

Commentary

LIBRARY NEWS

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Are we proud! We do indeed feel honored to think that the Back Mountain Memorial Library was chosen to be featured on the Hatchy Milatchy Show during National Library Week 1985. Miss Judy and the crew from WNEP-TV were at the library the week before and taped many segments of the children's functions in the library. Marilyn Rudolph, our children's librarian, was lucky enough to sign Mergatroyd up as a new borrower. The taped portions of the activities were shown throughout the show and we are grateful for this tremendous coverage of our new library.

The spring session of the children's story hour is being held on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 with Joanne Katana as story lady. There are 18 children taking part in this session, which concludes on May 15. The story hour is filled to capacity for the time being.

One of our volunteers donated a small refrigerator for the staff room at the library. It is now working well, after some difficulty with ice in the milk and ice cubes which remained water. This is a great addition for the staff and it is much appreciated.

We are still accepting Book Club dues for 1985. 10.00 for a single and \$15.00 for a double membership. At the present time, there are 154 members and 69 new books have been purchased with Book Club money. The social meeting of the Book Club was held recently in the reference room at the library. Miss Frances Linskill gave a delightful talk on one of her favorite subjects, Beatrix Potter and her Peter Rabbit figurine collection. We still have the collection at the library in our display case. "The tale of Peter Rabbit" still outsells the 22 other Potter books (100,000 a year in England alone). Anne Emerson, the Warne editor of the books, attempted to give some reasons for the popularity and decided, it has everything; it's got Peter Rabbit - he is the rebel; his sisters who are good little rabbits; and it has suspense; Peter goes to MacGregor's garden, ends up in the watering can, half-filled with water and almost drowns. Beatrix Potter's story is fascinating and her figurines are delightful!

The week of April 22 through 27 is National Volunteer Week and the library benefits from many dedicated volunteers. We salute all these volunteers and say thank you so much!

A devoted friend and teacher corrected me the other day on my English. I said, 'I can have one page' when I should have said 'I have only one page'. I often do this when I use that sentence. I do appreciate constructive criticism, but only from Mrs. Crump.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

MEDICAL DOCTORS suspected of being a "threat to public health and safety" could be immediately suspended from practicing in Pennsylvania, even before a hearing on the matter, if a House-passed bill becomes law. By an overwhelming margin, the House approved the measure, which allows the state medical board to suspend the licenses of physicians believed to be abusing their professional responsibilities. The House amended the Senate bill to require that a hearing on the alleged abuses be held within 30 days. The Senate must now reconsider the bill.

MANDATING CURRICULUM and graduation requirements for Pennsylvania's non-public, religiously-affiliated schools is the intent of legislation introduced by Rep. Stephen F. Freind. The Delaware County Republican's bills would not only mandate specific courses for graduation, but would also require schools to certify that they meet the 180-day instruction rule. In order to graduate, under the measures, a high school student must successfully complete four years of English, three years each of math, science and social studies, and two years of arts and humanities. Freind stressed that his legislation would not mandate course content, faculty or staff requirements.

TIGHTENING LEGISLATION governing the use of emergency vehicles warning lights in the state will most likely be among the subjects considered by the House Transportation Committee this session. Rep. Robert D. Reber (R-Montgomery) introduced a bill to restrict the use of combination red and blue warning lights to police, coroner and medical examiner vehicles. Fire police would be prohibited from using combination warning lights but could use single-color lights. "Fire police certainly are in a position where the use of warning lights is essential. However, Pennsylvania must develop guidelines regarding the use of warning lights to prevent confusion among the public," Reber said. The bill has been sent to the Transportation Committee for study.

Editor's notes

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

WHEW, IS IT HOT? This warm (or should I say hot and humid) weather seems to have crept up on us this month. Nobody expected it to be this warm at this time of year and none of us were ready for it, either. Maybe that's why you still see people walking around in sweat-suits - they haven't yet made their way to their attics to get their summer clothing out.

WHEN THE CHANNEL 16 WEATHERMAN told us on Sunday night that exactly one year ago, April 19, we were experiencing one of the worst snowstorms of last year, I



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couldn't believe it. That particular snowstorm supposedly dumped over 14 inches of snow on our area. What a difference this year. Then again, you never know what's ahead - maybe that last snowstorm of the season is still to come.

FOR AS HOT AS IT WAS MONDAY, though, there was still a lot of humor in the air regarding the weather.

Gus Faerber stopped at our office to drop off a news release regarding the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club and proceeded to inform us that the temperature on the bank at that time was 105 degrees. Can you believe that? 105 degrees - and it's not even May yet.

Later, however, our office manager, Peggy Poynton returned from lunch and assured us the heat spell was breaking - the temperature on the bank had dropped a whole three degrees and it was only 102 degrees at that time. We all felt so comforted with that news.

MY APOLOGIES to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson who live in Trucksville, not in New Jersey as was stated in last week's paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of Carol Anderson Schoenberg, a former cheerleader for Dallas High School, who returned to the Back Mountain to participate in the Fun for Fitness Race at College Misericordia last Sunday.

To set the record straight, Carol lives in New Jersey, but her parents are still Back Mountain residents.

I HEARD A STATISTIC the other day that knocked my socks off - the divorce rate in the United States is now at a whopping 50 percent.

I knew the rate was high, however, I never dreamed that at least half of all those people who say, "I do" turn right around and say, "I don't."

Makes you wonder what's happening to the institution of marriage, doesn't it?

I AM PERSONALLY THRILLED to announce that Marge Garinger, a long-time athletic associate in Wyoming Valley, will be the guest speaker at the first-ever Dallas Post Appreciation Banquet this year.

The banquet, scheduled for Thursday, May 2, at the Idetown Fire Hall, will honor our newspaper carriers, our school correspondents and our first-ever Student/Athlete award winners.

Mrs. Garinger, a Harveys Lake resident, has been a nationally-

ranked basketball and field hockey official for some time now and has made her mark in sports across the country and around the world. Her most recent achievement was serving as manager of the United States Women's Olympic Field Hockey team as the squad participated in the Olympics in Los Angeles, California.

Having been involved in sports myself since I was a sophomore in high school, I have known Marge for some time and have come to have a great deal of respect for her - not only as an athletic participant, but also as a human being.

She's a wonderful person and I'm sure those attending our banquet will be both enlightened and inspired by her talk.

GETTING BACK TO STATISTICS, I found out another startling statistic the other day - that the very first McDonald's restaurant opened on April 15, 1955.

You know what that means, don't you? That I'm older than McDonald's. Can you imagine how devastating that is - when you realize for the first time you're older than McDonald's? My goodness, I was sure McDonald's had been around for ever - at least longer than dirt.

A BUNCH OF US FROM THE OFFICE went out to lunch the other day and ended up at a popular hoagie restaurant in Dallas. The funny thing about it was not that we were all ordering these giant-size hoagies, but that we all ordered diet soda to go with the hoagies.

When we realized what we were doing, one member of our staff quipped, "That's like ordering coffee with Sweet 'N Low and a piece of pie."

Makes sense to me, how about you?

THE MOVIE "MASK" is one of the best flicks I've seen in a long time. Now, I'm not movie critic and certainly don't pretend to be. All I know is that I was certainly entertained with this movie.

Cher, who goes well beyond the supporting role she had next to Meryl Streep in "Silkwood," certainly outdoes herself in this film.

It's typical Cher, though - I can't think of another actress who would have been able to play the part of Rusty Dennis and be as believable as Cher is.

The movie has everything - humor, sadness, love, hate. And, the best part about it is that it's based on a true story.

If you get the chance, though, don't miss it - you'll laugh and you'll cry but, if you give yourself have a chance, you'll learn a lot from this movie. And, hopefully, you will especially learn that people can be beautiful on the inside rather than on the outside - if the rest of the world would just look beyond physical appearances and get to know the real person.

"Mask" is definitely worth the time and money - don't miss it!

LOOKS LIKE THE DALLAS CORNERS OFFICE BUILDING is almost completed.

Dr. Jay Ochrieter and Dr. Maria McGrane should be moving in to the building rather soon and live up things a bit in the center of Dallas.



DALLAS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

REMEMBERING

Dallas Church

Shown here is an old photo of the Dallas Methodist Episcopal Church. The church is located on Church Street, directly behind the Rea & Derick Drug Store.

Only yesterday

Eight women welcomed into Dallas ME Church

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL 26, 1935

Ruth Fiske, Betty Crispell, Betty Him, Beverly Besecker, Jane LeGrand, Hazel Baer, Alberta Howell and Mary Eipper were taken into the Dallas ME Church, Palm Sunday.

Arthur Brown, Dallas, was named commander of the new American Legion Post which would serve Back Mountain World War Vets. Other officers include Homer C. Teall, Paul Shaver, Marion Garinger, Arthur Dungey, Donald Frantz.

Daylight Saving Time was adopted throughout the Back Mountain. Railroad still kept standard time; some businesses and churches kept fast time.

You could get - Chuck pot roast, 2 1/2 lb.; veal roast 2 1/2 lb.; frying chickens, 29c lb.; strawberries 2 pt. baskets 25c; cucumbers 2-9c; asparagus 25c bunch; Little Neck clams 10c doz.; butter 2 lb. 69c; Maxwell House coffee 3 1/2 lb. can.

40 YEARS AGO - APRIL 27, 1945

Franklin Township Honor Roll, commemorating the service of more than 60 young men and women from that community serving in the military service was dedicated on "I Am An American Day."

Tec. 3 Emory W. Kitchen, Davenport St., Dallas was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in action. Kitchen was with the 83rd Infantry Division in Germany.

Engaged - Lana Estella Elston to S. Sgt. Calvert E. Binstock.

Married - Louise Hughes to Warren Culp. You could get - Legs of lamb 39c lb.; skinless franks 37c lb.; cabbage 4c lb.; Florida oranges 45c doz.; red radishes 2 lg. bunches, 13c; rhubarb 2 lg. bunches 15c; apples 3 lb. 25c; green onions 5c bunch; Palmolive soap 3 reg. bars 20c.

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 22, 1955

Open house at the new office of Wyoming National Bank in Shavertown drew a crowd of 650. Prizes were awarded and refreshments were served.

Stacy Schoonover, Demunds Road, opened a Center Lumber & Hardware Co. in the former James Winters store building at Centermoreland.

Married - Vida Ruth Kocher and Lt. Harold C.W. Birch; Pauline Jasterzenski and William Olsen, Jr.; Shirley Ann Welsh and John R. Mahle.

Deaths - Sherman W. Hildebrand, Dallas; Gwilym Evans, Trucksville; Margaret Raebuck, Lehman; Jared D. Montanye, Wilkes-Barre.

LETTERS

Couple prays for happy ending

DEAR EDITOR:

How does one describe in one or two paragraphs the nightmare of the past 11 months? It is almost impossible. We have been the victims of senseless vandalism for no reason.

The Back Mountain has been our home for the past 32 years. We chose this place to live as my husband always loved it since his youth. His grandparents had a farm on Machell Ave. and he spent a great deal of time at the farm.

Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country in World War II.

Three years after we were married, he realized his dream of making his home here in Dallas where he spent much of his childhood.

Needless to say, the past 11 months have been a nightmare.

We all go through life thinking we are safe in our homes. We also take simple things for granted.

One lesson we have learned is to become more involved in our local governing body - to learn who and how our system works. We are all guilty of not taking the interest in it until a problem arises. It is our right and duty to exercise our right to vote and be counted and try to make our community a better and safer place to live.

We have some fine young men and women in our Dallas Area. Thank God, they outnumber the undesirables.

We are members of Gate of Heaven Catholic Church and we ask all of you and all of our Dallas

residents to pray with us to have this problem solved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parish priests, our many good friends and neighbors, and also Judie Mathers, your new addition to the Post. She has been very concerned and, last but not least, Mr. Elmer Bradshaw from the Luzerne County Crime Watch. He has been doing his best to get the Mayor and Chief of Police to get it started here in our borough.

One day I hope to write a book on all of this. A book needs a happy ending. We pray it will be soon.

Thank God we have our faith and each other. We will see it through.

ED AND BERNADINE WEISS
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Round of applause for Scout leaders

DEAR EDITOR:

Monday, April 22 was Girl Scout Leader's Day. It is the day when Girl Scouts, parents, and the community can say "thank you" to the dedicated volunteers who make Girl Scouting possible.

Do you wonder who the typical Girl Scout leader is? She used to be a mother of small children and a full-time homemaker.

But in 1985, she can be a working mother or a senior citizen, a single career woman, or an "empty nester" whose children are grown. She, (or he), can hold a Ph.D. in economics, be a full-time student or

work at any occupation.

No matter what their status, leaders MUST be energetic, intelligent and supportive of the diverse group of girls who make up today's typical Girl Scout Troop, including the newest kindergarten-age Daisy Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouts across the country will join, on this fourth annual Leader's Day, to show their appreciation for all the love, generosity, and skill their leaders share, making possible the fun of Girl Scouting. The girls plan happy events to honor their leaders. And hopefully, your readers will also take note of this special

day. We hope everyone will extend a warm hello and hearty congratulations to the Girl Scout Leaders in Penn's Woods Council. Without them there could be no Girl Scouts. They are special people.

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