

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

WE HAD A FEW RESPONSES to our "Remembering" photo of last week's editorial page. You know the one - the photo that members of our staff were unable to identify the current location.

Florence Elston called to tell us the photo was of the old Lehman Hotel which was situated at Lehman Center. Lehman Center is the location currently next to Dr. Brown's residence, according to Florence.

Florence also informed us that Wes Moore had one of the last stores at that location. Florence said Clarence Elston was born across the street from the Lehman Hotel and that he was actually the one who identified the photo.



DOTTY MARTIN

Judy Dawe of Lehman also identified Lehman Center as the location where Wesley Moore once had a store. Judy went so far as to inform us that there were scales used to weigh large objects located near the hotel.

Much thanks to both of these women for taking the time to supply us with the above information. And, again, anyone who may know more about any of our old photos that we tell our readers is asked to call and let us know.

SPEAKING OF PHOTOS, today is the deadline for the amateur photo contest sponsored jointly by the Back Mountain Library and The Dallas Post.

The contest, which is open to all local amateur photographers, is part of a nationwide contest inviting amateur photographers to participate in "A Nation of Readers."

The contest sponsored locally, offers \$25 first place prizes in all four categories - adult black and white, student black and white, adult color and student black and white. Ribbons will also be awarded for second and third place winners.

First place photographs will be submitted to the American Library Association National Contest, thus making them eligible for \$7100 in cash awards.

Members of The Dallas Post photography staff will judge the local entries this Friday and winners will be published in the April 17th issue of The Post. An awards ceremony will be conducted on Thursday, April 18, at the Back Mountain Library at which time winners will receive their prizes.

Remember - today is the last day to enter. So, if you've got a photo you're rather proud of, why not drop it off at the new Back Mountain Library on Huntsville Road and become eligible for some great prizes.

WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF COMMENTS (or should I say complaints) about our Crossword Puzzles which have been appearing in The Dallas Post for several weeks now.

Actually, people are not really complaining about the puzzles themselves, but of their difficulty. Seems our readers are simply thrilled that we now include crossword puzzles

on a weekly basis, but most of our "puzzlers" seem to have a tough time finishing the puzzles.

Elsa Sennett of Harveys Lake is the genius behind these puzzles and seems to have stumped some of the best "puzzlers" in the Back Mountain.

So, if you've been tackling Elsa's Crosswords and have yet to complete one successfully, rest assured - you are not alone.

A GREAT BIG GET WELL WISH goes out to two members of the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors who are both currently recovering at home.

Ambrose Gavigan and Willard Piatt, both supervisors in Kingston Township, have been feeling down and out for a while and the staff of The Dallas Post would like to wish both of these men a speedy recovery.

A GIGANTIC HAPPY BIRTHDAY is sent out to Mildred Bachman of Walnut Street in Forty Fort who will be celebrating her birthday on Friday, April 19.

Mrs. Bachman is a weekly reader of The Dallas Post and, from what I've been told, an avid fan of this column. To you, Mrs. Bachman, goes a great, big happy and healthy birthday.

ANNA KALNA of Main Street in Swoyersville was inundated with Easter flowers from her grandchildren this past weekend.

Mrs. Kalna who, along with her husband Michael, used to operate a grocery store on Swoyersville's Main Street, received flowers from her three grandsons who all live out of state. Michael, of Ohio, thrilled his grandmother with a nice, big Easter bouquet while Mark and Paul, both of Texas, both surprised Anna with fresh Easter flowers, also.

The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kalna of Swoyersville and can be sure their grandmother sure is proud of them.

THE BACK MOUNTAIN WAS WELL REPRESENTED in last Wednesday's East-West All-Star Basketball Game sponsored by the Citizens' Voice and the Wyoming Valley Athletic Association.

Suiting up for the West Girls All-Stars were Pam Solinski, Lori Lopasky and Sandy Diction of Lake-Lehman, along with Cheryl Gavigan of Dallas High School.

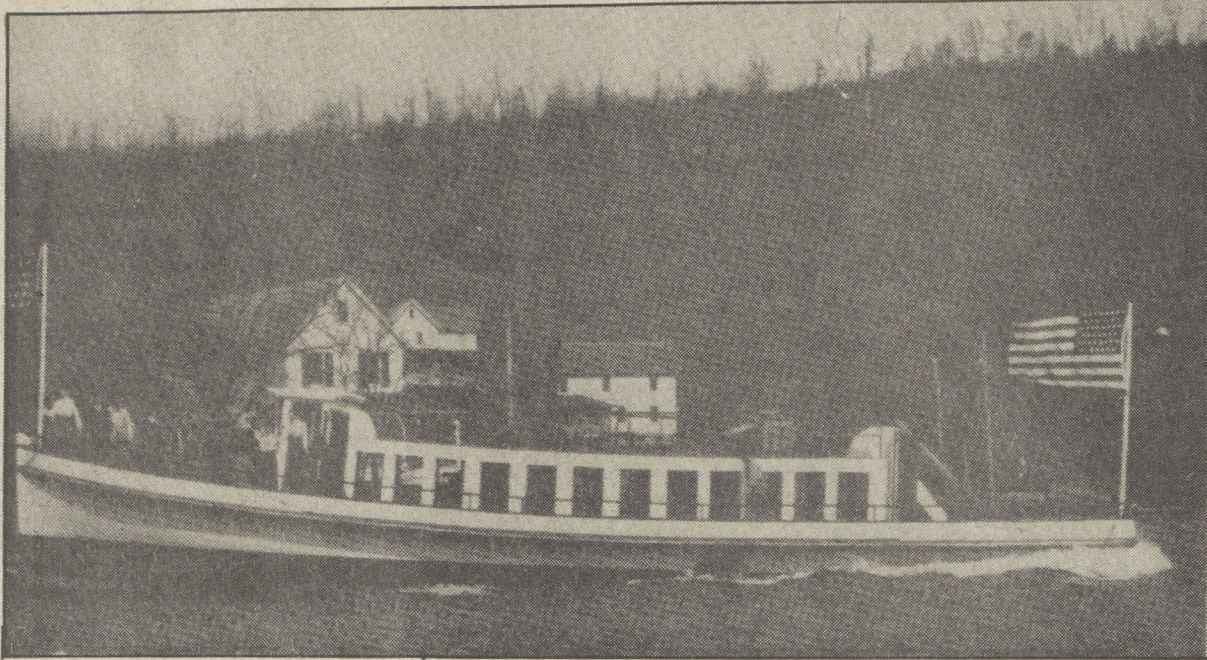
Playing on the West Boys All-Stars were Dallas' Steve Wilson and Mark Farrell who were joined by Billy Bearde of Lake-Lehman.

Rodger Bearde, head basketball coach and athletic director at Lake-Lehman High School, was the coach of the West Boys All Stars.

ISN'T THIS WEATHER REALLY CRAZY? It sure is taking its toll on recreational softball teams who are trying to get their arms and legs loosened up before the season begins.

The weather is also taking its toll on most of us as far as colds are concerned. You can't figure out whether or not you're supposed to wear a sweater or a winter jacket.

I sure wish Mother Nature would make up her mind - I don't know whether to get the skis back out or put the softball glove away.



REMEMBERING

Excursion Boat

Some people may remember the old Excursion Boat that, at one time, cruised the waters of Harveys Lake.

Only yesterday

Nurses group makes 990 maternity visits in month

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL 12, 1935

The West Side Visiting Nurses Association made 990 maternity visits in March, with an average of at least 20 maternity visits daily. Visiting nurses cared for mothers during the pre-natal and post-natal period. Mrs. Ralph Brickel and Mrs. George Reynolds were local board members.

A group of pupils from the Bucknell Players of Bucknell University Junior College appeared in the play "Bargains in Cathay" presented at Dallas Borough High School. Cast members included Emily Gray, Jean MacKeeby, James Williams, Eleanor Scureman, Joseph Salsburg, Melina Davis, Joseph Lord.

You could get - Fillet of haddock 2 lb. 23c; stewing oysters 3 doz. 25c; veal rolled roast 23c lb.; legs of lamb 25c lb.; stewing chickens 25c lb.; iceberg lettuce 5c hd.; carrots 5c bunch; tomatoes 2 lb. 25c; bananas 2 doz. 29c.

40 YEARS AGO - APRIL 13, 1945

Two colorful operettas were presented by grade school students of Lake Township Schools. The Rose Tree Kingdom was presented by the primary grades and the Magic Beanstalk by the intermediate department. Stars of the productions included Arnold Garinger, Jean Gray, Bobby Morgan, Jack Mozonski, Shirley Dougal, Carlene Koche, Harry Allen III.

Noxen dedicated a memorial flag in honor of two area boys, Pvt. Barry Bean and Elwood Blizzard who were killed in action in France.

Engaged - Mary Mesko to Staff Sgt. Stanley Blizzek; Ann Louise Detrick to Charles Gattone A.O.M. 2-C.

Married - Mildred Kitchen to Donald Dendler Smith; Martha Kunkle to D. Arthur Pink; Betty Jane Wilkie to Clarence Carey; Gladys Schoonover to Lt. William Love.

Deaths - Pvt. Lester Culver, inaction; Norman Costine, Carverton. You could get - Porterhouse steak 42c lb.; cod filets 35c lb.; oranges 49c doz.; spinach 2 lb. 15c; Lifebuoy soap 3 bars 20c; Speed Up Floor Wax 25c pt.; Hunt Club dog food lg. pkg. 25c; 2 cans Old Dutch cleanser 15c.

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 15, 1955

Robert Eyerman was named architect in the construction of Dallas-Franklin High School building. Sommerville Construction Company, Forty Fort was awarded the general construction contract at \$33,949.

Local parents anxiously awaited the arrival of the salk vaccine. Inoculation against polio would commence immediately upon receipt.

Engaged - Joan Ulrickson to Jerry Miers.

Grossman on economics

Northeast Pa. puts best foot forward for Saturn

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN
Special to The Dallas Post

There are, in any community's lifetime, a few rare opportunities which present themselves and create excitement beyond anyone's imagination. Such is the case with the Saturn effort.

Saturn has become the well-known household name in Northeastern Pennsylvania as a result of massive publicity given to the search for the location of a site which would meet the standards outlined by General Motors for the construction of a new Saturn automotive assembly facility.

The final decision as to where such a site will be located is almost anti-climactic. The site and marketing process which has been initiated in Northeastern Pennsylvania and, in fact, in other parts of the country, may be far more critical. Governors, county commissioners, mayors, other elected officials, well-known private sector corporate executives, and a host of economic development specialists, along with students, civic leaders and many others have gone to Detroit, written to Detroit, and or communicated in a wide variety of ways their commitment to attracting the Saturn facility to their particular jurisdiction. It is unlikely that any other site selection process in the history of the country has aroused the tremendous positive, spirited competitive, posture which General

Motors has unleashed with its new Saturn proposal.

Where will the site be finally selected? No one can speak to this question except those who make the final decisions at General Motors.

There are however, benefits which have already been derived in Northeastern Pennsylvania even prior to the decision being made. The region now has available a 10-minute video tape which was prepared as a marketing tool for the Saturn project, but which can be made in generic form to utilize permanently as a marketing tool for many types of development prospects in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

A second video tape of about the same length has been prepared by the Luzerne County Community College in cooperation with all higher educational institutions in Northeastern Pennsylvania to demonstrate the technological base which each college and university offers to its student body and to the community.

It is the first time in the history of the region that such marketing tools have been made available at a regional level for the purpose of marketing the Pocono Northeast.

The site selection process has created an atmosphere of abnormality with heightened attention being placed on whether or not Northeastern Pennsylvania has the resources or the characteristics which would attract the attention of General Motors to consider this region as a potential site.

The fact that a delegation from Northeastern Pennsylvania went to Detroit to make a personal presentation to top level General Motors executives is a signal that the region has the ability to compete even in the rarified atmosphere of a national site selection process campaign.

Representatives of various sections of Northeastern Pennsylvania have gathered to prepare the presentation package, and through the cooperation of many groups and individuals, a regional perspective was placed upon the procedure.

Four sites were finally generated, representative of the region and impacting every county of Northeastern Pennsylvania. These sites were identified in accordance with the criteria which General Motors applied to their site selection process. Data and characteristics concerning each site were developed along with a series of maps delineating natural features of the sites and other types of information designed to showcase how these various sites might fit the General Motors specifications.

Many areas of the nation followed the same process and the competition for the final decision is as fierce and parochial as any ever seen in the nation.

(Howard Grossman is the executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania.)

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

We consider ourselves very fortunate! We will have some very special visitors with us for the next four weeks. Samuel Whiskers, Jeremy Fisher, Timmy Tiptoes, Mrs. Tiggy Winkle; to name a few.

These, of course, are all names connected with Beatrix Potter, who has made them so popular. Miss Frances Linskill of Oak Hill, Dallas has allowed us to borrow her collection of these figurines for our display case again, in time for the Easter season.

The most famous, Peter Rabbit, is here also and holds center stage in the display. There are a few of the famous children's books in the case with the figurine they represent. These are all tucked in with some fresh Easter straw and some miniature flower arrangements.

Thank you, Miss Linskill, this display is a delight to behold! Stop in and say hello!

I am very happy to report our circulation figures for March of 1985, the first month in our new location. The total amount of books checked out reached 7,030; 4,120 adult and 2,910 children's books. This is the largest amount of books taken out of the library since August of 1983. We are pleased about this and hope the circulation continues to grow.

We have had a very nice planter given to the library which stands in the entry way and makes for a pleasant welcome. This is a Spathiphyllum of Peace Lily and is a tropical indoor plant and has one large white flower in bloom. We are grateful for this gift.

Shirley Smith stopped at my desk the other day with tickets for the Dallas Area Federated Woman's Club card party-fashion show on April 25 which we will have available for sale at \$4.00 each. The library benefits from the profit on this activity and we encourage the public to buy a ticket, spend a nice evening and support two worthwhile organizations.

We have received a nice selection of slide pictures donated by Mrs. Theodore Abbot, sister of the late Fred Howell, who had taken the pictures at various auctions during the years.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is still looking for some regular volunteers to help with the various activities at the library. People who can give us a few hours on a certain day each week are especially helpful. We welcome Susan Woodling, a Tuesday volunteer.

We have a new coin-operated copy machine in the reference room available for public use. The copies are 25c each and will be available for use whenever the library is open.

We are very pleased with our new building and with the response from the public on the nicer facilities. Our capital campaign is under way and we hope to meet our goal for the cost of the renovations. A volunteer made a fun poster which makes sense: It says, Howdy! Bienvenue! Wellkome! WELCOME "don't clap...throw money!" We do need community support.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL districts will be required to submit lists of graduating high school seniors to military recruiters if a bill approved by the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee becomes law. The legislation would require districts to supply the names, addresses and published telephone numbers to recruiters for armed forces, reserves and National Guard. Students would have the right to request that their names not be included on the lists. Violation of the measure by the school districts could result in fines of up to \$100 per day. The bill now moves to the full House for consideration.

LEGISLATION PROHIBITING attorneys from serving on the state Public Utility Commission was introduced by Rep. George C. Hasay (R-Luzerne). Hasay said the current PUC board consists of three attorneys, a former mayor and one vacancy. "There are too many lawyers on state government boards and commissions and not enough consumers. I don't think it's proper that the commission is dominated by one profession," Hasay said. Gov. Dick Thornburgh has 90 days to announce his nominee to complete the five-member panel. The candidate must be confirmed by the Senate.

PUBLIC HEARINGS on the possibility of returning casino-type gambling to Pennsylvania taverns will begin April 11 in Pittston before the House Liquor Control Committee. The committee began receiving written testimony on the subject this week. The hearings follow the recent repeal of a 1984 law which had inadvertently allowed blackjack and other card tournaments in taverns and licensed liquor establishments. The hearings will focus on the affect of gambling on both the tavern industry and the public-at-large.

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