

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

I HAD A CONVERSATION with a friend of mine the other day — a conversation about dieting.

It seems that every year at this time, we get around to having the same conversation. I guess because it's just about a month since we made our annual New Year's resolution about going on a serious diet — a resolution that has been broken somewhere along the way.

So, this friend of mine and I,



MARTIN

can both stand to shed a few pounds, decided to tackle the diet situation once again — even more seriously than ever before. Now, when we nestle in to watch a good movie, we're going to snack on chips, dip, M&Ms and Diet Coke. After all, you have to draw the line somewhere.

BOY, TALK ABOUT people criticizing your work. Two of our subscribers who live in Tampa, Florida seem to get a kick out of reading my column. Having been former residents of the Wyoming Valley, I guess some of the things they read in this column bring back memories of years gone by.

However, they seem to think I use the word "Boy" entirely too much in my column (which is the specific reason why I started this paragraph the way I did.)

Anyway, to Al and Maureen - thanks for the constructive criticism. I promise I'll try harder to please all of my readers all of the time.

Boy, is that going to be tough!

MEGAN SHEEHAN called our office the other day and told me she was coming in with her cookie sheet. Now, I don't have to tell you that didn't make a lick of sense to me.

A cookie sheet, I thought. What on earth are we going to do with a cookie sheet in a newspaper office?

And, then it hit me. A cookie sheet, of course! It's Girl Scout cookie time. How silly of me. But, it's been quite a number of years since I went around with my own cookie sheet that I couldn't imagine why this young girl wanted to bring a cookie sheet to our office.

It is Girl Scout Cookie Time — a time when all of us have the opportunity to help out such a worthwhile organization. A time when all of us should shell out the \$2 and buy a box of cookies from these — the future leaders of America.

I'M SURE EVERY ONE of you out there has a pet peeve. Well, I've got two that absolutely drive me out of my mind — busy signals and people who insist on driving 10 miles an hour in the left lane of a double-lane highway.

If I had a nickel for every time I got stuck behind one of those Sunday drivers on the Dallas highway who insist on blocking up traffic by cruising along in the passing lane, I could retire tomorrow.

And, if I pulled my hair out every time I got a busy signal when I tried to call someone, I wouldn't have to worry about it turning gray — there'd be nothing left.

Although I don't have solutions to either one of these catastrophes that seem to cloud my life, I do feel better now that I've gotten that off my chest.

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY for the presentation of awards to the first ever Dallas Post Student-Athletes of the Year.

Remember, earlier this year, we told you about our plans to choose both a male and female student from Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools to be the recipients of The Dallas Post Student-Athlete of the Year Awards.

Members of our editorial department will be working closely with the guidance counselors and athletic directors from both Back Mountain schools to determine the best possible recipient of such an award.

The winners will be members of an athletic team at their respective school, will have a respectable grade point average, will be community-minded and will display leadership. The final choice, however, will be that of The Dallas Post.

We feel it's important to recognize the future leaders of our society which is one of the reasons we have chosen to institute this Student-Athlete Award and continue it on an annual basis.

HOW ABOUT THIS WEATHER we've been having? It sure goes right through you, doesn't it?

Cold weather is one thing but minus 14 degree weather is another. What with all the frozen pipes and all the cars that wouldn't start last week, we won't be wishing that kind of weather on ourselves for a while now.

A TIP OF THE BASKETBALL NETS to Cheryl Gavigan of the Dallas High School girls' basketball team.

Just last week, Cheryl topped the nets with the 1000th point of her high school basketball career, thus becoming the first member of the Lady Mountaineers to do so this year.

Congrats, Cheryl, on a job well done!

SPEAKING OF BASKETBALL, Robin Fry Cummins and Arline "Pooch" Kozick are having quite a field day at King's College.

Both former members of the Dallas High School girls' basketball team, Cummins and Kozick are head coach and assistant head coach, respectively, of the King's College women's basketball program.

Cummins, who played her collegiate cage career at the University of Pittsburgh, and Kozick, who was a mainstay of the Lady Highlanders at College Misericordia during her collegiate days, led the Lady Monarchs to a four-point victory over arch-rival Wilkes College last week — a victory that is as sweet as they come.

On the other side of the floor that night was former Dallas High School star and former teammate of Cummins, Nancy Roberts, who has been at the helm of the Wilkes College Lady Colonels for several years now.

MORE OFFICE BUILDINGS for the Back Mountain are on the way as local contractor Jim Veras found some room between his newly-constructed Back Mountain Car wash and Yesterdays Restaurant on the Dallas Highway in Trucksville.

The new building, which is situated sideways between the car wash and the restaurant, has gone up rather quickly and will offer some much-needed office space for Back Mountain businesses.



REMEMBERING

'State Road'

The description we found on this photo of days gone by is "State Road, Dallas, Pa." The problem our staff ran into, however, is that no one could actually pinpoint the location where this photo was taken. If any of our readers have any idea of where this road is now, we'd like to know.

Only yesterday

Bon-Air Restaurant destroyed by blaze

50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 1, 1935
A \$9,000 blaze at Harveys Lake in sub-zero weather destroyed the Bon-Air Restaurant interrupting phone service for 15 hours.

The new combination fire and police station, the gift of Daniel C. Roberts, was completed at Harveys Lake. The two and a half story stone and concrete structure was built at a cost of \$20,000. A.J. Sordoni Construction Company erected the building.

Deaths - Burgess J. Harry Anderson, Dallas Borough; Rev. H.H. Harris, Alderson; Reese Isaacs, Kunkle native.

You could get - Long Island ducklings 23c lb.; chuck pot roast 17c lb.; pork sausage, loose 23c lb.; smoked hams 21c lb.; Stayman apples 5 lb. 23c; strawberries 19c pt.; stewing oysters 3 doz. 25c; 2 pkg. Ritz crackers 37c.

40 YEARS AGO - FEB. 2, 1945
A meeting of parents and youth of the community was held at Shavertown Fire House to discuss the establishment of a Teen-Age House in Kingston Township. Harry Hersh, State director of the teen-age program of the Office of Civilian Defense was speaker.

One hundred and ten persons contributed \$6,500 individual subscriptions of \$50 or more to the rapidly growing fund for a Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Joseph A. Hardisky, Dallas Township High School senior, placed third in the state and was winner of a bronze medal at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show for his project in small fruits.

Engaged - Dorothy Helen McManus to Joseph P. Adams.

Married - Gertrude Moore to Sgt. Bob Price; Elizabeth Shupp to Robert Cyphers; Althea Isabelle Dymond to Tech. Sgt. William R. Nelson; Eleanor Parsons to Edwin L. Kinsey.

Deaths - Pvt. John Laity, in action; William Snyder Frantz, in action; Mary Daniels, Trucksville; Mrs. William J. Nicholas, West Chester.

You could get - Red Raven breakfast coffee 25c lb.; Karo syrup 1 1/2 lb. bottle 15c; elderberry jam 33c-2 lb. jar; pancake flour 1 1/4 lb. pkg. 10c; legs o lamb 39c lb.; chuck roast 26c lb.; oranges 33c doz.

30 YEARS AGO - FEB. 4, 1955
John Sheehan Jr. received the Eagle Scout award at a covered dish supper at Prince of Peace Parish hall. John was a member of Explorer Scout Squadron 151.

Dr. Edward J. Keeler, Glen Lyon, Luzerne County Coroner announced that Elmer T. Williams, Dallas Funeral Director, was appointed Deputy Coroner for Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Kingston Township

and the Back Mt. area.

Engaged - Patricia Hummel to Edmund J. Szymanski; Ida Martin to Pfc. Arthur Scott.

Married - Lorraine Mary Varner to Robert Grey; Joan Goss to Keith D. Wagner.

Deaths - Herman Garinger, Lake Township; George Schallenberger, Kingston; Patricia Bonner, Tucson, Arizona; Lelia Gordon, Pikes Creek; Ignatz Drobnicki, Chase Road; James Culver, Broadway.

You could get - Turkeys 55c lb.; rib roast 59c lb.; chuck roast 35c lb.; granulated sugar 10 lb. 99c; temple oranges 49c doz.; lg. loaf Vienna bread 19c.

20 YEARS AGO - FEB. 4, 1965

Lake Troop 331, Boy Scouts, feted 6 Eagle Scouts from Lake, Noxen and Beaumont area. Achieving the Eagle Scout Honor were John Bozek, David Finn, Robert Johnson, Charles Lee Murphy, Peter Sarmonis and Barry West.

Richard Demmy was elected president of the library board for the second time. Mrs. Fred Howell was secretary. Merrill Faegenberg was auction chairman, Jerry Gardner was co-chairman.

Married - Barbara Butry to Michael Soltischick; Barbara Evans to Charles Edward Small.

Deaths - Esther Sieckler, Centermoreland; Sadie Elizabeth Keats Blackman, Parsons; Raymond C. Greenwood, Trucksville; Hazel Nichols, Loyalville.

You could get - Semi-boneless hams 59c lb.; ducklings 39c lb. bacon 79c lb.; sauerkraut 2 lb. 39c; iceberg lettuce 2 lg. hds. 29c; cake mixes 35c pkg.; jumbo shrimp \$1.29 lb.; pound cake 35c ea.; bread, whole wheat, 2-1 lb. loaves 37c.

10 YEARS AGO - FEB. 6, 1975

Under the leadership of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of JayCees, Back Mt. residents formed a new JayCee organization. Officers were Robert Kelley, president; Jeffrey Townsend, vice president; Fred Gosart, secretary and Charles Kishbaugh, treasurer.

Rev. Paul C. Duncan, pastor of Huntsville Christian Church, announced his retirement following 44 years of service to the ministry.

Deaths - Emmett Jones, Dallas; Laura Arner, Harris Hill Rd.; Robert Burkhardt, Shavertown; Matilda Morelli, Dallas; Mary Margaret Newcomb, New Goss Manor; John Maculloch, Dallas; Helen McCormack, Shavertown.

You could get - Round steak \$1.49; salami \$1.19; boneless round roast \$1.39; Ivory 4 bars 45c; Campbell Cream of Mushroom soup 5-11; macaroni 4 pkgs. \$1; celery 29c bunch; Temple oranges 10-59c.

LETTERS

Library is community commitment

DEAR EDITOR:

All of us who live in the Back Mountain area, whether we grew up here or moved in last week, have a chance to make a commitment to our community which will effect the quality of our lives for decades to come.

As the Back Mountain Memorial Library moves into its new building on Huntsville Road our generosity

will determine how many of the fine projected improvements will actually be there for us, and future generations, to enjoy. The proposed community room offers abundant possibilities - maybe a center for club meetings, special movies or chess tournaments!

Our library already offers a wide variety of resources, such as a whole roomful of mysteries, another of biographies, a wealth of books on

cooking and crafts - even a coupon exchange and book delivery to shut-ins.

The Back Mountain Library Auction in July creates a community spirit which most small towns would envy. We need to be as dedicated now with our financial donations as we are then with our hard work, time and enthusiasm.

MARY A. THOM
DALLAS

Scleroderma patient seeks others

DEAR EDITOR:

As a scleroderma patient who has suffered along for too many years with a disease that few people have ever even heard of, I am attempting to locate others who suffer from

scleroderma (systemic sclerosis).

My New Year's resolution is to correspond with as many scleroderma patients as possible. Doctors tell me there are 300,000 of us. Perhaps your readers can assist me

in locating others like myself.

I can be reached at 21 Brennan Street, No. 21, Watsonville, CA 95076.

DIANE WILLIAMS

Income tax checks feature new look

Income tax season is upon us, and soon retailers will once again be playing banker as millions of Americans bring their refund checks to their neighborhood food, drug, and liquor stores to cash. But this year's refund season will be a little different for cashiers in the mid-Atlantic area.

The Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service is introducing a new paper check to replace the punched card check that has been in service since the 1940s. It's made possible by the Financial

Management Service's conversion to state-of-the-art check production techniques.

First to receive the new check, starting in February will be federal tax refund recipients in the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The second phase of the conversion will begin in May, when more than 80 percent of Philadelphia Social Security recipients will start receiving their monthly benefits via the new check.

The new check bears a resemblance

to the old one. The Financial Management Service, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the Secret Service have worked to design a modern, colorful check with significantly improved security. The new check has three times as many security features as were in the old one to discourage alteration and counterfeiting. Some of the new features lie within the checks color spectrum, which ranges from pstel blue to pale peach. Others are included in the two representations of the Statue of Liberty.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

I have recently returned from one of the most enjoyable vacations I have had in years. I was able to drive with a friend from Pennsylvania to McAllen, Texas; 2200 miles of the most fantastic country I know.

I saw cotton growing in the fields in Mississippi; bayous in Louisiana; tobacco fields in North Carolina; some tremendous factories in South Carolina; drove through Atlanta, Georgia at dusk with five lanes of traffic going each way, a fantastic experience; Birmingham, Alabama, another large city and enjoyed the non-changing scenery through that state; had dinner one evening at a quaint restaurant on the Colorado River; and I got to wander through the oldest town in Texas, Nacadoches, which has the brick streets and many of the old buildings still in use. I also got to visit some outstanding hospitals, the Potomac Hospital in Woodbridge, Virginia; The Hinds Care Center in Mississippi and the Rio Grande Hospital in McAllen, Texas.

Did not get to stop in Dallas, Texas, however, I was able to buy newspapers about Dallas. I have a son in Corpus Christi, Texas, but unfortunately he was in California for Christmas and my other son was in Pennsylvania while I was in Texas so we missed each other for the holidays. All in all, that trip was a chance of a lifetime for me and for the first time in 17 years of working at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, I took a four week vacation all at one time. The amount of paper work I have to plow through seems endless; however, time will take care of that and the trip was well worth it.

The library association's annual meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. in the meeting room of the Dallas Township branch of the Wyoming National Bank.

I was invited to attend the Collector's Group monthly meeting to speak to them about the current status of our library, how the new building is progressing, what funds are coming in on the capital campaign and how much we still need to do to reach our goal. This group originally met in our library annex and have been in existence for four years. They enjoyed a nice Christmas party at Mark II Restaurant, exchanged gifts and played some fun games.

A reminder: Please plan to attend our open house on Sunday, Feb. 3 from 12 to 3 p.m. in our new library on Huntsville Road. Every member of the community is invited to share with us the progress on our new building and become a part of this exciting endeavor, as we move forward to The Next Chapter!

We have available for your use at the library many of the popular tax forms; 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ and instructions for each form. We also have available to be copied many of the more specific tax forms, as capital gains and losses, Farm income, income averaging and many more.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY returned to Harrisburg this week to begin its 1985-86 floor session. House members were preoccupied with committee reorganization the first day back. In all, some 80 bills were introduced in the House and approximately 225 in the Senate, officials said. However, no formal action was taken on the legislation, which must be considered by committees. The Senate Rules Committee unanimously approved a measure giving state courts the authority to decide whether candidates meet requirements for public office.

A BIPARTISAN COALITION of House members introduced a measure to amend the law which permits card games and other forms of gambling in licensed drinking establishments. The lawmakers want to correct a portion of the bill which allows licensed taverns and restaurants to hold cash tournaments with cards, billiards, darts, shuffleboard, bowling or rings. The legislators contend that the amendment permitting gambling was not intended to do so; the bill was intended only to revise hours restaurants were permitted to sell liquor on Sunday. House Republican Whip Samuel E. Hayes Jr. said the legislature "should move forthrightly" to change the law. In the Senate, the Law and Justice Committee approved a bill banning card tournaments and sent it to the floor for consideration.

THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS Committee opened hearings on the 1985-86 state budget. The Public Utility Commission and the state consumer advocate both requested appropriation hikes. The 1985-86 spending blueprint will be presented by Gov. Dick Thornburgh to a joint session of the General Assembly on Feb. 5. The majority of legislative hearings on the budget will be held after the governor offers his proposal.

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