

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

WELL, HERE I AM - back from my vacation in cold, blustery New York State. I'm back, all rested, ready and raring to go back to work.

Who'm I kidding? Probably myself. You all know what it's like coming back to work on a Monday morning after a week's vacation. A week of sleeping late and doing whatever pleases you at any given moment. It feels lousy, that's what it feels like.

I guess it's a good thing I can come back to a job I really enjoy, rather than being forced to go to a job where I think of only the money. Honestly, it's good to get away every now and then, but it also feels pretty good to come back.



MARTIN

For those of you who may be remotely interested, I had a great time. It was a beautiful week to take a winter vacation with snow two of the five days I was gone and some great skiing to be had. And, yes, I returned with all of my bones intact and without the need of crutches.

A WELCOME SIGHT upon my return to the office was the sight of our production manager, Sandy Sheehan, who recently returned to work after undergoing surgery.

Sandy had surgery for a detached retina several weeks ago and had been recuperating at home ever since. Rumor has it Sandy became rather bored very quickly and was anxious to return to work. Can't tell you how reassuring it is to have her back in the driver's seat in our production department.

HAD A REAL NICE LETTER from Marguerite (Peg) Cobleigh who says she and her husband, Ted, have been away from Dallas since 1942. Mrs. Cobleigh is a regular reader of The Dallas Post and says it helps her to keep up with news of the Back Mountain.

Marguerite, whose anniversary announcement appears in today's issue, said her Mom and Dad, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Ide, celebrated their 67th anniversary on February 8. Mr. and Mrs. Ide are residents at Cross's Mountain View Guest Home in Sweet Valley.

It's too bad we didn't know about the Ides when staff correspondent Joan Kingsbury wrote a story last week about Back Mountain couples who have been married the longest. We did announce the fact that we were looking for such couples - better read more carefully, Marguerite - you might find a few more things that pertain to you.

Anyway, happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Ide and thanks for the note, Peg.

CONNOISSEURS of fine food and wine will be thrilled with our new Dining Guide that makes its debut in today's issue. Featured are 10 area restaurants that provide some absolutely superb dining and dining for our residents.

Also on the dining guide is a full color photo of one of the advertisers as well as a feature story about that particular restaurant. Each week, a different restaurant will be featured with both a photo and a story to

give those of you who dine out often a chance to preview these restaurants even before you eat there.

The Dining Guide is the brainchild of advertising representative Betty Bean who was assisted by members of our advertising staff, Mike Danowski, Charlot Denmon and Joe Gula. We think you'll find the guide rather helpful when choosing a restaurant.

YOU MIGHT FIND a lot of new features in today's issue of The Dallas Post.

First of all, you'll find our first-ever Valentine Love Lines where area residents have the opportunity to publicly say "I Love You" to their Valentines. Better read closely, you may find one there for you.

Also in today's paper, you'll find the first installment of a six-part series on "Women in Business" written by staff correspondent Charlot M. Denmon. This series will feature six female residents of the Back Mountain area who have made it big in business. It will also let the readers know their feelings of working in what used to be a man's world.

Today's paper also features a Harveys Lake resident by the name of Elsa Sennett whose unique homemade crossword puzzles will become a weekly feature in The Dallas Post, starting with our February 20th edition. Elsa has been composing crossword puzzles and cryptograms for some time now and we felt our readers would enjoy doing some of them.

Remember, all of these special features are incorporated into our newspaper for our readers' interest. Any comments, criticisms or complaints would be greatly appreciated so that we can get an idea of what you, the readers, want.

Please feel free to call me at 675-5211. I would really like to hear what our readers have to say.

SOME RESIDENTS of the Lehman-Noxen areas may find a copy of The Dallas Post in their mailboxes this week, even though they are not regular subscribers of our paper.

Not to worry, though. Periodically, we will be mailing sample copies to certain areas of the Back Mountain, giving people who may not be familiar with our publication the chance to read it and see for themselves the changes we've been making.

We feel quite confident you'll like us and hope you'll become regular customers so that you can enjoy us on a weekly basis. Just call Jean at 675-5211 to subscribe.

I HAVE BEEN SO DOWN on the youth of today and the way they express themselves that I had almost given up on the younger generation. I have heard some younger members of society conversing with each other and the language these kids use was enough to make me sick.

Recently, however, I had the opportunity to view the movie, "Beverly Hills Cop." And, after watching that show, I realized it's impossible to blame the youth of today - we should be blaming ourselves.

The story of that movie was good - it was comical and it was entertaining.



REMEMBERING

Main Street

This photo shows what Main Street in Dallas looked like at one time. If you were standing at the intersection of Main Street and Huntsville Road, looking toward the center of town, this is what you would have seen many, many years ago. The Raub Hotel, a former Dallas landmark, stands proudly at the intersection of Main Street and Memorial Highway.

Only yesterday

Dallas/Tunkhannock Highway discussed

50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 15, 1935

A delegation headed by Congressman C. Elmer Dietrich of Tunkhannock conferred with Governor George H. Earle and secretary of highways Warren Van Dyke to discuss the possibilities of having a new highway constructed between Dallas and Tunkhannock.

William C. Luksic, of Mt. Greenwood, former newspaperman, was appointed acting postmaster at Trucksville to succeed Mrs. Jane Lohman. You could get - Hamburg 2 lb. 27c; pork loins 19c lb.; veal boneless rolled roast 23c lb.; stewing oysters 3 doz. 25c; mushrooms 29c lb.; butter 2 lb. 75c; ginger snaps or fig bars 2 lb. 19c.

40 YEARS AGO - FEB. 16, 1945

Napa Artificial Breeding Cooperative, organized by Northeastern Pennsylvania farmers began operation. The former grounds of the Tunkhannock Fair Association had been purchased for Napa headquarters.

Lt. Robert L. Fleming, son of Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Fleming was awarded an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a pilot attached to a Navy patrol operating in the Solomon Islands.

Engaged - Janie Pierce Raker and Elmer Deater. Married - Jean Moore to Gunner's Mate George Salisbury.

Deaths - Pvt. Chester Gorczynski, Centermoreland, in action. You could get - Tomatoes 29c pkg.; doz. oranges 35c; hot cross buns 22c pkg.; franks 37c lb.; Crisco 3 lb. jar 68c; 3 bars Camay soap 20c; salad dressing pt. jar 22c; sirloin steak 34c lb.; seedless raisins 15c lb.

30 YEARS AGO - FEB. 19, 1955

Westmoreland High School students participating in Northeast District State Chorus were Jeanne Croom, Robert McQuilkin, Robert Williamson. Vocal music supervisor was Mrs. Florence H. Sherwood.

Back Mt. bird lovers organized informally at a meeting at the Bk. Mountain Memorial Library Annex. Edwin Johnson was named president while Mrs. T.M.B. Hicks was named secretary.

Engaged - Nancy Anne Dymond to Calvin Crane; James N. Warkomski to Ann Sisson; Bettina Tvede to Rev. Denton Durland.

Married - Victoria Hudak to Joseph Winiski, Jr.; Jean Marie Noon to William Hartman; Betty Anstett to Richard M. Britt.

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Torrence Naugle, Sweet Valley, 50 Years.

Deaths - Minnie Wildoner, Hunlock Creek; Selma Campbell, Lehman; Julius Muha, Goss Manor.

You could get - Lunch pails \$2.47; jelly beans 23c lb. bag; peanut butter 11 oz. jar 39c; Beech-nut baby foods 6 jars 59c; Beech-Nut Coffee \$1.08 lb.; Dial soap 2 reg. bars 25c; chuck roast 35c lb.; haddock fillets 27c lb.

20 YEARS AGO - FEB. 18, 1965

Douglas Ide, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ide, Oak Hill, was named a finalist in the national merit scholarship program. Doug was a senior at Lake-Lehman High School.

Lehman Township Board of supervisors gave a negative okay to cable television in their municipality. President supervisor William Samuel explained that although the board did not feel they could stop a legitimate business, they would not issue a letter saying they had no objection as was requested.

Engaged - Joyce Ann Sweppenheiser and Robert Redington, Jr.; Barbara Bonning to Jack Berti.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Eck, Shavertown, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. John Cooney, 25th anniversary.

Deaths - Caroline V. Biemesderfer, Dallas; Joseph Dauksis, Lake Silkworth; George L. Rowe, Noxen; Joie E. Moss, Mossville.

You could get - Turkeys 33c lb.; fancy shrimp 59c lb.; boneless chuck roast 69c; tomatoes 19c lb.; Rome apples 4 lb. 39c; Pascal celery 29c bunch; 1 lb. Chase & Sanborn Coffee 83c; doz. doughnuts 25c; cake mixes, 8 oz. pkg. 10c.

10 YEARS AGO - FEB. 20, 1975

Members of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fireman's Association purchased a new fire truck for the municipality. Harold Hoover was treasurer of the volunteer fire company; Mrs. Millard Beatty was treasurer of the fire company's auxiliary; Robert Smith was president of the volunteers and Mrs. William H. Carey was auxiliary president.

Mrs. Walter Robert was installed as president of Dallas Kiwanis succeeding Mrs. Donald Anthony. The ceremony was held at Irem Temple Country Club with Mrs. Ernest Thomas serving as installing officer.

Deaths - William Sorber, Dallas; Catherine Hallas, Swoyersville; Ruth Ann Henwood, Dallas; Helen Evans, Carverton Road.

You could get - Picnic hams 69c lb.; franks 89c lb.; macaroni-cheese 3 pkgs. 89c; Shasta soda 5 cans 79c; Maxwell House Coffee, 2 lb. can \$1.99; 32 oz. jar mayonnaise 69c; 3 lb. apples \$1; endive 19c lb.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will officially close its doors to the public at 69 Main Street on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 5:30. On Monday, the 18th the tremendous task of moving the library contents to the new library home on 96 Huntsville Road will begin. We are looking for volunteers to help with the move; days or evenings, a whole day or a few hours, whichever, please contact the library for scheduling. We will need some trucks, many boxes, people to pack, and people to carry boxes of books. We plan to be closed for two weeks and hopefully to re-open in our new building on Monday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m.

The children's department at Huntsville Road will also close on the 16th at 5:30 and will move to its new room on the first floor. Books due to be returned to the library after February 16 should be returned in the book drop inside the front door at 69 Main Street or in the book drop on the street in front of the building. This will be a sad time for many of the staff as well as our patrons for this library in this building has been a part of our lives for many years. However, the new facilities promise to make the move worthwhile. The open house festivities held in the new building this past weekend were well attended and everyone was impressed with the progress being made. On to bigger and better things!

We have an interesting display in the case at the library thanks to George Jenkins of Dallas. We are featuring 22 bolo ties made by Mr. Jenkins using lanyards and fancy stones or special pieces. He likes to wear these ties and decided to use his special finds with the ties. Many of the stones were found in his travels; a road runner from Colorado; a red one from New Hampshire; sea shells from Florida; a snake eye and coral and one from British Columbia. He started making the wooden points on a lathe and shows them along with the clasps for the back. There are some artist ones with brushes instead of the wooden points. These are set up beautifully and make a very interesting display.

The Collector's Group has cancelled their February meeting and will meet on March 27th.

An exciting thing happened on Sunday at the open house. Florence Woolbert became the first person to return books to our new building. Joanne Runner, chairman of the open house, was surprised when she was handed the books that the woman was returning. The books were not over due and they were "Jacintha" by Kathleen Winsor and "Full Circle" by the ever popular Danielle Steele. We will wait and see who signs out the first book from the new building.

An interesting billboard with an intriguing message which I noticed on my recent trip through Mississippi posted outside a clothing factory stated: "What we weave on earth, we wear in heaven." A different way of saying some familiar logic.

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 REDUCTION in the personal income tax rate and establishment of a tax credit plan to stimulate Pennsylvania's steel industry highlighted Gov. Dick Thornburgh's 1985-86 general fund budget proposal. Addressing a joint session of the General Assembly, the governor unveiled his \$9.04 billion spending program - an increase of 4.9 percent over the current year. Thornburgh recommended reducing the rate of personal income tax from 2.35 to 2.2 percent. The tax decrease would return an estimated \$161 million to Pennsylvania taxpayers. He also called for implementation of a \$25 million tax credit plan aimed at generating new investment capital in steel and other industries. Other aspects of the budget include a \$261 million decrease for education, a \$66 million increase in support for the needy residents of Pennsylvania, and increases for higher education and student aid.

A SURPLUS of approximately \$200 million in this year's budget was a crucial factor in Gov. Thornburgh's decision to request a reduction in the personal tax rate. In addition to the tax break, the governor asked the General Assembly to approve the creation of a \$25 million Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund. The so-called "rainy day fund" would be used only at the discretion of the General Assembly to help alleviate future tax hikes during difficult economic times. "What he presented was almost too good to be true," Rep. Joseph C. Manmiller (R-Dauphin) said of the proposed budget. "Increasing spending by almost \$400 million and reducing the personal income tax is almost unbelievable."

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES by improving the economic climate in Pennsylvania is the intent of legislation introduced by Rep. Don Dorr (R-York).

LETTERS

Reader questions recent story

DEAR EDITOR:

Your article on the late Robert Stair made my day. It made my day one of the loudest I've had in a long time. Your article ranks right up there with the National Inquirer and other such shoddy periodicals that specialize in trashy journalism, sensationalism, and poor research.

If you plan to Front Page a story, then all facts to the most minuscule detail should be checked and rechecked for accuracy before you go to print. The lead paragraph read as if you wanted to straighten out all myths and rumors surrounding his death once and for all. The full body of the text did little more than fuel fire for further rumors and speculation. It accomplished nothing more than to add to the grief of an already grief stricken family. Did you give any consideration whatsoever to their feelings? I think not. In fact, it is quite obvious that you did not.

The last paragraph in your story is pathetic. When Police Chief Miers could not confirm the report of two shells meant for a Dallas patrolman - did you contact the family for information or any comment on your speculative hearsay. Where did the report you refer to come

from? Who would or could possibly know the intentions of the young man at the time? By what stretch of the imagination and use of twisted logic could anyone else place someone else's intentions in print.

You portray the young man as an ex-con (ref: "time spent in prison"), and imply that drugs were a major element in his death ("no drugs were found" as if they were looked for or should have been found), and that he was out on a vendetta mission ("one of which was meant for a Dallas patrolman"). Poor. Very poor on your part.

Am I telling you how to run your

newspaper? Somebody should. You obviously are ignorant of what constitutes responsible journalism. I'm curious just how many more newspapers you may think you sold because of that article. I know for a fact that you lost several customers - myself included. Perhaps in the future, you should stick to wire service news stories. They will most surely upgrade the quality of your reporting. I do feel that as a gesture of common decency you should print an open apology to the Stair family.

JAMES ROSS
DALLAS

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