

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

I WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING - and to anyone who has an answer for this question, I will personally buy them lunch.

How come your car always works fine when you get it to the service station? Especially after you've been having problems with it for a while.

My car - God bless its soul - has been acting up for some time now. Without claiming to be an auto diagnostician, I determined the problem to be in the starter - only because every time I turn the car



DOTTY MARTIN

on, it growls back at me for a split second and refuses to start.

Anyway, I scheduled an appointment at a local service station and did without the services of this beloved vehicle for an entire day, only to have the mechanic return it to me, untouched.

"Nothing wrong with it," he said. And I agreed with him that it was pointless to replace the starter if the starter was not the problem.

Needless to say, the car still growls at me on occasion and someday, just someday, I'm going to be out of town somewhere when the bloody things decides to continue growling and refuse to start.

Cars - you can't live with 'em and you can't live without 'em!

BOY, IT SURE FEELS LIKE SPRING is in the air these days, doesn't it? What with Easter right around the corner and trout fishermen gearing up for the 1985 season, it almost feels like winter has vanished once again.

We've all got spring fever at the office, too. We do a lot of thinking about spring cleaning these days - both at the office and at our houses.

Unfortunately, that's all we do about it - THINK. Nothing gets done, nothing gets cleaned - we just think about it. That's more fun, anyway, don't you think?

SPEAKING OF EASTER, can you believe it's here already? My goodness, I feel like I just got done undecorating the Christmas tree and now it's time to get out the ceramic Easter bunnies and start coloring Easter eggs.

I guess time flies when you're having fun, doesn't it? Or, is it time flies when you get older?

HATS OFF TO BRETT SLOCUM of the Slocum Insurance Agency here in Dallas.

Brett, vice president of the local insurance agency, recently received the professional designation of Certified Insurance Counselor.

Slocum is a graduate of Dallas High School, attended Juniata College and has completed a number of insurance training courses.

He is an active member of the Dallas Rotary Club and serves as captain of the Dallas Fire Department. He is also a member of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee of the Dallas School District, Back Mountain PAK Advisory Council, George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, F.A.&M., and the Dallas United Methodist Church.

Brett lives in Dallas with his wife, Susan, and their daughters, Jaime and Tara.

Congrats, Brett!

HOW MANY MOTHERS stood at the bus stop with their children this past Monday morning, waiting for a bus that never showed up?

At least one member of The Dallas Post staff was unaware that the elementary school kids did not have classes on Monday and spent at least 20 minutes on the corner with her daughter, waiting for a bus that just never showed up.

So, if any of you other mothers are feeling kind of foolish right now and hoping no one noticed you at the bus stop on Monday, relax, you weren't alone.

WELCOME TO ED GDOSKI, local game warden, who will be writing an outdoors column for us on a monthly basis.

Gdoski, who simply loves the outdoors and loves to talk about his work, has agreed to help bridge the gap between our newspaper and all you sportsmen out there by supply us with a column on the first Wednesday of every month.

Ed's column will be filled with information about what the Game Commission is doing along with some of its plans and some of Ed's personal encounters. Anyone wishing to question, criticize, or even compliment Ed or the Game Commission is welcome to write to Ed Gdoski, Outdoors Writer, The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, Pa., 18612.

I STOPPED IN AT THE NEW BACK MOUNTAIN LIBRARY the other day and found everyone busy at work.

Librarian Bill Frederick was so helpful in carrying in some boxes of old books we were donating while assistant librarian Nancy Kozemchak and volunteer Beverly Marchetti were also quick to pitch in.

The new library certainly is a nice place, though, isn't it? The bright, cheery atmosphere of not only the building itself, but of all the people in it was what caught my attention.

Back Mountain residents sure can be proud of their library - it's got to be one of the nicest around.

THIS CLIPPING made its way across my desk this past week and I found it interesting enough to share with our readers:

"Reading a metropolitan newspaper is like eating a restaurant meal - you pick and choose from what's offered. But reading the hometown weekly is like eating a good home-cooked meal - a fellow doesn't want to miss a thing."

That rather perky quote comes from Donald Fellows in Saugerties, N.Y. and was reprinted from the "Catskill Mountain Star."

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT the new "Dear Aunt Patty" column in today's edition.

Aunt Patty, our local advice columnist, has been busy this past week answering all your letters. Aunt Patty is serious about helping those of you out there who have questions that need to be answered and we feel you'll find her advice rather helpful.



REMEMBERING

Lehman House

Shown here is a photo of the Lehman House, taken in 1907. Unfortunately, no members of our staff seem to know where this house was located. Therefore, we are appealing to our readers to let us know what is currently situated on this land. Write or call and let us know.

Only yesterday

Residents favor Daylight Savings Time in summer

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL 5, 1935

Polls conducted throughout the Wyoming Valley indicated that area residents were in favor of Daylight Savings Time during the summer months.

Competing against seven youths from different parts of Luzerne County Robert Lewis Fleming, representing Dallas High School, won first prize in the oratorical contest for boys held at Forty Fort High School.

Dallas basketball team clinched the title in the Rural League by a slim margin of 28 to 20 in a tense and exciting game held at the borough school.

You could get - Fillets of haddock 10c lb.; stewing oysters 3 doz. 25c; Little Neck Clams 10c doz.; 3 cans tomatoes 25c; Post Toasties 7c pkg.; 3 big cans sauerkraut 20c; apples 6 lb. 25c; clam chowder 10c can.

40 YEARS AGO - APRIL 6, 1945

Lieutenant Robert L. Fleming USNR, son of Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Fleming, was awarded a Silver Star Medal, the highest award ever presented at the Hutchinson Naval Air Station. This medal was awarded for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action.

Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company's drive for funds was collecting an average of \$10 per family.

Married - Emma Wandall and Edward Creagh; Arlene Taylor and Sergeant Searcy Bradford Slack, Jr.

Deaths - Howard E. Lynn, Jr., in service; Pt. Joseph Rushinko Jr., killed on Iwo Jima; Charles Harris.

You could get - Legs of lamb 39c lb.; steak 34c lb.; butter 48c lb.; oranges 43c lb.; apples 3 lb. 25c; onions 4 lb. 12c; spinach 2 lb. 19c; 28 oz. jar apple butter 16c; cinnamon rolls 19c pkg.; cake 49c ea.

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 8, 1955

Area chairpersons James Besecker and Mrs. Charles DeWees III announced a goal of \$3,000 for the Back Mountain Cancer Drive, W.B. Jeter was treasurer; Nancy Brader was in charge of coin cans while Mrs. Robert Maturi was in charge of organizations.

Eighty eight year old William Roushey had the distinction of being the oldest subscriber to the Dallas Post. Roushey had subscribed for 50 years.

Deaths - Alvin Moss, Hunlock Creek; Frank Jakubowski, Lake Silkworth; Terence W. Sickler, Centermoreland.

You could get - Turkeys 49c lb.; hams 59c lb.; skinnless franks 39c lb.; 1/2 gal. ice cream 79c; fresh eggs 49c doz.; My-T-Fine instant pudding 3-4 oz. pkg. 27c; Keebler's Club Crackers 16 oz. pkg. 39c; Bon Ami cleanser 2 cans 25c.

20 YEARS AGO - APRIL 8, 1965

On Easter Sunday the congregation of Trinity United Presbyterian Church moved in solemn procession from the Dallas Township auditorium to the newly built church for its first service in the new building. Rev. Andrew Pillarella was pastor.

Lake Township Police Chief Edgar Hughes resigned for health reasons. Walbridge Leinthal was recommended for his replacement.

Engaged - Elizabeth A. Johnson to Ronald Balonis. Married - Katie Louise Klein to Ronald M. Ayres. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Geore Schollenberger, Orange, 25 years.

Deaths - Cora Hagel, Pikes Creek; Stewart Casterline, Tunkhannock; Herbert Britt, Sweet Valley; Muri T. Cross, Lehman.

You could get - Pork Loins 25c lb.; ham 69c lb.; Delmonico steaks \$1.39 lb.; standing rib roast 73c lb.; potatoes 20 lb. bag \$1.19; oranges 59c doz.; pineapples 3-1; eggs 2 doz. 87c; salmon 1 lb. can 49c; Jelly eggs 25c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - APRIL 15, 1975

Back Mountain Rotary Lions and Kiwanis co-sponsored a Meet the School Board Candidates Night. Earl Phillips was program chairman.

May Queen Court at Wyoming Seminary included Pearl Ann Butera, Cornelia Conyngham, Cynthia Henson, April Krajewski, Clare McCarthy, Jan Morris and Yvonne Pearsall.

Deaths - Mortimer Goldsmith, Trucksville; Alton Nulton, Tunkhannock.

You could get - Pork chops or pork roast, center cut, \$1.19 lb.; sausage 99c lb.; bacon \$1.19 lb.; salami 99c lb.; elbow macaroni 4-8 oz. pkg. \$1; Hunts' tomato sauce 3 cans \$1; Imperial Margarine 75c lb.; oranges 10-99c.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

A unique quote, "There's nothing greater than human beings."

How true that is; I casually made that remark to a friend the other day during a conversation and meant it at the time and realized later on how very true it really is. If we can enjoy each other's presence and try to help someone who is down to find something to be happy about, then before you know it, we ourselves are smiling also. It's a great philosophy and it really works, if you try it. An additional quote from a dear friend who claims things usually happen for the best, but you must learn to "roll with the flow". Human beings? What would we do without them!

Another friend who would like to have given us enough money for a kitchen in the new library donated some unbreakable bright n'light coat hangers instead. We are grateful!

Take a moment and think back to when you were in first grade. The little girl in front of you has just finished her turn, and now the teacher calls on you. Eagerly you stand, book braced in hand, and read to the class, "See David Run." It was a powerful moment. There was no doubt about it. You could read those words! The world was yours. As we savor the richness reading has brought our lives, it is hard to believe that nearly 27 million Americans cannot read and understand simple texts, signs and directions well enough to function in everyday life. This problem costs our nation more than \$224 billion every year.

Fortunately, the Back Mountain Memorial Library is involved in the effort to combat illiteracy along with the American Library Association, the Coalition for Literacy, and the Advertising Council, Incorporated. And you can do something, too. This year you can celebrate reading and libraries. How? Make all your gifts books. Read a poem aloud every night before supper. Read the newspapers every day. Subscribe to a magazine you've always wanted. Watch TV one hour less each day, and use the time to read. Go to the library twice a month and take out book on a subject you know nothing about. Make sure everyone in your family has a library card. Despite the frightening numbers of functionally illiterate people, most Americans can and do read. April 14-20, 1985 is National Library Week. It is the perfect time to recapture the power and pleasure of reading. It's time to reaffirm ourselves as A Nation of Readers. Come in and tour your new library on Huntsville Road and start the reading habit!

Our book drop return on Main Street has been having some problems, mostly with the lock and has not been useable for a while. It is now functional and books can be returned there. We hope to have a book drop return at our new building in the near future.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

MORE PENNSYLVANIANS will be able to participate in the state's property tax and rent rebate programs if a bill which passed the House becomes law. The measure raises the income eligibility limits from \$11,999 to \$15,000 per household. The proposal would allow an additional 100,000 households to participate in the lottery-funded program at an estimated additional cost of \$26.7 million annually. Persons eligible for the property tax and rent rebates are senior citizens age 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older and permanently disabled persons over age 18 who meet the income requirements.

PARENTS FREQUENTLY are not notified in Pennsylvania when their child is arrested and charged before a district justice with a summary offense. Current law does not require that parents or legal guardians be contacted when such an occurrence takes place. Therefore, Rep. Bruce Smith (R-York) has introduced legislation that would make it mandatory to notify parents when a juvenile is charged with a summary violation. Summary offenses include retail theft, criminal misconduct, vandalism, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. "A parent's knowledge of their child's misbehavior could be a key to improved conduct in the future," Smith said.

SOARING HOSPITAL and health-care costs in the Commonwealth have prompted Rep. Carmel Siranni (R-Susquehanna) to introduce legislation establishing the Health-Care Cost Containment Act. The measure would create an independent health-care cost containment council to review the quality of health care in Pennsylvania. The 15-member panel would be appointed by the Secretary of Health and would investigate the cost-effectiveness of hospitals and ways to keep costs down.

LETTERS

Society seeks members

DEAR EDITOR:

The Mineralogical Society of N.E. Pa. is a non-profit organization formed 11 years ago to bring together those with an interest in the study of any phase of earth science.

Included in those interests are mineralogy, fossils and gem cutting and study as well as jewelry making.

This hobby oriented organization is seeking your help to make an announcement in your paper to inform potential members of the existence of the Society.

Please make such an announcement on our behalf, inviting any of our readers who may have an interest in minerals, fossils, etc. to write to me, supplying me with their name and address if they

wish, additional information concerning joining our society will be sent to them.

The address to write to is: Walter J. Kakareka, II, RD 6, Box 5, Moscow, Pa. 18444.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can give.

WALTER J. KAKAREKA, II

Association appreciates story

DEAR EDITOR:

The Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley appreciates very much the coverage The Dallas Post gave to its presentation of the play, "We The Family."

We are especially grateful to you for your interest and willingness to

cooperate in our 90th Anniversary Celebration.

The article written by Joan Kingsbury in your March 20 issue was superb. She managed to put so much information in one story about Family Service, its 90th Anniversary, programs and activities. Our

thanks to her, too.

With best wishes and gratitude,
LILLIAN THALENFELD
VOLUNTEER
90TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION
OF WYOMING VALLEY

Library thanks Post for coverage

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the library board of directors and staff members, I

would personally like to thank you for your super coverage of our recent move from Main Street to

Huntsville Road.
NANCY KOZEMCHAK
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

Girl Scout Council thankful for coverage

DEAR EDITOR:

Penn's Woods Council Girl Scouts, from our youngest Daisy to adult volunteers, would like to thank you for your help in celebrating Girl Scout Week. We appreciate your

cooperation and kind words. Everyone knows a little more about Girl Scouting because you told them about our activities.

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