

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO Sister Carmel and the students from College Misericordia for a great job with this year's Madrigal Dinner. The food was great, the music was superb and the atmosphere was absolutely marvelous. And, to the decorations committee for the annual Old English feast, a tip of the hat to you. The place looked great - it was almost difficult to imagine it was the same Merrick Hall that housed The Dallas Post Homemaker's Show just a few short months ago.

still planning for it. Don't let this year get by without decorating your house - and entering The Great Back Mountain Decorating Contest sponsored by The Dallas Post. The contest is open to residents of the townships of Kingston, Jackson, Dallas, Lehman, Lake and Franklin and the boroughs of Dallas and Harveys Lake and awards a \$50 savings bond for the best lighted display and a \$50 savings bond for the best unlighted display. Simply fill out the entry form in today's edition of The Dallas Post and your Christmas display will be judged for the contest. Winners will be published in the December 31st edition of The Post.

SPEAKING OF MISERICORDIA, I would like to personally welcome Judy Daley to the business as the newly-appointed public relations director at Misericordia. I remember Judy from way back when she used to write the very first area female sports column for the Sunday Independent.



MARTIN

Judy took over the PR post recently following the resignation of Liz Hibbard who moved away from the area and she has been doing a super job since.

THE VIEW OF THE MEADOWS from the Misericordia campus sure is a gorgeous one these days. The nursing home and the apartment buildings are outlined in white lights for the holiday season and make a very pretty sight from up above while driving around the Misericordia campus.

SEEMS SOME PEOPLE are having difficulty getting into the holiday spirit. As one of those early Christmas shoppers, I manage to stay out of the hustle and bustle of the Christmas shopping season, but some of The Dallas Post employees have expressed some trouble in getting into the holiday spirit and are faced with what could be last-minute shopping. Isn't it amazing, though, how the Christmas season seems to creep up on us so quickly? It's funny because all year long we know Christmas comes some time in December, yet it seems to get here faster every year.

IT'S HARD to get into the Christmas spirit, I think, at least until after the first snowfall. We did have a little dusting of the white stuff last week, but certainly not enough to put us into the holiday mood. Sure hope we get snow before Christmas - it just doesn't seem like Christmas without snow. As far as I'm concerned, there's nothing more beautiful than a light snow falling when you come out of church on Christmas Eve.

SOME PEOPLE have already decorated their homes for the Christmas season while others are

YOU MAY REALIZE that December 31 is a Monday and, since our newspaper usually arrives in your home on Wednesday, that last thought may be confusing to you. But, actually, it makes more sense than you can imagine. The staff at The Dallas Post has decided it makes more sense for our advertisers as well as for our readers to read about Christmas greetings before the holiday rather than after. With that thought in mind, The Dallas Post will be published on Monday, December 24 and Monday, December 31 during the holiday weeks. That way you'll have an opportunity to read our Christmas greetings and scan the advertisers special for after-Christmas sales on the day before the holiday rather than having the paper get lost in the Christmas rush. We'll return to our normal Wednesday publication date for the January 9th edition, but hope you will appreciate our changes for the holiday weeks.

WITH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON comes the start of winter sports in the area high schools. The Dallas Post wishes the best of luck to coaches and athletes from both Dallas and Lake-Lehman High School as they embark on yet another season of basketball, and wrestling.

THE DALLAS junior and senior high school choruses both have concerts planned this week with the junior high program set for tomorrow and the senior high program scheduled for Sunday. Mrs. Florence Sherwood has worked with the students in both of these groups and this week's programs promise to be a real treat.

WISHING THE BEST OF LUCK to Brad and Diane Bryant as they embark on a new business venture in the Great Beginnings Fitness Center which opened last week in the Fernbrook Plaza. The Fernbrook Plaza was a long time coming in itself and a fitness center is something Dallas has needed for a long time. The Bryants have put a lot of work into making Great Beginnings a nice place to work out and, by the cars in the parking lot every night this week, it looks like maybe their hard work is going to pay off.



REMEMBERING

Downtown Dallas

This view of downtown Dallas, looking up Main Street toward Huntsville Road, shows the intersection of Main Street and Memorial Highway. To the right of the photo, where the garage sign is, is now the United Penn Bank drive-up window area with the building next to it currently housing the Dallas branch of the bank. Across the street, on the left hand side of the photo, shows what is now Saylor's Furniture.

Only yesterday

Scarlet fever epidemic checked by officials

50 YEARS AGO - DEC. 7, 1934

The scarlet fever epidemic that swept the area seemed to be checked by prompt moves by health officials. Approximately 500 cultures were taken from school children. However 15 quarantines were still in effect.

Rev. George L. Sweet, pastor of Meeker Methodist Episcopal church entertained at church events with his tight wire walking and tumbling. Sweet learned these skills when, prior to his ministry, he traveled extensively with circuses and achieved a great deal of recognition for his difficult feats.

You could get fish filets 10c lb.; stewing oysters 2 doz. 19c; sea trout 2 lb. 25c; chuck roast 7c lb.; veal roast 15c lb.; lamb 15c lb.; potatoes 15 lb. peck 10c; sugar 10 lb. 50c; raisins 2 pkg. 15c.

40 YEARS AGO - DEC. 8, 1944

Mrs. Nelson Thompson and Mrs. Oswald Griffiths, Dallas Woman's Club members, earned their Blue Star Awards for having sold 10 more bonds in the area's Sixth War Bond Drive.

Howell E. Rees, former editor of the Dallas Post serving with the 15th Air Force in Italy, was commended by Brig. General George A. Acheson, commended for his splendid work in the field of public relations.

Married - Alice Deater to Benjamin Badger, Jr. Deaths - George Jaquish killed in action in France.

You could get - Sirloin steak 29c lb.; hamburger 25c lb.; haddock filets 35c lb.; potatoes 15-lb. bag 49c; Ivory soap 3 lg. cakes 29c; peanut butter 25c lb. jar; rutabaga turnips 3c lb.; oranges 35c doz.; sweet potatoes 3 lb. 23c.

30 YEARS AGO - DEC. 10, 1954

For the fourth time and twice in succession the coveted Old Shoe Football Trophy went to Lehman-Jackson-Ross Township High School Football game. They beat Dallas-Franklin Township to retain the shoe.

Robert Laux was elected president of the Dallas Community Ambulance Association, succeeding Nort Berti. Harry Brown, Ray Titus and Leslie Barstow were named vice presidents; Mrs. William Wright, secretary; Mrs. Jack Stanley, corresponding secre-

tary; W.B. Jeter was reelected treasurer.

Married - Frances Lorraine Gettle and Malcolm Butler; Eleanor Snell and Theodore Biggs; Anna C. Adams and Edward G. Clark; Joan Williams and Edward A. Makowski.

Deaths - Charles L. Deets, Harveys Lake. You could get - 2 lb. chocolates \$1.49; 1/2 gal. Breyers ice cream 99c; brown sugar 4-lb. pkgs. 49c; fruit cake 98c.

20 YEARS AGO - DEC. 10, 1964

Willard Sutton was voted president of the Lake-Lehman Jointure and the Lehman Merged Board. Richard Hogoboom was named vice-president. Jack Stanley was chosen president of Dallas Area School Board. Mrs. Ann Vernon was chosen vice-president.

Daddow Isaacs Post hosted a party for 200 children of the Back Mountain during the holiday season while Shavertown Fire Hall entertained 600 youngsters.

Married - Dr. David Kunkle to Joan E. Roberts; Dorothy Maransky to John Thomas III. Deaths - Edith Horlacher, Shavertown; Mrs. Louis Helfrich, Shavertown; Mrs. Rose Bukeavich, Trucks-ville.

You could get - Zenith color television \$399; bacon 55c lb.; franks 49c lb.; corned beef 65c lb.; veal roast 49c lb.; haddock 79c lb.; oysters, 8 oz. can 69c; 1-lb. Yuban coffee 99c; 3 pt. pickles \$1.

10 YEARS AGO - DEC. 12, 1974

Idetown and Lehman United Methodist Church choir presented the Christmas cantata "One Solitary Life." Dallas Women of Kiwanis packed 21 large baskets for distribution to families in the Dallas and Lehman School Districts. Shavertown United Methodist Church provided the headquarters for the project.

When the trumpet fanfare sounded the entrance of the Madrigal Singers in College Misericordia's "Great Merrick Hall", the Christmas season was officially open in the Back Mountain.

Deaths - Ruth Vanloon, Lehman; Margaret Riley, Sweet Valley.

You could get - Chuck roast 88c lb.; whole top round \$1.49 lb.; chicken thighs or legs 79c lb.; tangelos 49c doz.; tomatoes 3 pkg. \$1; 3 lb. bag apples 69c; 5 lb. bag Pillsbury flour 58c; 16 oz. bot. Era Detergent 59c.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

96 Huntsville Road. Sounds nice. What is it? It is the future street address of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. This is the building the library bought from the school district which recently housed the Dallas Borough grade school. It had no designated house number so I contacted the Post Office and the Dallas Borough Council and received approval for us to use 96 as the address number. The library has been at 69 Main Street since 1945 and since our new building is on the even side of the road and must use an even number, we reversed the numbers and will be 96.

The "Adopt A Book" program is in full swing and I am happy to say we now have two adopted books. Our librarian, Bill Frederick, adopted Stephen King's new book "The Talisman" and I adopted Lee Iacocca's autobiography titled, "Iococca". These are both brand new books and the library is grateful to be able to add them to the collection.

The Book Club of the library will hold a Christmas Luncheon on Monday, Dec. 17, at 1 p.m. at the Bonanza Steak House in Dallas. Reservations may be made at the library.

The Campbell Soup Company labels are being collected by the library and we will receive up to 1,000 extra bonus labels from Recipe Dog Food products if they are in by Dec. 22.

I purchased a lovely Advent Calendar from the ladies of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church a few years ago which I hang in the library every year. Each day in December up to the 24th has a pocket with a toy or goodie in it which gets hung on the tree as the day arrives. We hang it high enough so the children can admire and enjoy from a distance.

The Dallas Fire Company has received some nice padded chairs which they use at their carnival in September and then donated them to Maltby Fire Company. There seems to be a problem getting the chairs picked up and a few women who work at the Maple Hill Nursing Home noticed them here, inquired if they could have some, were given permission to take what they wanted and did, and now Cindy and Marge have told me they are thrilled and their patients are also. It turned out to be another case of one hand helping the other.

A couple of real Christmas type items: the picture in last week's paper of 5 Santa Clauses taking a stroll down 42nd Street in New York City after completing a session of a Santa Refresher course; and the picture of the float, "Sweet Land of Liberty" that will carry the century-old Statue of Liberty torch which will include 20,000 American Beauty roses and Lee Iococca will be the grand marshal of the Rose Parade on New Year's Day featuring this 55-foot float.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

A REVISED VERSION of the spousal rape bill vetoed last month by Gov. Dick Thornburgh passed the General Assembly and was sent to the governor for his signature. The new measure addresses some of the change sought by Thornburgh in his veto message. The revised bill would make spousal rape a second-degree felony, punishable by a maximum prison term of 10 years. The bill vetoed by Thornburgh designated spousal rape a first-degree felony. The new measure also requires that the rape be reported within 90 days of its occurrence.

AN ATTEMPTED override of Gov. Thornburgh's veto of a welfare bill failed to pass the legislature, falling 25 votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority in the House. The measure will not receive reconsideration this year because the General Assembly ended its 1983-84 session on Friday. While the Senate supported the override 45-3, the House voted 111-69. The measure would have provided general assistance to about 6,000 of an estimated 68,000 people dropped from the welfare rolls two years ago.

TURNPIKE EXPANSION plans died for this session when the Senate voted not to consider a bill allocating \$4.2 billion for expansion and improvements to the toll road. The measure, which passed the House overwhelmingly, was tabled in the Senate. Senate Republican leaders stressed that the bill faced certain veto by the governor if it was approved by the General Assembly. Governor Thornburgh is seeking reorganization of the Turnpike Commission as a condition to approving any Turnpike expansion. The expansion blueprint included the Beaver Valley and Mon Valley expressways and the Greensburg Bypass in western Pennsylvania. It also authorized funding for the widening of the Turnpike near Philadelphia.

OPINION

Apathy sends God away

By CLYDE DUPIN

According to Sam Ericsson, coordinator of the Center for Law and Religious Freedom, apathy keeps God out of our schools.

There are many open doors for Christian teachings and values with public school students.

The Supreme Court never ruled that student-run meetings with religious content violate the Establishment Clause. The program of released religious education classes received a strong blessing by the Supreme Court in 1953. This year, Congress passed that religious groups are to be given equal access to public school facilities like all other student groups.

Our educational system has controlled many good religious activities in public schools with deliberate confusion. Most of the Supreme Court decisions on the subject have been miscommunicated, misinterpreted and misapplied. There is a great difference between state-initiated, school-sponsored, and teacher-led religious instruction and voluntary student-led Bible studies and student programs.

There are many good student groups like Campus Life and Fellowship of Christian Athletes which operate within the frame work of all Supreme Court decisions. All Chris-

tian groups should be encouraged by parents and even school officials as teachers. These organizations and groups are under constant attacks from the American Civil Liberties Union and educators who are secular humanist in their reli-

gious beliefs. Some changes for good may come if churches and parents will become vocal and active in public school affairs. (Clyde Dupin is author of a religious column entitled "Religious Viewpoint.")

Heed these driving tips

Suggested activities for National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week:

Buckle-up for every trip and ask your passengers to do so too. Safety belts are the greatest protection we have against drunk and drugged drivers.

Report any suspicious driving to the police, especially on the weekends - weaving, straying off the road, erratic braking, etc., and encourage CB'ers do do the same.

Don't be an over-generous host - provide plenty of hearty food and

stop serving drinks early. Offer to drive tipsy individuals home or invite them to spend the night - Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

Remember that even prescription medications may impair driving ability-especially antihistamines, tranquilizers or any medication containing a narcotic.

Mixing alcohol and drugs is particularly dangerous - taking one antihistamine with one drink for example, doubles the impairment effect of both.

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