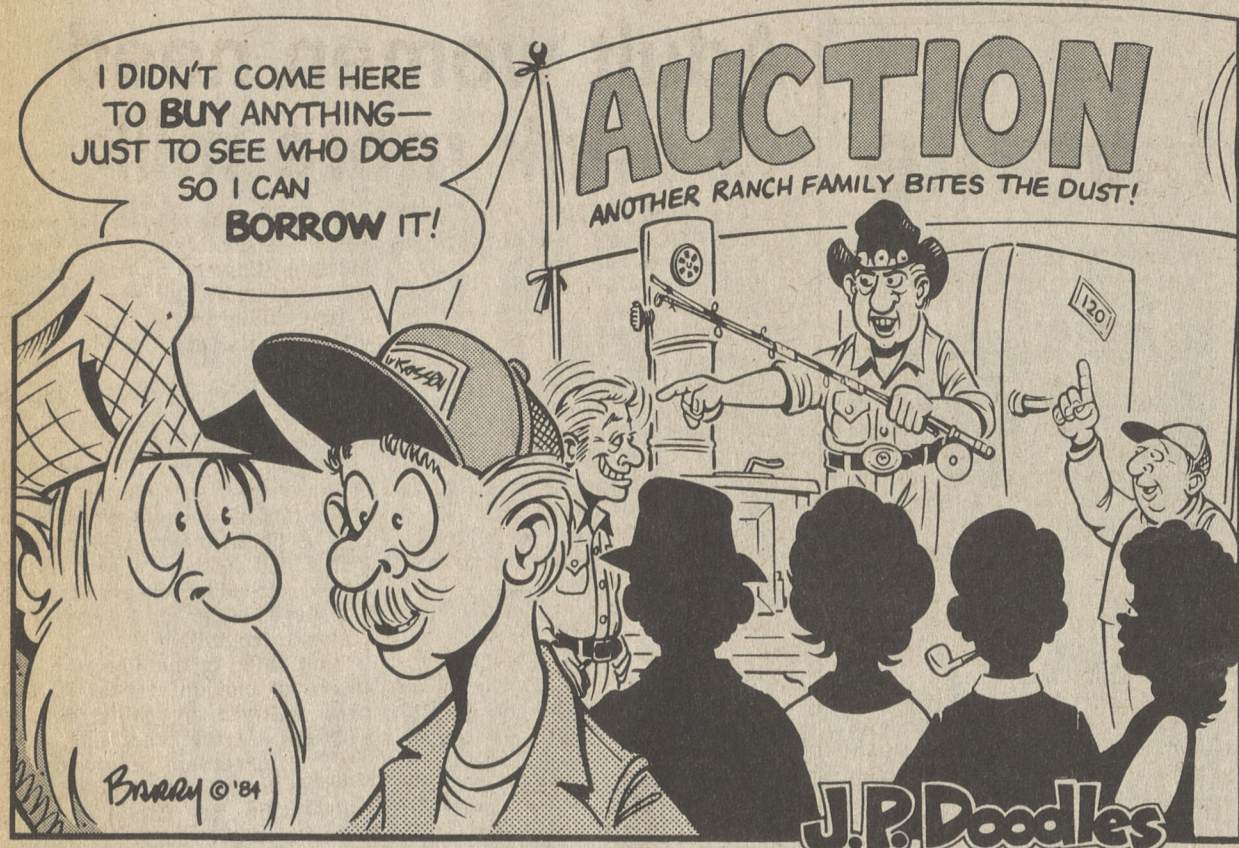


Perspective



Bidders, beware!

If you start bidding on an item at the 38th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, you might want to prepare yourselves for some friends who will come out of the woodwork to borrow your new possession.

Only yesterday

Dallas Rotary elects new officers at dinner meeting

50 YEARS AGO - JUNE 29, 1934

At a dinner meeting held at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas Rotary installed its new officers. H.S. Van Campen was installed as president; Warren Viesley, vice-president; James F. Besecker, secretary and L.F. Kingsley, treasurer. Past presidents were also honored.

St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown, planned its annual supper and lawn social. In addition to serving supper, a large number of entertaining features were viewed. Bingo and other games were planned. Rev. John J. O'Leary was pastor. Rev. John F. Carroll and Rev. Thomas L. Gildea were curates.

Engaged - Lelia Colbeigh to Rev. John Broeder.

Deaths - Joseph Bradbury, Luzerne.

You could get - Baker's premium chocolate 1/2 lb. 23c; Scott tissue 3 rolls 20c; Octagon large laundry soap, 3 cakes 13c; 24 lb. bag flour \$1.12; Diplomat boned chicken 30c can; red salmon 2 cans 25c; 8 oz. jar peanut butter 10c.

40 YEARS AGO - JUNE 30, 1944

Henry Sobieski, Jackson Township infantryman was wounded in the fighting north of the Anzio Beachhead in Italy. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Sobieski, he had a brother Leonard stationed with the infantry at Camp Swift, Texas.

Pulpwood had become an important local product. Ruggles Brothers Lumber Company were shipping two carloads of pulpwood weekly to the Armstrong Forest Products Company at Lock Haven to help relieve the acute paper shortage while A.J. Sordoni was cutting pulpwood at his Harveys Lake properties and shipping it for the same purpose.

Engaged - Eunice Dorothy Smith to Harold LeRoy Hess.

Deaths - Rufus Newberry, Beaumont native; Ida Mae Bealer, Sweet Valley.

You could get - Chickens 39c lb.; beef ribs 21c lb.; long bologna 33c lb.; peaches 19c lb.; tomatoes 22c lb.; new onions 3 lbs. 17c; Camay soap 3 cakes 20c.

30 YEARS AGO - JULY 2, 1954

Options were taken on 75 Jackson Township properties for the proposed establishment of a State Mental Hospital in that area. The \$30,000,000 hospital would house 1,500 to 2,500 patients.

Carl T. Hedden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hedden, Dallas, left for Germany sailing on the Seven Seas in the company of 1250 students who would live in German homes under the supervision of American Field Service. Carl stayed in Dusseldorf.

Engaged - Agnes Zolko to William Doberstein; Alberta Ann Maransky to George Marshalek, Jr.; Shirley Ann Welsh to Pfc. John R. Mahle; Lois Wood to Harrison Cook.

Married - Mary Elizabeth Schooley and Archie Levern Williams; Anne O'Connor to Seaman Robert

Rother.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Byron Kester, Demunds Rd., 40 years.

You could get - Turkeys 59c lb.; smoked hams 59c lb.; clams 3 lb. basket 75c; potatoes 10 lb. bag 37c; plums 19c lb.; pascal celery 19c lg. bunch; 2 lb. box Velveeta cheese 85c; 9 rolls toilet tissue \$1.

20 YEARS AGO - JULY 2, 1964

Two annual events of the summer season were scheduled for this weekend. The Lehman Horse Show and the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction were anxiously anticipated.

A premature baby girl weighing 2 pounds 14 ounces was doing nicely at Mercy Hospital following her birth in the office of Dr. Ben Groblewski, Harveys Lake.

Married - Dorothy Diane Swier and Donald LaBar; Eileen Frances Ferry to Denis John Byrne.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Austin Line, 43 years; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ward, 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lamoreaux, 16 years; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. William Parry, 14 years.

Birthdays - B.J. Roushey, 85 years old.

Deaths - Mary N. Brin, Loyalville; Adrian Dunn, Bloomingdale.

You could get - Smoked hams 29c lb.; turkeys 39c lb.; standing rib roast 65c lb.; Bing cherries 49c lb.; white seedless grapes 39c lb.; fresh green beans 2 lbs. 29c; sweet corn 69c doz.; jumbo cantaloupes 3-89c; ice cream 59c 1/2 gal.

10 YEARS AGO - JULY 3, 1974

Robert W. Brown, a veteran of 25 years in the banking profession joined First National Bank of Easter Pa. as a vice president. Brown was a former Dallas Borough mayor and served as a member of the borough council at that time.

Dallas School District set new policy of rules concerning termination of coaches in light of the recent dismissal of basketball coach Robert Cicon and assistant coach Clinton Brobst. The two coaches were dismissed without warning when their names were omitted from the list of coaches to be reappointed.

Married - Mary Alice Fertal and Paul J. McMillan; Gail Doughton and Matthew J. Szeliga Jr.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hoover, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowman, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gosart, 58 years.

Deaths - Raymond R. Hedden, Loyalville; Thomas Healey, Shavertown; Joseph Januszewicz; Earl Harding, Tunkhamock; Rachel E. Rittenhouse, Hunlock Creek.

You could get - Ground chuck 98c lb.; smoked hams 53c lb.; watermelons 8c lb.; pascal celery 29c bunch; nectarines 49c lb.; Bing cherries 69c lb.; 24 oz. jar French's mustard 35c; sandwich rolls 74c doz.; bagels 60c 1/2 doz.; 3 pkg. tomatoes \$1.

OPINION

Guest editorial

Will Medicare go broke?

By EDWIN FEULNER

If Congress doesn't act quickly, Medicare could go bankrupt in less than five years. That's not much time to fiddle around with inefficient remedies; the program helps pay hospital bills for more than 30-million Americans!

When Congress acted last year to bail out the failing Social Security retirement fund, it didn't even examine the related Medicare hospital fund - currently suffering from what might prove to be a terminal illness.

Medicare insurance pays most hospital bills for Social Security recipients. Initiated in 1966, it cost \$3.4 billion its first year. Medicare now costs \$36.1 billion annually - better than a 10-fold increase.

There are many factors contributing to the cost hemorrhage. People live longer and 2.2 percent more elderly are added to the Medicare rolls each year. The permanently disabled became eligi-

ble for Medicare in 1977. And there has been a sharp increase in medical costs in recent years.

A May Reader's Digest article on the Medicare crisis reported that between 1967 and 1982 "the daily rate of a hospital room escalated 457 percent...at the same time newer and higher-priced diagnostic tests and surgical procedures have been prescribed with increasing frequency." According to the Congressional Budget Office the additional funds pumped into Medicare can't keep up with the escalating cost of hospitalization.

The time has come to find a cure for the ailing program. Recently proposals for "privatizing" Medicare have begun surfacing. Though the very idea sends some people into knee-jerk-induced spasms, the plan deserves serious consideration. One such proposal, by former White House analyst Peter Ferrara, proposes the use of "health-bank" individual retirement accounts

(IRAs).

Under this proposal, workers would continue to pay taxes to fund the current Medicare program, but they would also receive tax incentives to establish voluntary health-bank retirement accounts. Over the years, funds that accumulate in these private accounts would be used to pay for private health insurance and other medical expenses during retirement.

This proposal could be the first step toward solving the current Medicare financial crisis. It would support the current system for the elderly without other medical insurance plans; it would provide health care for the poor; it would make the system equitable. Most of all, it would create a financially secure health-care system for retired people - at considerable savings to the tax-paying public.

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

LETTERS

Eliminating driver education won't save money or lives

DEAR EDITOR:

The Dallas School Board's recent action to eliminate driver training education is not a savings to the taxpayers.

This district has an average of 120 students completing the course a year (not even counting the summer students). The savings to the one out of every three households that has a youthful operator means a savings to those who have completed the course of approximately \$30,000 a year.

Every insurance statistic available strongly supports the fact that the lessening of accidents and the lessening of the severity of the accidents to both property and body are reduced 15 percent by these students.

The savings by eliminating the course might be half of this savings. The saving of one life or a less severe injury cannot be measured by a financial savings. The entire insurance industry and every agent in the business all wholeheartedly support the continuing of this "ELECTIVE" course.

We can think of no other elective course except possibly home economics that would be used for a longer period of a person's life time than this course. Parents cannot and do not teach as well as a professional in defensive driving and responsibility of operating a car, nor showing the vivid film that relate to youthful accidents as high school driver training courses do.

If the board's action was to deny

Mr. Baran to continue teaching this course at Dallas without the superintendent's evaluation being negative, then it seems that the politics being played are at the citizen's time and expense. If Mr. Baran's practice of teaching this course needs improvement regarding time or direction, then direct these changes and continue this important course.

My purpose is not to interfere, but after having talked to most of the insurance agents of the Back Mountain, including five tax payers of the Dallas district, we all strongly recommend the continuance of this program and any updating that may be needed to improve it as necessary.

NED HARTMAN

Geisinger thankful for generosity

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Geisinger Children's Hospital Center, we would like to sincerely thank the people of northeastern and northcentral Pennsylvania for the overwhelming generosity shown during our Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

More than 10,000 people phoned in pledges, amounting to over \$300,000, and carnival attendance surpassed

30,000. Runners from all over the area participated in the Miracle Mile Run and more than 5,000 people toured the medical center.

The money raised will go toward such things as new Life Flight equipment for children and infants, new heart monitors, the expansion of our Child Life Program and our Pediatric Research Program. Because of your generosity, we can

ensure the best possible care for our children.

Our children are our future. Your generous response helps to make their future much brighter. YOU MADE A MIRACLE HAPPEN.

KENNETH E. QUICKEL, JR., M.D. PRESIDENT
GEISINGER MEDICAL CENTER
ROBERT C. SPAHR, M.D. DIRECTOR
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CENTER

Lake-Lehman softball coach is appreciative

DEAR EDITOR:

I wish to thank you (Dotty Martin) and your staff, namely Lee Richards and Charlot Denmon, for the positive articles regarding Lake-Lehman's girls' softball team.

The articles came at a time when spirits were low and they reminded me, and I'm sure the rest of the team, that we all had something to be proud of.

We all gave the season and play-

offs our best shot and your articles rewarded that. Thanks.

FLOSSIE FINN
LAKE-LEHMAN GIRLS' SOFTBALL COACH

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT over the way a \$190 million economic development program should be implemented appears to have been reached this week. The agreement came in the form of an 11-bill package developed over a two-month period by leaders of both parties and Thornburgh administration aides. Authority to spend the \$190 million was given by voters in a primary election referendum. The proposed program includes \$50 million for so-called infrastructure improvements, \$12.5 million in loans for projects in small communities, \$30 million in new equipment purchases for schools, \$20 million to promote growth of new small businesses and \$15 million for a youth jobs program.

COMPETENCY TESTS in reading and math will be administered to Pennsylvania public school students in third, fifth and eighth grades under regulations unanimously approved by the state Board of Education. The program will begin

in October and is designed to "make our public school system accountable to the tax-paying public," according to Education Secretary Robert Wilburn. Although the tests will determine a student's competency in math and reading, Wilburn said remedial courses for pupils found deficient in those areas will not be instituted unless the Legislature approves funding. Earlier this year the House passed a bill which

would require eleventh graders to pass a competency test in order to graduate. That bill is now in the Senate where it has been stripped of the eleventh grade graduation requirement.

THE FORMATION of a special committee to investigate problems resulting from the sale of a sex manual discovered in Philadelphia was approved by the House. The

resolution calling for the creation of the panel was sponsored by Rep. Frances Weston (R-Philadelphia). The manual is written in a "how-to" style and instructs adults in ways to have sex with children. Weston's resolution asks that the committee "determine the adequacy of existing laws and recommend any necessary remedial legislation" to prevent the sale of the manual and similar publications.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Staff Correspondent

This is it! Next Thursday, the day after the 4th of July. You guessed it! The 38th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction begins July 5 and runs until July 8 on the auction grounds behind the library on Main Street. We need your books, to be used in the library or sold at the book booth; we need your odds and ends and larger used goods; we need your help at the various booths and we need you to participate in the auction one way or another to make this, our last auction on these grounds, a success. The refreshments are delicious, the sales are fantastic, the fun is overwhelming and the good feeling of seeing people respond to this volunteer action is heart warming.

Come to the auction, bring your chairs and your friends and help us celebrate - the start of a new beginning!

The children's library is now open in temporary quarters on the second floor of our new library building on Huntsville Road. The amount of books checked out during the first week in the new facility has been great. The children are finding their library. The hours are Monday and Friday 12:30 to 5:30 and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 to 5:30. Mrs. Rudolph and her library aides are there to help the children with their summer reading.

The Dallas Junior Woman's Club had put together a cookbook as its final project and has donated these cookbooks to the library. The cookbooks are available for sale at the front desk at \$3.00 each.

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