

Perspective



The Labor Day weekend, coming up this Saturday, Sunday and Monday is our one last chance to enjoy the summer weather. With kids back in school and the evenings becoming cooler, the summer season is slowly coming to an end for another year.

Only yesterday

State Engineers make survey of local highway

50 YEARS AGO - AUG. 31, 1934
State Engineers began a survey on the local highway. About 5,000 signatures were obtained on petitions which would be presented to the state.

The Back Mountain mourned the passing of former postmistress Ruth S. Waters of Dallas. A graduate of Dallas High School and Wilkes-Barre Business College, Miss Waters was postmistress for four years until illness forced her to take the position of assistant.

You could get a knicker suit for \$6.95; fresh eggs 2 doz. 59c; tuna fish 2-7 oz. cans 25c; cigarettes \$1 carton; potatoes 7 lb. 25c; cheese 29c lb.; motor oil 8 qt. cans 99c; butter 2 lb. 59c; mayonnaise 19c pt. jar; large loaf bread 10c; olive oil 3 oz. bottle 10c.

40 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 1, 1944
Surrounded by members of her family and old friends, Alice Shaver Morris celebrated her 80th birthday anniversary at her home on Franklin Street. Mrs. Morris was the oldest native born woman living in Dallas.

Rev. John J. O'Leary, pastor of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, and parishioners of St. Therese's and Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, sponsored a festival to earn money for construction of a new church, Gate of Heaven, which would be built on the Bauer estate on Machel Avenue in Dallas.

Engaged - Elaine Reinhardt to Sgt. George Dymond.

Married - Kathleen Bogart to S-Sgt. John Richards.

Deaths - Mildred Poff, Carverton Road.

You could get - Breast of lamb 17c lb.; pork liver 19c lb.; ground beef 25c lb.; cod fillets 31c lb.; potatoes 10 lb. 39c; apples 3 lb. 23c; celery 15c lb. bunch; green peppers 5c lb.; onions 5 lb. 19c; sweet potatoes 3 lb. 25c; marmalade 2 lb. jar 19c; sugar 5 lb. bag 32c.

30 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 3, 1954
Many residents of Jackson and adjoining townships were strongly opposed to the possible location of a

State Mental Hospital in the Jackson Township area. A definite decision concerning location of the facility had not been made at that time.

Nine one-room schoolhouses were sold over the block in the Ross Township area. Cletus Holcomb was auctioneer. Mott School brought \$600, Mooretown \$500, Mountain Springs \$110, Frisbie building \$200, Bloomingdale \$125. The opening of the new Ross Township grade school made the one-room schools outdated.

Engaged - Jean Watkins to Paul Sedler; Priscilla Davis to William H. Perry; Adele Pucylowski to Francis J. Polachek; Barbara A. Behm to Angelo DeCesaris; Mildred Ann Kingston to William Burnaford, Jr.

Deaths - Eliza Thomas, Mt. Greenwood Rd.

You could get - Smoked hams 59c lb.; turkeys 55c lb.; ground beef 39c lb.; shrimp 69c lb.; bananas 2 lb. 23c; Tokay grapes 2 lb. 27c; Winecrest coffee 99c lb.; strawberries 35c lb.; white American cheese 50c lb.; Star Kist tuna 3-6 1/2 oz. cans \$1; Nabisco Ritz crackers 35c lb. pkg.

20 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 3, 1964
Donna Smith, new Worthy Advisor of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, was installed. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, West Dallas, she replaced Gail Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelley, Harveys Lake.

Sandsdale Farms, Carverton captured senior champion and grand champion awards at the 11th annual Northeastern Pa. Black and White Show, Tunkhannock. Ralph Sands' Glo-Mor Anna Texal Centurian was the prize winning cow.

Engaged - Lonnie Jozwiak to Leonard J. Zoeller; Barbara Ann Evans to Charles E. Small.

Married - Gail Alzina Jones to William J. McCullough; Eleanor Elenchik and Donald Taylor.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. John Clause, 28 years; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greenley, Trucksville; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Culp, Dallas, 50 years.

Deaths - Kenneth Conklin, Sutton Creek Road; Theodore Swainbank, Dallas; George Wesley, Sweet Valley; Elizabeth Williams Rood, Dallas; Lydia Kemmerer, Shavertown; Eva Skopic, Lehman Heights.

You could get - Hams 29c lb.; turkeys 39c lb.; franks 53c lb.; pork sausage 59c lb.; potatoes 25 lb. bag 99c; fresh peaches 3 lb. 29c; onions 3 lb. 19c; shrimp \$1.09 lb.; tea bags pkg. of 64, 49c; 2-lb. cans Musselman's cherry pie filling 59c; Imperial margarine 37c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 5, 1974

The symphonic concert sound of the Lake-Lehman High School Band under the direction of John Miliauskas was presented over Radio Station WNAK, Nanticoke.

College Misericordia welcomed 220 freshman students. The increase over the previous year was due to the new Nursing program.

Married - Virgina Platt to Richard A. Ide; Linda Woolbert to Walter E. Flindt; Mariette Hanhauser to Bruce E. McCarthy.

Deaths - Susan Wright, Shavertown; Frederick Risch, Sr., Dallas; Nel Fischer Hoffman, Shavertown.

You could get - Chuck roast \$1.09 lb.; ground chuck \$1.09 lb.; chicken breasts 59c lb.; bartlett pears 4 lb. \$1; peaches 4 lb. \$1; celery 25c bunch; cabbage 8c lb.; Velveeta cheese 83c lb.; egg noodles 39c lb.; bacon 99c lb.; Minute Maid orange juice 2-12 oz. cans 69c.

OPINION

Maybe cancer really isn't killing as many as they say

By EDWIN FEULNER
Staff Correspondent

It's commonly believed that man-made chemicals are among society's deadliest killers.

Promoting this notion is an army of anti-technology flacks, hucksters, self-styled experts, and even a few sincere scientists caught up in the politics of it all.

In her new book, *The Apocalypstics: Politics, Science, and the Big Cancer Lie* (Simon and Schuster, 1984), Edith Efron, author of *The News Twisters* and *TV Guide* media critic, says the pseudo-scientific huckstering is enough to "leave even the most educated layman incapable of differentiating between serious science and ideology in a white smock." She's right.

The merchants of fear have attempted to play on our understandable fear of cancer, probably the most dread of all diseases, by overloading our circuits with claims of imminent doom, packaged neatly between the covers of scientific-sounding research papers whose conclusions are written even before the first test-tube is filled.

Yet, on an age-adjusted basis, cancer is declining in the United States, even as the use of industrial chemi-

cals has risen sharply.

That's what the evidence says - not that we're committing mass suicide by using spray paint on our patio furniture and eating food grown with pesticides.

How about workplace cancer? During the Carter-Mondale administration, then-Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joseph Califano went before the TV cameras with an undocumented claim that 40 percent or more of all cancer deaths may be attributable to exposure to workplace chemicals. The serious scientific community rejected his foolish claim immediately, but not before another seed of fear had been planted. Numerous studies over many years, both in the United States and other industrialized nations, indicate that exposure to industrial chemicals probably accounts for no more than five percent of all cancers.

In fact, the data show that working in the chemical industry is safer than working in most other industries, according to the National Safety Council.

A long-term study of 8,181 people who were on Dow Chemical Company's Michigan payroll on March 1, 1954, for example, showed that during the next 30 years the

group had 20 percent fewer deaths and five percent fewer cancer deaths than the general population. Some of this, company officials agree, is probably due to the "healthy worker effect," where some people are screened out in the hiring process.

"But it must also be true," says Dr. Perry Gehring, director of health and environmental science for Dow Chemical U.S.A., "that if the Chicken Littles of the world are to be believed and if working with these so-called toxic time bombs is as hazardous as they say, then Dow employees should be dropping like flies and our mortality rate should be sky high."

Efron's new book, panned in *The Washington Post* for being too strident (though the reviewer acknowledged the scientific validity of everything she said), sets the record straight. I can't imagine it being on Ralph Nader's Christmas-giving list, but anyone who really wants to know how the merchants of doom have tried to snooker us into believing death is just a molecule away should read it cover-to-cover.

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

Religion returns to schools

By CLYDE DUPIN

At last, Congress has restored some freedom of religion and free speech to our public schools. The so-called "equal-access measure" has passed both the House and Senate.

The Federal District Court rulings had forbidden all student religious gatherings on school property. The legislation gives the same access to a student directed Bible study or prayer group as other campus organizations

have always enjoyed. In the past, political, athletic, or any social club could meet after school or at free periods, but religious activities had been banned. These students led religious clubs restore some of the freedoms that have been denied in recent years to our children.

President Reagan had pushed for this equal access for religious groups, but was disappointed with some of the bill's attached features.

This school year, our children will return to school campuses with protection guaranteed for religious

activities allowed during non-class periods.

There are many liberal clergy and organizations which oppose this legislation. There may be some abuses, but it is a constitutional

right restored to our boys and girls. The Supreme Court recently upheld this right of religious assembly and activity on state college and university campuses. We congratulate our Congress for restoring this constitutional right of voluntary religious access to public schools.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

What do the names Gluck, Robin Hood, Buckhorn, Iron City, Holiday, Pearl, Point, Maximus, Golden 16, Brown Derby, Cerveza Tecate and Carlsberg mean to you? Probably, not too much; but to Mel Congdon,

Jr. of Demunds Road in Dallas, they are rather special. They are the names on some of the beer cans in his collection.

Mel has been collecting these unique beer cans for six years and keeps them on shelves, tables, etc. all over his bedroom. He and his cousin became interested and began to collect them at flea markets or

wherever they could find them. Most of the brands are not available in our area. Mel has collected about 150 of these cans and has allowed us to borrow 33 of them.

The center of the display features a large rather rusty can Mel's father found recently on a farm. It is Imported German Draft Beer 'Alt Seidel Brau' from Dortmund, Ger-

many. It is one you can tap yourself from the mini-keg. There are cans from Australia, Canada, California, Texas, Mexico, New York, Wisconsin, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

A few specials include Country Club Malt Liqueur, a small 3 oz can, from San Antonio, Texas; Billy Beer, brewed especially for and with the personal approval of one of America's all-time great beer drinkers, Billy Carter; J R premium beer, from Ewing's private stock. 'If you have to ask how much my beer costs, you probably can't afford it!' imported from Texas.

The display includes a large beer mug, Lowenbrau Munchen; a large Coor's beer glass; three beer trays, Gibbons, Stegmaier and Schaefer; a small shot glass and an old Stegmaier bottle opener; a few special coasters and two small mugs, Coors and Heineken.

This is a truly interesting and different display for the library and will be with us until September 19. Mel graduated from Dallas High School last year and is giving some time to what to do with the rest of his life. Thanks, Mel, for letting us share your hobby. Oh, by the way, the beer cans in the display are empty!

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will return to regular hours on Tuesday, September 4. The main library will continue to operate from the Main Street location. The library opens at 9:30 every day except Sunday, closes at 8:30 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and closes at 5:30 on Friday and Saturday. The children's library is in the Huntsville Road building and will stay with the temporary summer hours at the present time.

New book at the library: "The Long Afternoon" by Ursula Ziiinsky is the story of three young men who raise their glasses in toast on a summer's day in 1914, 'Friends now, friends forever'. What happens to people when countries go to war is at the heart of this novel. This war declares them enemies with a world so shaken, it will never again be the same.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION for Pennsylvania's public school teachers would be mandatory under a proposal offered by the state Board of Education this week. The measure would require teachers to take six college credits every five years or lose their teaching certificates. The state's two teachers unions opposed the proposal, contending that it violates the concept of a "permanent certificate" and that the idea would simply result in "credit counting," not improved teaching performance in the classroom. A spokesman for the board countered that the public is concerned that "teachers know their subject and stay current."

PRESERVING HISTORICAL and agricultural properties in the commonwealth, and promoting the state's tourism industry is the intent of a bill being offered by Rep. Marvin E. Miller Jr. (R-Lancaster). The House Urban Affairs Committee held a hearing on Miller's bill and a similar piece of legislation this week in Lancaster. Both measures would allow counties to enact a 3 percent tax on hotel rooms. Miller's bill would permit county governments the discretion of spending the revenues generated from the levy on tourism, historical or agricultural preservation programs. The other bill would require that the money be used strictly to

promote tourism.

STATE LANDFILLS are rapidly approaching capacity and Pennsylvania may run out of room to dump its garbage as early as 1992 if present trends continue, a Senate panel was told. A state environmental official told the Senate Consumer Affairs Protection Committee that

the problem is "probably the most serious" faced by the state and that alternatives to landfills must be developed. One long-term solution may be to construct facilities to convert the garbage into energy. A special House committee investigating alternatives to landfills is scheduled to open a series of statewide hearings in Bucks County.

Don't believe everything

Misconceptions grow like weeds around any institution. Marriage has its own crop and they're dangerous: believe in them and you can run the risk of doing serious harm to your relationship.

Dr. Barbara Russell Chesser, a social scientist at Baylor University, examines some of the most common myths in the June issue of *Reader's Digest*.

"It's the quality of time you spend with your spouse that's important, not the quantity." According to a study of more than 3000 couples who described their marriages as "strong" and "close," over 90 percent said they spend "a great deal of time together." Divorced couples reported they usually spent little time together before their breakup.

"Anger has no place in marriage." Carlfred Broderick, professor of sociology at the University of Southern California, says, "Anger works like a smoke detector. It warns you of danger so you can take appropriate action." Anger should be

expressed, analyzed and resolved—never simply swallowed.

"Hard times or crises bring marriage partners closer together." This can happen, but often doesn't. Serious crises, such as the loss of a job, a family member's serious illness or sudden death, are statistically more likely to result in divorce as the partners find it easier to flee than to struggle with difficult emotions.

"Happily married people never unload personal problems on their spouses." One family-relations specialist estimates that among 85 percent of the couples he has worked with, at least one partner was stewing over something without telling the other. While people are afraid of appearing vulnerable in front of their spouses, it is this very opening up that encourages deep intimacy.

"When all else fails, divorce provides a chance to begin new lives." If only it were so! Divorced couples frequently only exchange one set of problems for another.

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