

Editorial

Editor's notes

A little of this... ...a little of that

By DOTTY MARTIN
Editor

FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW, I have been preaching to my reporters that we need to add some "personalness" to our newspaper; we need to make our readers feel like they are a part of our publication. Well, I've decided it's high time I start practicing what I've been preaching, so I have undertaken the mammoth task of writing a column of my own every week.

Actually, column writing is not a mammoth task, especially when it gives you the opportunity to put in writing things on your mind or things you have observed and would like to share with your readers. So, this column is going to give you just what the title says - a little of this and a little of that. I won't dwell on one subject every week, but instead will touch on a variety of subjects.



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And, in the same sense, I ask all of our readers to feel free to comment on anything I may write here. Remember, our "Letters to the Editor" column is the one space we reserve for our readers. It is used for comments, complaints, criticisms, compliments - anything you want to say, within reason of course, should be directed to our Letters column.

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ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS

I'd like to do is tip my typewriter keys to a wonderful man by the name of Johnny George. Mr. George, who is the owner of the Hoagie Bar here in Dallas, has played the role of GoalPOST Petie during the 1984 football season, as you will learn when reading today's sports section. And he has done an absolutely marvelous job of it.

GoalPOST Petie, along with the other five Dallas Post football prognosticators, was born this year with the idea that we could spark a little interest and maybe some antagonism, among Back Mountain football fans. And it worked. The prognosticators program went over very well and GoalPOST Petie was a big hit.

I don't know how he did it, but Mr. George managed to hide his identity from just about everyone, including some members of our staff who have been bugging me all season to let them in on the secret of GoalPOST Petie. Anyway, Petie will be back next year in the person of someone else, but I sincerely think Johnny George deserves a round of applause for a job well done.

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WHILE I'M HANDING OUT COMPLIMENTS, I would like to offer my most sincere congratulations to the Lake-Lehman Marching Band. I watched the Veterans' Day Parade in Wilkes-

Barre Sunday afternoon and was most proud to be associated with the Back Mountain area when the Marching Black Knights made their way down South Main Street. After watching the members of several area high school bands march by, waving to the crowd, chewing gum and giggling, it was hard not to notice the professionalism and discipline of the Lake-Lehman Band. They did a great job this past weekend, picking up a first place in the Atlantic Coast Championships in Langhorne.

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JOHN MILIAUSKAS holds a special place in my books since it was at my cousin's wedding in Levittown, Pa. last April where I first met the Lake-Lehman Band Director. Seems Mr. Miliauskas' wife and my aunt, the mother of the bride, are sisters. Small world, isn't it? Anyway, Mr. M and I enjoyed a dance together at the wedding and have had a great rapport ever since.

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SPEAKING OF THE VETERANS' DAY PARADE, I can't seem to shake the chills that came over me at one point. A marching band, comprised of white adult males from Altoona, Pa. stopped in front of us to play a song. The band was being led by a nice-looking black man who was shouting orders to the band members.

Although things like this are common in this day and age, I couldn't help but take myself back a few years when a scene like this was unheard of. I'll tell you, though, it made me proud to be an American where every man gets a fair shake, regardless of color.

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SKYCAM II, the Channel 16 helicopter, circled the Public Square area continuously during the 2 1/2 hour-long parade. I couldn't help but wonder if it was absolutely necessary to their coverage to do that or if they were just trying to attract attention. It would upset me to find out they were just stealing thunder from our parade participants.

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GOOD LUCK TO THE FOOTBALL TEAMS from both Dallas and Lake-Lehman. It sure is hard to pick a winner since tradition seems to overrule any cold, hard facts when this game is played.

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SIX BACK MOUNTAIN SOCCER TEAMS will go head-to-head in a tournament sponsored by the Luzerne County Recreation Board this weekend at Kirby Park. Good luck to all of them; it sure is too bad somebody has to lose.

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SPEAKING OF THE BACK MOUNTAIN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION, I hope they get their act together as far as publicity is concerned next year. With that many kids involved, it's a shame there isn't a public relations person or a central point the newspapers can work with.



REMEMBERING

Kuehn's Drug Store

Shown here is a scene from Kuehn's Drug Store, now Fino's Pharmacy on Main Street in Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kuehn and their son, Frank, are seen inside the drug store which they operated. The Kuehns opened the drug store in the early 1900's. When Dominick Fino took over the business, he made extensive renovations to the building over the years.

Only yesterday

'A Little Clod Hopper' is presented at Grange Hall

50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 16, 1934

A three-act comedy, A Little Clod Hopper, was presented at the Centermoreland Grange Hall. The production was sponsored by the M.E. Church.

Father J.J. O'Leary, beloved pastor of St. Therese's Church, observed Armistice Day by preaching a sermon describing some of the more horrible aspects of the world conflict. Rev. Father O'Leary was a chaplain with the Seventh Infantry of the 32nd Division which saw many major battles.

You could get - Stewing oysters 15c doz.; pork 10c lb.; chuck roast 10c lb.; potatoes 60 lb. 49c; carrots, rutabagas, turnips, parsnips, all 3 lb. 10c; sugar 10 lb. 51c; flour 24 lb. bag 97c; pears 2 lg. cans 29c.

40 YEARS AGO - NOV. 17, 1944

Thirty charter members of the Back Mountain Kennel Club met to hold its final charter meeting. Officers of the club were: president, John Corless; vice president, Oswald Griffiths; secretary, Mrs. Thomas B. Robinson; treasurer, Mrs. Louis Cottle.

Declaring that the establishment of a public library in Dallas was both practical and feasible, Mrs. Lewis LeGrand outlined tentative plans for such an institution before an enthusiastic meeting of Dallas Rotary Club.

Engaged - Eleanor Warrell to Pvt. John MacCulloch. Married - Bridie Brunner Frye to William Robinson, Jr.

Deaths - Ella B. Smith, Lehman; Edith Sorber, Harveys Lake.

You could get - Ground beef 25c lb.; sirloin steak 29c lb.; Fairland coffee 27c lb.; evaporated milk 3 tall cans 27c; salad dressing 23c pt.; Crisco 3 lb. can 68c; rutabagas 3c lb.; corn meal 10c pkg.

30 YEARS AGO - NOV. 19, 1954

Westmoreland High School was placed on the list of accredited schools by the Commission of Secondary Schools. W. Frank Trimble was principal of Westmoreland High School.

Dallas-Franklin Township schools got the green light for construction of a four classroom and shop addition to the high school building.

Eight Guernseys shown by Raymond Goeringer of Lake Louise Farm took seven top honors at the Royal Canadian Winter Fair in Toronto.

Engaged - Joan Williams to Edward A. Makowski; Joyce Cavill to Fayette Williams; Rebecca Gabel to Verne A. Stueber.

Married - Peggy Worrall to T. Bryce James; Shirley Keller to Freas Kinney, Jr.

Deaths - Bernard George Laskowski, Jackson Town-

ship; Isabelle White, Mooretown; Orvil Wandall, Ross Township.

You could get - Sliced bacon 51c lb.; pork roast 39c lb.; hams 59c lb.; sweet potatoes 2 lg. cans 49c; cranberry sauce, 2 lg. cans 37c; cucumbers 21c pkg. green cabbage 3 lb. 10c; Diamond walnuts 45c lb.; bread 25c loaf.

20 YEARS AGO - NOV. 19, 1964

Robert Dolbear, driver training instructor at Dallas Senior High School, was formally commended by the school board for his professional services and the manner in which he has used and maintained the driver training car.

John Conyngham was elected to the Back Mountain Memorial Library Board to fill the vacancy left by Richard Patterson, who had resigned. In other library business, Jerome Gardner was named auction co-chairman by chairman Merrill Faegenburg.

Engaged - Joyce Anderson to John Brady. Married - Barbara Jeanette Lovelace to William J. VanBuskirk.

Deaths - Russell W. Parsons, Haddonfield Hills; Theodore Jones, Noxen; Walter Lamoreaux, Centermoreland; Elizabeth Smith, Idetown; George Barnes, Dallas.

You could get - Standing rib roast 65c; chuck steaks 59c lb.; pork sausage 35c lb.; crab legs 85c lb.; grapefruit 5 lb. bag 49c; oranges 5 lb. bag 49c; cucumbers 4-25c; 2 bunches green onions 15c; broccoli 1g. bunch 29c.

10 YEARS AGO - NOV. 21, 1974

Local trash collectors dumped their problems in the laps of Back Mountain governing bodies asking them to consider the possibility of bidding to join the West Side landfill.

Kingston Township residents of Rose Village and Mt. Airy Road area petitioned the board of supervisors, about the hazardous conditions at the corner of Mt. Airy Road and Pioneer Ave. Parents were fearful of an accident while students wait to catch the school bus.

Married - Dorothy Husband to Alfred DeRemer; Nancy Ashton to Robert Potter.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rebar, Lehman, 37 years.

Deaths - Elsie Mae Ritts, Dallas; Joseph Manzoni, Follies Road; Richard Williams, Trucksville.

You could get - Butterball turkeys 55c lb.; chuck roasts 88c lb.; oranges 10-49c; McIntosh apples 3 lb. bag 69c; mushrooms 89c lb.; cabbage 10c lb.; 1/2 gal. Era detergent \$2.19; 5 lb. bag Gold Medal Flour 79c.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

We sure have had a lot of fun with a gaggle of geese at Franklin's coffee counter in the past few weeks. It all started when the whales came in to shore and die. There were a large amount of whales and someone said, "What do you call a group of whales?" Well, no one could decide whether it was a herd or a flock or a school or what. One person went home and looked it up in an encyclopedia and found out it was a pod.

I remembered a children's book in the library titled, "A Gaggle of Geese" written by Eve Merriam with illustrations by Paul Galdone and took it in as a reference book. It is interesting why geese are not called flock, whales are not called a school, and sheep are called a flock and not a herd. How about a rafter of turkeys, a sloth of bears or a lepe of leopards. Everyone did seem to know about a pride of lions. These are all listed in this book and it created a bit of humor for us all. This is indeed education in a humorous vein.

"Your Library In Action" is a direct quote from Tom Reese, the Republican chairman of the Fifth district. Tom stopped in the library the other day to say how pleased he was with the voting that took place on election day in our new building. It seems that one district had used the former school building to vote in for many years and wanted to continue to use it. Our board of directors approved and the contractor at the building said okay providing the building was not too torn apart.

The two walls on the main floor have been torn down with cinder blocks and plaster all over; however the contractors cooperated by cleaning up the debris and making the area suitable. One thing went wrong, when Tom plugged in the heater, all the lights in the building went off. That was corrected quickly and everything else went very smooth. The 560 people who voted there as well as the borough employees and the library personnel and Tom Reese were satisfied with the arrangements. As Tom said, that was indeed a case of "your library in action!"

New books at the library: "The Suburbs of Hell" by Randolph Stow is about a series of shocking random murders in an old English harbor town which becomes a gripping meta-physical novel of terror and death. Somewhere in the dark narrow, mist-shrouded streets terror lurks and the town's comfortable facade is shattered by first one, then more inexplicable murders. The murders are apparently senseless and without motive.

"Budding Prospects" by T. Coraghegan Boyle is a hilarious and pyrotechnic yarn about marijuana farming in northern California. Its hero is Felix, an oddly attractive 31-year old wastrel who has turned from the mainstream but powered by its illusions.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS went to the polls in near-record numbers Election Day. When the ballots were counted, however, the balance of political power in Harrisburg was unchanged. Republicans held onto a 27-23 majority in the state Senate and Democrats retained a slim 103-100 voting margin in the House. Despite the fact that the status quo was unshaken, the election had its share of right races. Four House seats were won by margins of 68 votes or less and may face recounts. House Republican Leader Matthew J. Ryan commented that the next two-year session could be a repeat of the current session with compromises necessary on most major pieces of legislation.

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APPROXIMATELY 78 PERCENT of the Commonwealth's registered voters turned out to cast ballots not only for legislative races, but also for the statewide elected posts of treasurer, attorney general and auditor general. In bitterly fought contests, Republican incumbents R. Budd Dwyer and LeRoy Zimmerman won re-election to the offices of treasurer and attorney general respectively. In extremely close balloting, Democrat Donald Bailey defeated Republican Susan Shanahan for the post of auditor general.

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TWO AMENDMENTS to Pennsylvania's Constitution won voter approval. Of those voting, 59 percent said yes to a proposal to allow prosecutors to use voluntary confessions in court to challenge the validity of a defendant's testimony if it differed from the confession. The second question, approved by 57 percent, affects only Philadelphia and Allegheny County. It allows those local governments to freeze property taxes for residents whose taxes are increasing due to area development. Officials elsewhere in the state have indicated an interest in the system if it proves successful.

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OPINION

Americans are serious about their religious faith

By CLYDE DUPIN

There are some encouraging trends for Christians in America. Many people are taking their religious faith more seriously. This was evident in the election as record numbers of Christians voted. More Christians are speaking up for their traditional values.

There appears to be a spiritual awakening taking place in America. Faith and hope are being restored. Americans are turning back to God. Church attendance is up and even in mainline churches, membership declines are slowing. On college campuses, students have stopped shunning religion and may have started going to church.

Christian book sales are at an all time high. Today, one third of all books sold in America are by Christian publishers. Charitable giving totaled \$64.9 billion in 1983. The biggest increase in giving was to religious organizations which

received \$31.03 billion.

During the last decade, we've seen people's commitment to religious liberty expressed by the establishment of thousands of new religious schools. These schools were built by the sacrifices of parents determined to provide a quality education for their children in an environment that permits tradi-

tional values to flourish.

Many well organized groups including both Catholic and Protestants are opposing abortions on demand and other evils in society. These trends all indicate a return to God and the true American way.

(Clyde Dupin is editor of a religious column entitled "Religious Viewpoint.")

Child abuse increasing

The sexual abuse and exploitation of children has suddenly made the news. This silent evil abuse is one of the products of a permissive society. For years, our liberal judges have viewed sexual molesting of children as a nonviolent crime; and few offenders go to jail. The \$5 billion a year child sex industry and adult pornography have encouraged incest and all types of sexual perversion.

According to a survey by the American Humane Association,

child abuse increased 90 percent between 1976 and 1980. In 1982, over one and a half million children ran away from their homes. Thirty-five percent of these left home because of sexual abuse and incest. The survey revealed that 70 percent of these children are forced into child prostitution and child pornography by street pimps and hostlers.

It is time the church speaks out clearly regarding this once unmentionable sin.