

Editor's notes

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

amazing, though, that it takes you three months to prepare for Christyou blinked your eyes, you might ciate what we have! miss all the "hype."

Anyway, it is over - the gifts are unwrapped, the food is eaten and now we're getting ready for a brand new year to roll around. I certainly hope

everyone got everything they asked for and that everyone had a real nice Christmas. I would personally like to thank Santa for being especially nice to me this year - I didn't think I stood half a chance with the jolly old man this year, but I guess he saw things differently than I did.

CHRISTMAS WOULDN'T BE CHRISTMAS without the lastminute shoppers. Traffic last Monday afternoon was almost intolerable as people scurried from one store to another trying to finish their Christmas shopping before Christmas arrived.

Pooch Kozick, of the Jean Shoppe, summed everything up rather humorously for us last Monday. She stopped in to our office to wish the staff a Merry Christmas and she proceeded to tell us that she and her father, Mike, usually leave the store open until approximately 5 p.m. on Christmas eve so that they can accommodate all the last-minute

But, Pooch said, things start to get a little hairy after 4 p.m. when the real late shoppers come in and are not very sure of what they want or why they are even shopping at that point. The funniest thing she finds, though, is that all the men who come into the store at the last minute have a wife who is exactly her (Pooch's) size and anything that fits her will fit their wives.

Thus, Pooch is convinced - half the women in the Back Mountain are built exactly like she is.

CHRISTMAS IS A FUN TIME, though, when family members visit from far-away lands. My brother, Larry, and his fiancee, Camille, came in from New Jersey and, although New Jersey really isn't a far-away land it does seem far away at times. We all sat around the table during the evening, play-

thorougly enjoyed myself, but it did seem rather strange, sitting at a table and playing a game with my brother. After all, I can't remember the last time my brother and I had so much time for each other. But, then again, isn't that what Christmas (and any holiday, for that matter) is all about? Sitting down and sharing some of your time with those you care about. It was a different kind of Christmas for me because it's been a long time since I offered my brother that kind of time, but it taught me that time is probably the most valuable gift we can give anyone.

SPEAKING OF TIME, all the news reports of the starving people in Ethiopia are breaking my heart. I can't imagine anything worse than being so hungry that you have no energy whatsoever.

WELL, CHRISTMAS HAS COME Some of the pictures I have seen AND GONE and the holiday festivi- in the newspapers and on television ties are just about over. Isn't it make my heart bleed for these people. Living in American and wanting for almost nothing makes it mas and then it's all over in a difficult for us to realize the rest of flash? Sometimes, it comes and the world is not nearly as well off as goes so fast, you almost feel that if we are. And, we don't even appre-

> I MUST APOLOGIZE PUBLICLY to Florence Scutt. I inadvertently omitted Florence's name from last week's photo of The Dallas Post staff and I feel absolutely terrible about it. I attempted to explain what happened with that photo in my column last week.

Florence was here for the first time we took the photo, but when we had to reschedule it because of problems with the first shot, she was unable to be at our office the next day. Therefore, when I wrote the caption for the picture, I really messed up and left her name out of the identification.

Florence actually plays a very important role in the success of The Dallas Post and there is no excuse for skipping over her name when listing staff members. Florence handles telephone solicitation for us and if you answer your telephone some night, you may find Florence on the other end explaining some of the policies of The Dallas Post to

What she does for us is very important and I, by no means, should be forgiven for skipping over her in a staff photo. I am terribly sorry, Florence, but it really was an honest mistake.

ALSO, MY APOLOGIES to members of both the canine and feline families for mixing the two in my column last week when relaying the Christmas story of the family whose cat needed an operation. Again, very honestly, I tagged the kitten as a member of the canine family. Now, c'mon, I know cats are not canines, but rather felines. However, in the midst of a rush, I confused the two.

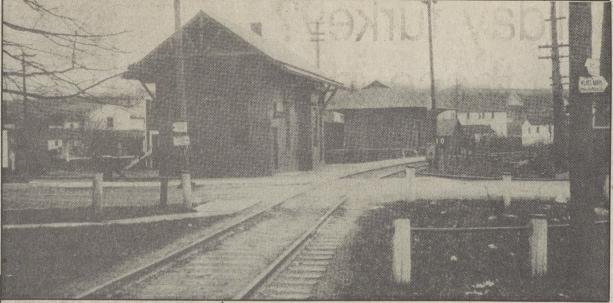
Anyway, a wonderful gentleman by the name of George Brutko (who just happens to be married to our circulation manager, Jean Brutko) called me and brought this unforgivable error to my attention. George just wanted to be sure that I was aware of the difference between canines and felines. And, for that George, I thank you!

George also brought to my attention that the caption under our fullcolor front page photograph last week listed those shown in the photo as members of Cub Scout Troop 281 when they are actually members of Cub Scout Pack 281. Again, George, my apologies - there are no excuses for such stupidity!

As a result of George bringing these two errors to my attention, I would like to make a deal with, not only him, but every reader of The Dallas Post

I am inviting each and every one of you to call me (675-5211) anytime you find an error in The Dallas Post so that you can bring these errors to my attention. However, the other part of the deal is that every time you either see a photo, read a story or notice anything in our paper that you like, you have to call me and tell me that, also.

Now, that's a fair deal. If you don't like something, by all means, pick up the telephone and let me By EDWIN FEULNER know. But, when you do like something, kindly do the same. I will be forever grateful to all of you.



REMEMBERING

Old railroad station

Those of you who remember "yesterday" will remember this scene as the old Railroad Station located in downtown Dallas. At this sight now, believe it or not, is the Dallas Post Office, right at the intersection of Memorial Highway, Main Street and Church Street.

Only yesterday

Dallas sailor spends Christmas with actress

40 YEARS AGO - JAN. 5, 1945
Dallas Sailor Frank Kuehn, in port in California for Christmas Day enjoyed a holiday dinner he would never forget with his six buddies. Seeking an autograph from actress Joan Fontaine, he was invited along with his friends to eat Christmas dinner at her home. Joan Crawford and Olivia DeHaviland were dinner guests too. The three actresses missed a party to spend their Christmas with some of the boys in

Doubling its \$10,000 quota, Dallas Senior Woman's Club sold \$22,660.25 worth of War Bonds. Awarded blue pins for sales of more than \$1,000 were Mrs. Nelson Thomason, Mrs. John Corliss, Mrs. Thomas B. Robinson, Mrs. Oswald Griffiths, Mrs. L.L. Richardson, Mrs. J.H. Houck, Mrs. Al Pesavento, Mrs. Walter Elston, Mrs. James Huston, Mrs. Niles White and Mrs. Edward Hartman.

Married - Janet Sayre to Radioman S-C Ernest Downs; Dorothy Williams to Pfc. Donald Moody.
Deaths - Jacob Harris, Alderson; Donald Mission, killed in action in Germany; Carrie D. Tyman, West

You could get - Leg o'lamb 39c lb.; chuck roast 26c lb.; apples 3 lb. 29c; oranges 35c doz.; cabbage 2 lb. 9c; rutabagas 3c lb.; tomatoes 3 No. 2 cans 29c; sidewalk ice scrapers 79c ea.; coal pails \$1.98.

30 YEARS AGO - JAN. 7, 1955 Robert Kintzer, assistant cashier of the Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Savings Bank was named to serve as general chairman of the Wilkes-Barre Branch March of Dimes drive. Howard Risley, publisher of the Dallas Post was named chairman of the Back Mountain Drive.

Dallas Junior Woman's Club donated a resuscitator with four masks, a complete portable unit, to the Dallas Community Ambulance.

Engaged - Dorothy Belles to James Martin: Cora Steele to John Wicht.

Married - Lulu Mae Torrance to Charles Lewis. Deaths - Elizabeth Celestine McEvoy, West Center St., Shavertown; Edward Jenkins, Trucksville; Joseph

M. Broody, Demunds Road; Walter Barniak, Orange. You could get - Chuck roast 39c lb.; standing rib roast 59c lb.; fryers 45c lb.; tomatoes 19c cellow pkg.; temple oranges 49c doz.; brussel sprouts lg. pkg. 29c; Calif. carrots 2 cello pkgs. 25c; evaporated milk 8 tall

Irvin Jacobs, M.D. announced the establishment of his office at Machell and Sterling Avenues for the practice of general medicine, pediatrics and allergies. The Back Mountain rallied to donate blood for an eight year old area girl scheduled for open heart

20 YEARS AGO - JAN. 7, 1965

Engaged - Elizabeth May to William Hartzell. Married - Nancy Drapiewski to Fred Gay. Birthdays - Mrs. L.C. Lord, 85 years old.

Deaths - Paul Valentine, Trucksville; Catherine A. Zeiser, R.N., Nescopeck; Dave Blocksage, Dallas; Fred Marth, Lake Township.

Production of the foundation o

10 YEARS AGO - JAN. 30, 1975 Ray Carlsen became owner and publisher of the Dallas Post. A graduate of Wheaton College, Crisen had published a newspaper in Ohio. An accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America, he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and had been active in Rotary, JayCees and Lions Club.

Junior Nancy E. Pichert, a student at Bucknell University studied in Egypt and Greece for four weeks with other university students. The Trucksville girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Pichert, was a 1972 graduate of Dallas High School.

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK Library Correspondent

The "Adopt A Book" program at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is in full swing and we now have three books donated this way. The latest addition has bounded by Charlotte Oley. It is "StillWatch" by Mary Higgins Clark and it is her most recent

The books adopted under this plan are given to the library and paid for by the person adopting them. These books can be adopted as memorials, birthday or anniversary dates, or any special occasion. The book receives a special book plate and will be placed on a special shelf in the library. You may purchase the book and donate it or give the

The Campbell Soup Company label collection is going very well. We have received many labels and the containers are available in the main library and the children's department.

New Book Club books at the library: "The Landower Legacy" by Victoria Holt is a novel of romantic suspense which evokes late Victorian England - its manners, dress, and gossip; its funerals and masked balls; its fortune hunters; its rigid morality and furtive sinning. The Landower brothers try to save their vast holdings with a legacy of hatred and death.

"Ride A Pale Horse" by Helen MacInnes is the story of Karen Cornell, bright, attractive staff reporter for the Washington Spectator, a respected current affairs magazine; and her assignment to cover an international peace convention in Czechoslovakia. It is a gripping novel of suspense involving political assassination, blackmail, forgery, violence and murder.

"The Rest Of Us" by Stephen Birmingham tells the story of the rise of America's Eastern European jews, who, between 1882 and 1915 thronged into New York Harbor to escape the savage pogroms of czarist Russia, and who stayed to prosper in the New World. To the 'uptown' German Jews, this horde was an ambarrassment and a philanthropic burden.

"Role of Honor" by John Gardner is the story of the most ingenious and deadly mission James Bond has ever undertaken in his illustrious career. For whatever M and Bond know, in private, the world intelligence agencies soon know it too; James Bond is for hire, to the highest bidder. This is a deadly confrontation and a high-tech, hightension thriller.

Can you afford to subscribe to all the magazines you'd like to read? If your answer is no, here's your chance to enjoy them all - and at no cost. The library has many magazines on a wide range of subjects which can be signed out and taken home to read at your leisure.

The staff at the library: Bill, Nancy, Marilyn, Charlotte, Patricia, Ed, Lisa, Melissa, and Melanie want to convey sincere wishes for a prosperous and happy new year.

STATE CAPITOL

Here is a summary of important

events that occurred on Capitol Hill

last week from: Rep. Frank Coslett,

government, a reduced rate of infla-

tion and economic recovery in the

Commonwealth are three important

reasons for a projected state reve-

SOUND FISCAL management in

ROUNDUP

120th Legislative District.

OPINION

What can we do to control growth of the public purse?

Washington continues to be rife with speculation about David Stockman's "black book," which contains recommendations for controlling the growth of the public purse.

News reports indicate that many of the recommended \$34 billion in cuts and economies were drawn from outside sources: the Grace Commission Report, government waste-watcher Donald Lambro's excellent new book, "Washington: City of Scandals," and The Heritage Foundation's new guide to government, "Mandate for Leadership II: Contining the Conservative Revolu-

Despite the evidence, some in Washington continue to whine that there is little to cut, after "entitlements" debt payments, and other long-term government obligations are fctored in. That, of course, is pure hogwash. There is plenty to cut. So much, that if the Reagan administration really wanted to be gutsy, it could place a balanced budget on the table, and force Congress' hand.

Not sometime in the future, mind you, with new revenues produced by economic growth. Not by raising taxes again (which in the long run will hurt the economy and reduce lies are reminded that January 2 is revenues). Not with hocus-pocus. And not even under the cocked gun of a balanced-budget amendment.

Instead, when President Reagan Agent Orange. presents his fiscal 1986 budget to the Congress, he could throw down the a tentative agreement settlement gauntlet and present the wise men was reached last May 7 between of Washington with a budget that is seven chemical companies and balanced to the dollar.

Can you imagine the indignant squirming on Capitol Hill, when all million trust fund to benefit veterto stand and be counted on the

aside, if President Reagan were to portions of Berks and Lebanon

present Congress with a balancedbudget proposal - rather than try to chip away at bloated government programs - he would be doing more than declaring war on ways past. He would be precipitating perhaps the most fundamental national debate on the size and proper role of the federal government since the New Deal.

Where would the cuts come from? In "City of Scandals" investigative reporter Lambro found, for example, that some of America's wealthiest communities - including Palm Springs, California, Greenwich, Connecticut and Aspen, Colorado - are getting federal handouts. In all, he identified \$200 billion that could be cut from the federal pork barrel without touching programs for the needy or weakening national

The Heritage Foundation, too, has offered a plan to trim \$119 billion from the federal deficit without cutting the level of services to the poor or hurting U.S. defenses

"Mandate for Leadership," in addition, outlines a long-term strategy for shifting dozens of programs from Washington to the states, communities, churches and synagogues where they rightly belong.

To his credit, former President Carter had the right idea when he proposed "zero-based" budgeting for the federal government. That's advice President Reagan should follow - and zero-base the billions of dollars in subsidies, handouts, transfer payments, and redundant and unnecesary programs needed to present House Speaker Thomas P. 'Tip'' O'Neill with a balanced

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nue surplus of about \$188 million at the end of the current fiscal year. That is the assessment of Gov. Dick Thornburgh who announced the anticipated surplus this week and recommended tax cuts for 1985-86 as a result. Thornburgh also unveiled a proposal to create a so-called 'rainy day fund" with an unspecified portion of the surplus. The fund would be used to provide the state and taxpayers with a cushion in the event of future economic downturns or revenue deficits, Thornburgy said. The General Assembly begins work on the 1985-86 state budget in February.

AN ADDITIONAL 150,000 senior citizens in Pennsylvania will become eligible to participate in the state's prescription drug subsidy program under legislation signed by the governor this week. The measure increases the income eligibility requirements necessary to qualify for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) program. Beginning April 1, PACE eligibility limits will increase from \$9,000 for a single person to \$12,000 and from \$12,000 to \$15,000 for a couple. Under the guidelines of the program, participants pay the first \$4 of each prescription an the balance of the cost is paid from state lottery funds. Another bill signed by the governor creates a \$10 million grant program for senior citizen Hasay noted that the Jan. 2 dead- centers throughout the state. The grants will be awarded to assist the Commonwealth's 541 senior centers that first appear after Jan. 2, veter- in meeting safety standards and in capped accessibility.

Vietnam veterans must file claims by January 2

Vietnam veterans and their famithe last day to file claims under the recently announced lawsuit agreement against the manufacturers of

Rep. George C. Hasay noted that attorneys for Vietnam veterans.

"The settlement created a \$180 of the balanced-budget phonies from ans and their families who suffer the campaign trail are called upon from the adverse health effects of exposure to Agent Orange," Hasay

That obviously delightful prospect The lawmaker who represents

counties urged those who may be eligible and have not filed claims to call the toll-free Vietnam Veterans of American hotline at 1-800-645-

Vietnam veterans may also obtain copies of the claim forms needed to file plus a booklet explaining the litigation and claim form by writing to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Box 3499A, Washington, D.C.

line applies to veterans with present or past disabilities. For disabilities ans may file within four months of remodeling facilities for handithe development of the disabilities.

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