

# Commentary

## Editor's notes

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

THE ATTENDANCE at our Crime Watch meeting last Thursday night at the Dallas Senior High School auditorium was somewhat disappointing at first. However, when Lieutenant Jerry Cookus of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department told me there were only nine people present at the very first Crime Watch meeting in Wilkes-Barre, I was rather relieved. Crime Watch in the city now involves over 37,000 people.



DOTTY MARTIN

We had approximately 40 people at our meeting and, thanks to Lt. Cookus, Mr. Elmer Bradshaw of the Luzerne County Crime Watch Organization and District Attorney Robert Gillespie, those people were briefed on just exactly how Crime Watch works.

And, their time was well spent because, as I've been told, Crime Watch Programs are beginning to sprout up all around the Back Mountain. We've had reports that one is starting in Elmcrest in Dallas Township, one is beginning in a neighborhood in Kingston Township, and neighbors in the Park Street/Elizabeth Street neighborhood have begun to organize one.

Don't wait until it's too late — organize a Crime Watch program in your neighborhood before your home is vandalized or burglarized. You'll feel much safer.

OUR STAFF WRITER Judie Mathers has dubbed me a "connoisseur of fine wines" — and, for good reason, I might add.

You see, Judie was on the receiving end of a four-liter bottle of Chablis wine, one of three that had been given to me. I thought it was a pretty nice gesture on my part and thought Judie might enjoy a nice, cold glass of wine upon arriving home from work that day — since we had both spent a rather hectic afternoon in the newsroom.

Judie agreed with that idea and, upon her arrival at home that evening, proceeded to remove her shoes, put her feet up and pour herself a glass of wine — only to discover the bottle was filled with water, rather than wine.

Boy, did I take a lot of ribbing in the office the next day! So, I went home and emptied the two remaining bottles down the drain — but, wait until I get my hands on the "friend" who gave them to me.

RUMOR HAS IT Park Street in Dallas got mighty wet one night last week.

Seems one of the residents there who recently installed a swimming pool in their side yard attempted to fill the pool, only to have the hose fall out of the pool sometime during the night, thus watering a good portion of the neighborhood.

We won't mention any names to protect the guilty, but we sure do hope the family has better luck with the pool during this year's swimming season.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Mark Kunkle upon his new appointment. Mark will be leaving his position as manager of Kingston Township to move into a

very similar position in a much larger municipality.

We wish Mark, his wife and daughter the best of luck in their new home and in his new position. Kingston Township will certainly miss his enthusiasm, however. Mark has been associated with Kingston Township for several years and certainly had some rather innovative ideas while serving as township manager there.

I PLAYED SOFTBALL with Judy Daley of College Misericordia fame last week. Boy, was I surprised to see her there as she and I both agreed there should be an age limit in those kinds of recreational leagues, forcing people like the two of us to give it up.

Judy sure was surprised when I snagged two fly balls in centerfield, but, boy, was I shocked when she tagged our winning run out at home plate. Maybe we're not so old after all, are we Judy?

A GREAT BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE goes to June Supey of Trucksville. June received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Marywood College during commencement ceremonies held Sunday afternoon on the Scranton campus.

June is employed as an obstetrics nurse at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and is to be commended on her latest accomplishment.

June's oldest son, Eric, will join his Mom in the cap and gown department as he prepares to graduate from Dallas High School this year while younger brother, Greg, will finish his junior year at Dallas.

CAN'T HELP BUT WISH a speedy recovery to my dear stepmother, Laura Martin, of Forty Fort.

Laura, who is also employed at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, underwent major surgery last Saturday and is, much to her dismay, down and out for a while.

I do hope, however, that she'll be up and around soon, making coffee for the whole neighborhood as she usually does.

WE'RE CERTAINLY ENJOYING being in our new office in the Route 309/415 Plaza in Dallas.

It's amazing how many people have stopped in to see us or who have just been passing by and said hello.

Why, just the other day we had a conversation with Anna Mae Delaney and Jean Fletcher who were strolling through the plaza after spending the morning on the golf course.

Anna Mae, who now lives in Forty Fort, was a long-time resident of the Back Mountain as she and her family used to reside in New Goss Manor.

SPEAKING OF DELANEYS, congratulations are in order for Cathy Delaney of Harveys Lake.

Cathy, daughter-in-law of Anna Mae, was named Vice President of Operations of Harris Brown, Inc., an import/export company in Avoca.

Mrs. Delaney has been employed by Harris Brown for seven years. A native of Plymouth, she is married to P.J. Delaney. The couple has a daughter, Katie, 16 months old.

Way to go, Cathy!



## REMEMBERING

### 1975 All-Stars

Shown here are members of the 1975 Back Mountain American All-Star Team from the Back Mountain Little League Organization. The team won the first two rounds of all-star competition by defeating Wyoming-West Wyoming, 3-0, and Northwest, 16-5. The Back Mountain team then lost to Plains, 9-5, in the third round. Robert Law was president of Back Mountain Baseball at the time. Shown here are, from left, first row, Brian Zimmerman, Michael Dent, Gary Masiatis, Butch Stout, Peter Martin, Joe Gomba, Ken Sitkowski, David Konopki, Kurt Goeringer. Second row, Robert Eyet, coach; Greg Zumchak, Scott Keller, Scott Enslin, Alan Gordon, Tony Sheffield, Dave Morris, manager. Dave Oster was also selected to the team, but was unable to participate due to a broken hand.

## Only yesterday

# Fifteen graduate from Dallas Township School

40 YEARS AGO - MAY 24, 1935  
Commencement exercises for the 15 members of the senior class of Dallas Township High School were scheduled to be held in the Himmler Theatre. Graduating were Arthur Bellas, Beulah Brace, Betty Cooke, Elsie Garinger, Kathryn Girvan, Mary Goldsmith, Elsie Higgins, Anna Mahler, Frank Matukitis, Alma Parrish, Irvin Parsons, Jr., George Rogers and Helen Splitt.

College Misericordia planned its commencement at St. Nicholas Hall, Wilkes-Barre; Ann O'Brien was senior class president while Katherine Daley was May Queen.

You could get - Fillets of haddock 2 lb. 25c; sliced Boston blue fish 10c lb.; veal rump roast 25c lb.; cheese 19c lb.; Waldorf paper 6 rolls 24c; Maxwell House Coffee 31c lb.; 1/2 lb. cake Baker's Chocolate 19c; Minute Tapioca 2 pkg. 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - MAY 25, 1945  
Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Achuff, Sr. of Fernbrook received information direction from their son Sgt. Louis Achuff, that he had been released from a German prisoner of war camp and was now safe and sound.

Back Mountain high schools, Kingston Township, Lehman Township, Dallas Township, Dallas Borough, Lake Township, Beaumont and Noxen graduated 177 seniors, 20 of those who were members of the armed forces.

Engaged - Marietta Emmanuel to Ernest Gay; Christine M. Ruggere to T. Sgt. Paul Klug.

You could get - Cucumbers 12c lb.; spinach 10c lb.; red radishes 2 bunches 9c; asparagus lg. bunch 43c; big loaf bread 9c; doz. sugared doughnuts 16c; lb. jar peanut butter 30c; Louella butter 48c lb.; eggs 45c doz.

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 27, 1955  
A large crowd turned out to enjoy May Day activities at Lehman-Jackson-Ross School. Marcia Elston was May queen. Jeanne Casterline was lady in waiting. Lunch was served to 850 people following the festivities.

Thirty-two senior girls at Westmoreland High School received certificates from the American Red Cross for having completed the prescribed courses in Red Cross Home Nursing.

Engaged - Caroline Archambeault to Stanley H. Williams; Evelyn Niezgodna to Herbert Spencer. Married - Mildred Ann Kingston to William H.

Burnaford, Jr.

Deaths - Abra Dimmick, Noxen; Laura Sutliff, Broadway; Anna Estock, Overbrook Road; Stella Brace, Hunlock Creek; Mary Kovalcin, Hunlock Creek.

You could get - Picnic hams 59c lb.; standing rib roast 59c lb.; turkeys 59c lb.; potatoes 5 lb. 39c; iceberg lettuce, 2 hds. 23c; ice cream 1/2 gal. 79c; peanut butter 20 oz. jar 69c; 4-6 oz. cans frozen lemonade 53c.

20 YEARS AGO - MAY 27, 1965  
Lake-Lehman High School named its top students, Jackie Hoyt and Keith Swanson. Also named as honor students were Gail Kelley, Carolyn Keris, Susan Lamoreaux, Mary Marchakitus, Carol Owens, Janice Pios, Lois Williams, Howard Ellsworth and Douglas Ide.

Dallas Legion slated its annual Memorial Day Parade. Hazel Shaver was Parade Marshall while Ralph Hazeltine, Shavertown, presented the address. Dallas Junior High School Band under the direction of Alfred Camp played for the ceremony.

Engaged - Sandra Villars to George Hosier.

Married - Doris Trethaway to George Oldham; Ethel Cook to Dr. A.E. Shafer.

You could get - Hams 33c lb.; turkeys 45c lb.; standing rib roast 85c lb.; shrimp 89c lb.; cottage cheese 25c lb.; watermelons \$1.19 ea.; oranges 4 lb. 59c; strawberries 39c pt.; pineapples 39c ea.; tomatoes 23c cello pkg.

10 YEARS AGO - MAY 29, 1975  
First Folk Arts Festival sponsored by the Back Mountain Cultural Center featured numerous exhibits, craft demonstrations, a pet show for children, and the presentation Prince and the Pauper, by Dallas Intermediate School students under the direction of Mrs. O'Connell.

Confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church were Susan Lloyd, Barbara Voelker, Carol Sheldon, James Dierolf, Keith Amershack, Michael Duncan, and Mark Pettit.

Engaged - Holly Harris and Alan Robert Jagger.

Deaths - Dr. Louis W. Jones, Harveys Lake; Ralph Bronson, Bloomsburg; Mrs. Harry Post, Trucksville.

You could get - Boneless chuck roast 99c lb.; chuck, ground 99c lb.; bananas 2 lb. 39c; Maxwell House coffee 2 lb. can \$1.79; fresh eggs 49c doz.; Del Monte tuna 6 1/2 oz. can 39c; 49 oz. pkg. FAB detergent \$1.09.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

All I can say is, thanks, Impala! One more trip! Philadelphia this time and my Chevy behaved very well, down and back and all around the city.

My son Cliff and his wife Barbara are living in Chestnut Hill and I spent a beautiful sunny two days with them, touring historic Philadelphia and grabbing some sunshine. We sat in the back yard of their town house and watched the jets fly over; went shopping in some of their great shops; had dinner at 21 West, an exclusive restaurant, saw some 8-man crew shells rowing down the Schuylkill River; did some chipping on the back nine, which actually was practicing chipping with nine golf balls in the back yard; and got to hear the Phillies win a game on local WCAU.

We drove into the city and saw some of the famous landmarks, including the building recently restored where Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. We saw the offices where they both work in Independence Square and the Chestnut Hill Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia.

Sunday morning we attended a beautiful service in St. Paul's Episcopal Church and had lunch at the Valley Green Inn on the Schuylkill River, a historical site, established in 1683. Bought the Philadelphia Inquirer and on the front page was the E.F. Hutton story with United Penn Bank of Wilkes-Barre mentioned in the first paragraph. Saw the quaint section of town with brick roads and the trolleys running on the tracks. We visited the Woodmere Art Museum and enjoyed the super exhibit.

I sure did enjoy Philadelphia with all its history and was able to experience some of its Brotherly Love!

A reminder: the library is accepting donations of books, new goods, odds and ends and used goods for the auction which may be brought in to the library on Huntsville Road during regular hours. Monty Evans is 1985 auction chairman and is looking for volunteers to help in every department. Interested people can contact the library at 675-1182.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library circulated 7,562 books during the month of April and set a new record high when 169 new members joined the library. Circulation showed a 532 increase over last month with 934 reference questions. Book Club circulated 312 books.

Sorry to hear that the Back Mountain Jaycettes have disbanded. They donated their lollypop tree to the library for use at the auction and we are grateful for that.

A special thank you to the Dallas Area Federated Woman's Club for their donation \$800 to the library, proceeds from their recent card party and fashion show. The library is indeed grateful for this contribution which will be put to good use.

## STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

LOCAL VOTERS would determine whether to allow small games of chance in their communities under a bill approved by the House this week. The measure, which was sent to the Senate for consideration, would permit communities to decide the matter by voter referendum. If approved, non-profit groups, such as fire companies and charitable, fraternal, religious and veterans clubs, could offer punchboard and fishbowl games. The State Revenue Department would license the organizations with fees going to local school districts.

ENACTING LAWS which effectively address the problem of domestic violence in Pennsylvania has been a long-time priority of Rep. Lois S. Hagarty (R-Montgomery). This week the House overwhelmingly approved legislation developed by Hagarty which would

provide police with broader arrest powers in cases of domestic violence. Under the measure, an officer could arrest a suspect without a warrant if it appears likely that domestic violence has taken place. The bill also empowers district justices to order a defendant not to return to a residence or workplace for 72 hours, if such action would prevent contact with the victim. Currently, Hagarty said, the law pressures the victim to file a complaint before police can take action. The bill is now in the Senate.

LEGISLATION REQUIRING driver education as a prerequisite to receiving a driver's license for persons 16 to 17 years old was introduced by two Republican lawmakers. Reps. Lynn Herman (Centre) and Hal Mowery (Cumberland) drafted the bill in response to studies indicating that young motorists without driver education are far more likely to be involved in accidents than those with training.

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## LETTERS

### Poem offered to readers

It looked extremely rocky  
For the Pirate nine that day,  
The score was 16-13  
With but an inning left to play  
The Tigers got the first two out  
The Pirates never quit  
And just as their hopes got dim  
Michael got a hit  
One or two got up to leave  
The crowd muttered as they talked.  
They thought the game was over,  
That's when two more Pirates  
walked.  
Up came little Randy Slaff  
Eight years old and 60 pounds  
A hush came o'er the diamond  
Their narry was a sound  
The pitcher made a mighty throw  
And Randy let it go  
Not my style thought the redhead  
Strike One! The umpire said  
The next three throws were teasing  
balls  
The umpire thought so, too  
Then Randy made a vicious swing  
The umpire yelled, strike two!  
Tension filled the ball park!  
The pitcher gave an awesome glare  
He fired his best fastball  
It came hurtling through the air

Somewhere kids were playing  
Somewhere children shout  
This ode's a little different  
'Cause Randy hit it out  
On that given Saturday  
A boy became a man

On the field in Dallas  
Randy hit it, his mighty Grand  
Slam

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## Parents are grateful

DEAR EDITOR:  
We wish to thank the staff of The Dallas Post and all those responsible for selecting our son (David) as Student/Athlete for Lake-Lehman High School.  
We are most appreciative of this

honor.  
The banquet was well-prepared and thoroughly enjoyed by all of us.  
Thank you.

LEONARD JANICZEK  
ELIZABETH JANICZEK  
LEHMAN

## Group is thankful

DEAR EDITOR:  
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Co. extends sincere appreciation to everyone in the community and surrounding areas for their most generous support of the annual rummage and

white elephant sale held recently at the Fire Hall.

The donations and patronage were overwhelming and very greatly appreciated.

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