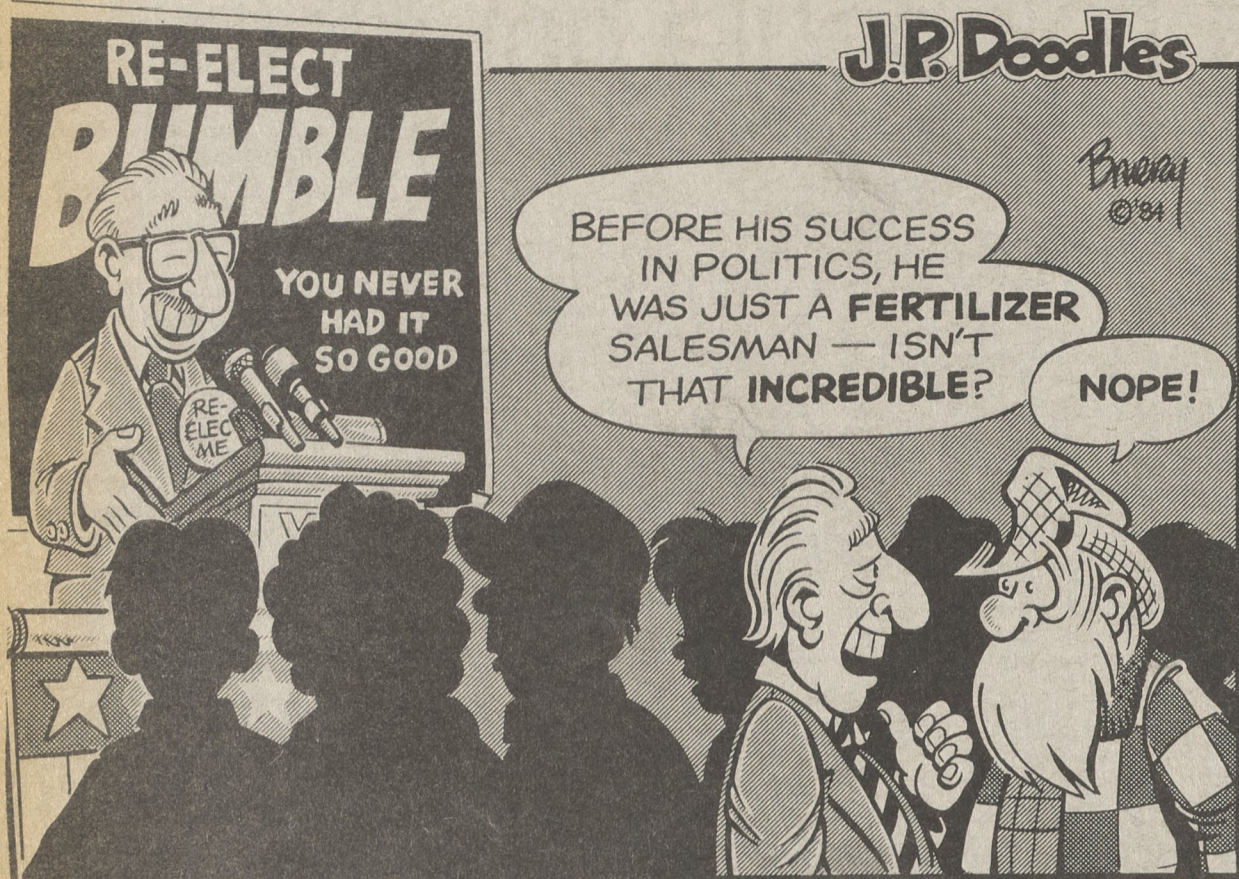


# Perspective



## It's that time of year

You will probably see a lot of scenes like this one these days as Election Time '84 is upon us.

## Only yesterday

# School principal planned educational assemblies

**50 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 28, 1934**  
Dallas Borough High School Principal Calvin McHose announced a series of eight novel educational assemblies planned for student. The first would be a group of magicians who would demonstrate levitation, mind reading.

A state report noted that the percentage of unemployed persons in Dallas Borough was second lowest in Luzerne County. The percentage of women who had jobs was the highest in the county. People living in Dallas had jobs important enough to last through the depression.

You could get pot roast 17 cents lb.; veal roasts 12 cents lb.; frankfurters 15 cents lb.; bathroom tissue Prim 4 rolls 23 cents; lemons 19 cents doz.; celery 2 bunches 15 cents; beets 2 cents each; bavvage 1 cent lb.; evaporated milk 3 tall cans 19 cents.

**40 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 29, 1944**  
Frederick "Ted" Loveland, was killed in action on the French front. Loveland was Captain and Star halfback at Kingston Township High School while a student there in 1936.

Lightning struck the home of Thomas Kepner, Demunds Road during the severe electrical storm on Thursday evening. The bolt struck the concrete block foundation at a corner of the house and followed telephone wires through the cellar. No one was injured.

Married - Mary Hoffman to Capt. H. Lawrence Lee

You could get Lysol 89 cents bottle; noodles 19 cents per 6 oz. pkg.; Campbell's tomato soup 3 reg. cans 25 cents; Mother's oats 12 cents pkg.; ammonia 12 cents t.; cake flour 27 cents lg. pkg.; blackberry preserve 16 oz. jar 31 cents; peach preserves 16 oz. jar 25 cents.

**30 YEARS AGO - OCT. 1, 1954**

Ten Back Mountain Students entered Wilkes College. They were Chester Belsky, Barbara Vavrek, Rose Ann Patner, Babetta Hewitt,

David Vann, Walter Steltz, Walter Zercoe, Joseph Schoonover, Theodore Jones, David Carr.

Dan Shaver owner and operator of the Shaver Theatre afforded the Back Mountain area with its first wide screen pictures. A cinema scope screen was installed by Ed Parsons that was 28 ft. wide and 12 ft. high.

Engaged - Joy Lou Steele to Airman 2nd Class Duane Wickard; Louise DeAngelo to Frank Castrignano; Peggy Louise Worrall to Bryce James.

You could get sirloin steaks 89 cents lb.; leg o lamb 59 cents lb.; veal roast 49 cents lb.; orange juice 5-6 oz. cans 69 cents; toilet tissue 2 rolls-25 cents; Vienna Bread 2 lg. loaves 27 cents; 8 oz. jar Easy Off oven cleaner 69 cents.

**20 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 24, 1964**

Past Matron of Dallas Chapter No. 396 Myrtle Rineman, broke ground for the new Eastern Star Building, which was erected on Foster Street. Russell Ide was contractor for the project.

JoeAnne McKeel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren McKeel Mountainview Drive, Lehman, was selected queen of the Dallas Rotary Fall Fair.

Prowlers in Ross Township and Dallas Borough frighten area residents although no one was harmed and in all but one case nothing was stolen.

Engaged - Mary Isabel Mokychic and H. George Clemow; Janet Lee Stinson to Robert Thompson; Laura Derhammer and Francis Gerrity.

Married - Phyllis Brown and Harry H. Sebring; Janet Lucille Shaver and Henry C. Tuck, Jr.; Margaret Ann DeRemer and John B. Bishop

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ikeler, former Lehman residents, 45 years.

Deaths - Elmer Rockwell, Shrine Acres, Florence Long, Shavertown.

You could get smoked hams 29

cents lb.; corned beef brisket 65 cents lb.; scallops 89 cents lb.; Betty Crocker cake mixes 4 lb. 45 cents; Royal Gelatin 4-3 oz. pkg. 38 cents; gal. cider vinegar 69 cents; 4 reg. bars Camay 39 cents.

**10 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 26, 1974**

Dr. Irvin Jacobs, Dallas Physician, was named president of the American Heart Association, Pennsylvania Affiliate.

Dallas Borough executive board met to plan the year's activities. President was John Patterson; vice president was Mrs. John Patterson; Mrs. Willard Newberry was secretary; Mrs. William Rogers, treasurer.

Married - Karen Passarella to Bernard James Boback, Jr.

Deaths - Arline Traver, Noxen; Sylvia Stitzer, Shavertown; Robert Ziegler, Harvey's Lake.

You could get pot roast 88 cents lb.; ground beef 89 cents lb.; pork loin roast 79 cents lb.; chicken breast 59 cents lb.; bananas 15 cents lb.; apples 3 lb. bag 69 cents; pineapples 39 cents each; 1-lb. pkg. saltines 39 cents; 32 oz. jar Smucker's grape jelly 79 cents.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

We have a beautiful, musical display at the library that is lovely to look at and so pleasant to listen to. Mary George of Shavertown has allowed us to borrow 22 music boxes from her collection. She started collecting music boxes in 1970 when she received one after the birth of her son, Philip. Two of them are from Ireland and some wooden inlaid boxes are from Germany. There is one very old powder box and several of the boxes are hand made. Most of the music boxes she has received as gifts. A lovely dancing girl plays Some enchanted evening and an old fashioned girl with a victrola plays Somewhere my love. There is a squirrel on a branch which plays Falling leaves and a bird with cactus that plays Cabaret. A dancing girl dressed in white plays "The song of love and an elf and a little girl dance to Oh Danny boy. A clown with a bass fiddle plays Send in the clowns and an Irish cottage from Ireland plays Galway Bay. There is a blue nurse which was bought at a library auction that plays A spoonful of sugar and a unique Christmas tree that plays eight Christmas songs. A small silver box plays The way we were, and the baby one plays Rock a bye baby. Two wooden ones play Edelweiss and a bust of Tchaikovsky plays The dance of the sugar plums. Mary's husband searched for a special song, Feelings, and found a green grand piano in Harrisburg that plays it. These music boxes are a unique collection and all have special meaning to Mary. Thank you, Mary, for sharing these musical delights with us. The collection will be in the library display case until October 17.

"What's in it for me?" is a question we ask ourselves untold thousands of times in our lifespan. We could ask ourselves the same question about the library. We will find that the answer depends largely on our needs, tastes, and our desires. There are novels to whisk us away to the world of make-believe, poetry to inspire, to savor, and to read on the bus. There are books to answer almost every question and biographies to inspire us, philosophy to help us discover our places in the game of life.

# OPINION

## EPA must start enforcing our environmental laws

By THOMAS P. EICHLER

The enforcement of our nation's environmental laws is the prime responsibility of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its partner pollution control agencies at the state and local levels. Together we have made remarkable progress in reducing many forms of pollution.

For example, the air is much cleaner today than it was 10 years ago. All of the major pollutants controlled by the Clean Air Act of 1979 have been reduced. Ambient levels of particulates have dropped 15 percent, sulfur dioxide 33 percent, carbon monoxide 31 percent, ozone 9 percent, and lead by 64 percent.

The same progress is visible in water. Despite a growing economy, rising industrial activity and the spread of urbanization, the quality of our surface waters has improved in many places. In some places, like Lake Erie, the improvement has been dramatic. Rivers like the Delaware, Potomac and Ohio are now supporting fish populations that haven't been seen in years.

But, this improvement hasn't come solely from the efforts of government. The number of pollution sources far outstrips government's ability to monitor and inspect them often enough to observe all violations of the law. In the five-state Middle

Atlantic Region which includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, there are almost 3,300 air pollution sources and 1,600 water pollution sources. Yet, the EPA office responsible for ensuring that these sources comply with the law has only approximately 170 people working on enforcement of the law. The whole Regional Office has less than 550 people working in all areas of pollution control.

While state and local pollution control agencies add their considerable resources to the federal effort, if it were not for the vigilance and concern of average citizens, we would not have been as successful in reducing pollution as we have been. Our first lead to a violation of the law often comes from a citizen phone call.

Today, we are faced with more than just air and water pollution. Hazardous waste is now our number one pollution problem. In the Middle Atlantic Region, we have nearly 4,900 hazardous waste generators, 1,300 transporters and 500 treatment, storage and disposal facilities. We have also identified over 1,700 sites where hazardous wastes were dumped and which may present a threat to the public health or environment. We have already designated 59 of these sites

for cleanup under the "Superfund" law.

Here, again, the public can be of help. Many violations of hazardous waste regulations are even harder to spot than violations of air and water laws. Among the most dangerous of hazardous waste disposal practices is "midnight dumping": the illegal dumping of waste in an unauthorized area without any controls. This practice is almost impossible to enforce against unless the responsible parties are caught in the act. Since government cannot have eyes and ears everywhere, the public must be alert to these activities and report them to the proper authorities.

In order to help the public do this, EP has established a toll-free telephone hotline. This number is 800-438-2474. This hotline has already identified a hazardous waste dump in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, which EPA is cleaning up. Enforcement action is now being taken against the responsible parties.

With the help of citizens, EPA working in partnership with the states will continue to move aggressively against any and all violators of our nation's environmental laws. Will you be one of those to help?

(Thomas P. Eichler is the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III.)

# LETTERS

## Reader praises Mercy Sisters

DEAR EDITOR:

The "Public's Right To Know" thrusts upon them, whether or not they really do want such knowledge, all the world's ugliness. Man's inhumanity, in all its forms, (to his fellow man, to his environment, to the animals who also inhabit the earth) is the basis on which the Media and the Press are forced to thrive.

So much more so then, is it the duty of responsible journalism to invoke the "Public's Right To Know" when the beauty of man's humanity to man exists and flourishes in their midst.

It is not only refreshing, but actually an inspiration, to find in today's world of un-involvement some committed individuals who are indeed their brothers' keepers. It has been my privilege and pleasure, during recent visits to several of the Local High-Rise Apartment Buildings, to come in contact with representatives of Project: Remain. These are a group of Mercy Sisters,

founded and headed by Sister Susanne Stutz, who spend each weekday serving the needs of the residents of those structures, regardless of their religious affiliation. They give most generously of themselves and their time to enrich the Lives of those whom the rest of society has forgotten.

These dedicated women perform for those people all those essentials that we who are more fortunate take for granted, and yet are insurmountable obstacles for those whose mobility is limited by age or health. Nor does their devotion end with merely providing a means of procuring the usual necessities from nearby department stores for those unable to get out.

Should tenants become hospitalized, a sister visits regularly to assure them that they are not all alone, that someone does indeed care about them. And should nursing home placement become necessary, they are still not abandoned. In fact, the sisters work closely with

all area agencies, should a referral for any type of service (nursing, housekeeping, transportation) be needed.

The truly remarkable thing about these unique women is that they are Senior Citizens themselves. After retiring from a career in the field of teaching, they have embarked on a second vocation of yet more serious; and in doing so, they have given more the benefit their fellow man than most of us do in one lifetime.

As much as these sisters are doing, there is so much more that could be done with adequate funding, both public and private. We like to call ourselves the "Valley With A Heart"; and I can think of no other cause more worthy of support, because of all the Heart given by the sister, and all the grateful Hearts of those who have benefited by their help, and who, by the way, made this "Valley With A Heart" what it is today.

APPRECIATIVE RESIDENT

## Ferraro avoided abortion issue

DEAR EDITOR:

While Geraldine Ferraro never once mentioned the word abortion in her talk here in Scranton, there was never any doubt in anyone's mind, the crowd and the media alike, that Rep. Ferraro was referring to the abortion issue when she said, "I don't want religion to be an issue." Why didn't she come out and say what she really meant, why didn't she simply say, "I don't want abortion to be an issue in this campaign?"

Advance media reports noted that Rep. Ferraro hoped to meet the abortion issue head-on in this strongly pro-life area and thereby diffuse it as an issue that has dogged her campaign. To accomplish that goal, she labelled abortion a religious issue and then used the argument that religion and politics should be kept separate.

This argument is being used by politicians both to justify a do-nothing position on abortion and to silence church leaders who criticize the do-nothing "personally opposed

but" position. If those who advocate this schizophrenic approach to politics were consistent, they would advocate church silence on all political issues with moral overtones - from civil rights to nuclear war to capital punishment.

Despite a concerted effort by political figures and representatives of the media to portray opposition to abortion as a religious belief, a private act beyond the reach of government, the fact is that opposition to abortion is part of that Judaeo-Christian moral heritage which forms the foundation of our democratic society.

When churches urge their members, the public and our legislators to change the unjust law that permits killing innocent unborn babies, they are simply urging citizen participation in a civil rights battle as was done, unchallenged, during the battle for black civil rights two decades ago. When President Reagan expresses his concern for the rights of the unborn, he acts in the tradition of the American presi-

dency in using his office to advance moral discourse and preserve moral principles. To compare this with the imposition of religious doctrine is totally misleading. While the Constitution separates church from state, it does not separate morality from government.

The time has come to stop playing word games! Abortion is killing. "Thou shalt not kill" is not only the fifth commandment adhered to by religious people, it is also the law of the land. Lawmakers who know that abortion is killing should stop trying to muddy the political waters with the emotional, poorly defined church-state argument so that we can get down to debating the real moral question involved: Should we as a nation tolerate the killing of one and one-half million of our smallest most defenseless citizens each year?

HELEN GOHSLER, PRESIDENT  
PA. FOR HUMAN LIFE,  
SCRANTON CHAPTER

## Rep. Hasay urges voter registration

Rep. George C. Hasay reminded area residents that Oct. 9 is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 6 General Election.

The 117th District lawmaker said that to be eligible to vote, an individual must be:

-a citizen of the United States for at least one month;

-a resident of the election district for at least 30 days before the election;

-18 years of age on, before, or the day after the election.

Citizens who have moved recently or who have not voted in the past two years should check with the county courthouse to be sure that

their registration is current, Hasay said.

Those who need a registration application post card may contact Rep. Hasay at 735-2704 or 542-7345.

Hasay said that he also has a supply of absentee ballot applications available for those who will be unable to vote at their regular polling place.

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