

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

THE FIRST DALLAS POST APPRECIATION BANQUET is history - and, boy, did we have fun - didn't we?

We had approximately 85 people in attendance, the food was great, the speaker was interesting, the students were thrilled with their awards and the parents simply had a ball watching the local newspaper honor their children.

The banquet was quite an effort on the part of the entire staff of The Dallas Post, but we're thrilled that people were so excited about being there.



DOTTY MARTIN

DRURY'S DELICATESSEN did a great job with the food as many rave reviews were heard throughout the evening. The reviews came from the same people whose plates were completely cleaned, but, that's okay because there was plenty of food. And, we certainly didn't want anyone to go home hungry.

Other area businesses who were involved in the banquet include Southfork Floral for the beautiful centerpiece; Sport-Jes for The Dallas Post jackets and Larksville Trophy for the plaques that were both presented to the carriers, the school correspondents and the student-athletes; Union Beverage for the soda; and, of course, the members of the Idetown Fire Hall for the use of hall.

MUCH THANKS to Marge Garinger for sharing her Olympic experiences with the audience. Marge, a Harveys Lake resident, served as team manager for the United States Women's Olympic Field Hockey team for the past five years and spent last summer with the team at the Los Angeles Olympics.

Her experiences are so memorable for her, she was kind enough to share them with us at the banquet. I heard a lot of comments from people who were just tickled to be able to listen to a local resident who spent time at the Olympics.

After all the hours of Olympic coverage we all watched on television, it sure was refreshing to hear someone talk about it firsthand. Some of the things Marge explained to us were things none of us ever dreamed you'd see at the Olympics. Sure was the experience of a lifetime for her.

We presented Marge with her very own Dallas Post jacket and hope she will wear it as proudly as she wears her Olympic blazer.

CONGRATULATIONS, AGAIN, to all the carriers, school correspondents and student/athletes who were honored at the Appreciation Banquet. All of them have contributed so greatly to the success of The Dallas Post, we didn't want their accomplishments to go unnoticed.

Hopefully, we'll be able to present the Appreciation Banquet and the Student/Athlete Awards on an annual basis from now on. Now, that we've got our feet wet with planning one, maybe those to follow will be even easier to visualize.

AND, FOR THOSE OF YOU who did not question me about it at the

conclusion of the banquet, the story about me flunking public speaking in high school is a true one. It was not made up just for the banquet.

MEMBERS OF THE DALLAS POST STAFF are slowly getting settled into our new office in the Route 309/415 plaza.

Things sure are bustling around here as we get used to the new location, which certainly is a lot busier than our previous location on Gerald Avenue.

Although we had a lot more room in the Jean Shop building, our new Plaza location makes us more accessible to the public and we've already noticed a flurry of people stopping by to say hello.

The new office is just one more step in the constant growth of The Dallas Post as it continues to serve the Back Mountain community the way it has for 96 years.

SPEAKING OF SEEING PEOPLE, boy was I surprised to see Joanne Pugliese Carpenter in the Plaza the other day. Joanne and I went to both high school and college together and haven't seen each other in a while.

Lo and behold, though, there she was right outside our office with her two beautiful children. Joanne and her husband, Guy, reside in Elmcreech in Dallas.

Joanne managed to get a chuckle out of our office staff as she spoke to me, though, and probably put a slight tinge of embarrassment on my face in doing so.

It was the day after our banquet when I saw her and I had just returned from picking up a half-empty barrel of soda from the Idetown Fire Hall - soda that was left over from the banquet. I had the keg, with the tap still attached, sitting very proudly in the trunk of my car.

I pulled up in front of our office and stood there, talking to the girls inside about what to do with the soda when Joanne came by and broke out in laughter.

There wasn't much else she had to do but point to the keg in the trunk of my car and me standing next to it. Yes, I guess it did look rather humorous.

IT'S NICE TO BE OUT HERE IN THE PUBLIC EYE where we can see what's going on in the world, but now we've decided we're much too close to the eating establishments in the Back Mountain.

We now have an in-house expert on all the hoagie numbers at Minotti's, in addition to having several food experts recommend all the other eateries in the Back Mountain.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I'd like to extend a great big happy birthday to Miss Lori Dadurka, who is celebrating her ninth birthday today.

Lori is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dadurka of Tripp Street in Forty Fort and is one of my very favorite little people.

Lori will be celebrating her birthday with a party this weekend with some of her friends from school as well as her brothers, Neil and Craig Dadurka.

A great big "groovy" birthday to you, Lori. (That's a private joke between Lori and me for those of you who may think that last sentence sounds kind of corny.)



REMEMBERING

Oneonta Hotel

There may be a few Harveys Lake residents who will remember the Oneonta Hotel shown here in this 1908 photo.

Only yesterday

Garden Club plans excursions to area

50 YEARS AGO - MAY 10, 1935

The Garden Club of Wyoming Valley planned to make several excursions to the Back Mountain during the summer to inspect some of the beautiful gardens in Noxen, Dallas and Trucksville.

Stanley Rauch was elected president of the Harveys Lake Yacht Club. Other officers included Earl Davis, vice president; George Elias, secretary; David Deater, treasurer; William Hoover, manager; Patrick Elias, captain.

Deaths - Mrs. Thomas Healey, Rice St., Dallas; Robert A. Edwards, Edwardsville.

You could get - Stewing chickens 21c lb.; veal roast 23c lb.; haddock 2 lb. 25c; apples 4 lb. 25c; new potatoes 45c peck; peas 3 lb. 25c; cucumbers 3-10c; seedless raisins 6c pkg.; bananas 4 lb. 17c; lemons 5-10c; rice 9c lb.

40 YEARS AGO - MAY 11, 1945

V-E Day in the Back Mountain was celebrated with sirens, bells and horns shortly after the official announcement that the war in Europe had ended. However, the victory was sobered by the fact that the war in the Pacific continued.

Judges for the first annual Dog Show held at Irem Temple Country Club under American Kennel Club sanction were Clyde Heck, Pat Curry, William Gilroy, Edward Harkins and Emily Pomeroy.

Engaged - Mary Elizabeth Garrity to Ensign Robert Eugene Payne.

Birthdays - Charlotte Lewis, 90 years old.

Deaths - Wilber E. Ruth, Scranton; William Phillips, in action in the Pacific; Donald Malkemes in action in Germany.

You could get - Bologna 33c lb.; franks 37c lb.; lamb chops 42c lb.; cream of rice cereal 21c pkg.; Grandma's molasses 16 oz. jar 25c; Ivory soap 3 personal bars 14c; radishes lg. bunch 5c; tomatoes 25c pkg.; onions 3 lb. 20c.

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 13, 1955

Margaret Belles was named May Queen of Lake-Noxen School. Mary Arendt was named lady in waiting. Teachers chairing May Day festivities were Mrs. Florence Worth and Hendrick Marr.

Back Mountain Kennel Club planned its annual Dog Show at Irem Temple Horse Show Grounds. James Geddes was chairman. Toy Breeds and Boston Terriers were shown for the first time in several years.

Engaged - Mary Stuart to Clarence Swire; Evelyn Kay to Leonard Ide Jr.; Marion Miller to Richard Searfoss.

LETTERS

Relatives want vandals caught

DEAR EDITOR:

For approximately a year now the home of our Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weiss of Dallas, has repeatedly been vandalized. From what we've read in newspaper clippings and what our family has told us, the person responsible for these actions has yet to be caught.

We aren't saying that the police department and other law enforcement agencies aren't doing their job. We're sure they're frustrated, angry, bewildered and doing every-

thing humanly possible.

What concerns us is if this person is so dementedly clever as to continually harass such decent people without getting caught for such an incredible length of time then how much more will he do? What will he possibly do next? And most important of all is how much longer will our Aunt and Uncle have to be existing in a living hell right in their own home? Will he just receive a slap on the hand and be sent back out on the streets and be allowed to terrorize other innocent people like our Aunt and Uncle? Unfortunately

this is too often the case. "The punishment doesn't fit the crime."

Our Aunt and Uncle are good, kind and loving people and don't deserve to be treated this way. We hope all of Dallas, Pa. gets together to help our Aunt and Uncle in anyway they can. We love them dearly and would like to see this vandal caught and punished to the full extent of the law.

BERNADINE MORIARTY (NIECE)
DEBRA PADAVANO (NIECE)
STEPHEN J. MEYER (NEPHEW)

MADD commends program sponsors

DEAR EDITOR:

As an organization committed to eliminating the problem of drunk driving, we wish to take this opportunity to voice our support for the "Operation Prom-Graduation" project that is currently being promoted in our area.

We view this project as a means of increasing awareness and dialogue between students, parents, school personnel, and the community at large regarding the issue of underage drinking in combination with driving during the period of heightened celebrating at prom-graduation time. Preventing our youth from being injured or killed in drunk driving incidents is a worthy goal.

We commend WBRE and WDAU for spearheading this effort, as well as the Lions Club, SADD, Wyoming

Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, CAP, and the Luzerne/Wyoming County Drug and Alcohol Program for their participation. In addition, we congratulate those florists, formal wear businesses, soft drink distributors, high schools, and students who have become part of the project.

Let us all work energetically and cooperatively to make this prom-graduation period absolutely safe and accident free.

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
LUZERNE COUNTY CHAPTER
ALICE DEATS, PRESIDENT

Group thankful for publicity

DEAR EDITOR:

The 5-Mile "Run For The Family", to benefit the Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley, was held on April 28. And, thanks to you, it was very successful.

Family Service is grateful to The Dallas Post for publicizing this event, which is part of our 90th Anniversary Celebration. We appre-

ciate your cooperation very much in making this a very special event. On behalf of Family Service, thank you for your invaluable assistance.

LILLIAN THALENFELD VOLUNTEER
90TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF WYOMING VALLEY

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

We have a new collection in our display case at the library, thanks to Beverly Marchetti of Dallas. She has loaned us about half of her collection of dolls doing craft things.

Beverly has been collecting these dolls for 20 years and does a lot of hand work herself, which is how she first became interested in the dolls. She saw this corn husk doll doing cross stitch and said, "I do that" and thought it would be fun to have a doll doing the same things so, she bought the doll and at that moment, her collection began.

Many of the dolls have been given to her and they are from all parts of the world. There is a rope doll knitting from Italy, a spinner from India, a lacemaker from Belgium, a fabric peddler from Guatemala, a Batik dyer from Indonesia, a girl embroidering from China and a man with woven fabric from Africa. A special one is a little girl knitting a pink scarf, an antique piece from Germany from the late 1800's. Betsy Ross is here, sewing her flag and a girl making a lei was brought by friends from Hawaii.

This is a very exciting display which will be in the library until May 29. I have called the display: Crafty dolls from Beverly Marchetti.

The main entrance outside wall of the library has received a fresh coat of paint and is looking very neat. Also, finally, our Back Mountain Memorial Library sign, a landmark from our former location, has been placed on the front lawn of our new building.

We have recently installed two book drops on the library grounds available from the Franklin Street entrance, where books may be left when the library is closed. The book drop on Main Street has been removed. All books are to be returned to the new library.

Sixty nine new large print books have been added to the collection, purchased with funds donated by the Dallas Lions Club. They will be placed in a separate section in a prominent location in the main library room. Each book will have a book plate in the front of the book saying these were donated by the Lions. Some of the titles are: Best loved poems, and favorite poems in large print, The Merriam-Webster Dictionary for large print users and the New York Times large type cookbook. The collection includes mysteries, romances and a large number of recent fiction and non-fiction best sellers. A special thank you to the Dallas Lions Club!

A good friend came in the other day to see our Beatrix Potter rabbits on the day the rabbits were going to be packed away, but she did get here in time. She was impressed with the library in general and also with the office section, where we spend our time. Nice to see you, Marie!

We will have a display of pictures in the library for the next two weeks to commemorate the 60th anniversary of College Misericordia. These tell an interesting story of the college.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

PENNSYLVANIA'S BUDGET surplus for the current fiscal year may be \$59 million more than anticipated. In February, Gov. Dick Thornburgh predicted a surplus of \$201 million when the fiscal year ends June 30. This week, Michael Rosenstein, Republican director of the House Appropriations Committee, said more recent estimates show an anticipated surplus of \$260 million. Legislators and the administration will be faced with the question of how to best use the new money if projections prove correct.

SPECIAL LICENSES would be available to certain motorists whose driving privileges have been suspended for traffic violations under a bill approved by the House Transportation Committee. The measure would allow eligible drivers to continue driving if it's essential to their employment. The "limited licenses" would not be available to anyone convicted of drunken drivers or drivers who have had their license suspended previously. Motorists who qualify would have to pay a fee of \$50 to \$100 to obtain the special permit, which could be used only for employment purposes. The bill's prime sponsor, Rep. James Burd (R-Butler) said the intent is to aid motorists who have been safe drivers all their lives and have had "a rash of bad luck."

HOUSE EDUCATION Committee members unanimously approved a bill to create state-supported day-care programs in public schools. The "Latchkey Children's Assistance Act" would benefit school children under the age of 12 left unattended at home before or after school. Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor (R-Chester), the measure's prime sponsor, said there are an estimated 6.5 million such children in the commonwealth. The legislation appropriates \$5 million for school districts to start the programs.

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