxable next year.

To determine if your 1984 benefits will be taxed, add up your adjusted gross income, half of your annual Social Security benefits and any interest you receive from tax-exempt bonds. For individuals, if the total of those three numbers is greater than \$25,000, you will pay tax on half of your benefits or half of the excess above \$25,000, whichever is less. For married couples filing jointly, if the sum of those three numbers is greater than \$32,000, they will be taxed in the same manner.

Anyone 65 or older should know about the tax credit for the elderly. It can cut as much as \$375 from a single taxpayer's bill, and \$562.50 from the tax bill of a couple filing jointly. The credit is mainly for those who do not receive Social Security benefits so the income limitations are tight. Still, more than 200,000 people received credit in 1981.

To qualify for the credit you must receive less than \$208 a month in Social Security benefits if you are single. If you are married and both you and your spouse are over 65, you can receive no more than \$312 a month in Social Security benefits. In addition, single people applying for the credit must have an adjusted gross income below \$12,500. To qualify, a married couple must have an adjusted gross income below \$17,500.

With proper financial planning and tax saving opportunities retirement can be an enjoyable time of life.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

Following are some news items that occurred on Capitol Hill during the past week:

RECOMMENDED DECREASES
In both business and personal taxes highlighted Gov. Dick Thornburgh's 1984-85 budget proposal unveiled before a joint session of the General Assembly this week. Although the total budget figure was a record \$15.5 billion, Thornburgh recommended a 9.5 percent reduction in corporate income taxes. He also supported the scheduled decrease in the personal income tax rate from 2.45 percent to 2.35 percent. Reaction to the proposal was generally favorable, even among Democrats. "It's good news for the taxpayers," House Minority Whip Sameul E. Hayes Jr. (R-Blair), commented. "I

think the governor is setting the right terms for the upcoming fiscal year."

THE CONTINUED recovery of Pennsylvania's economy played an important role in the development of Gov. Thornburgh's budget proposal. Although the governor recommended tax cuts and no tax increases in his spending plan, he forecasts a 5.7 percent rise in tax revenue due mainly to a projected drop in the rate of unemployment, and rises in personal income, corporate profits and consumer spending. "I think what was presented to us, was a document we can work with," said House Republican Leader Matthew Ryan.

THE ABOLISHMENT of Pennsylvania's no-fault auto insurance

system seemed a virtual certainty after the House passed legislation to satisfy Gov. Thornburgh's concerns that the new insurance law would allow motorists to carry inadequate medical coverage. The "companion legislation" changes specific sections of the insurance revision bill awaiting the governor's signature since late January. Simply, the companion bill upgrades the minimum medical coverage motorists must carry from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and mandates purchase of a \$5,000 work loss benefit in most cases. The new insurance system would also permit unrestricted lawsuits by accident victims, unlike no-fault, which allows damage suits only after medical bills exceed \$750. The bill affects only medical coverage.

New institution emerges in area

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

A new institution has found a home in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Pocono Northeast Development Trust, formed in 1980 by the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania

(EDCNP), is a charitable institution capable of receiving funds which are tax deductible to individuals or firms.

The Trust was formed to carry out certain community development

purposes which can benefit Northeastern Pennsylvania in the region's growing attempts to improve its economic posture. Slow to evolve in

its early and formative years, the Trust has undertaken a major project to establish a regional center in the central part of North-

eastern Pennsylvania. The Trust has acquired property on Oak Street, off of Route 315 in Pittston Township to serve as the headquar-

ters for EDCNP and to encourage the location of regional multi-county organizations who serve Northeast-

ern Pennsylvania in various capacities.

This first major project is compatible with the Trust's major goals which are as follows: to combat community blight and deterioration

and juvenile delinquency, to furnish assistance and cooperation to local governmental authorities in projects

and undertakings for the elimination and prevention of urban and neighborhood blight and deterioration, thus lessening the burdens of government; to promote and encourage participation in commu-

nity development and beautification, maintenance and improvement of public lands, monuments or

firms.

works; and to generally enhance the quality of social and cultural life of the community.

One of the first projects the Pocono Northeast Development Trust undertook was to financially

support the project to frame and exhibit the photographs taken by Mark Cohen, nationally known

Wilkes-Barre photographer, as part of a project to create a photo essay

of Northeastern Pennsylvania. This was accomplished during the 300th anniversary celebration of the Com-

monwealth of Pennsylvania. The photographs have been on traveling exhibit throughout Northeastern

Pennsylvania, and the photo essay was published in a report form to

serve as another tool for encouraging Area Awareness and Action in the Pocono Northeast. These and other projects are promoted by a

Board of Community leaders.

The Board of Trustees of the Pocono Northeast Development

Trust includes the following individuals who have volunteered their services for the betterment of the region: Ernest D. Preate, Sr.,

Chairman; Thomas Shelburne, Roy E. Morgan, Sanburn Sutherland, Irwin Alperin, Lawrence Hamilton,

representing First Eastern Bank, the Corporate Trustee.

With the establishment of a regional center to be renovated and expanded to 6700 square feet, the

Pocono Northeast Development Trust is making a significant contribution to the development of North-

eastern Pennsylvania. The Trust is examining other projects which may be of importance to the region

and is actively conducting a capital campaign to help promote the regional center concept.

Individuals and organizations who may wish to learn more about the Development Trust and to partici-

pate in the regional center Capital Campaign should write the Pocono Northeast Development Trust, c/o

Box 777, Avoca, PA 18641.

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Library update

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library had a total circulation of 82,863 books and magazines in 1983. Adult books totaled 49,622 and juvenile books were 33,241. Reference questions and workers totaled 10,499 and 2,850 book club books were checked out. New borrowers registered. Estimated active borrowers to date total 10,305, and volunteers donated 1,612 hours during the year. There were 437 transactions made by interlibrary loan and 3,369 books added to the inventory, making a total book stock of 51,923.

A very serious quote from a poster hanging in the library: "Never trust a stranger? We do it all the time. Make us glad to trust you. Please return library materials on time.

New books at the library: "Myself My Enemy" by Jean Plaidy is the first book in the author's exciting new Queens of England series. It is the story of a tragic queen told as though by herself, during what is undoubtedly the most turbulent period of English history.

LETTERS

Charneys thank everyone who helped

DEAR EDITOR:

As we sit here tonight trying to think how we could begin to thank everyone, we feel so lost for words. When Little Bill Phillips coined the phrase, "The Valley With a Heart," he certainly knew exactly what he was talking about, for this is truly "A Valley With A Heart."

We'll never forget our deep feeling or despair our first four days after being notified of our son's accident. We experienced all the emotions of aggravation, fear, hurt, infuriation.

We shed so many tears and felt so helpless. On the fifth day, we were made aware of the greatest emotion of all - that of love and compassion of our Valley. Through all our grief, our plight seemed somehow easier to bear. The donations, the prayers, the concern, the words of encouragement helped ease the heartache we felt so alone with.

In years past, when I'd see a plea for help or a can for a donation - as I'd drop some coins in, I'd say a silent prayer for that person and think of our children - so healthy - and I'd thank God. I never thought the day would come when I'd walk into a place of business and my son's picture was on the can. I now realize our tomorrows aren't ours to plan.

In our prayers daily we now thank God for our son's recovery and we ask God to shower His love on each and every person who touched our

hearts and our lives during this ordeal. Without all the wonder words of encouragement and the enormous support we received we may have pulled through this, but minus the great lesson to love that we've learned.

On behalf of our entire family we'd like to thank each and everyone from the bottom of our hearts. We love you all!

MR. AND MRS. JOHN CHARNEY & FAMILY
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CEG grateful for coverage

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Committee for Economic Growth (CEG), please accept my thanks for your news coverage and public service announcements concerning our two Community Growth Conferences.

Your interest and support are greatly appreciated.

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