

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

A GREAT BIG CONGRATULATIONS to members of the Dallas boys and girls basketball teams for playing their hearts out and advancing last week in inter-district competition.

The Lady Mountaineers will get another shot and going even further up the ladder tonight when they do battle at the Scranton CYC while the Mounts were scheduled to play Honesdale last night.

Members of The Dallas Post staff wish both teams the best of luck.

NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED are members of the Lake-Lehman wrestling team who came home with District 2 medals after last weekend's District wrestling competition.



DOTTY MARTIN

Although the Mohawks of Meyers put the skids to a Lake-Lehman team title, there were several Black Knights who gave it their best shot and took home medals.

RALPH SELTZER, the part-time police officer from Kingston Township who was run down by a juvenile driver several weeks ago, is now recuperating at home.

Seltzer was discharged from Nesbitt Memorial Hospital last week after spending some time there following skin graft operations and is now resting at his Kingston home.

Seltzer is waiting patiently to undertake the difficult role of being a father as his wife, the former Carol Kuzma of Swoyersville, is expecting the couple's first child next month.

A GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Dallas Post staff correspondent Charlot M. Denmon who celebrated a birthday last week.

Charlot, or "Tooties" as we all know her, is well-known around the Back Mountain and has made her mark at Bonomo's Bowling Center in the Back Mountain Bowling League.

WHILE WE'RE WISHING CONGRATULATIONS, I would also like to extend my condolences to Charlot and her husband, Andy, upon the death of their 20-year-old poodle, Molly, last week.

Molly, who was a long-time member of the Denmon family, suffered a stroke and eventually had to give up on life - not before offering many wonderful memories to her owners, however.

SOME FRIENDS OF MINE have become convinced there are people in this world who have monthly committee meetings and plan how to aggravate people.

My insurance agent just last week told me she's sure there are people who get together on a monthly basis, form committees and plan on how they're going to make her life miserable for that month.

Have you ever felt like that - that people are honestly trying their darndest to get under your skin?

HOW ABOUT THE PARTY at the new Back Mountain Library this past Monday during the grand opening of the building? Sounds like it was quite a bash.

Sorry, I missed it, but our photographer Ed Campbell has been spending some time at the library these days, getting photos of the move and the ribbon-cutting ceremony and all.

Library volunteer Beverly Marchetti stopped in to say hello that afternoon and told us she was sure they had made enough coffee at the library that morning to serve the entire Back Mountain Community.

Coffee or no coffee, however, make it a point to visit the new Back Mountain Library.

AND, REMEMBER - if you have any overdue books that belong to the library, you can return them without paying an overdue charge.

Between now and the end of this month, the library is conducting Forgiveness Weeks and is offering area residents a chance to return overdue books without paying a fine.

You can't beat the offer - and really, wouldn't you rather see the books on the shelves of the library so others can enjoy them than collecting dust on your shelves at home?

SPEAKING OF THE LIBRARY, The Dallas Post takes great pride in sponsoring a local photography contest in conjunction with National Library Week 1985, April 14-20.

The Post is offering four \$25 first place cash prizes in the contest, along with ribbons for second and third place winners.

Read all about the contest in today's edition of The Dallas Post and make it a point to visit the library between April 12 and April 17 to cast a vote for your favorite photograph.

SHIRLEY GINGO called us the other day and wondered why we didn't have a photographer at a recent Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet. Our answer - because we didn't know about it.

The Dallas Post has a staff photographer who goes to such events and will gladly take photos for publication in our newspaper, however, we must first be informed of what events are taking place before we can schedule a photographer to be there.

Organizations such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups, Little League groups, etc. must realize how important it is for them to appoint a publicity chairman who will keep us posted of the group's events.

Even though we are willing to take photos of these events, it's absolutely impossible for us to know about everything going on in the Back Mountain.

If your group is having a special event, naming new officers, planning a fund-raiser, just give me a call at 675-5211 and you'll see how easy it is to have a photograph in The Dallas Post.



Church play

Mark Kunkle, left, and Margaret Fowler Davis, right, both of Dallas, portray King Arthur and Annie Oakley during a play at the Orange Methodist Church. The photo was taken in 1957.

Only yesterday

Kingston Township school awarded emergency grant

50 YEARS AGO - MARCH 8, 1935

To assist Kingston Township School District, an emergency appropriation of \$3,500 was granted by the state. Jackson Township School Board was also assessed \$611 for tuition payments.

Mrs. Della Parrish, Worthy Matron of Dallas Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star was honored for her service at a dinner held at the Colonial Tea Room, Fernbrook.

Deaths - Robert K. Hislop, Forty Fort; Mary Hopper, Dallas.

You could get - Codfish 23c pkg.; sardines 2 oval cans 15c; chuck pot roast 22c lb.; stewing chickens 23c lb.; mushrooms 29c lb.; sweet potatoes 4 lb. 19c; hot cross buns 12-12c; 2 cans asparagus tips 39c; cheese 19c lb.

40 YEARS AGO - MARCH 9, 1945

Pennsylvania State Library, through Miss Evelyn Matthews of its extension department assured the Back Mountain Library Association that it was prepared to furnish 2,000 volumes on a two-year loan basis to provide a nucleus for the new library.

Cpl. Charles Mitchell was awarded the Purple Heart. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Mitchell of Kunkle, he had been wounded in the shoulder but had returned to action.

Married - Lieutenant Walter Lewin, U.S.A.A.F. to Dorothy Boney.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Gus Adler, Shavertown, 25 years.

Deaths - Claude Isaacs, former Dallas resident; Myfanwy Richards, Trucksville.

You could get - Steak 34c lb.; cod fillets 32c lb.; butter 48c lb.; Niblets corn 14c can; rice 2 lb. 23c; Palmolive soap 3 bars 20c.

30 YEARS AGO - MARCH 11, 1955

Five prominent residents of the Back Mountain area were named to the Advisory Committee for the new Back Mountain office of Wyoming National Bank at Shavertown. James D. Hutchinson, Alfred D. Bronson, Alfred H. Runstall, Willard E. John, Jr. and Granville H. Sowden were named to the board according to bank president Albert M. Bossard.

Shavertown native Lee Tracy, Broadway actor and

television star, left for Australia and New Zealand where he was assigned the part of Captain Queeg in the stage production of the Caine Mutiny.

Engaged - Mabel Lewis to Robert B. Shaver; Vida Kocher to Harold C.W. Birth; Nancy Robinson to Donald Smith Devor, Jr.; Elizabeth Bunney to Thomas Moore; Lois Jean Hawk to Pvt. W. Eugene Hale; Rebecca Eleanor Gabel to LaVerne Anthony Steuber.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gibbons, Chase, 25 years.

Deaths - Thomas Healy, Dallas.

You could get - Women's spring coat \$14.98; steaks, sirloin, 79c lb.; leg o lamb 59c lb.; franks 39c lb.; pollock fillet 19c pkg.; egg 63c doz.; new potatoes 5 lb. 29c; tomato ketchup 2-14 oz. bottles 45c; Ideal coffee 89c lb.

20 YEARS AGO - MARCH 11, 1965

Mrs. Janet K. Smith was named kindergarten coordinator and reading program coordinator of the elementary grades at Dallas Schools.

Ambrose Gavigan, well known area grocer, opened Gavy's Market on Memorial Highway in Shavertown.

Engaged - Judith Lincoln and Frederick J. Roberts; Louise Fay Sutton and Richard I. Arnold; Marjorie L. Hughes to William J. Davis.

Deaths - Irvin A. Rood, Harveys Lake.

You could get - Picnic hams 27c lb.; rolled rump roast 85c lb.; franks 2 lb. 89c; bananas 10c lb.; leaf lettuce 19c lb.; strawberries 3 pt. baskets \$1; Tetley tea bags 64-68c; orange juice 6 oz. 4 cans 99c.

10 YEARS AGO - MARCH 13, 1975

Three students from Dallas Senior High School were selected to participate in Region 2 State Band held at Easton High School. The honors went to Robert Baird, Phillip Miller and John Kraynak.

Dallas Chapter Eastern Star marked its 50th anniversary. Edyth Bonning was Worthy Matron while Dennis Bonning was Worthy Patron. Charter and 50 year members were honored.

You could get - Roasting chicken 49c lb.; corned beef brisket \$1.29 lb.; bottom round roast \$1.29 lb.; applesauce 3-15 oz. cans \$1; new cabbage 11c lb.; lettuce 29c hd.; oranges 10-99c; Mrs. T's Pierogies 16 oz. pkg. 79c.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

A teardrop fell! A familiar quote and a few teardrops did fall as we finally removed the last library belongings from the old building at 69 Main Street. I locked the door for the last time at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28 and left the building in fairly good condition.

The library first began its service to the public in 1945 in the building on Main Street and after 40 years, it really has outgrown its facilities. As we begin the next 40 years at 96 Huntsville Road, our capital campaign slogan, "The Next Chapter" is very fitting and another thought would be, A blossom began!

This is our new beginning and the building should prove to be a very valuable asset to our community. As we start the next 40 years in our new facility, we would like to restate our original proverb: "The Back Mountain Memorial Library is 'A perpetual, living memorial to the Back Mountain men and women who have served in all wars to preserve the American ideal.'"

The members of the staff of the library and the Board of Directors cordially invite the entire community to come and browse through their new library.

The last people to sign out books in the old library were a student, David Fosko, of Lehman and Beverly Todd of Shavertown. We anxiously await the signing out of the first book in the new library and will announce the winner of our Guess the Date contest soon.

The hours at the library will be 9:30 to 8:30, Monday through Thursday and 9:30 to 5:30 Friday and Saturday. The children's room and the main library will have the same hours.

A very special thanks to some very dedicated volunteers who have helped tremendously with the move. Mel Congdon, Carl Oberst, David Smith, Kerry Freeman, who loaned trucks; Mrs. Crump who has baked a fresh batch of cookies every day; Jean Warneka and daughter, Lori, Mary Thom, Jean Alexander, Benny Matchett, Joanne Runner, Gerri Graham, Irma Jacobs, and Morag Michael who came with her voyager van and helped haul books. The men of Rotary, the Back Mountain Kiwanis, Boy Scouts of Troop 281, the Kiwanis Club of Dallas, Boy Scout Troop 232, and a great Brownie troop who each carried four books at a time from the second floor to the new children's room on the first floor.

One very special Girl Scout, Jennifer Farley of Troop 634, Shavertown who has been here shelving books every day while working on her silver project and brought a friend along to help, Blaise Hoyt.

The members of the library staff have worked very hard doing many different types of work, from scrubbing, packing, unpacking, shelving and moving boxes and furniture from one place to another. The staff has given many volunteer hours during the move.

"Men who read more achieve more" - surveys prove it. And men who achieve more keep on reading. Your brand new library shelves are filled with reading material to help you achieve.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

CASINO-TYPE GAMBLING in Pennsylvania taverns was outlawed this week when the Legislature voted to repeal part of a 1984 law which had inadvertently allowed blackjack and other card tournaments. Action came swiftly with the House and Senate voting Tuesday and the governor signing the measure on Thursday. Tavern owners and their legislative supporters had argued that the bars needed the tournaments to survive economically. But opponents countered that such card games would open the door to widespread casino gambling and the possibility of organized crime control.

HOME HEATING aid for low-income families can be sufficiently funded with available federal funds, it was decided this week as House Republicans backed Gov. Dick Thornburgh's opinion on the matter. Thornburgh had vetoed legislation calling for the infusion of state tax monies into the heating fund, saying it would create a subsidy program "where no need has been demonstrated." House Republicans, with some Democratic support, succeeded in sustaining the veto by a vote of 128-66. A veto override requires a two thirds majority or 136 votes.

INSTALLMENT SALES in the Commonwealth will retain an 18 percent interest ceiling for the next three years under legislation approved this week in the Senate. The House had approved the bill earlier and the governor is expected to act on it next week. Supporters said the bill would help prevent credit firms from leaving the state, thus possibly cutting off credit purchases to people in lower-income categories.

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LETTERS

Hunter challenges Woeful

DEAR EDITOR:

The 1984 Pennsylvania antlered whitetail deer season is history and with the close of the season it becomes necessary to tell "Woeful Wife" where her happy nimrod has been and what he has been doing.

Preparation, planning and practice are the key words, "Woeful". Now let's be fair. Have you ever shopped for a big trip? Did you never buy that special dress and find no shoes or purse to match? Ergo...back to the mall. Did we not see you grooming, spraying, polishing, brushing, and pampering to meet the competition poised like wolves to snatch your nimrod's affection? "Woeful", have you never been so excited about a healthy diversion in your life that you didn't share the spark with a friend?

Checking the supplies is a must. Yes, that includes the cards and the liquor cabinet. Note now "Woeful" that at the end of the season no one has lost the ranch at cards or checked in with the "AA". Oh yes! We're still friends at the end of the week, too!

You have never been there? Please come, but not during deer season. No women allowed! You see "Woeful", the "Cabin" has long

been a place of preserving the family. Our sons have shared many a cherished moment with dad in the "Cabin". Do come though, but bring your chainsaw.

Oh, "Woeful" why does your wondering nimrod feel the call of the "Cabin" so often? If none of the

offerings above is sufficient then let's turn to the Bible for a possible answer...Proverbs 25-24, "It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman."

See you next "Buck Season".
FAITHFUL HUNTER

Organization grows

DEAR EDITOR:

We would like to bring the following to the public's attention. Because of public support, our organization has grown and expanded.

Formerly, we were Pathways to Independence, Inc., a non-profit, private organization advocating for mentally retarded citizens. Our new name is N.E. Pa. Advocates for the Mentally Retarded, Inc., 73 W. Ross Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702.

We advocated to defeat the Community Living Arrangement Amendments, 1983 House Bill 2053. We receive no state or federal funds. We do not provide a direct service, thereby avoiding conflicts of interest. We do not believe in blanket treatment for persons with mental retardation.

Our general purpose is to act as an advocate on behalf of retarded

citizens and their families as an entity. We seek to provide as much information as possible to families and friends, as well as public officials, legislators, and the general public at large. We seek to create a wholesome and productive attitude toward the various types of residential care facilities for the retarded as we look to participate equally with other mental retardation organizations and service delivery systems.

We are affiliated with Pa. League of Concerned Families of Retarded Citizens, a state organization, and Parent Network, a national organization.

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