

Commentary

Editor's notes

A little of this...

...a little of that

WELL, HERE WE ARE — in our new office. It hardly seems real, we've waited so long for this day.

The Dallas Post is now located in a brand, spanking new office in the Route 309/415 Plaza on Memorial Highway, nestled right between Kasarda's and Rachel's Real Estate.

The staff is thrilled to be here, too, for a lot of different reasons. The first, of course, is because we feel we can serve the Back Mountain community much better from a more centrally-located office and, secondly, because who wouldn't enjoy moving into a brand new office?

Anyway, I'm sure it's going to take us some time to get situated, but, even while we're unpacking, we'd love to have members of the community stop in and say hello. We're real easy to find now, so any gripes, complaints, or even compliments you might have, will be received at our new office in the Route 309/415 Plaza.

SPEAKING OF NEW THINGS, the first-ever Dallas Post Appreciation Banquet is on the schedule for tomorrow evening at the Idetown Fire Hall.

The banquet, which will honor our carriers, school correspondents and our first-ever Student/Athletes from Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools, will feature Marge Garinger as principle speaker.

Marge, who resides at Harveys Lake, accompanied the United States women's field hockey team to the Los Angeles Olympics as team manager and has a lot to offer to both the students and their parents.

We're all looking forward to a fun night with those students who have served us all year long as well as to spending some time with their parents.

AND THE STUDENT/ATHLETES who will be honored, of course, are simply the first in a long list of such honorees as The Dallas Post intends to make the Student/Athlete Award an annual one.

The award, which will recognize a male and female student/athlete from both Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools, is based on scholastic achievement, athletic achievement, leadership among peers and community involvement.

We'd like to offer our congratulations to the four students who were selected as the first recipients. They are Amy Aston and Matt Medura of Dallas High School and Sandy Diction and Dave Janiczek from Lake-Lehman High School.

Members of The Dallas Post sports staff did not have an easy time making these selections, either, as there were several names from both schools entered into the running.

SPEAKING OF CONGRATULATIONS, the heartiest of such goes out to Eric R. Supey of Trucksville who was honored with the Eagle Scout Award, the highest award in Boy Scouting, this past Sunday evening at a ceremony at the Trucksville United Methodist Church Educational Building.

Eric, the son of June and Robert Supey, is a senior at Dallas High

School where he participates in football and track.

Eric's Scouting career began as a Cub Scout when he joined Pack 155 in Trucksville. He then advanced to Webelos and into Boy Scouting where he became an Assistant Patrol Leader, a Patrol Leader, a Scribe, an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and an Assistant Scout Master.

In addition to serving in all those positions, Eric managed to earn himself a host of Boy Scout Merit Badges and a number of Scouting Awards.

And, besides all that, he's a great guy, to boot! Congrats, Eric! You done gone, kid.

IT'S LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TIME AGAIN, and, boy, did the Back Mountain Little League Organization luck out this time. Mother Nature certainly cooperated with the Little Leaguers for their Opening Day Ceremonies this past Saturday, providing an absolutely beautiful day, filled with much color in the different little league uniforms on the field.

My sources tell me it was a great ceremony and that Mr. Kubis, the Number One fan of the Back Mountain Little League Organization, once again captured both the hearts and the attention of all those present with another one of his ever-meaningful speeches.

Way to go, Mr. Kubis! I hear the kids were thrilled with your speech.

SPEAKING OF SPEECHES, I have heard a trio of former Lake-Lehman students knocked the socks off those present at an assembly at the senior high school last week.

Gina Major, who is currently serving as Miss Pennsylvania, joined forces with Rocky and Ricky Bonomo, wrestlers at Bloomsburg University, to offer some sound advice to current students at Lake-Lehman High School.

Miss Major, who, along with Joseph "Red" Jones, school board president; and John Zaleskas, high school principal, unveiled a portrait of herself to hang permanently in the school lobby, encouraged students to never give up their dreams.

Relating her own personal experiences to the students and describing how she entered many talent contests before making her way to the Miss Pennsylvania contest, Gina told the high school students of today why it is so important to keep your eyes on your goals and to continue to strive until you reach those goals.

And the Bonomo brothers, who have both continued their successful wrestling careers beyond the walls of the Lake-Lehman High School gym, stressed the importance of endurance when striving to meet your goals.

It certainly must mean much more to the students of today to hear it from those who walked the same halls just a few years before them. Cheers to the Lake-Lehman administration for organizing such a worthwhile assembly program.

AS LONG AS WE'RE PATTING ON THE BACK, a big round of applause goes to the first-place winners in The Dallas Post/Back Mountain Memorial Library Photo Contest.

Those winners are Carol M. King, of 241 Machel Ave., Dallas; Rhonda Bartorillo, of 882 Chase Road, Shavertown; and Kris Ertley, of Country Club Road, Dallas.



REMEMBERING

Main Street in 1902

There may be a few of our readers who will recognize this 1902 scene of Main Street in Dallas. The photo here looks down Main Street toward the intersection of Main Street and what is now Memorial Highway. The photo was taken in 1902.

Only yesterday

Dallas Township Juniors present 'Listen to Leon'

50 YEARS AGO - MAY 3, 1935

Juniors of Dallas Township High School scored a decided success with their clever presentation of a three act comedy "Listen to Leon." Margaret Wallace directed the play. Cast members included Elwood Conden, Lillian Spencer, Alberta Hofmeister, Charles Birton, Jack Edwards, Leon Austin, Marie Keifer and Alice Elpper.

A charter was granted to the Dallas Post of American Legion. Arthur Brown was named post commander while Stuart Major was named chairman of the membership committee.

You could get - Chuck pot roast 19c lb.; lean round steak 37c lb.; frying chickens 29c lb.; rolled lamb shoulder 21c lb.; tomatoes 2 lb. 19c; strawberries 19c 2 pts.; string beans 2 lb. 15c; carrots, 2 bunches 11c.

40 YEARS AGO - MAY 4, 1945

Staff Sgt. Raymond Kuderka, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kuderka of Vernon was alive and safe after being liberated by the American Army. Kuderka was missing in action in Belgium.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church celebrated his 20th anniversary with programs held throughout the week. Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort was pastor.

Married - Marion Dover to S. Sgt. A.J. Kisailus. You could get - Leg o lamb 39c lb.; skinless franks 37c lb.; cabbage 2 lb. 9c; apples 3 lb. 25c; pt. Mason jars 55c doz.; Ivory soap 23c lb. pkg.; tomato juice 46 oz. can 22c; Nabisco Graham Crackers lb. pkg. 20c.

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 6, 1955

Shavertown native Lee Tracy won excellent reviews for his portrayal of Lt. Commander Queeg in the Caine Mutiny Court Martial at the Palladium Theatre in Sidney, Australia.

Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company opened a campaign to raise \$20,000 for a new pumper. Floyd Whitebread, Carl Shriner, George Allis, Al Shaffer and Wayne Smith were committee members for this project.

Married - Nancy Dymond to Calvin Crane; Florence Disque to Charles Kishbaugh.

Deaths - Mary Rowlands, Trucksville. You could get - 1/2 gal. Breyers Ice Cream 99c; fillet

of haddock 79c lb.; clams \$1.85-100; large shrimp 79c lb.; stewing oysters 2 doz. 89c; 6 cup teapot \$2.25; covered bowl casserole \$1.50; Red Heart dog food 6 cans 85c.

20 YEARS AGO - MAY 6, 1965

Meta Larsen, Norwegian Exchange Student was named May Queen at Lake-Lehman School. Linda Piatt was maid of honor.

Assistant Police Chief Walbridge Leinthal was named chief of Lake Township replacing Edgar Hughes, who resigned.

Mrs. Louise Lamoreaux, Chase, was named assistant secretary of Jackson Township. She was to assist Edward Jeffery, secretary, who was ill.

Engaged - Shirley Levan to William R. Lohmann. Married - Suzanne Lavery to Ernest Harris. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis, 25 years.

Deaths - Mrs. A.H. Van Norwich, formerly of Dallas; Wrighter Bencoter, Hunlock Township; U.J. Harfman, Chester.

You could get - Boneless round roast 77c lb.; chicken parts 45c lb.; King crab legs 89c lb.; large black grapes 29c lb.; grapefruit 5 lb. bag 39c; sweet peas 2 lb. 29c pineapples 3-1; half gal. orange juice 75c.

10 YEARS AGO - MAY 8, 1975

Lake-Lehman High School Band under the direction of John Miliuskas competed in the Blossom Festival '75 at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

Members of Huntsville Christian Church honored Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duncan on the occasion of their retirement. The Duncans were presented with a grandfather clock in appreciation from their congregation.

Deaths - Dorothy Katon, Arlington, Va.; Amy Scott, Dallas; Ruth M. Whitely, Shavertown; Edna S. Faust, New Goss Manor, Dallas; Eva H. Cartwright, Shavertown.

You could get - Pork chops \$1.29 lb.; pork sausage 99c lb.; pickle loaf 99c lb.; grapefruit juice 2-1; orange juice 69c; Parkay margarine 59c lb.; lettuce 29c hd.; sweet corn 6 ears 69c; strawberries 55c pt.

LETTERS

Victims' relatives pray for end

DEAR EDITOR:

We as nieces of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weiss of Dallas, Pa. are very concerned about the well-being of our Aunt and Uncle.

Their property has been vandalized for a year now and, as of this date, the culprits have not been apprehended.

Criminals have constitutional rights that must be protected. But what about the "victims" of these crimes?

Are the vandals prosecuted to the fullest? If and when these terrorists

are caught, will they just be given a "light sentence?"

No matter what their sentences are, we feel as though nothing will be stern enough for the anguish they have put our Aunt and Uncle through. They'll never again be able to feel secure around their lovely home that they have so lovingly taken care of for the past 32 years. They love their home and have both worked hard keeping it looking nice.

We are appalled at what is happening to them.

These vandals are going to get

caught, but will our Aunt and Uncle ever have peace living in Dallas?

Or will this nightmare stay with them for the rest of their lives? Will they always have to go out the first thing in the morning to see what damage is done? We hope not. We're praying that the vandals are caught and punished. Please pray with us.

SANDRA L. GORDON
MASSENA, N.Y.
BEVERLY BOLSTER
MASSENA, N.Y.
PAULA BLEAU
OGDENSBURG, N.Y.

Weiss' relatives feel helpless

DEAR EDITOR:

Vandalism is often a part of our real world, but when it continues for nearly a year it is more than "difficult" to deal with. Experiencing various forms of vandalism for such an extended length of time can be classified differently. With the heartbreak and mental anguish suffered by the victims of these acts, surely at a certain point, it becomes "terrorism."

Terrorism in 1985, in a lovely little town in Dallas, Pa.? Or at least we considered it a lovely little town the many times we have visited there. And now - now we're not so sure.

A husband and wife right there in Dallas have been exposed to this type of vandalism for just about a year.

It's hard to believe that a couple such as Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weiss, 141 Elizabeth St., Dallas, who are hard-working, church-going people, would be the victims of such tragedy. There isn't anything they wouldn't do for a neighbor in need. And yet, look what they are going through.

The first question we ask ourselves is "Why?" The second question is "What is being done to apprehend the person or persons who are committing these crimes?"

It seems difficult to believe that whoever is guilty of these acts cannot, for whatever the reasons are, be apprehended.

We sit here wondering what type of person could be so cruel. Is it jealousy, is it hate, or is it an illness that prompts these acts? But most of all, why isn't something being done?

Stop for a moment and place yourself or your family members in a position such as Mr. and Mrs. Weiss are experiencing. Isn't it a terrible feeling? Also, think of the hurt and anguish if you couldn't be with that family member to at least offer support. This is what we are experiencing here in New York State.

MARIAN T. KELLOGG
HELEN A. KNEPP
(Sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weiss)

Letters policy

The Dallas Post welcomes and encourages its readers to participate in its "Letters to the Editor" column.

Letters to the editor should be typed and double-spaced. They must also include a signature and a telephone number for verification.

Names will be withheld upon request, however, unsigned letters will be given no consideration.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

Library Correspondent

We had some more television coverage during "Reading Day at the Mall" sponsored by the Luzerne County Reading Council. Our children's librarian, Marilyn Rudolph, conducted a story hour at 12:15 at the mall. She tells us many children were present to listen to the story and seemed to enjoy it. Her TV coverage was brief but much appreciated.

Mrs. Janice Waligorski of the Trinity Presbyterian Church Nursery School had invited Mrs. Rudolph to visit the school and have a story hour for the children. The children were shown a movie of Winnie the Pooh and Mrs. Rudolph read a children's book, "When the Root Children Wake Up" by Helen Dee Fish. This story is from the olden days and is a delightful spring story. The 45 children attending seemed to enjoy it.

Thomas Skovronsky of Dallas came into the library the other day with two little stools that he had made. He donated them to the library so that when he came in to look for his books, he could sit instead of bending down. These are a welcome addition!

A devoted friend and teacher corrected me the other day on my English. I said, "I only 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.

In this very busy world in which we live and during this beautiful season of the year, I hope we can all take time to 'stop and smell the roses!' Life goes by so quickly.

A very special salute to Beverly, Mary, Irma, Heather, Susan, Jean, Joan, Meryl, Irene, Marion, Joanne, Denise, Karen and Karen. These people are all loyal volunteers at the Back Mountain Memorial Library and their services are much appreciated. We welcome more people who would like to volunteer, just contact the library and set up a schedule. We would like to have the volunteers give four hours at a time, if possible, one day each week. During 1984, there were 1,612 volunteer hours given in service to the library.

A little advance notice: The 39th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held July 11, 12, 13 and 14 on the new library grounds. The auction block will function from the old stage area in the rear of the building and many of the booths and facilities will be in temporary quarters, however plans have started to formulate and we hope for a successful auction. We welcome Monty Evans as the 1985 Auction Chairman.

We have a new reference book in the library. It is the Code of Ordinance of the Township of Kingston, published by authority of the Township. This book will remain in the reference room at the library and is for public use and may not be taken from the building.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

TWO BILLS permitting local municipalities to determine if they want to allow small games of chance in their communities were approved by separate House committees and sent to the full House. The bills would permit the communities to conduct voter referendums on the question of allowing fraternal, religious and charitable groups to operate games such as punchboards and fishbowls. The clubs would be licensed by the state and would be required to pay a tax and license fee which would be earmarked for local school districts. The measures cleared the House Finance and Liquor Control committees.

LAW ENFORCEMENT agencies in Pennsylvania will be required to take immediate action to search for missing children if a bill which unanimously passed the House this week becomes law. The measure would require police to immediately send information to the statewide crime information computer system used by law enforcement agencies. Some police departments currently have a waiting period policy before an investigation is started on a missing person, including children. The bill was returned to the Senate for consideration of House changes.

HANDICAPPED PENNSYLVANIANS who use support dogs to accomplish routine tasks received encouraging news from the House this week. The House unanimously approved a bill prohibiting discrimination in public places against individuals using the dogs. The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R-Chester), adds support to the law granting "seeing eye" and "hearing dogs" access to public buildings. The dogs are specially trained to assist mobility-impaired persons. The bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for study.

Former resident offers memories

Following the publication of a photo of the Lehman House in the April 3 edition of The Dallas Post, Mrs. Kathleen Major Brown, of Lehman, offers the following story regarding the Lehman House. Mrs. Brown is now 94 years and currently residing at 107 Wellington Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y., 10804.

Mrs. Brown's letter is reproduced here exactly as she has submitted it:

"In 1900, Lehman House was operated by "Hank" Thomas and had a good reputation for Chicken dinners, wife Belle Thomas.

A little later, Gleason House was operated by Fred Gleason and wife. Still noted for Chicken dinners. Later, Fred Gleason died there.

In 1910, Lehman High School had a dinner and reception there for Dr. D.J. Waller of Bloomsburg Normal School who was the commencement speaker. Senior and junior class members and teachers in the area having attended the Normal School were invited.

Dr. H.A. Brown, an alumnus of Bloomsburg, paid for the dinner. Later, Mr. Gallagher was the owner of the hotel and Mr. Fred Risley, the operator. The Hotel burned down in 1917. The lot was empty for a number of years. Then, a store building with apartments was built by Megs, who had an ice cream parlor.

After that, there was Frank Randall in charge, then Herman Bronson, then William and Eleanor Sippel, then Charles Kellar had a store and then Wesley Moore bought the place and moved there in 1945. The building had to be moved back when the new road was built. First, the road was Route 115 and later, Route 118.

Wesley Moore, formerly of Dallas, had a meat market and grocery store for a number of years. A little later, the Lehman Post Office was rented in part of the building. Also, two apartments.

Wesley Moore died there. He made an apartment where the store was and rented it.

Mrs. Moore lives in an apartment there and her sister, Arline Rood, lives in one apartment. Moores had a lovely lawn and a fine garden. Mrs. Moore was in the Dallas Post Office for a number of years before retiring.