

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

PLANS ARE PROGRESSING WELL for The Dallas Post's first-ever Appreciation Banquet. The banquet, scheduled for Thursday, May 2, at the Idetown Fire Hall, will honor our school correspondents, our newspaper carriers, and our student/athletes, as well as all of their parents.

The staff of The Post is kind of excited about this banquet, not only because it's the first of its kind, but because it will give us an opportunity to meet with all those students who play such an important role in our success.



DOTTY MARTIN

It isn't often we get to spend any length of time with any of these children and we've never had the opportunity to be with all of them and their parents at the same time. So, we think it's going to be kind of fun.

MEMBERS OF THE DALLAS POST SPORTS STAFF have narrowed down their selections for the first-ever Dallas Post Student/Athlete Awards.

This award, also the first of its kind, will honor a male and female student from both Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools. Recipients of the award must be seniors, must be involved in sports at their respective high school, must have respectable grades and must be considered leaders in their communities and among their peers.

Although members of The Dallas Post sports staff have met with members of the administration at both Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools to discuss possible recipients of this award, the final decision will be made by members of The Dallas Post staff.

The Dallas Post is proud to be able to honor members of its community for their accomplishments and plans to make the Student/Athlete Award an annual event.

THE CONTEST FOR AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS, sponsored jointly by the Back Mountain Library and The Dallas Post, has had its deadline changed to Friday, April 26.

Because of the rash of cold, inclement weather our area has been experiencing, the committee for this contest felt it would be more fair to all area photographers who wanted to enter if the deadline was extended for one week.

There are already several photographs entered in the contest and they can all be viewed at the Back Mountain Library on Huntsville Road in Dallas where they will remain on display until the conclusion of the contest.

Members of the library staff have informed us that they have received several telephone calls as well as several personal inquiries concerning the deadline for this contest and it seems many more people had hoped to enter. The lousy weather around here, however, has made it quite difficult for them to take the kinds of photos they would like to submit to a contest.

So, for all you amateur photographers who haven't yet entered your prize-winning photograph, you're in luck - at least until April 26.

Winners in this contest will be eligible for \$25 cash prizes and will also be entered in the national contest where they will be eligible for over \$7100 in prizes.

OUR VERY OWN "AUNT PATTY" seems to have become a rather popular name around town.

Aunt Patty is the author of our newly-instituted advice column, entitled "Dear Aunt Patty," and her mailbox is becoming more full as time goes on.

Aunt Patty will answer letters on a first-come, first-served basis, so get those letters in as soon as you can. Don't be left out in the cold - let Aunt Patty help you with your perplexing problems.

Your letters should be addressed to "Dear Aunt Patty," c/o The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, Pa., 18612.

Get your letter off to Aunt Patty today and then watch The Post for Aunt Patty's answer to your letter.

IT WAS SO NICE TO HEAR FROM one of our former residents when we received a letter from Kathleen Major Brown this week.

Kathleen, who is now 94 years old, is originally from Lehman and currently residing in New Jersey. She had seen a photo of the old Lehman House that we ran a few weeks ago in our "Remembering" column and it brought some memories to her mind.

It was so nice of Kathleen to take the time to write down those memories and submit them to us for other readers to enjoy. Thanks, Kathleen, I'm sure many people will enjoy reading what you remember about the Lehman House.

SPEAKING OF OUR "REMEMBERING" COLUMN, Shirley Rittenhouse of Dallas has supplied us with a whole bunch of old photos that we will be publishing very soon in that column.

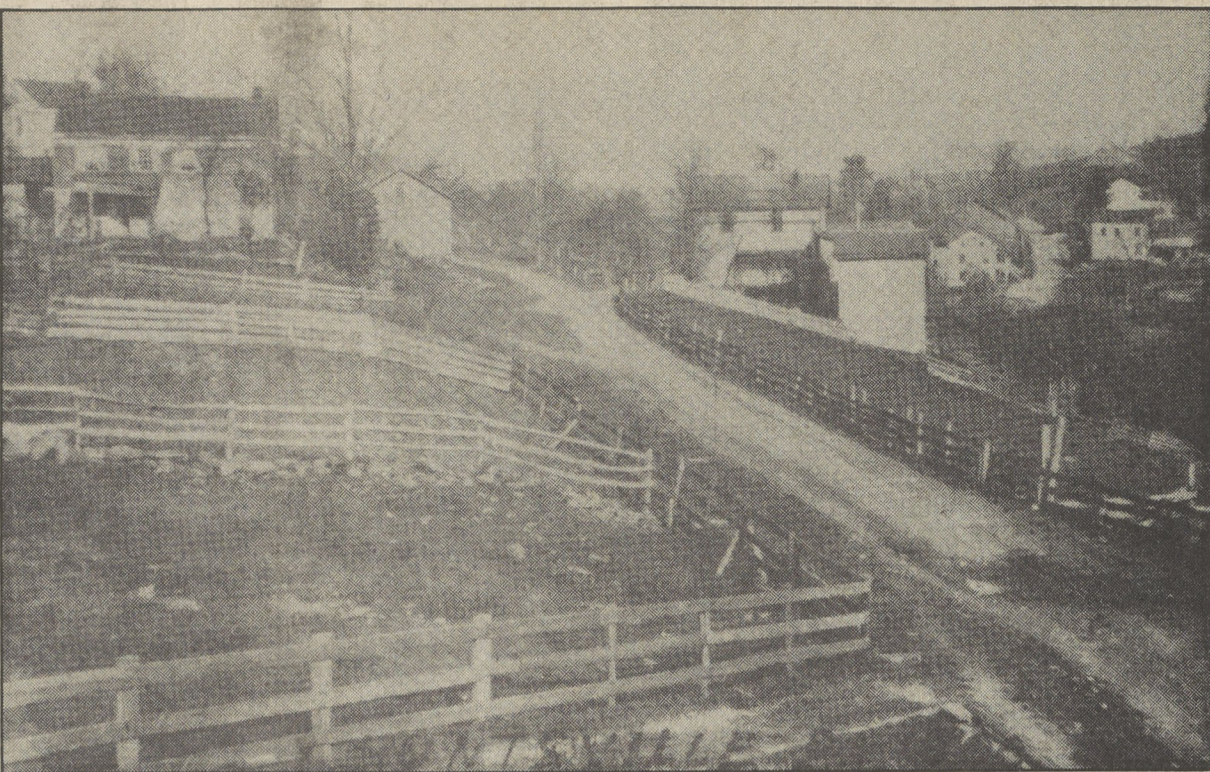
A great big thanks goes out to Shirley for taking the time to round up all these old photos. We've heard an awful lot of nice things about that "Remembering" column and are thrilled to hear people enjoy it as much as they do.

Remember, anyone who may have any old photos they would like to have published in The Dallas Post, just contact me at the office at 675-5211 or send your photo, along with some kind of identification to The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas, Pa., 18612. If you will kindly include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, we will gladly return the photo to you after it's been published.

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who competed in the "Run for Fitness" race held in the Back Mountain this past Sunday. Members of our editorial staff tell me what fun all the participants of that race seemed to be having and how enjoyable the special one-mile Fun Run for children was.

WE HAD A VISITOR this past week as Judie Mathers, a member of our editorial department, brought her son, Jamie, to visit.

Jamie, who currently resides in Florida, had a week's vacation from school and flew in to spend some time with his Mom. But, it was back to the land of sunshine and beaches for Jamie on Monday.



REMEMBERING

Huntsville Road

Shown here is a view of Huntsville Road; however, once again, the staff of The Dallas Post has been stumped. Anybody know where this photo was taken?

Only yesterday

Miss Breckenridge is county chairman

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL 19, 1935

Miss R. Elizabeth Breckenridge of Franklin St., Dallas was named county chairman of the Young Republican Women's Club on Luzerne County Council of Republican Women.

Kingston Township School District attempted to secure Federal funds to aid in construction of an eight-room addition to the high school building.

You could get - Smoked hams 23c lb.; roasting chickens 29c lb.; veal roast 25c lb.; Iceberg lettuce 2 hds. 13c; tomatoes 2 lb. 25c; strawberries, 2 pts. 25c; coffee 2 lb. 31c; jelly eggs 3 lb. 25c; 3 tall cans milk 20c.

40 YEARS AGO - APRIL 20, 1945

Rev. Frederick W. Reinfort, Providence Church, Scranton, became pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas.

Honoring the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, students of Lehman School paid simple and fitting tribute by planting their 218th memorial tree on the school campus.

Missing in action since March when he participated in a bomber flight over Germany, radio gunner Sgt. John Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Owens, Trucksville, was back in England with his old outfit.

Married - Dorothy Abbott to Robert Lavelle.
You could get - Franks 37c lb.; legs lamb 39c lb.; bologna 48c lb.; spinach 7c lb.; cabbage 5c lb.; carrots 2 lb. bunches 15c; strained baby foods 7c ea.; peanut butter, 16 oz. jar 30c; Ivory soap 3 lg. bars 29c.

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 29, 1955

Lake-Noxen and Dallas Borough schools began administering Salk Vaccine for polio. Physicians assisting were Dr. A.J. Brown, Dr. Lester Saidman, Dr. F. Buss Schooley and Dr. Malcolm Borthwick.

Sweet Valley Fire Company offered three cash awards for entries in their annual Memorial Day Parade. Awards of \$50, \$25, and \$15 were offered.

Five hundred persons attended the opening of Frantz's new card and gift shop on Memorial Highway in Shavertown. As a memento of the occasion all ladies attending received corsages while each man received a book of messages by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

Married - Wahnetta Evans to William Berti; Shirley Johnson to Ralph F. Swan; Jean Martin and Cecil Traver; Ida Lois Martin and Arthur Scott.

Deaths - Raymond J. Gregory, Jackson Twp.; William Barber, Noxen; Anna Briggs, Sweet Valley; Doris Phillips, North Arlington, N.J.

You could get - Eggs 3 doz. 19c; picnic hams 29c lb.; rib roast 59c lb.; asparagus 2 lb. 39c; sweet corn 4 lg. ears 25c; carrots 2 cello pkgs. 19c; pineapples 25c ea.; toilet tissue 6 rolls 59c; white potatoes 6-16 oz. cans 59c.

20 YEARS AGO - APRIL 29, 1965

The new temple of Dallas Chapter 396 Eastern Star was dedicated. The dedication was coincidental with the 40th chapter of the OES. Over 300 persons attended the dedication. Mrs. Bethia King, worthy matron and Dennis Bonning Jr. worthy patron were mistress and master of ceremonies.

Two senior members of the Lake-Lehman School Band were recipients of the John Phillip Sousa Award for excellence in music. Marion Perkins and John Balavage were presented the awards by Anthony Marchikitus.

Engaged - Alice Dorosky to Stephen Maceiko.
Married - Barbara Kozemchak to Elywn L. Cragle.
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lord, 40 years.
Deaths - Frank Hershberger, Harveys Lake; Harry B. Allen, Harveys Lake, Augusto Traneli, Lake Silkworth.

You could get - Chickens 27c lb.; sliced bacon 55c lb.; whiting 19c lb.; clams 4c ea.; liverwurst 33c lb.; oranges 39c doz.; honeydews 49c ea.; lemons 39c doz.; granulated sugar 5 lb. 57c; asparagus 19c lb.; celery 2 lg. bunches 29c.

10 YEARS AGO - APRIL 24, 1975

St. Paul's Lutheran Church planned a celebration for its 50th anniversary in May. An anniversary festival, a Christian art show and a dinner at College Misericordia were some festivities planned. Rev. Lynn Rothrock was pastor.

Wall to wall children were an eager audience at the Bk. Mt. Memorial Library while Lake-Lehman High School magician Mark Caccia performed as part of Library Week activities.

Engaged - Marilyn R.S. Davis to Walter G. Salm; Susan Kristy to James W. Pichert.
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Carleton S. Rogers, Harveys Lake, 25 years.

Deaths - Byron Harlos, Shavertown; James Smith, Mt. Airy Road; Marion Hogg; Gregory Beisel; William Frederick, Shavertown.

You could get - Chuck Roast \$1.09 lb.; beef liver 69c lb.; minute steaks \$1.39 box; 18 oz. jar Kraft's apple jelly 59c; Coca Cola 1/2 gal. 69c; grapefruit 5-89c; green beans 35c lb.; snow white mushrooms 79c lb.

LIBRARY NEWS

By **NANCY KOZEMCHAK**
Library Correspondent

The elephants cried all night! 20 degrees was a little bit too cold for them. The tigers were snow bound in Pittsburgh! Other than that, I am told the Irem Shrine Circuls is off to a good start for another year. A great organization helping a most worthy cause!

Busy! Busy! Busy! That's what we've been since March 4th when we opened the new library on Huntsville Road. We have had people join the library who were never in before, the reference room has been crowded most nights with students working on term papers, the main reading room has four sets of tables and chairs and they have been used most every night. The reference questions and the circulation have increased tremendously. I am having some trouble getting the paper work finished by the deadlines and most of our daily projects are behind schedule. We love it! That's what we are here for.

National Volunteer Week 1985 is the week of April 22 through 28 and we at the library do salute our dedicated volunteers. There are various activities at the library which volunteers can do and we are grateful for any time a person can give to these activities.

Mary George and Sybil Pelton, Dallas Women of Kiwanis members, have already started to collect merchandise for the odds and ends booth at the auction. We have designated a room in the basement of the library to store this merchandise and will accept items whenever the library is open. Needless to say, we will also accept book donations, either for the library itself or for the book booth at the auction.

I was fortunate enough to have a nice desk donated to me for my use at the library and I have finally found the way to install my electric typewriter, cord and all, in the compartment for it and have just this week been able to drop it down, slide it in the compartment and close the door. This is a beautiful desk and I am grateful for it. We also had donated a large table with a formica top which makes a lovely work table for processing books.

One of our patrons made the remark the other day that they liked the old library better, mostly because she knew where everything was. Sounds something like when they change the stock in a food store, however, in time we realize the new arrangement is better. Another patron remarked, "It's nicer than the Hoyt!" Now, that is a compliment. We have nothing against the Hoyt, but it is nice to hear the comments.

We received a donation of a small hand Bissel sweeper the other day and it certainly is nice to be able to clean up our new carpet from time to time with it.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

SCHOOL CHILDREN under the age of 12 left unattended at home before or after school would benefit from a new program proposed by Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor (R-Chester). The "Latchkey Children's Assistance Act" was prompted by Taylor's concern for the physical and emotional well-being of children. The program, operated by the departments of Education and Public Welfare, would offer day-care services to public schools for the hours immediately before and after the school day. Children would qualify for the program regardless of parental income. "Too many children are being left to fend for themselves. They are vulnerable and in dire need of supervision," Taylor said.

EXPANDING ELIBILITY guidelines for participation in PACE, the state's prescription drug assistance program, is under consideration by the House Finance Committee. Rep. Robert D. Reber (R-Montgomery) has sponsored legislation permitting individuals receiving early Social Security benefits to apply for PACE participation. His bill would also amend the guidelines to allow early-retirement senior citizens between the ages of 62 and 65 to qualify for the state subsidy program. The income guidelines for the program would not change. "The cost of prescription purchases for these individuals can be just as burdensome as it is for limited-income individuals over 65," Reber said.

UNDERAGE DRINKERS would face stiffer fines and loss of driver's license, if convicted, under a bill introduced this week. The legislation was jointly sponsored by Rep. Mario Civera (R-Delaware) and Rep. Kevin Blaum (D-Luzerne). The measure would increase fines and suspend the driver's license of anyone under the age of 21 who attempts to purchase, actually purchases, consumes or transports alcoholic beverages. "Teenage drinking today is almost epidemic. It is a serious problem that must be addressed with strong legislation carrying stiff, meaningful penalties," Civera said.

OPINION

Sympathy is extended to victims of famine

By **EDWIN FEULNER**

Scenes of the pitiful starving masses of Ethiopia flashing across U.S. television screens provoked an extraordinary national outpouring of sympathy and charity and a drumbeat of pressure on the U.S. government to step up the level of emergency aid to the drought-stricken country.

The reaction, of course, is very American, and commendable. But it also is sentimental and indiscriminate.

As British syndicated columnist Anthony Lejeune points out, the world is full of disasters, many of which do not receive such an outpouring of sentimentality because the television networks don't bring them into our living rooms, but that doesn't in any way diminish the tragedy in Ethiopia.

More to the point is the fact that Ethiopia's Marxist government not only turned its back on its own people while this tragedy was in the making - spending lavish sums of money on Soviet military arms and on the trappings of state power - but also has been slow to help do anything to lessen the tragedy.

At one point, reports Lejeune, the Ethiopian regime appeared ready to

reject offers of assistance, because they felt the British offers were inadequate and insincere.

Several international "charitable" organizations also have introduced politics into the famine-relief effort, blaming the selfish, profit-oriented West for the suffering. Their fundraising ads are designed to prey on our "guilt," not on our sense of brotherhood. While such organizations obviously have a good cause, the effect of their tactics may be counterproductive.

The West, in recent years, has given record amounts of aid to impoverished Third-World countries. While no amount of money and aid will wipe out suffering in the world, the West has been more than generous.

Not that all donations are strictly given on the basis of charity. The U.S. tax system, for example, befriends the charity business by offering healthy deductions for such donations. It's a way of promoting the doing of good, by making it feel good on tax day.

At this point, nothing should be allowed to get in the way of the efforts to save the starving of Ethiopia. But the emergency assistance provides only a short-term solution, at best. Long-term help will only be

possible through political change.

Ethiopia's poor soil and lack of basic facilities for agricultural production and distribution are serious problems. But many other Third-World countries have overcome such difficulties.

Ethiopia's chronic civil war, provoked by the Marxist regime, has not helped the situation. And there is even reason to believe that the supply of food to certain regions may have been deliberately obstructed in order to bring the anti-Marxists to their knees. Don't forget that Stalin used starvation as an instrument of policy.

The government willing, there are long-term solutions to the problems facing Ethiopia and to a lesser degree other African nations: the encouragement of small farms and individual enterprise, and an open door for investment and foreign trade.

It's something the U.S. can't force on the Marxists - any more than we can force them to accept British aid.

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