

Perspective

OPINION

Grossman on economics

Look around you; area has lots to offer today

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

T.S. Eliot wrote beautiful words which have been translated into the smash hit play, "Cats," now on Broadway and playing in Great Britain. The words to the unbelievably poetic song Memory ring true in the communities of Northeastern Pennsylvania as citizens search for a new way to reach out to the future from their heritage. "Memory, all alone in the moonlight, I can smile at the old days, I was beautiful then. I remember the time I knew what was happiness was, Let the memory live again."

These words, sung in melodic suggestions of the past, but ending with the classic "a new day has begun" brings the pages of history of many communities to life along the trails of place names, towns, villages, townships, boroughs, cities and the neighborhoods of this collection of 267 local governments spread throughout the seven county Pocono Northeast region. The regional yearning to the days when quiet and peace was much more of a coefficient of life is typical of the nation. But these days have disappeared, bringing with them the blessings and adversities of coal and the hectic, and at various times, great disparities of lifestyles among the peoples of the region.

Today, a new day may indeed have begun with the rebirth of Wilkes-Barre following Tropical Storm Agnes in 1972, with the renaissance potential of Scranton seeking its new day, and the wildly splashing changes in the Pocono Mountains, with its picture of new investments, time-share units, second homes, a booming resort industry, and a beginning for various types of new economic development as typified by the

successful Pocono Mountains Industrial Park.

The changes which have taken place in the region over the last 30 years have been astonishing, so much so that the changes get lost in the words of despair which still predominate on the part of too many of the region's citizens, that "nothing has changed," "coal is still king," "taxes are too high," "Why did you move here, there is nothing to do," and all of the other cliches which have perpetuated the greatest myth in the history of the region. The myth is that we are not growing, we have no future, we take 10 to 20 years longer than necessary to respond to new ideas, and much more. It is abundantly true that Northeastern Pennsylvania has not solved all of its problems. But, this statement is true for many parts of the country, and indeed, the world. We need to escalate our minds to a point above the norm and to clearly cut through these windows of myths.

Since the region has much to offer its citizens in the way of assets which have gone undiscovered, it is clear that further ideas and actions are needed to forward the means for constructive change. A new pattern needs to be unearthed by which every sound idea is given enough time to germinate into reality, using the talent and abilities which our citizens have as a basis for reaching regional achievements.

Memories are important as beautiful thoughts of years gone by and as lessons of learning. They should be the touchstone of our future. The dramatic shifts in economic growth, slicing across the nation are landing here, in the back yards of the region. Employment levels have increased overall, but the unemployment pattern is still too high. Too many young people are still leaving the region.

(Howard J. Grossman is the executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania.)



You'll have this!
Isn't it the truth? Seems you can spend hours looking for deer and never see any. And, then when you least expect them, they're jumping out in front of your car on the highway. Never fails!

Only yesterday

Attention was focused on Lindburg kidnapping trial

50 YEARS AGO - OCT. 19, 1934

World attention was centered on the old courthouse in Flemington, Hunterdon County, N.J. as the trial of Bruno Hauptmann who was accused of kidnapping Charles Lindbergh, Jr. began.

The thrilling story of the lure for gold which attracted 40,000 men to the Klondike was related by Frank P. Douglas, widely known explorer and adventurer for the classes of Dallas Borough High School.

You could get - Maine potatoes 100 lb. 91c; evaporated milk, 4 tall cans 23c; Crisco 3 lb. can 55c; stewing oysters 2 doz. 23c; tall can salmon 11c; Little Neck Clams 100 for 65c; halibut steak 25c lb.

40 YEARS AGO - OCT. 20, 1944

Large crowds attended the centennial celebration of the White Church on the Hill in Trucksville. A history of the church dating back to the settlement of the first village in 1809 was presented by Ralph Hazlett.

An honor roll made of native stone and on which the names of men and women in the service will be sandblasted was erected in Idetown at the corner of the Jonathan R. Davis property along the Dallas-Harveys Lake Highway.

Engaged - Agnes Marie Clark to Clarence Arthur Corby; Rachel Elizabeth Clark to Paul Wilbur Weaver.

Married - Olive Lee to R.J. Sutton; Alberta May Kline to S.C. Thomas Reilly.

Deaths - Stanley Miner, Pikes Creek.

You could get - Ground beef 25c lb.; cod filets 31c lb.; skinless franks 35c lb.; Old Dutch cleanser 2 cans 15c; 8 oz. pkg. Nabisco Saltines 11c; Lava soap 3 cakes 17c.

30 YEARS AGO - OCT. 22, 1954

Three educators and a lawyer took part in the first Town Meeting of the Fall season where the topic of the evening was the proposed annexment of the Dallas Borough

Charter. The panel consisted of Dr. Eugene S. Farley, Rev. Roger P. Quilty, CSC; Dr. Hugo Mailey and Attorney James Brown.

James Kozemchak, Huntsville Road, reported that dazed house wrens were seen in the area, apparently blown back from winter quarters in the south by Hurricane Hazel. Wrens leave the area late in August.

Married - Margaret Strayer to Lt. Charles B. Strome; Agnes Astor Zolko to William S. Doberstein.

Birthdays - Mrs. Bertha Jenkins, Huntsville, 90 years old.

Deaths - Clarence Boston, Nicholson; Wallace M. Wakefield, Orchard Knob Farm; Melvin Frantz, Huntsville.

You could get - Picnic hams 33c lb.; fryers 39c lb.; rib roast 59c lb.; whiting 29c lb.; 100 percent whole wheat bread 2 lg. lvs. 27c; 10 cans kidney beans \$1; 5-46 oz. cans grapefruit juice \$1; 10 rolls toilet tissue \$1.

20 YEARS AGO - OCT. 15, 1964

The designer of the new section of the Back Mountain Highway, The Hon. Naylor A. Staples cut the ribbon which stretched across two lanes in dedication ceremonies. A motorcade of antique cars led dignitaries and participants up 4.61 miles of new road to Irem Temple Country Club where a luncheon and program followed.

Russell Honeywell returned to duty as police chief of Dallas Borough. Honeywell had been out of service due to a heart attack for about three months.

Engaged - Anna Mary McAvoy to Larry G. Zulauf; Peggy Jane Smith to Richard Monroe.

Married - Margaret Ann Ochs to David Fouchs; Ann Booth Whitlock to Joseph Funke; William Pascoe to Mary Barlow.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goeringer, Sr., Flenbrook Farms, 45 years; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Traver, Noxen, 40 years;

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pope, 22 years.

Deaths - Fred Parry, Shavertown; Laura E. Layou, Ceasetown.

You could get - Sirloin steaks 75c lb.; smoked pork chops 79c lb.; fresh picnic hams 39c lb.; Macintosh apples 4 lb. 29c; Philadelphia cream cheese 8 oz. 29c; Crisco shortening 3 lb. 77c; Gerber's strained baby food 6-59c.

10 YEARS AGO - OCT. 17, 1974

Dallas Cadette Girl Scouts received their first class awards at Trinity United Presbyterian Church. Those receiving awards were Nancy Law, Karen Cartier, Evelyn Kwasnik, Terri Janosik, Mrs. Edward Janosik, was leader.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

What a nice thing to do! The Hoyt Library of Kingston recently held an open house at the library to honor three terrific people. The Friends of the Library organization paid tribute to three dedicated volunteers who have given so much of their time and talent to the Friends group to benefit the library.

The three volunteers are Margaret Walsh, who is the outgoing president of the Friends, Marion Hutchison and Richard Cronin.

I had the pleasure of taking Mrs. Florence Crump with me and was very pleased to see the large turnout of people to honor these volunteers. There was a very nice program, the three honored people spoke for a few minutes and the librarian, James Hecht spoke about the volunteer services. Lynn Bagley provided country music by singing and playing the guitar, dulcimer and the spoons.

Phil Boyle was installed as the new president of the Friends and as Jim Hecht said, this year's officers provide a first in that three of the four officers are men. I was espe-

LETTERS

Woman upset with abortion issue

DEAR EDITOR:

Up front let me say, just for the record, that I am Catholic and have been a Democrat for 20 years. I have been anti-abortion for only 11

of those years. Before my conversion to pro-life, I was "personally opposed" to abortion, but didn't think I should "impose my morality" on other people. Sound familiar?

In November of 1973, some 10 months after the infamous Supreme Court abortion-on-demand ruling, I attended a presentation on abortion at Marywood College.

Placed before me were slides of unborn children, alive in their mother's wombs at varying stages of development: at 12 weeks (when most abortions are performed) - a miniature human being with arms, legs, fingertips and toes. All organs and systems are present and functioning - the baby moves about, swallows fluid from the bag of waters (more if you sweeten it; less if it's sour), wakes, sleeps and even dreams, gets the hiccups, makes a fist and sucks his thumb; at eight weeks - recordable heart waves; at six weeks - brain waves; at 18 days, a tiny heart pumping its own blood through its own blood system.

Then came the abortion slides. Tiny arms, legs, torsos and heads - bloody and mangled by the abortionist's instruments. Bodies burned by corrosive salt solution - referred to by medical personnel as "candy apple" babies. The reality of abortion hit me like a ton of bricks...my God, we're killing babies!

And so began my involvement in the right to life movement. I could not sit idly by while babies were being killed. I joined the local pro-life chapter and have been involved in the right to life movement ever since.

And we have come a long way.

Despite major obstacles to our educational efforts we are reaching the public with the pro-life message - abortion is the taking of innocent human life and it is wrong whether you are a Catholic, Protestant, Jew or atheist and something must be done to stop the killing.

We have come a long way, but obviously not far enough. The ongoing debate over abortion and politics demonstrates that we have not yet penetrated all of the barriers to the truth about abortion.

It seems that many people, who consider themselves to be "pro-life", are willing to put the killing aside when they enter the voting booth. How tragic. We live in a democracy which affords us the opportunity to elect government officials who will work to end the killing, yet we fudge on the issue when it enters the political candidates - "I like him/her on other issues", "You shouldn't mix religion and politics", "I don't believe in single issue voting"...and the litany of excuses goes on and on.

But the truth of the matter boils down to this: There are 1 1/2 million unborn children being killed each year by abortion - a holocaust of unprecedented proportions. We, through our vote, have the power to effect change. If we use that power to elect pro-life candidates, we cast our vote for the unborn. If we do not, and instead cast our lot with those who will work to continue abortion on demand, then we must be willing to accept responsibility for our actions. A vote for a pro-abortion candidate is a vote for abortion-on-demand.

MRS. DENISE NEARY, R.N.
SCRANTON, PA.

Give former cons a break

DEAR EDITOR:

Recently in letters to the editor and articles, people have voiced their opinions on alcoholism, drugs, child abuse and prostitution. These are all crimes that the public should be made aware of.

When a person writes an article about any of the above, they should not become personal, unless they are a certified investigative agency. The same would go for any kind of petitions circulated to the public concerning any of the above crimes.

Any person using the name of a victim of a past crime does not

understand the emotional problems this causes family members and friends. People who use other victim's names of past crimes should be aware that an injunction could be sought against the person writing the article or petition because of undue harassment and emotional upset to the victim's families.

People have a right to write articles and petitions but not to disregard the constitutional rights of others.

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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'S veto of a welfare bill caused some talk of reconvening the state Legislature to override the action. However, no visible steps were taken in that direction by week's end. The measure would have provided temporary assistance to about 6,000 of an estimated 68,000 people dropped from welfare rolls two years ago. The bill passed the Senate unanimously, but was narrowly approved in the House by a 109-85 vote. In vetoing the measure, Thornburgh called it a "step backward which would eventually cost the taxpayers tens of millions of dollars." In order to override a veto it is necessary to obtain a majority vote of two-thirds of both chambers.

HOUSE LEADERS were called upon by Rep. Joseph M. Gladeck Jr. (R-Montgomery) to allow action on legislation which would increase the number of senior citizens eligible to participate in the state's subsidized drug assistance program. Gladeck said the bills, which would exclude social security benefits from consideration as income in determining eligibility for the drug assistance program, have been stalled by the

House Democratic leadership. If social security were removed as an income consideration an estimated additional 189,000 senior citizens would qualify for the Pahraceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) program.

MOTORISTS DRIVING in Pennsylvania would be required to turn on their headlights during inclement weather, under a bill introduced by Rep. Bruce Smith (R-York). Smith said his legislation is modeled after a Florida law and would require motorists to turn on their headlights whenever windshield wipers are being used.

A NUMBER OF CITIES will be affected by a law which allows home rule communities to set certain taxes at any level they choose. The legislation was approved by the General Assembly recently and signed by Gov. Dick Thornburgh this week. It was enacted in response to a Commonwealth Court decision stipulating that home rule communities could not exceed tax limits set by state law for other local governments. Thornburgh said the bill was "consistent with our overall objectives for local tax reform" in that it allows "local flexibility to set tax rates."