

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

HOPE EVERYONE HAD a nice Thanksgiving and didn't stuff themselves with turkey. Thanksgiving meals are great, though, aren't they? It gives the family an opportunity to get together, enjoy a good meal and good conversation. I read somewhere that Thanksgiving is the only holiday when 42 people can squeeze in around a table made for eight and have a good time. Seriously, though, the Thanksgiving Day dinner is my favorite. My step-mother, Laura, cooked the turkey this year and, boy, did we have a feast!



MARTIN

COLLEGE MISERICORDIA will host the annual Madrigal Dinner in Merrick Hall on the college campus this Friday and Saturday. The students spend a lot of time preparing for this Old English Feast and usually do a superb job with it. If you haven't already gotten your tickets, better hurry. They sell out fast and it really is worth the money.

SPEAKING OF COLLEGE MISERICORDIA, a big cheer to the men's and women's basketball teams of the local college. Seems they are about to put Misericordia on the map this year with their early-season performances. It wasn't long ago the Lady Highlanders were no match for other local women's teams and the men didn't even have a basketball team. Now, the Misericordia women are downing Division II cage teams and the men are coming on strong. Keep your eye on them this year!

SPEAKING OF SPORTS, the annual Penn State-Pitt game this year was a thrill for me, simply because I am no big fan of Joe Paterno's and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the Panthers make minced meat of the Nittany Lions.

I braved the wind chill factor this past Saturday, enjoying the game from the bleachers of Beaver Stadium, and would like to tip my typewriter keys to Mike Leskowsky, a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, who donned the Nittany Lion football jersey for the last time.

When Leskowsky was announced along with the other Penn State seniors, three gentlemen behind me commented on the fact that Mike was one of Shorty Hitchcock's products from the Black Knights' wrestling program. Seems these guys were from Wilkes-Barre and one of them went to college with Shorty.

PENN STATE FOOTBALL has a lot of fans from this area. Almost every car traveling south on Interstate 80 Saturday morning was on its way to University Park. And, while I was there, I saw things like Bishop O'Reilly baseball hats, Wyoming Area swim team jackets, Plymouth softball jackets, etc. Yes, sir, the Nittany Lions sure have a big following from the Wyoming Valley area. Maybe, next year

will be a big one for all you PSU followers.

CONGRATULATIONS to 15-year-old Donni Rogers of Dallas for downing his first-ever deer. Donni shot his prize Monday morning and was the first to call The Dallas Post to tell us about it. He was so excited about bagging his first deer and when we were having difficulty getting directions to his house, he said he would sit at the end of his driveway and wait for the photographer. When Ed Campbell, our photographer, arrived on the scene, he had no trouble locating Donni's house because the young hunter was waiting at the end of the driveway just as he said he would. What Donni didn't tell us, however, is that his driveway is a quarter of a mile long. Donni was on his bicycle, though, and declined a ride home with Ed.

REMEMBER, HUNTERS! We'd love to take your picture and tell everyone about the deer you bagged this year. Just call us and we'll arrange to have a photo of you and your prize taken or stop by on your way home from hunting and we'll snap your photo.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE at the Dallas Post Office is decorated for the Christmas holidays. You've got to give the Brownies credit - that's a pretty big tree for those little girls to decorate, but they do a really nice job year after year.

CAN YOU BELIEVE there are only 27 days left to Christmas? Boy, that holiday seems to come faster and faster every year, doesn't it? We're already reading about Santa coming to town and the Christmas shopping season. It almost seems to be the Christmas season has gotten way out of hand.

WHEN I THINK of Christmas, I think of snow. And, when I think of snow, I can't think of anything but skiing. My skis have been tuned and waxed and waiting patiently in my living-room closet for over a month. Where, oh where is the snow? (Boy, am I going to take the heat from non-skiers for that remark, aren't I?)

A GREAT BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE to Judy Fitch of Dallas for finishing second in the Pennsylvania Junior Miss State Scholarship Finals in Reading last Saturday. Judy, a senior at Dallas High School, was a lot of fun when we were taking the photo of the Dallas Homecoming Court this year.

A member of that court, Judy was so cooperative while we arranged the girls for the photo. And, in the end, she wound up with the toughest job of all. In order to make the photograph look balanced, Judy had to remove her high heels and stand on a folding chair in the back row. The hard part, however, came just before the photo was taken when she had to stoop down about five or six inches so she didn't look a whole lot taller than the rest of the girls.



REMEMBERING

At the soda fountain

Lillian Kuehn is shown here at the old soda fountain in Kuehn's Drug Store on Main Street, Dallas. The drug store, which is now Fino's Pharmacy, was started by Lillian's father-in-law, Gustav Kuehn. Lillian's husband was Carl Kuehn. The soda fountain was a popular meeting place in those days.

Only yesterday

Area school teachers attend institute at Kingston Twp.

50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 30, 1934
Teachers from Dallas Borough, Dallas, Kingston, Lake and Lehman Township attended an institute at Kingston Township High School. Dr. Joseph Miller, director of the vocational guidance department of Wilkes-Barre schools was speaker. His subject was Individual Differences Among Children.

The Scarlet Fever epidemic spread to Lehman and Kingston Township. Nineteen homes were under quarantine and 25 homes were under observation according to Elmer Kerr of Harveys Lake, State Health Officer.

Married - Hilda Pearl Higgins to Sheldon W. Mosier. Deaths - W.W. Brace, Shavertown.

You could get - Roasting chickens 19c lb.; pork sausage 25c lb.; chuck pot roast 12c lb.; sauerkraut 3 lb. 14c; ripe tomatoes 2 lb. 25c; emperor grapes 9c lb.; evaporated milk 5 tall cans 29c; raisins 3 pkg. 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - DEC. 1, 1944
Close of the 1944 football season on Thanksgiving Day saw Lehman Township High School emerge as the outstanding contender for Back Mountain championship honors.

Known for many years as one of the leading livestock producing farms in the state, Orchard Farm in Dallas Township, was purchased from the William Conyngham Estate by George and Kenneth Rice of Lehman Township.

Deaths - Pfc. Herbert H. Shaver, Jr., killed in action in Holland.

You could get - Haddock 36c lb.; catfish 29c lb.; chuck roast 23c lb.; oranges 31c doz.; potatoes, peck 49c; apples 3 lb. 25c; marmalade 2 lb. jar 19c; layer cake 55c ea.; first aid kit 59c; crayon color books 10c.

30 YEARS AGO - DEC. 3, 1954
George Alles, treasurer, Harveys Lake Lions Club, presented a check for \$500 to Wesley Moore of the Lehman Volunteer Fire Company to be used for the purchase of new equipment.

Magnetic, automatic traffic signals were approved by the State Department of Highways for installation at the Center Street intersection in Shavertown. Cost of the project, which was made by Thomas Electric Company, was \$600.

Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre applied for a branch bank in Shavertown. Albert M. Bossard, was bank president.

Married - Dilys Patricia Rowlands to Bernard

Stoner; Janet Shupp to Harry Belles, Jr.; Louise DeAngelo and Frank Castrignano.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cease, Dallas, 50 years.

Deaths - Ignatz Gavek, Beaumont; Ida Jane Davis, Harveys Lake.

You could get - Standing rib roast 59c lb.; fryers 39c lb.; chuck roast 35c lb.; dates 29c lb.; anjou pears 2 lb. 29c; tangerines 2 doz. 49c; whole wheat bread 2 lg. loaves 29c; 3-6 oz. cans orange juice 49c.

20 YEARS AGO - DEC. 3, 1964
Arthur Miller Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller, Huntsville Road and Robert Schooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schooley, Davenport St., Dallas were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

Gus Shuleski of Center Hill Road, Dallas, was installed as commander of Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post succeeding Past Commander George Cave.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Harley Misson, Sr., Shavertown 21 years.

Deaths - Susan McMillan, Mt. Zion; Milford Shaver, Dallas.

You could get - Hickory smoked pork loins 79c lb.; bacon 49c lb.; kielbassi 69c lb.; Maine potatoes 50 lb. bag \$2.19; haddock 49c lb.; Calif. naval oranges doz. 59c; McIntosh apples 4 lb. bag 39c; medium shrimp 59c lb.; 3 lb. fruit cake \$2.99.

10 YEARS AGO - DEC. 6, 1974
Jackson Township Planning Commission okayed a 70 unit development proposed by James Veras. The subdivision was planned for Bulford Farm on Sutton Road. The board of supervisors also approved the plan.

Cheryl Hontz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hontz, Shavertown was named to Who's Who Among American College Students. Cheryl attended College Misericordia.

Engaged - Thelma Sue Engelman to Kenneth Butler. Deaths - Gilbert Watkins, Tunkhannock Highway; Stanley Hartman, Hunlock Creek; Alice Oney, Harveys Lake; Charles Fox, Dallas; George Rice, Dallas.

You could get - Beef liver 79c lb.; ground chuck 99c lb.; smoked picnics 75c lb.; oranges 10-89c; mushrooms 89c lb.; tomatoes 3-lb. pkg. \$1; Pillsbury flour 5 lb. bag 78c; Maxwell House Coffee 52c lb.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

HAVE WE GOT A CONTEST FOR YOU!!! It is our "Guess the Date" contest. It involves the actual date when the Back Mountain Memorial Library will open for regular business in our new building on Huntsville Road.

We would like everyone in the community to enter the contest. Simply come into the library and fill out the entry form or make your own form and mail it to the library at 69 Main Street. On the form, we need the date of the entry, your name, address and phone number and the date you think we will open the new library. In case of ties, the earliest entry date will be the winner. The contest will close December 31.

The clues are: The board of directors had hoped we would open there on December 15; the staff was guessing December 31; members of the steering committee are planning on January 15; and the church which bought our present buildings hopes we will be vacated by January 31.

The old furnace has been taken out, new pipes are being installed, the gas line was connected on November 16 and the new furnace was delivered November 20. The auditorium is filled with stacks of ceiling tile, insulation and wall board. The galvanized studding is being installed inside, some cinder block and cement blocking of doors has been done, walls have been torn down and electricians, plumbers, masons and carpenters are working there every day. The auditorium floor must be reinforced, the heat installed and the windows revamped along with the shelving for our 50,000 books and the completion of the offices on the first floor. These are the clues, the guess is yours.

This whole contest idea started when Bill Frederick, librarian, told me about a gift we had received from the Thomas Registry Company, which is a register of American Manufacturers, including name, address and product with phone number. We completed a survey for them and one out of one hundred entries was chosen to receive this gift. It was us!

The prize is a GOTT TOTE 12, which is an all-around cooler with the ice in the lid. A large re-freeze bottle which stores in the lid makes the cooler like a refrigerator. It holds 12 cans or two six-packs. We decided we would like to use it for a prize and needed a contest. The maker of the cooler has a slogan, "Gott for the Good Times" and we hope you will enter our contest and have a good time with us trying to guess our library opening date.

The members of the board of directors and the staff of the Back Mountain Memorial Library would like to designate Sunday, Dec. 2, as a very special day in the Back Mountain. Mrs. Florence Crump will celebrate her 90th birthday on that date and we all say cheers to her. She is one dedicated, devoted and wonderful human being. Happy Birthday, Mrs. Crump!

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

LEGISLATORS RETURNED to Harrisburg this week to complete work on a number of pending bills and to lay the groundwork for the legislative session which begins in January. In closed caucus sessions, members voted to reorganize party leadership for the 1985-85 session. Most House Republican leaders retained their posts for the next two years. The only change in House GOP leadership was the selection of Rep. Harry Bowser (R-Erie) as caucus administrator succeeding Rev. Frank A. Salvatore (R-Phila.) who is leaving the House for a seat in the Senate.

AN ATTEMPTED House override of Gov. Dick Thornburgh's veto of the so-called spousal-rape bill failed when supporters of the move lost by six votes to get the necessary two-thirds majority. The bill, which passed the General Assembly overwhelmingly last month, would have made spousal rape a third-degree felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Shortly after the failed override attempt in the House, the Senate passed an amendment outlawing spousal rape while making the crime a second-degree felony. A second-degree felony carries a maximum 10-year sentence. A final vote on the bill containing the amendment is expected in the Senate next week.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG subsidies offered to low-income senior citizens through the use of state lottery funds is being used by only half of the eligible elderly residents, the state Aging Department reported. The study noted that 287,900 people, 51 percent of those who qualify had registered for the three-month-old Prescription Assistance Contract for the Elderly program (PACE).

OPINION

Washington may be involved in life-death debate in January

By EDWIN FEULNER

Come January 1985, Washington will likely find itself involved in an historic life-and-death debate.

Not the kind that so enralls the headline writers and TV phonies: sob stories about innocent 80-year-old who have fallen prey to insensitive, right-wing government waste-cutters who can't tell the "truly needy" from the "newly greedy."

What we're talking about is a real life-and-death debate: whether the United States intends to change its nuclear defense policy from one based on all-out retaliation - the doctrine of Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) - to one based on protecting the American people and U.S. assets.

The MAD doctrine has stood as the foundation-stone of U.S. policy since the early 1960s. It is premised on the logical but immoral belief that if both the United States and Soviet Union possess enough nuclear warheads to destroy one another, neither country will be tempted to use them.

But, as philosopher Gerhart Niemeyer recently pointed out at the Shavano Institute, the theory has a terrible flaw: it is based on the absolutely incorrect belief that decisions in the Kremlin are motivated by the same forces that sway Western leaders.

In the Soviet Union, however, the Party - the State - is everything. Its control is total. Any competing interests, such as public opinion,

total participation ranging between 15-and-30 million.

The U.S., on the other hand, allocated only \$169 million for civil defense in 1984 and cannot adequately protect or defend the U.S. population from nuclear attack.

Even now Soviet bombers threaten the U.S. public, which is defended by just ninety active-duty air interceptors - mainly 1950s-vintage F-106s and 1960s-vintage F-4s.

Even with additional Air National Guard units available, each aircraft would be required to defend more than 20,000 square miles of territory - an area roughly the size of West Virginia - if the U.S. came under attack.

In 1982, the Reagan administration proposed a \$4.2 billion civil defense program to be implemented over a seven-year period. The proposal, which still hasn't been funded by Congress, calls for the development of evacuation plans for high-risk areas, construction of fallout shelters for a substantial portion of the U.S. population, and other measures designed to protect the public and economic assets.

Along with the administration's Strategic Defense Initiative, designed to develop strictly defensive weapons capable of knocking enemy missiles out of the air, the Civil Defense plan makes eminent good sense.

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