

Perspective



Beware!

We have been experiencing some strange types of weather lately in our area and it seems even the weather man is having a hard time predicting what Mother Nature will do next. Beware, however, of the days that look warm just because the sun is shining. Those are the kinds of days that most of us have a tendency to hang up the jackets and pull out a simple sweater. That kind of dress in this weather can cause those ever-lasting colds a lot of people have these days.

Only yesterday

Dallas' Center Hill Road in limelight once again

50 YEARS AGO - MARCH 9, 1934
Center Hill Road, long a point of contention between Dallas Borough and Dallas Township, was again in the limelight as it had been returned by Constable Leonard O'Kane as a road nuisance.

Dallas Borough School District, which had applied for a share of the \$5,000,000 fund which the state had appropriated to assist school districts, was scheduled to receive its grant.

The request of Lehigh Valley Railroad for permission to discontinue its passenger service between Wilkes-Barre and Sayre along the Bowman's Creek Branch, through Dallas, was approved by the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg.

Married - Lillian Frances Jones, Noxen, to Lewis Lord Jr.

You could get - Applesauce, 3 No. 2 cans, 25c; eggs, 25c doz.; fancy shrimp, 2 cans, 25c; red salmon, 2 cans, 25c; pineapple, big can, 15c; lima beans, 3 No. 2 cans, 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - MARCH 10, 1944
Draft boards at Wyoming and Shickshinny as well as all other boards in the country were reviewing their files of all farmer registrants in classifications 2C and 3C and would continue to do so every six months. According to Samuel W. Rhodes, of Huntsville, chairman of Draft Board No. 5, legitimate farmers within the age groups of 18 to 37 had nothing to fear, so long as they were engaged in producing the required amount of agricultural products.

Lt. Phyllis Whittingham of Boston and Technical Sergeant Kathryn Jaquinta of Oakland, California, members of the Women's Army Corps were on duty at the tempo-

rary recruiting and information booth at the post office in Dallas.

Cpl. James LaBar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy LaBar, of Dallas, was doing a great job in Italy, according to Ernie Pyle, noted columnist and author of "Here's Your Army."

Deaths - Thomas John Davis, Idetown; Romaine Trumbower, Hunlock Creek; Pfc. John J. Kelly, Edwardsville; Mrs. Mary Brobst, Carverton.

You could get - Pork loins, 25c lb.; skinned hams 27c lb.; potatoes, 15 lb. bag, 45c; carrots, 2 bunches, 15c; sausage, 35c lb.; bologna, 29c.

30 YEARS AGO - MARCH 12, 1954
Petitions were out for Senator Newell Wood of Harveys Lake who would seek reelection for a third term in the State Senate without Republican organization support.

Lake Township Supervisors decided to engage one roadmaster for all three districts of the township.

Lester Squire, supervising principal, speaker at a meeting of the Lehman-Jackson-Ross Township joint school board, reported that Mrs. Clayton Bostic, supervisor of home economics, had resigned and that Mrs. Edwin Stolarick, the former Ruth Shelhammer and teacher of that same department, was taking over the situation on a substitute basis until the end of the school year.

Married - Mary Helen Tarasovic, Bridgeport, Conn., to John D. Brewster, Dallas.

You could get - Steaks, 69c lb.; rib roast, 59c lb.; bread, 2 lvs., 27c; donuts, pkg. of 12, 19c; mushrooms, 49c lb.; oranges, 29c doz.

20 YEARS AGO - MARCH 12, 1964
When the weather blew a no-good

ill wind, it usually blew a few gripes into Dallas Borough Council meetings. So council was not surprised when three people from opposite ends of town showed up with woeful takes of water.

The Dallas Senior High School was scheduled to be evaluated during the middle of March. Accreditation is given if all requirements are approved by the examining committee.

William Frederick, West Center Street, was elected fire chief of the Shavertown Fire Co. at a meeting of the organization.

Deaths - Thomas John Reese, Shavertown; Ellis D. Ellsworth, Lehman; Mrs. Mary L. Hessel, formerly of Trucksville; Mrs. Irene Adams, Sweet Valley.

Married - Linda Stevens, Dallas, to Michael Carter, Washington, D.C.

You could get - Boneless chuck, 57c lb.; grapefruit, 6 for 49c; apples, 6 for 39c; spinach, 19c pkg.; tomato soup, 3 cans, 32c; tomato catsup, 2 14-oz. bottles, 39c; ice cream, half-gallon, 59c.

10 YEARS AGO - MARCH 7, 1974
Recreational needs and opportunities in the Back Mountain was the topic of discussion at a meeting of municipal and school district officials.

The Back Mountain Policeman's Association and the Luzerne County Police Chiefs' Association declared their support of Robert Cooper, former Jackson Township Police Chief, in his effort to regain his position.

Deaths - John Sallada, Dallas; George Wyda, Shavertown; Ozmar Hilbert, Beaumont.

Married - Emma Marie Burke, Dallas, to Robert LaFrance, Dallas.

You could get - Chickens 38c lb.; Macintosh apples, 3 lb. bag, 69c; fish sticks, 14 oz. pkg., 78c; spaghetti, 2 1-lb. pkgs., 58c; fruit cocktail, 16 oz. can, 58c.

Churches encourage prevention

The Wyoming Valley Council of Churches is encouraging people to become more concerned about preventing accidental deaths and injuries.

The Wyoming Valley Council of Churches is joining other churches and synagogues throughout the nation in a special observance of the sixth annual National Safety Sabbath sponsored by the National Safety Council.

Areas of emphasis in this year's campaign include: (1) Educating people on the need to wear safety belts when they travel in motor vehicles. (2) Teaching parents the significance of fastening children in child safety seats. (3) Encouraging home owners to install smoke detectors and to plan emergency evacuation escapes in case of fire. (4) Urging community members that if they're going to drink they should not drive.

Newbery Award is presented

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

"Dear Mr. Henshaw" by Beverly Cleary has been awarded the John Newbery medal for 1983 as the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. The Association for Library Service to Children, a librarian's group, chooses one book as the children's book of the year.

"Dear Mr. Henshaw" is a book about a boy dealing with problems ranging from lunch-bag thieves to a lost dog to his parents divorce.

Previous Newbery Medal winners include 1982 - Dickey's Song by Cynthia Voigt; 1981 - Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson and 1980 - A Gathering of Days by Joan Blos. The Newbery Award was established and endowed in 1921 and was named for John Newbery, an English publisher and bookseller who was the first person to print and sell books for children and was called the 'friend of children'. Recipients of the Newbery Medal must be Americans.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has a children's annex, which is the building next to the main library, that has shelves brimming with books for the beginning picture book reader and for readers including the sixth grade level.

Marilyn Rudolph is the children's librarian and is the coordinator for the activities in the annex, including story hours, nursery classes, grade school visits and movie times. New books purchased for the children's annex include: "Sam's Lamp" by Barbro Lindgren, for the primary reader, is a funny picture book in which a toddler named Sam knows what he wants and climbs after a pretty lamp hanging temptingly out of reach. What happens next is anyone's guess.

"Anno's U.S.A." by Mitsumasa Anno is for the third grade shelf and is a guided tour of the new World that is a visual and intellectual delight, and a true journey of discovery. It is a uniquely creative and beautiful book done in a wordless panorama.

"Child of The Morning" by Barbara Corcoran is for the fifth grade reader and is the story of Susan, who had been hurt during a volleyball game and afterward had odd spells in which she seemed to lose consciousness. Her life had suddenly become complicated.

"The Pig-out Blues" by Jan Greenberg is for the sixth grade shelf and is the story of 15-year-old Jodie who's mother has a perfect figure.

Data Center has report

Howard J. Grossman, Executive Director of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP), has announced that the agency's Data Center has received the fifth in a series of statistical reports released by the Pennsylvania State Data Center based on the 1980 Census of Population and Housing.

The fifth report, Pennsylvania School Districts: 1980 Census Data Summary, contains a wide variety of population and socio-economic characteristics by school district. The table format allows the user to quickly identify an item for single and multiple district analysis.

The following is the list of tables which appear in the report:

Summary of General Population Characteristics, 1980; Total Population by Age; Children by Race by Age; Children Under 18 by Household Type and Relationship; Children 5 to 17 by Ability to Speak English; Summary of General Housing Characteristics, 1980; Economic and Social Indicators; Persons 3 Years and Over by School Enrollment; Persons 16 to 19 Years by School Enrollment, Years of School Completed and Labor Force Status; Persons 25 Years and Over by Years of School Completed; Persons 16 Years and Over by Labor Force Status; Employed Persons 16 Years and Over by Occupation; Family, Household, and Per Capita Income in 1979; Persons by Poverty Status in 1979 by Race and Spanish Origin; Families with Children 0-17 Years by Family Type by Poverty Status.

Grossman stated, "This publication is available for public inspection at the Data Center or can be ordered directly from the Pennsylvania State Data Center. The Pennsylvania State University, the Capitol Campus, Middletown, PA 17057. The cost is \$25."

Grossman also pointed out that EDCNP's Data Center is an Affiliate of the Pennsylvania State Data Center, and as such, it is prepared to assist the public in meeting data and information needs.

Information about the Data Center and its resources is available by contacting the Council at P.O. Box 777, Avoca, PA 18641, telephone (717) 655-5581.

It's just a case of freedom of speech

In recent weeks this newspaper has published paid advertisements offering "pregnancy terminations" and "confidential pregnancy counseling."

It is not the belief of this newspaper that the acceptance or rejection of this or any other "controversial" advertising should necessarily be based upon moral judgements on the part of the staff or management of this newspaper.

In the past, we have published advertisements from "pro-life" and "pro-choice" organizations and individuals as well as from those offering services such as mentioned above.

In doing so, neither the staff nor management of this newspaper is, in any way, attempting to condone and/or malign any group or individual, or any practice of belief of same, but rather is attempting to live up its responsibility to safeguard those rights guaranteed by

the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

We do this regardless of any personal beliefs we, as individuals, may have on any subject.

To do otherwise, to attempt to judge or censor such advertising, would place us in direct confrontation with the First Amendment, the very existence of which guarantees our right to operate as a member of a free press; indeed, the existence of which guarantees all Americans the right to speak freely on virtually any matter, no matter how controversial or distasteful it may be.

As always, the Post invites all readers and all interested parties to write letters to the editor on this and any subject.

All letters must be signed and include an address or phone number. We will not publish the author's name if so desired.

LETTERS

Ads disturb reader

DEAR EDITOR:

Hooray for Pat Baloga and her "letter to the editor."

I often purchase your paper, but I certainly don't want any of my money (not even a quarter) to help

pay for "abortion" ads.

As a mother of eight and grandmother of 12, I find the pregnancy termination ads most offensive.

CLARE DOMINICK
Trucksville

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

Here is a summary of important events that occurred on Capitol Hill last week from: Rep. Frank Coslett, 120th Legislative District.

PRISON OVERCROWDING in state and county correctional facilities is a threat to security, harmful to employee morale and unfair to inmates, a report released this week concluded. The study, undertaken by a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, urged the hiring of more than 300 additional guards at state prisons, accelerating the construction of additional prison space and releasing inmates who do not have to be confined. The recommendations would cost an estimated \$40 million to implement. Some of the funds are already included in Gov. Dick Thornburgh's proposed 1984-85 budget. Rep. Jeffrey E. Piccola (R-Dauphin), ranking Republican on the subcommittee, said the recommendations "would go a long way (toward) solving the problem."

TWO BILLS passed the House this week which ban the use of diesel engines in underground coal mines. The bills won approval after lengthy

debate by margins of 134-62 and 136-62. Supporters of the measures contend the engines pose potential health hazards to miners, while opponents counter that the health hazards have not been proven and that the lower operating costs of diesel equipment create needed jobs. The legislation was sent to the Senate where similar legislation failed to win approval in 1982.

AN ADOPTION information exchange system operated by the state Public Welfare Department would greatly improve a foster child's chances for adoption, according to Rep. Marvin Miller (R-Lancaster). Miller sponsored a bill which passed the House recently to create a Pennsylvania Adoptive Cooperative Exchange (PACE). At a start-up cost of \$100,000, Miller says, PACE would catalogue all foster children in the state available for adoption and make the information accessible to prospective parents. Because of the absence of such a system just 56 children were adopted in Pennsylvania in 1982. Miller said, although almost 1,400 were available.

State of the Region report is now available

Each year the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP) issues a State of the Region report which compares the economic performance of Northeastern Pennsylvania with those of the United States and Pennsylvania.

The analysis is based upon the behavior of various economic indicators such as unemployment rates, total employment, average weekly hours and earnings, inflation rates, and employment structure. The economic analysis of 1983 provides the basis for 1984 economic projections for the region. This year's report, also, discusses several regional programs and how they might contribute toward economic growth in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

In presenting the Council's views on the state of the region, Sanburn Sutherland, Council President, stated, "The nation has been in a period of recovery from the 1981-82 recession for the past year. Northeastern Pennsylvania still has a considerable way to go before it reaches pre-recession levels."

In 1984, a series of projects will be unveiled regarding the Small Communities Block Grant Program, downtown revitalization and other types of programs. Also, new Revolving Loan Fund monies will become available to amplify existing funds for low-interest loans for business development projects.

Sutherland also pointed out that, "The Area Awareness and Action Program for the Pocono Northeast will be aggressively promoted throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania during 1984."

There will be a specific plan unveiled in 1984 relative to one or more public facilities such as a stadium-arts center-convention

center-civic arena in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Some of the conclusions from this year's report include the following:

1. 1983 saw mixed signals ranging from the appearance of the end of a recession to a recovery nationally and some signs of positive economic change in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

2. Total employment increased throughout 1983 in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

3. Unemployment rates were still double-digit in three of the seven counties during October and the overall average was 10.2 percent.

4. Plant closings still affect the stabilization of the region's economy but are counter-balanced in part by business expansions. Many new jobs have come about as a result of Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) loans and Industrial Development Authority (IDA) loans and similar programs.

5. The apparel trades still form the most significant manufacturing sector of the region's economy, representing 29 percent of the manufacturing work force.

6. The travel development industry has remained strong despite the recession, although weather conditions dictate how strong that sector is at any one time.

7. A new metropolitan area has been designated which raises the population ranking of the metropolitan area serving Northeastern Pennsylvania in relation to all other metropolitan areas from 63rd to 58th.

The State of the Region report is now available and anyone wishing of it may write to EDCNP, Box 777, Avoca, PA 18641, telephone (717) 655-5581.

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