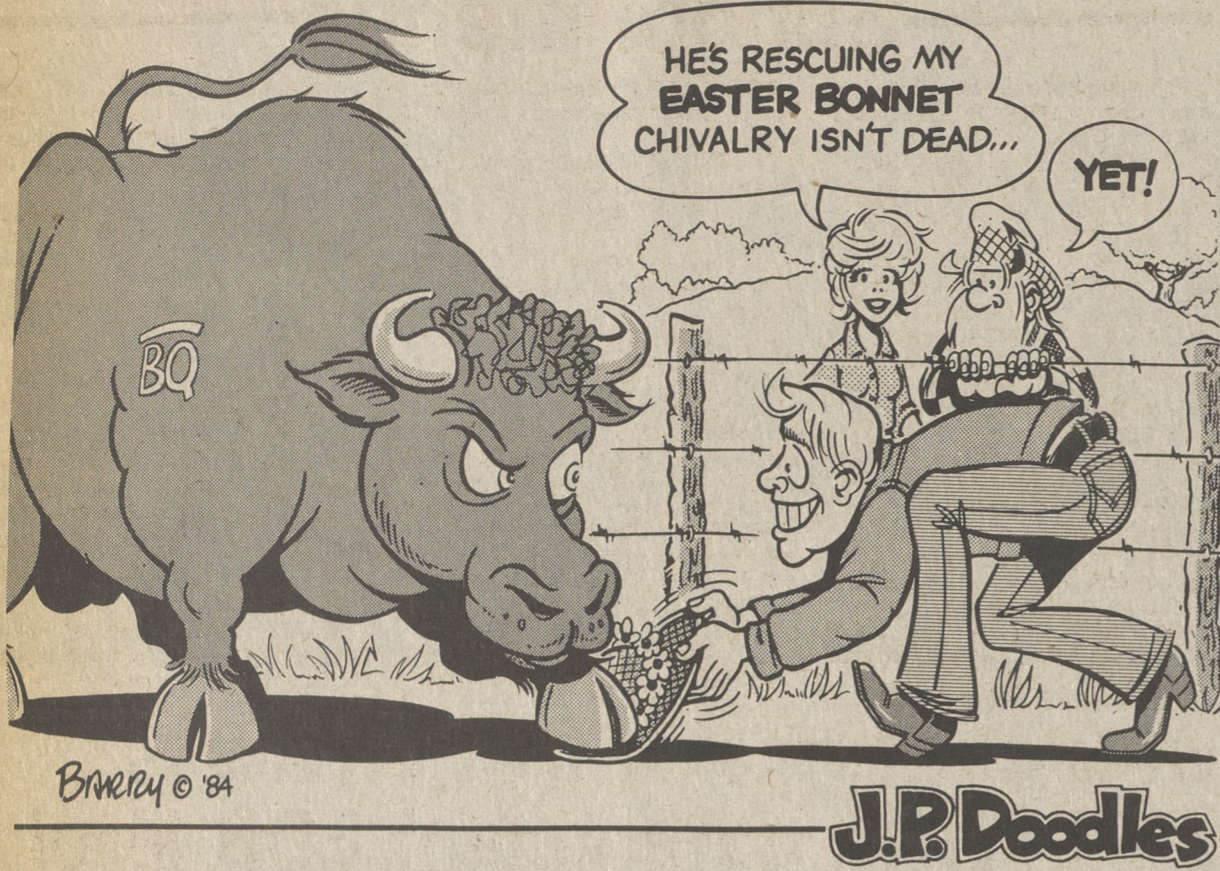


Perspective



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Only yesterday

Police attempt to end speeding in borough

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL 20, 1934

A determined effort to end speeding through Dallas Borough was launched by Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane and a number of arrests were reported as a result of the speed trap established by local officers on Main Street.

Charged with having violated a quarantine, Leroy Hunter of Lake Township, was committed to Luzerne County Prison in default of the fine.

Marion Hoover, 17, of Lehman Township, who had been missing for three days, was located in Cleveland, Ohio, and returned to her home by her parents. Description of the girl had been broadcast in five states by teletype from the Wyoming Barracks.

The keynote of good fellowship that characterized Rural League sports was sounded at the First Annual League Dinner at the Suburban Inn, Dallas. Present were the members of the basketball teams of the league, managers, referees and guests of the league.

Deaths - Mrs. Herbert Spencer, former resident of Shavertown.

You could get - Eggs, 21c doz.; slamon, 2-14 oz. cans, 23c; pears, 2 lg. cans, 27c; pancake flour, 2 pkgs., 15c; sauerkraut, 2 big cans, 23c; 3 cans cleanser, 13c.

40 YEARS AGO - APRIL 21, 1944

Only one transfer, that of Rev. Clayton W. Hong, of Trucksville, was made in the Back Mountain region by the Wyoming Conference of Methodist Church at its sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Roderick, of Centermoreland, received a telegram notifying them that their son, T-Sgt. Robert M. Roderick, was killed in action in Italy.

A large and responsible audience from all voting districts of the Back Mountain region heard Charles B. Walter and Herman Kersten, candidates for delegate to the Republican National Convention, call for a strong, united and true American party government at the Kunkle Community Hall.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs.

Silas Eveland, Dallas.

Married - Mary Peterman, of Nescopeck to Pfc. Arden Evans, formerly of Outlet.

You could get - Potatoes, 5 lbs., 29c; grapefruit, 3 for 23c; carrots, 1 lb. bunch, 7c; lettuce, 1 lb. hd., 10c; Ivory soap, medium cake, 6c.

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 16, 1954

Three weeks after he was released as a material witness, Paul Graver, 42, was committed to Luzerne County Prison without bail by Justice of the Peace W. Howell Evans, Wyoming, on a charge of manslaughter in the December slaying at Harveys Lake, of Mrs. Dorothy Casey Gilhool, 42, of 100 East Vaughn Street, Kingston.

Lehman-Jackson-Ross school board planned to add a qualified librarian to its faculty the following year. Lester Squier, supervising principal, made a report at a routine business meeting and stated that a high school principal is also needed but that adherence to the budget dictated one step at a time. He considered that a librarian, who could guide students in their reading and research work, was of more importance than assistance for himself.

Off to a good start with merchandising coming in, new auction ideas being developed and committee chairmen hard at work, the Eighth Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction promised to be the best on record.

Married - Beverly Poff, Trucksville, to Floyd R. Dymond, Tunkhannock.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boston, Kunkle.

You could get - Sweet corn, 4 for 23c; horseradish, 79c; tuna, 6 1/2 oz. can, 36c; hot cross buns, pkg. of 12, 39c; doz. eggs, 57c; Spry, 1 lb. can, 33c; frozen strawberries, 2-10 oz. cans, 45c.

20 YEARS AGO - APRIL 23, 1964

Making progress in his effort to erect a building for two recently displayed business tenants in Trucksville, F. Gordon Mathers won approval from the Kingston Town-

ship Planning and Zoning Board to rezone an area on Lower Carverton Road.

Among 118 indictments returned by the Grand Jury were 44 true bills against six young men for burglary and arson along Memorial Highway in the last two years. They were Bruce Car Selingo, Church Street; Ronald Cross, Woodlawn Drive; Ronald Seymour, Franklin Street; Ronald Gardiner, Kunkle; Barry Derolf, South Pioneer Avenue; and Stanley J. Theis, Forty Fort.

Charles Newell, Noxen, won the Shakespeare casting rod, reel and line donated by Caddie LaBar for the biggest trout brought in to the Dallas Kiwanis Festival.

Deaths - Hugh Hummel, Outlet; George W. Birth, Ross Township; Clarence L. Hartwell, Shavertown; William M. Clarke, Orange.

You could get - Apple butter, 28 oz. jar, 29c; prune juice, 40 oz. bottle, 42c; corn flakes, 12 oz. pkg., 25c; jellies, 5-12 oz. jars, \$1; Lipton tea, 48 bags, 57c.

10 YEARS AGO - APRIL 18, 1974

Thousands of fishermen lined Back Mountain lakes and streams for the first day of trout season. Every nook and cranny of Harveys Lake that is open to the public sported elbow to elbow anglers ranging from the tiniest mite to the seasoned old pro - all with the hopeful gleam in their eyes symptomatic of that once a year sickness known as trout fever.

Still adamant in their stand against new state regulations governing migrant labor camps, members of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association scheduled a press conference at one of the camps to dramatize their objections.

Deaths - Myrtle L. Eddy, Beaufort; Mary F. Leinthall, formerly of Dallas.

You could get - Bananas, 2 lbs., 25c; dill pickles, 48 oz. jar, 79c; pork chops, 98c lb.; spaghetti, 6-15 oz. cans, \$1; tomato sauce, 8-8 oz. cans, \$1.

Census Bureau conducts survey

The U.S. Bureau of the Census will conduct its regular survey on employment and unemployment in this area during the week of April 16-21, according to James F. Holmes, Director of the Bureau's Regional Office in Philadelphia.

In addition to the usual questions on employment and unemployment the April survey will have questions on child support and alimony.

The survey is conducted for the U.S. Department of Labor in a scientifically designed sample of approximately 71,000 households throughout the United States. Employment and unemployment statistics based on results of this survey are used to provide a continuing measure of the economic health of the nation.

For example, in February 1984 the survey indicated that the 112.7 million men and women in the civilian labor force, 103.9 million were employed. The nation's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent, 0.2 percent lower than reported in January.

Information supplied by individuals participating in the survey is kept strictly confidential by law and the results are used only to compile statistical totals.

OPINION

Guest editorial

Are we wrong when we find comfort in prayer?

By EDWIN FEULNER

In this land of affirmative action, where even short people and left-handers somehow seem to qualify for laws guaranteeing their absolute right to equal access to all public facilities no matter what the cost, I think I have discovered the last group of truly second-class citizens. Can you guess who they are?

If you guessed people who find comfort in prayer, you're right. Because our federal courts, who bend over backwards at every opportunity to extend the rights of bloodthirsty murderers, rapists, Communists and Nazis, have determined that allowing prayer in public schools threatens our democratic institutions.

And now, the U.S. Senate has followed suit by failing to get the required two-thirds majority vote in favor of the prop-osed school prayer amendment. For all practical purposes, the amendment is dead.

The argument goes, "If we allow prayer in public schools, then the state is forcing religion on those who don't believe." Nonsense, currently we are forcing

non-belief on those who wish to pray.

In commenting on the vote, President Reagan said, "This has been an important debate, revealing the extent to which the freedom of religious speech has been abridged in our nation's public schools. The issue of free religious speech is not dead...Our struggle will go on."

Every business day, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives open their deliberations with a prayer. The courts know better than to take on the Congress over its practices. So, why can't public school students who so choose exercise the same rights as a U.S. Senator?

The defeated amendment says that nothing in the Constitution should be interpreted to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools. At the same time, it declares that no person will be required to participate in any prayer, and that no government officials will be allowed to prescribe what prayers are said in public schools.

To me, this seemed pretty fair. It meant that students who wanted to begin their school day with a prayer would have been just as free

to express themselves as the students who were allowed to wear black armbands to school in the 1960s in order to protest U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

As it stands now, as far as free expression goes, a public school student can support the Viet Cong, but he can't support God. What does this tell us about ourselves as a nation?

The amendment wouldn't have stepped on the rights of non-believers. They're certainly free to express their views.

The proposed amendment also wouldn't have given state support to any particular religious denomination. The amendment would have broadened the rights of a Hare Krishna in the same way it would have broadened the rights of a Baptist.

The issue isn't whether or not to bring God back into the classroom. For those who believe. He's already there. The issue is eliminating one of the most rigidly enforced legal discriminations this country has seen since the death of Jim Crow.

(Ed Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.)

Americans admire Christians

By CLYDE DUPIN

The American people admire and respect Christian leaders in all walks of life. According to the Gallup report again this year, the most admired men are those deeply religious.

President Reagan tops the list as the man most admired by the general public. American Catholics admire President Reagan most and Pope John Paul II ranks second.

Mother Teresa ranks first by

Catholics as the most admired woman and Nancy Reagan holds third place.

When Protestants are polled separately, President Reagan tops the list again and Rev. Billy Graham is second. Lech Walesa, a devout Catholic ranks third by Catholics, Protestants and the general public. The Rev. Jesse Jackson is also listed among the 10 most admired by Americans.

There seems to be a new interest in religion in America. Last year, religious broadcasting showed a 20

percent increase in the number of stations airing religious programs. It is believed that in North America, Protestant missions gifts total one billion dollars a year. On college campuses, Bible studies and prayer meetings have reached an all time high in attendance.

The Gallup Poll recently conducted a survey which indicates there is a rising of interest and involvement in religion among all levels of society, and particularly among Protestants.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

GOV. DICK THORNBURGH joined top legislators of both parties this week to urge Pennsylvania voters to approve a \$190 million economic-development bond issue. The proposal appears as a referendum on Tuesday's primary election ballot.

If the issue wins voter approval, the funds will be allocated to nine programs. The largest single item would be \$50 million for loans and grants to local economic development agencies.

Other programs include updating equipment at vo-tech schools and community colleges, aid to small businesses, youth conservation corps programs and minority economic development. Business and labor leaders appeared with the governor and legislative leaders at

the press conference.

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A NON-BINDING statewide referendum to determine if Pennsylvania voters support the idea of a so-called bottle bill is the suggestion of a Bucks County Republican lawmaker.

Rep. Benjamin Wilson proposed the referendum which would ask voters if the General Assembly should enact a law requiring a nominal charge on all beverage containers of 16 ounces or less sold in the Commonwealth. The revenue generated by the levy would be used to compensate local governments and citizens for cleaning up litter.

"Besides being unsightly, roadside litter poses serious problems for Pennsylvania landowners and farmers," Wilson said. "America has become a throwaway-oriented society. Along with the freedom of pitching the empties came an

increasing litter problem." Wilson said that if voters support a bottle bill the legislature would address the problem.

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DRUNK DRIVERS who flee the scene of a fatal accident are able to escape a mandatory three-year prison term for the offense of driving while intoxicated and a proposal has been offered to close that loophole.

Rep. George Saurman (R-Montgomery), prime sponsor of Pennsylvania's new drunk driving law, has proposed legislation to correct the situation where a drunk driver can leave the scene of a fatal accident and confess to police after sobering up, thus facing lesser charges. Saurman's measure would make the penalty for hit-and-run driving involving a fatality the same as the penalty for homicide by motor vehicle.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Here we are again! Right smack in the middle of April, a terrific month, with spring finally returning to the Back Mountain.

Along with this time of the year comes the Back Mountain Memorial Library's busy fund raising time. Gerry Fritzes called me yesterday to inform me of the Library Auction Kick Off dinner to be held at the Irem Temple Country Club on Friday, May 11.

Gerry is chairman of the affair which will be held in the main ballroom at the club plus clown alley. It will be a buffet style dinner with a cash bar from six to seven o'clock. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with a mini auction to follow.

While on the subject, just an early reminder: the 38th Annual Library Auction will be held July 5, 6, 7 and 8 on the auction grounds behind the library. Attorney James Anzalone has accepted chairmanship and will

announce his committee in the near future.

Have you made use of the many books on photography at your library? Spring scenes make beautiful pictures and the amateur photographer can have great fun with the proper use of his camera. But whether you're a mini camera 'bug' or a budding professional photographer, you'll find ideas in books at the library to improve your pictures!

New books at the library: "Tyranny of the Status Quo" by Milton and Rose Friedman is a description of a remarkable political phenomenon: the uniform tendency in government to reverse the declared policies of leaders whether left or right. The authors stress that there are only two ways that the general interests can be effective. An important book.

"Choice People" by A.E. Hotchner is a book about the greats, near-greats and ingrates the author has known. He began a writing career that led to many choice encounters,

which include Dorothy Parker, Ernest Hemingway and Edna Ferber. These encounters led to deep and lasting friendships and this book shows us the intimacy of their lives.

"The Black Velvet Gown" by Catherine Cookson takes place in the rugged countryside of Northumberland in the northern hills of England. With a fine sense of the land and a superb eye for detail, she tells us the story of two remarkable women: a mother and daughter often at odds with each other, but more so with their world and its circumstances.

"Die Again, Macready" by Jack Livingston is a murder mystery involving Joe Binney who is deaf and will need all his senses to keep himself alive as the detective prowess is tested in this novel. He sets off on a routine case and finds the business manager missing with Macready's quarter of a million dollars. There are many unanswered questions to face.

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