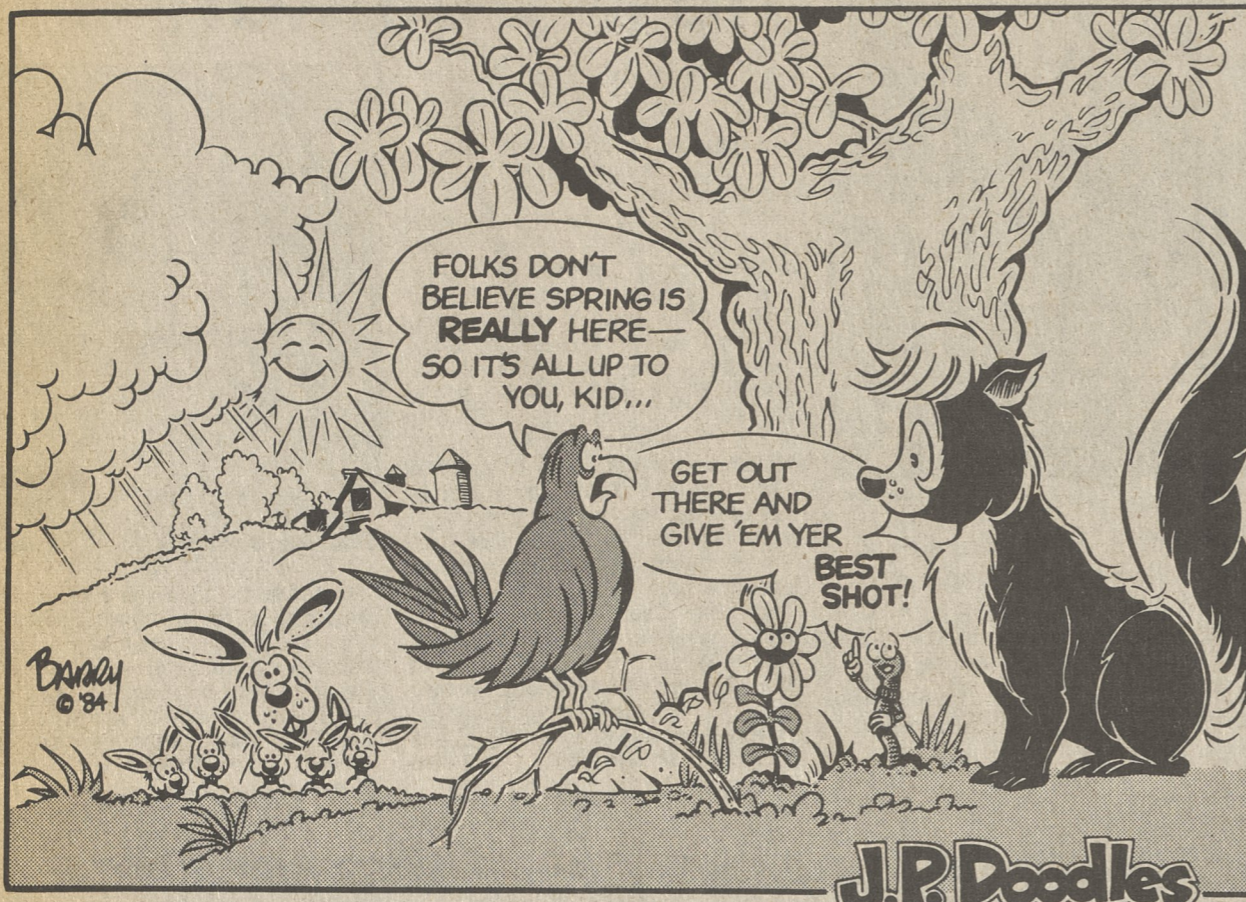


Perspective



J.P. Doodles

Is it Spring yet?

You certainly can't go by the calendar around here because, according to that, Spring should have arrived weeks ago. However, the weather is now beginning to feel a lot more like Spring. Maybe it has finally arrived!

Only yesterday

Residents raise funds to recover Morgan's body

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL 13, 1934

To encourage workers who were endeavoring to recover the body of John E. Morgan, widely known superintendent of Wyoming County Schools, from the swollen waters of the Susquehanna River, Tunkhannock residents raised a \$250 fund to be given as a reward for the recovery of the body.

Calvin McHose was elected to serve as supervising principal of Dallas Borough School District at a meeting of directors held at the high school building.

Dallas Township High School, which was barred from interscholastic sports by a decision of the P.I.A.A. several weeks earlier after Kingston Township protested a basketball game, appealed the decision at a hearing held and may win reinstatement.

The school board of Dallas Township was preparing to secure detailed estimates on the cost of building an addition to the township high school to satisfy increasing demands for more space.

You could get - Oranges, 8 lb. bag, 37c; applesauce, 3 No. 2 cans, 25c; eggs, 20c doz.; sugar corn, 2 No. 2 cans, 25c; seedless raisins, 11 oz. pkg., 5c.

40 YEARS AGO - APRIL 14, 1944

Easter bonnets and suits were forgotten for about 15 minutes shortly after noon on Easter Sunday when an Avenger, a pursuit plane, swooped, zoomed and dived over the tops of Dallas homes. Many speculations had been made as to who was the pilot of the plane, but Mr. and Mrs. George T. Kirkendall of Lake Street were almost positive it was their son, Col. John P. Kirkendall's special way of sending Easter greetings.

Fifty-seven men from the Back Mountain area were among the 157 called by Wyoming Local Draft Board, No. 1 for pre-induction physical examinations.

The State Organization and Independent Republicans of the Back Mountain Region, under the leadership of County Treasurer Peter D. Clark, held a large and enthusiastic meeting at the Kunkle Community Hall.

Plans for obtaining a charter for a volunteer fire company at Lehman were discussed at a meeting held in the high school auditorium.

Married - Miss Jean Van Dolteren, of Savannah, Georgia, to Pvt. Earl Williams, of Trucksville.

You could get - Flour, 25 lb. bag, \$1.29; tomatoes, pkg. 27c; carrots, lg. bunch, 6c; grapefruit, 3 for 23c; pork loins, 25c lb.; smoked bacon, 31c lb.; cleanser, 2 cans, 15c.

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 19, 1954

The possibility of a Union School District was discussed at a meeting of Dallas Borough, Kingston Township joint school board, with a visitor, Dr. Budd Schooley, strongly urging such action and James Hutchison, Kingston Township board member, holding that the board was already taking the matter under advisement and that it would be a matter for action in due time.

Four streets in four different sections of the borough were to be resurfaced during the summer by the Borough Street Department at an approximate cost of \$7,000.

George Dymond, secretary of Dallas-Franklin Joint Board, read an invitation at a meeting from Westmoreland Joint Board asking the two groups to sit down to discuss mutual school problems.

Deaths - Miss Emma Falara peifer, Dallas; Stanley VanScoy, Tunkhannock; Mrs. Frank Newberry, Beaumont; Dilys Rowlands, Dallas; and Samuel G. Hughes, North Lake.

You could get - Chocolate syrup, 6 lb. cans, \$1; frozen strawberries, 2 10-oz. cans, 45c; round steak, 79c lb.; fryers, 43c lb.; bread, 2 lvs., 27c; cake mixes, 32c ea.

20 YEARS AGO - APRIL 16, 1964

Specifications calling for a new post office site at least 34,500 square feet in site and no more than a quarter of a mile from the center of Dallas left little question where it would be ultimately located. By the middle of January, the railroad station site in Dallas had passed all but a squabble between the post office department and the General Service Administration.

In presenting the names of six new teachers for consideration of the Lake-Lehman School Board, Lester Squier, supervising principal, stated that he was delighted with the quality of applicants since the jointure was formed and the new high school building constructed.

More changes were expected on Main Street in Dallas as Boyd R. White was to expand his store to include the Dallas-Shavertown Water Company office.

Married - Miss Marilyn Woodling, Hunlock Creek to Ronald W. Davenport, Hunlock Creek.

You could get - Frozen peas, 6 10-oz. pkgs., \$1; tomato catsup, 2 20-oz. bottles, 49c; applesauce, 4 cans, 69c; Colgate toothpaste, 5 oz. tube, 59c; rib roast, 59c lb.; fresh hams, 45c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - APRIL 11, 1974

"I was standing in the kitchen when the explosion hit and I jumped over the bar and tried to get to the living room door. The door wouldn't open and there was glass and plaster flying all over. It was so hot and I thought that I was going to die." These were the terrifying words of Marion Tregaskis as she related the frightening events of the explosion and fire which destroyed all the worldly goods of the William Tregaskis family.

An official of the State Department of Environmental Resources had charged the Lehman Township supervisors with a violation of the state Sewage Facilities Act and had suspended the township's right to issue septic permits.

You could get - Smoked hams, 68c lb.; fresh eggs, 56c doz.; ice cream, 1/2 gal., 78c; asparagus, 49c lb.; oranges, 10 for 98c; lettuce hd., 25c; fresh mushrooms, 79c 1 lb. tray.

LETTERS

Reader asks 'Where's the Chief?'

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to your article "Calling all Cops" dated 3-21-1984. In your article you stated you called local Police Depts. from 10 a.m. and every hour thereafter on March 6, 1984 until you received an answer. The article states you received an answer from the Franklin Twp. Police Chief at 2:30 p.m.

Congratulations, you've done something that a resident of Franklin Twp. has much difficulty accomplishing.

I recently had problems with stray dogs, also licensed dogs left to roam. I attempted to call our "Chief." The exact dates and times are as follows:

3-20-84 called at 2 p.m., 3:15 p.m. and 5 p.m., no answer. Also on 3-22-84, at 2:15 p.m. and 3 p.m., 3-24-84 at 11:05 a.m. and 3-26-84 at 11:45 a.m. and 2 p.m., no answer. My last attempt was on Saturday, 31st of March at 11:25 a.m. After 9 phone calls and no answer it makes one

wonder, "Where's the Chief?"

At the Franklin Twp. Supervisors meeting on Monday 4-2-84, a friend of mine, Mr. Walter Baseski, questioned the "chief" as to why he also could not get through as he had tried to call him! He also brought up the fact that I had tried to call without success. Our "Chief" replied he couldn't understand why we couldn't get through.

Mr. Baseski then stated that in the Dallas Post survey of Police Depts., your paper had a difficult time reaching him to which he replied and I quote "Are you going to believe the Dallas Post?" and Mr. Baseski stated he had no reason to doubt the survey.

Also, to correct your information in the article the population is closer to 1,500 and no mention is made of the 21 cents per mile allowed for the use of our "Chief's" Private Patrol Car. Evidently the mileage is unlimited as no one checks the odometer, I've seen the

Police reports and the mileage varies from 250 to 500 miles per month.

Also the police reports I've seen usually have 10 to 12 complaints a month usually within one to two miles from our "chiefs" home and 40 to 54 hours worked.

In June 1980, I requested the supervisors to take a survey on the feasibility of abolishing the chief's job and rely on State Police protection. In July 1980, Mr. William Meade (former supervisor) had the results. Seventy five percent didn't care one way or another to abolish, 10 percent for abolishing and 15 percent not to abolish. But politics as they are, you can see the result. Our "Chief" survived.

As you can see we have a "Phantom Chief" who is not readily available. Also a phone that no one answers at his home and is costing the township \$18.75 per month. All I ask is "Where's the Chief?"

RAYMOND C. RYBKA
RD 3 DALLAS
FRANKLIN TWP.

Why not a consolidated government?

DEAR EDITOR:

Opinions have been forming in the Back Mountain Area concerning the possibilities of consolidating the local municipalities and forming a more effective centralized, cost effective governmental system.

Advantages to the consolidation are numerous. First, several township and borough councils can be reduced to one council, employing one full time, professional administrator, with elected representatives from each of the boroughs and townships comprising the body of the council.

A smaller, more specialized police force can be formed and only one police chief will be necessary to head the force.

With this consolidation, a new water authority can be developed to address the specific problems and needs of the Back Mt. communities.

Tighter controls and guidelines governing the road department can be initiated to provide better service and maintenance to local roads.

Zoning ordinances will be more strictly enforced and regulated within the laws of one governing body. It is of great importance to properly zone this growing area if it is to develop with private enterprises located in areas which best suit the needs of their customers and of the population in general.

A consolidated government can encourage safe, clean industries to locate in the Back Mt., employing more of its people and increasing the tax base; if the tax base is increased then local taxes will be reduced.

A comprehensive plan can be developed to open up the area to Federal grants which are not available under the present forms of governments.

These grants will allow monies to be allocated for the beautification of the towns within the new government, and other projects to enhance the communities, making them more desirable places to live and work.

The possibilities for improvements are endless if this plan for consolidation is planned, organized, and implemented. Each community can maintain its own identity while benefitting from the advantages one government has to offer.

In the future, the Back Mt. may be faced with the probable consolidation with the Wilkes-Barre area, or perhaps a new form of government encompassing all of Luzerne County, the reasoning for this being the previously mentioned advantages that would benefit a consolidated Back Mt. government.

ALLAN ROBERTS
DALLAS

Dr. Schooley offers his views on 'love'

DEAR EDITOR:

Love is to serve others with gentleness, with a kind and benevolent nature, from a sincere and humble heart, rejoicing always in the truth of Christ.

Love is the temple of God within you, the divine gift of the Holy Spirit, healing ailments of mind, body and soul, with unlimited strength when you serve the Lord.

Love is penetrating and enduring knowledge. Wisdom and other attributes may pass away with time, but love remains. Love is the foundation of life in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is God's love in you, to live in God's grace, with a life of vitality and purpose. Eternal life is to know that God is love, to love Him and one another as Christ Jesus loved us.

Love is cheerful, gracious and

uplifting, helping and responding to human needs.

Without love, we are nothing in God's sight, for love generates love abundantly.

Love is commitment to the Lord, in every way, from day to day.

Love is the cross each one must bear, to be aware, God's love to share.

F. BUDD SCHOOLEY, M.D.
DALLAS

He asks us to remember the Vietnam vet

DEAR EDITOR:

On August 30, 1983, my doctor from the Veterans Hospital in Wilkes-Barre sent me to the VA in Philadelphia for treatment. I was told that I would have to find my own way to Philadelphia and get reimbursed there for my roundtrip fare. Being out of work for three years I wasn't even able to get to Philadelphia.

I belong to an organization called Veterans of the Vietnam War; they knew that I couldn't afford the fare, so they bought a roundtrip ticket to Philadelphia for me. I said that I would reimburse them when I

returned home. They just said not to worry about it, that is why this organization exists; they told me, to help the veteran.

Earlier this year and last year, this organization gave me a membership card, because I couldn't afford the six dollar dues. Also every year this organization was in existence they have donated money, food, clothing or anything else that a needy vet or his family needed during one of the holidays, so that they could have a better holiday.

Even though this organization has few members, we are a quality group. They do a heck of a lot with the little they have. This organization didn't forget me nor will they

forget any vet, or needy person. We served our time in Hell and we are trying to make it better for our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than others. This organization doesn't want sympathy or a pat on the back (it's too late for that). All we want if for people not to forget the Vietnam Veteran.

I am neither an officer nor have I been told what to write. I'm just a member who cares about this organization. Not because they helped me, but because they care. We will make it back from Hell. All I can say is thank you, brothers and sisters.

WILLIAM COLUMBO
MOUNTAINTOP

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

SAFE DRINKING WATER for Pennsylvania residents would be guaranteed by the state under a bill passed by the House this week. The measure gives the state responsibility for ensuring that drinking water meets federal water quality specifications. The Department of Environmental Resources would be responsible for enforcement of the law. By taking responsibility for water quality, Pennsylvania becomes eligible for \$1.1 million a year in federal enforcement funds. The bill gives the commonwealth the right to impose civil and criminal penalties on more than 10,000 community and private water systems statewide. An amendment to the legislation, sponsored by Rep. Frank J. Serafini (R-Lackawanna), requires water companies to replace all lead pipes in service within five years of the bill's enactment. The legislation was returned to the Senate, where it originated, for concurrence on amendments made in the House.

BOOSTING AMERICA'S sagging steel industry is the intent of a special House committee investigating whether state laws requiring the use of domestic steel in state projects are being followed. Rep. William Telek (R-Cambria), a member of the committee, said the committee will investigate "numerous questions" which have arisen

concerning compliance and enforcement of the law. "We need to determine if stronger language is needed or if stronger penalties should be enacted," Telek said. "I want to make sure we in Pennsylvania government do all we can to help the ailing steel industry."

INTOXICATED BOAT operators on Pennsylvania's waterways would face stiff penalties under a bill approved by the House Game and Fish Committee and sent to the full house for consideration. The legislation, which originated in the Senate,

received the panel's unanimous approval. It would allow waterway patrolmen to stop suspected drunk boaters and administer breathalyzer tests. A blood alcohol content of .10 percent or more is considered an intoxicated level. Watercraft operators convicted of the offense would risk a fine of \$250 to \$2,500, up to 90 days in jail and a one-year suspension of boating privileges. The measure also creates the crime of homicide by watercraft - a third degree felony - which is punishable by a fine of \$2,500 to \$15,000 and imprisonment of three to seven years.

Disabled veterans get compensation increase

President Reagan has signed legislation approving a 3.5 percent rate increase in compensation for service-connected disabled veterans and in dependency and indemnity compensation for widows and children of veterans who died from service-connected causes.

The increase became effective April 1, 1984.

The legislation also increases benefits for a few service-connected blinded veterans who also suffer from service-connected deafness. In addition, it increases the membership of the Board of Veterans' Appeals from 50 to 65 to ease an ever-increasing caseload and expedite appeals.

Disabled veterans and survivors affected by this legislation will receive their increased benefits for April in their May 1 checks.

Also included in the bill signed by the President is a provision that removes a 73-year-old restriction of the nation's sole Confederates-only cemetery in Springfield, Missouri. The cemetery had been limited to Southern soldiers of the Civil War and their direct dependents since it was deeded to the federal government in 1911.

The President's signature clears the way for any U.S. military veteran with an honorable discharge to be buried there.

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LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Rabbits! Rabbits! Rabbits! Welcome Spring! Welcome Easter! Come to the library to see our rabbits and flowers and straw and jelly beans. We have an exciting, very springy display in the library which will give us a touch of spring for the next four weeks. Jane Koch of Harveys Lake has allowed us to borrow 40 rabbits from her collection in time to celebrate the Easter holiday.

Jane was a kindergarten teacher in Chagrin Falls, Ohio before moving to the Back Mountain area in 1980 and she left her real pet bunny, Thumper, in Ohio with the kindergarten children. Her husband had sculptured her first "bunny" in 1956, she actually started her collection in 1980.

The center of the display features a sculpture of a young boy with a bunny, which is a favorite of Jane's because of the reminder to her of kindergarten children and her real bunny. There are rabbits made of brass, wood, ceramic, china, art crystal and one gray and white plush rabbit. There are 5 small hasper pewter ones, and a Goebel from West Germany. The display includes two of the Tiny Talk Something Shared designers collection.