

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA - Home of the craziest weather in the world!
Isn't it the truth, though? We have been experiencing some really weird weather this year.



I went skiing this past Sunday at a resort outside Hawley, Pa. and the snowstorm I had to drive home in was absolutely incredible. That's right - snowstorm this past Sunday.

DOTTY MARTIN

I know it didn't snow one single solitary flake here in the Back Mountain, but the storm I hit on the way home was one of those that carried with it zero visibility. And it was not very pretty to drive in.

I had some friends and two young children with me and all I could think of was having to spend a night in a hotel with these two kids. Now, believe me, anybody who knows me knows I love kids - as long as they're somebody else's and I can take them home when I get tired of them. And when you're driving in a snowstorm with two kids who are constantly hounding you about whether or not they're going to get home that night, nerves begin to become a bit frazzled.

Needless to say, though, we made it home - it took a little longer than planned, but we got there.

THEN, THE SUN SHINES most of the next day. And, even with a ski rack affixed to the top of my car, the weather is almost warm enough to open the sunroof. And, while you're doing all that - the weatherman on the radio is telling you it will probably snow before day's end.

I mean it, things around here are really strange.

MY SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to the family of the late Spencer Holmgren who passed away while I was on vacation recently.

Spencer delivered The Dallas Post to area newsstands for the past several years and his smiling face was always a welcome sight at our office on Wednesday mornings.

To his family, my sincere condolences. Spencer was a great man and I, personally, will miss him.

HOWARD SAMUELS of Dallas will be taking over our delivery route and will be setting up our newsstands Wednesday mornings.

Howard and Spencer were very close friends and Howard accompanied Spencer on his Wednesday morning route many times. The staff of The Dallas Post would like to thank Howard for pitching in.

We would also like to wish Howard a very happy birthday as he celebrated his 71st birthday last Saturday. I sure hope I look as good as he does when I get to be 71 - or maybe I should say I sure hope I last until I'm 71.

SPEAKING OF BIRTHDAYS, in the rush of going on vacation and getting caught up when I got back to the office, I failed to wish a happy birthday to the most important man in my life.

My father celebrated his birthday earlier this month and I would like to wish him many happy returns.

Happy birthday, Dad!

OUR APOLOGIES to the Knights of Columbus and the Dallas Fire and Ambulance, Inc. for not having their pictures in our paper today. Our photographer was at events that both of these organizations conducted this past week and we have no excuse other than a problem with the film.

The Knights of Columbus presented the Cobleigh family of Dallas with a check at the organization's annual spaghetti dinner held this week at the Gate of Heaven School cafeteria. The check represents monies raised to help the Cobleighs who were recently burned out of their home.

The Dallas Fire and Ambulance, Inc. held its annual installation of officers at the Irem Temple Country Club on Saturday evening. Our photographer was there, however, things did not work out quite the way we had planned.

I guess it's a chance you take in this business. Unfortunately, neither of these events could be replayed for a photo session.

Our apologies to those involved - we'll get you next time!

NADINE HOWE, publicity chairperson for the recent blood drive conducted by the Back Mountain Blood Council, called the other day and very proudly reported the results of that drive.

It seems the Council had set a goal of 190 donors for that particular drive and had a grand total of 171 - not bad for a day's work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DONNA AND JIM LUKSH of Wilkes-Barre who recently got the best possible Valentine's Day present when Mrs. Luksh gave birth to a baby boy, Stephen James, on Thursday.

The former Donna Kostrabola, Mrs. Luksh is the daughter of Ted and Olga Kostrabola of Dallas. The baby was one of 14 Valentine babies born at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS the crossword puzzles we will be featuring every week, starting today. The puzzles are originals and are designed by Elsa Sennett of Harveys Lake. For you crossword buffs, they should prove rather interesting.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE ALSO IN ORDER for Kit Karuza and members of the Dallas girls' basketball team. The Lady Mountaineers recently captured the overall championship of the AA Division of the Wyoming Valley Girls' Basketball Conference - a job they haven't been able to accomplish for eight years.

I remember Dallas being a powerhouse when I played for Wyoming Area - and that was many moons ago, believe me! But, the Lady Mountaineers have had to settle for second best the past couple years with the girls from Seton Catholic High School in Pittston always getting the highest honors.

This season, however, belongs to Karuza and company. They worked hard for what they got and deserve to wear the crowns of the champions. Congrats, Kit - for a job well done. And, to all members of the team, we wish you the best of luck in post-season play.



REMEMBERING

Gate of Heaven Band

Mr. Jacobs and Professor Teeter are shown here with the 1957-58 Gate of Heaven School Band.

Only yesterday

Fruit growers hold annual meeting

50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 22, 1935
Fruit Growers of Luzerne County held their annual winter meeting. R.S. Kirby of the Plant Disease Extension Department spoke on methods of spraying. E.A. Richmond, Orchard Insect Specialist discussed control of orchard pests.

Famous Protean Actor Zelner presented Magnificent Characters of Romance and History at Dallas Borough High School.

Deaths - David H. Traver, South Run.

Birthdays - Mrs. Albertine Mayer, 77 years old.

You could get - Cheese 23c lb.; eggs 37c doz.; brockwurst 29c lb.; cherries, lg. can 22c; apricots 25c lb.; 2 lg. can beets 15c; 2 lb. 27c; roasted peanuts 2 lb. 25c; strawberries 2 pt. 29c; carrots 3 lb. 10c.

40 YEARS AGO - FEB. 23, 1945

Kingston Township School Board granted permission for the use of the small grade school building at Shavertown for a Teen-Age Center. Named officers of the newly formed Shavertown Youth Committee Officers were R.D. Currie, chairman; S.B. Arber, vice chairman; Miss Eleanor Bartells, secretary; Stanley Davis, treasurer.

Dr. Ernest Hogg, Wilkes-Barre veterinarian, spoke on rabies at the meeting of the Back Mt. Kennel Club.

Married - Althea Diamond to T.Sgt. William Ross Nelson; Shirley Kramer to Wallace F. Perrin.

Deaths - Mark Kunkle, Orange.

You could get - Pt. jar salad dressing 19c; 3

reg. cans tomato soup 25c; apple butter 38 oz. jar 21c; dill pickles qt. jar 31c; Clorox 17c qt.; Fairlawn coffee 25c lb.; chuck roast 26c lb.; bananas 10c lb.

30 YEARS AGO - FEB. 25, 1955

Irvin LaBar, Mooretown, escaped from a roaring inferno in his diner when the force of the explosion which turned his diner into a holocaust hurled him through the front door to safety. A gas leak caused the explosion.

Back Mountain men attending the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association 46th annual dinner at Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Philadelphia were Peter D. Clark, John Yaple, Daniel Richards and Albert Jones.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, Lehman, 49 years.

Deaths - Lyman Hausch, Perth Amboy, N.J.; Paul N. Fogg, Hunlock Creek.

You could get - Turkeys 55c lb.; picnic hams 29c lb.; ducklings 55c lb.; oysters 69c pt.; cabbage 6c lb.; cabbage 6c lb.; hot cross buns 23c; sharp cheese 59c lb.; 2 lb. jar strawberry preserves 59c; 2 lb. boxes Confectioners sugar 25c.

20 YEARS AGO - FEB. 25, 1965

Wyoming Seminary students Sharon Phillips and Debbie Rogers were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists. Both girls were seniors. Sharon was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phillips. Debbie was daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Rogers.

A bobcat was sighted at Newberry Estate by resident Mrs. Del Breakstone.

Back Mountain folks appearing in Little Theatre's production of the Crucible were Mrs. Lyle Slaff, who had the lead; Ted Raub, Mrs. T.M.B. Hicks and Adrian DeMarco.

Engaged - Linda Fay Morris and John Shypulefski, Jr.

Deaths - Carl Engelman, Noxen.

You could get - Chickens 27c lb.; sliced bacon 48c lb.; spare ribs 39c lb.; Florida oranges 5 lb. bag 49c; Florida grapefruit 5 lb. bag 49c; 2 lb. can Maxwell House Coffee \$1.65; Joy liquid detergent 1 pt. 6 oz. bottle 59c.

10 YEARS AGO - FEB. 27, 1975

Nine Lake-Lehman Senior High School students toured London on an educational tour. Taking the trip were Tina Evans, Laurie Osborne, Dawn Spencer, Kathy McManus, Ann Hutchins, Debbie Cook, Laurie Kittle, Sue Olinatz and Melanie Holdworth. Becky Casterline and Romaine Tattersall were chaperones. Penn State freshman Sue Kocher also took the trip.

Abbylee Thomas and Eric Weber, Lake-Lehman seniors, had the lead in the senior class play "A Guy From Venus".

Married - Bonnie Long to James Desombre.

Deaths - Russell Lahr, Trucksville; Howard McNeel, Dallas; Raymond Moore, Dallas; James Knecht, Dallas.

You could get - Boneless chuck roast 89c lb.; ground chuck 3 lb. \$2.97; sharp cheese 12 oz. chunk 89c; Parkay Margarine 69c lb.; haddock fillet \$1.59 lb.; 16 oz. pkg. Mrs. T's Pierogies 69c; 64 oz. bottle Wisk 69c.

OPINION

Northeast Pennsylvania has its own 'Windows of Opportunity'

By **HOWARD J. GROSSMAN**
Special to The Dallas Post

In diplomatic circles, the term "Window of Opportunity" is becoming a popular phrase to describe those periods of time when nations seek out ways to improve relations or to carry out arms negotiations, nuclear disarmament talks, and related topics.

Windows of opportunity, however, can be viewed, not only in short spurts of time, but a longer perspective as well. Thus, in describing Northeastern Pennsylvania's history, the 1980's may well be that window of opportunity to transform an unstable economy into one which is more predictable in a positive sense.

Whether or not this occurs depends upon many factors including, among others, utilizing leadership ability, taking advantage of existing assets and resources, pulling together in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive sense, and not letting political judgments outweigh practical and technical judgments in decision making on issues of critical importance to the region.

There are windows of opportunity for governments, windows of opportunity for private sector firms and individuals, and windows of opportunity for citizens throughout the region.

The governmental sector, in light of federal cutbacks and other problems which have affected the financial stability of various levels of local government including municipalities and school districts, has the opportunity to consider joint methods in which services can be provided, mergers and consolidations can occur and contracting for services can be considered. Not every local governmental service problem can be solved in this way, and in some cases, that local government which has continued to provide excellent services should, in fact, do so in the future. There are, how-

ever, many opportunities for improving the way services are delivered in light of financial constraints, tax limitations, and other factors.

Private sector opportunities are offered throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania by investments that can be made to secure profits and to maintain and expand the operations of many private sector facilities. Too many people think that Northeastern Pennsylvania should continue to be bypassed as an investment opportunity. In many cases, investments are occurring especially at major interchanges which predominate in the region. Investment opportunities have shown themselves in the Pocono Mountains, as well as Luzerne, Lackawanna and Schuylkill Counties.

Windows of opportunity are open for citizens to act in a positive

constructive way in the 1980's to secure public participation to support many projects which are of importance to the region, as well as oppose those which, in the eyes of citizens, are not conducive to sound development.

Citizen involvement, however, should be more of a positive than a negative tone and community and civic groups need to be organized around long term issues and challenges rather than short term one-shot objectives to oppose a specific problem or project. These windows of opportunity show themselves in a community or regional sense at a specific point in time and must be taken advantage of quickly and effectively. They deserve a longer term commitment on the part of governmental and private sector leaders and citizens.

There are windows of opportunity which have proven to be important in an immediate sense. The Montage project in Lackawanna County is one of these. Development proposals have already come about as a result of the Montage Ski Area becoming operational. Other examples exist across Northeastern Pennsylvania and many opportunities may show themselves in coming months as a result of this theory being applied to this region.

For those who wish to pursue windows of opportunity which present themselves throughout the 1980's in Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania will provide investment type information as well as a list of financial resources available for project development. The Council's address is 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, PA 18640.

Library news

Old library is officially closed

By **NANCY KOZEMCHAK**
Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has officially closed its doors at 69 Main Street for library business and plans to re-open for regular business at 96 Huntsville Road on Monday, March 4, at 9:30 a.m.

During the next two weeks, packing, hauling and shelving will be of prime importance to library personnel. Volunteers to help with this moving are needed, between 9:30 in the morning until 8:30 in the evening. Contact the library for scheduling. Books may be returned in the book drops, inside the front door on Main Street or in the book drop on the street, while the library is closed.

February is Boy Scout Month and this year is the 75th anniversary of the scouts. We would like to salute the Boy Scouts in the Back Mountain area and also their qualified leaders.

Having two sons who are both Eagle Scouts, I am aware of the time given by the boys and their leaders, and can't think of a better area in which to spend your

time. We had one Boy Scout troop helping the moving during the month and have many of the other troops signed up to help during the next two weeks. The Cub Scouts of Pack 281 have a display in Besecker's window and it is worth looking at. Congratulations, Boy Scouts of America!

I have had so many people tell me they especially enjoyed my recent article regarding my trip to Texas and I'm grateful for that. Publicity is something I just sort of stumbled into and I do enjoy writing it, however, sometimes it's hard to find an interesting subject.

Recent Memorial Books donated to the library include: The Wyoming Valley by Hanlon in memory of W. Earl Tremayne gift of Mrs. Florence Crump; Applique quilting by Bass in memory of Rachel Thom gift of J. Warren Yarnal; The Adventurous Gardener by Lloyd in memory of Janet Scovall, gift of Atty. and Mrs. John E. Morris III; Nothing Down by Allen in memory of Mary E. Stewart given anonymously.

Someone once said: "The average man learns from experience, but the Wise man learns from the experience of others."

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