

# Commentary

## Editor's notes

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

**THE SMELL OF GRADUATION** is in the air these days with area high schools holding commencement ceremonies every time you turn around. The Dallas Post extends a great big round of applause to all 1985 graduates.

And, I would like to personally congratulate some graduates who are special to me. Eric Supey, of Trucks-ville, received his diploma from Dallas High School last Thursday evening. Eric, son of June and Robert Supey, will attend Penn State-Wilkes-Barre campus in September. Debbie Pearn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Pearn of Forty Fort, finished her high school days at Wyoming Valley West last Thursday and will continue her education at Luzerne County Community College. And, Denise Trettel, daughter of our general manager, Charlie Trettel and his wife, Audrey, graduated from Berwick High School on Sunday evening. Denise also plans to continue her education at Luzerne County Community College.



Members of the Little League Organization will be selling subscriptions to The Dallas Post for the next two weeks. For every \$12 subscription sold by a Back Mountain Little Leaguer, The Dallas Post will donate \$2 to the little league organization to be used toward renovations to the little league field.

The little leaguers will also have a chance to win big prizes as The Post will be awarding a 10-speed bicycle to the top salesperson, an AM-FM cassette tape player to the person who sells the second most subscriptions and a radio headset to third highest salesperson.

The Dallas Post asks the Back Mountain community to rally 'round the Little Leaguers in helping them raise money to make their little league field a better place to play - and, at the same time, keep up on all the happenings in the Back Mountain by reading The Dallas Post.

**THE STATUE OF LIBERTY** is still in need of funds to help defray the cost of its restoration. Organizations, as well as individuals, have been sending money for this most worthwhile project but several thousand dollars are still needed.

Lee Iacocca, general chairman of the fund-raising drive for the Statue of Liberty, is appealing to Americans nationwide to help foot the bill.

Anyone desiring to help the Lady should send their donation to the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., PO Box Liberty, New York, New York 10117.

**IT IS WITH MUCH REGRET** that I announce the resignation of Judie Mathers, our staff writer. Judie, who has only been with us for about three months, will be relocating to the Gettysburg area where her husband, Hap, has accepted employment.

Judie had been employed in the newspaper business in the Back Mountain for a little over a year and was the first full-time editorial department member of the editorial department we've had for over two years.

She has made a tremendous contribution to the news content of The Dallas Post and I, along with our readers, will miss her talent and her expertise.

Goodbye, Judie, and good luck!

**GOOD TO SEE** that John Baur is back at the grill of Treat Drive-In on the Memorial Highway in Fernbrook.

Seems John took a little bit of a vacation from the restaurant business, but has returned to the drive-in recently and is looking forward to welcoming back all his regular customers.

**GOOD LUCK** to two new businesses in town as Back Mtn. Video and Movie Magic have both opened locations on the Dallas Highway.

Garfield made a guest appearance at grand opening ceremonies for Back Mtn. Video last Saturday and did a great job luring in the customers.

**AND TO THE LADY** sunning herself on the dock at Harveys Lake - hurry back, we miss you!

**I RECEIVED TWO MORE** unsigned letters to the editor and ask, once again, that their authors come forward to sign them.

As I stated last week, we cannot possibly publish these letters without a signature on them. We will, however, withhold the author's name if he or she will only come forward to identify themselves to me.

Letters to the editor are one of the most effective ways community residents have of making their feelings on a particular subject known. But, when the letters are allowed to go no further than the editor's desk, their purpose is immediately defeat.

**JACK FOWLER**, a member of the Dallas Borough Police Department, is all smiles these days. Having returned home recently from a fishing trip in Canada, Jack's prized possession now is a 43-inch, 23-pound Northern Pike.

Rumor has it that Jack, as strong as he may be, needed 15 minutes to reel the catch in. And Jack says he's not even a fisherman. He confided to me that he didn't even know the darn fish was taking his bait - until he noticed his bobber had disappeared for quite some time.

Future visitors to the Fowler home will probably see Jack's prize hanging on a wall in the house somewhere.

**LITTLE JENNY COOPER**, one of The Dallas Post newspaper carriers, came to visit us the other day. My, she doesn't seem to have grown much since our banquet.

Our apologies to Jenny, though, for our sticking door. Seems the door to our new office has a habit of sticking and causing some difficulty to those who try to open it. Fortunately, for Jenny, there was a woman coming to our office at the same time and she kindly enough opened the door for Jenny.

Better eat your Wheaties, Jenny!

**THE DALLAS POST AND THE BACK MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE** have joined hands in an effort to better both organizations.



## REMEMBERING

### Reese Store

Standing in front of the Reese Store are J.M. Reese and Thomas G. Reese, his son. The men are grandfather and father of Tax Collector Thomas E. Reese of Dallas Borough. Thomas G. Reese still resides on Franklin Street, Dallas.

## Only yesterday

# Residents await passage of \$117,000 work-relief bill

50 YEARS AGO - JUNE 14, 1935

Area residents awaited the passage of a bill by the legislature which would grant \$117,000 for work relief. This would provide 500 men with employment.

Helen Himmler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Himmler of Dallas was chosen "Miss Seminary" by Wyoming Seminary.

Fifty-eight youngsters from the Children's Home enjoyed their annual summer camp at Noxen. The children stayed in Noxen until September. The camp was held on property donated by Arthur Stull of Noxen and Wilkes-Barre.

Deaths - T. J. Rummage, Sweet Valley. You could get - Sardines 2 oval cans 15c; kidney beans 3 cans 25c; eggs 28c doz.; bacon 1/2 lb. 21c; potatoes 29c peck; green cabbage 2 lb. 5c; bing cherries 25c lb.; jumbo loaf bread 10c; Charmin toilet tissue 4-25c.

40 YEARS AGO - JUNE 15, 1945

Meeting for the first time in the Back Mountain Memorial Library Building directors of the association elected officers. Paul Warriner was president; Howard Risley, vice-president; Mrs. Lewis LeGrand, secretary; Harry Ohlman, treasurer; and Atty. Peter Jurchak, solicitor.

Jive Junction, Dallas teen-ager center, opened. The center was opened to teens from seventh grade to 19 years old. Dues were one dollar per year.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Rowlands, Trucksville, 53 years.

Deaths - R. Bruce Albert, Bloomsburg; Daniel Crispell, Lehman; Ruth Kocher, Noxen. You could get - Cod filets 35c lb.; lemons 39c doz.; peaches 2 lb. 33c; spinach 2 lb. 13c; pineapples 25c ea.; 2 1/2 oz. loaf super bread 11c; Lifebuoy soap 3 bars 20c; lb. jar peanut butter 22c; 11 oz. pkg. corn flakes 7c.

30 YEARS AGO - JUNE 17, 1955

Anthony Marchakitus was elected principal of Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School. In other school news, Dallas-Frankoene Township jointure named Grace Barrall as home economics teacher; Mrs. Ray Henney, Kunkle as permanent substitute teacher in the elementary school. Mrs. Eduora Baird, R.N. was hired as full time school nurse.

Gate of Heaven School graduated 21 eighth graders. Among students receiving awards were Ann Black, scholarship; Carol Ann Rother, religion; Geraldine Letner, school spirit.

Engaged - Mary Ellen Weigel to Robert McMichael; Susan Zurinski to Francis B. Stolarick.

Married - Marilyn Jean James to Robert Marr.

You could get - Sirloin steaks 79c lb.; veal roast 49c lb.; frying chickens 49c lb.; Louella butter 66c lb.; Heinz baked beans 2-16 oz. cans 35c; applesauce, 7 cans \$1; Vienna bread 2 lvs. 29c; pineapple 4 cans \$1.

20 YEARS AGO - JUNE 17, 1965

Four Back Mountain students were selected to attend the first Rotary Leadership Camp. Dallas students Stanley Dorrance and Todd E. Richards, Lake-Lehman students Barry Ray and John Ruff. Held at Camp Brooklyn, the boys attended a five day leadership and vocational guidance program.

The Library Auction grounds began to take shape as workers erected booths and cleaned up the grounds. Stefan Hellersperk was grounds chairman.

Engaged - Wanda Sue Charney to James Arthur Hill; Deborah Ruth Keller to John David Eister; Marlene Ann Batory to Joseph Yedinak; Stullen Roberts to Edwin Bush.

Married - Carol Ann Haggerty to Leslie Meade Barstow, Jr.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Gunton, 35 years; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheehan, 24 years.

Deaths - Bessie Stem, Huntsville; Elizabeth Lord, Shavertown; Jean Harris Whitesell; Sarah Goss, Dallas; Blanche Ide, East Dallas; Keziah Edwards, Sweet Valley; Theodore Busch, Dallas; Olive Booth, Machell Avenue; N.H. Kester, Carverton Rd.

You could get - Porterhouse steak 99c lb.; chickens 59c lb.; turkeys 47c lb.; western cherries 45c lb.; pianapples 39c ea.; watermelons 89c ea.; King crab legs 89c lb.; cream cheese 8 oz. pkg. 25c; 2 lb. loaf Velveeta 79c.

10 YEARS AGO - JUNE 19, 1975

A parade kicked off the 31st annual Lehman Horse Show. Floats, contestants, marching units, fire apparatus and the Lake-Lehman Band were parade participants. George Hudson, Fleetwood, was judge of the competition. John Hudak was ringmaster.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Inc. presented Mrs. William Wright, assistant ambulance chief with a Build-A-Board. The Build-A-Board was used to remove auto accident victims to a seated position with minimal body movements when possible spinal or neck injuries are present.

Married - Nancy Rodda and Rev. John Topolewski; Marilyn Held to Bradley Rauch.

Deaths - John Martin, Oregon; John Petro, Trucks-ville.

You could get - Chuck roast \$1.19 lb.; beef liver 59c lb.; Coca Cola 64 oz. bottle 69c; carrots 4 lb. bags \$1; lettuce 4 hds. \$1; 1/2 gal. orange juice 85c; Maxwell House coffee 89c lb.; 100 pound Salada tea bags \$1.19.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

The library is having a super star-spangled summer smurf show. We have had a very nice upright exhibit case donated for library display use. There are seven shelves in this exhibit case and every shelf is filled with smurfs. There are 121 smurfs in the display, including six brand new historical smurfs; Paul Revere-smurf, Thomas Edi-smurf, Beja-smurf Franklin, George Smurf-ington, Abraham Lincoln-smurf and Christo-smurf Columbus.

These smurfs belong to Maria, Jean and Greg Stahovec of Machell Ave., Dallas and they will be spending the summer at the library in the hopes of making every day a little sunnier.

Did you ever see a smurf dancing, reading, baking, playing soccer, doing carpentry or plumbing, graduating or planting flowers? If not, drop in to the library and see smurfs doing all of these things and a lot more. They share a prime spot in the main entrance area of the library.

I have to say thank you to Chiz. It's another case of knowing the right person. The lock on the new exhibit case needed a key. I asked Chiz, if he had an extra one that might work, he did, I tried it, and it works. Thanks, Chiz, now we can lock our exhibit case.

The 39th annual library auction will be here before we know it. It will be held on the new library grounds on July 11, 12, 13 and 14. Mont Evans is general chairman and has announced a Kick-Off dinner (picnic style) set for Wednesday, June 26, at 7:00 at the Irem Temple Country Club pavilion. Cost is \$12.50 per person; tickets are available from Joan Evans, 675-0302, or Joyce Krivenko, 675-0083 or at the library 675-1182.

Our display case is showing antiques and collectibles borrowed from Ernie Ashbridge, antique chairman for the auction. There are four Madame Alexander dolls, Irish, Marme, Thailand and Norway; a hand-carved brass trim pipe dated 1824; tin pail hand painted by Dean & Jean Lee; satiss glass tumbler; cobalt blue finger bowl, wheel cut Initial "S"; a brass school bell; a cast iron car; sterling and bronze vase dated 1912 and numbered; and a pink wheel cut creamer and sugar. These items will be sold across the block at the auction.

I have a set of keys in my desk drawer that belong to the 1985 Chevy Cavalier which is being chanced off for the auction. Chances are \$5.00 each and the car is on display on the front lawn of the library during daylight hours. I must say thank you to GG for buying the first chance here at the library. Chances may be bought from library board members, auction committee members, staff members or at the circulation desk in the library.

One more thank you; to Priscilla Liput for the American flag and pole which she donated. The flag has been flying at the library since Memorial Day. This is much appreciated!

## STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

**LEGISLATORS BEGAN** the complex process of finalizing the 1985-86 state budget this week. The House approved a \$9.7 billion spending plan and sent it to the Senate for consideration. The Senate, meanwhile, passed a bill to reduce the personal income tax rate from the current 2.35 to 2.2 percent. Such a cut would return an estimated \$165 million to taxpayers. Lawmakers face a June 30th deadline to adopt a new budget. It's anticipated that the final version of the fiscal blueprint will be developed by a joint House-Senate conference committee.

**THE HOUSE** moved quickly to provide emergency relief to victims of last week's tornado disaster which devastated 13 counties in Pennsylvania. At least 62 people died. The House unanimously passed a resolution to consider appropriate funding to assist recovery efforts. President Reagan declared the 13 counties a federal disaster area and Vice President George Bush toured one section in western Pennsylvania. Officials from the governor's office, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Community Affairs began planning a long-term relief effort while state and local emergency teams provided immediate assistance.

**PERMITS TO** carry guns in Pennsylvania would be extended from one to five years if a bill which passed the House becomes law. Sponsored by Rep. Lynn B. Herman (R-Centre), the measure would also increase the license fee from \$2.50 to \$7.50. Of that amount, \$5 would go to the county sheriff's office where the license is issued. Herman said lengthening the gun permit period is a cost-effective measure which would not diminish the effectiveness of crime control.

# LETTERS

## Parent appalled by criticism

DEAR EDITOR:

I have several children in our elementary school, and have been appalled by certain parents who seem to have nothing better to do than to criticize both our teachers and especially the PTO.

To these troublemakers, I retort their own words - Clean Up Your Act! Try spending less time writing letters, making phone calls and finding ways to undermine the hard-working members of both the faculty and the PTO. Your time would be much better spent helping the PTO and the faculty coordinate events for your children. Stop using the PTO as a place to air your childish personality conflicts, and allow it to return to the job it is intended to do.

Certain statements have been made about a PTO clique. The PTO is open to all parents. It seems, however, that only a very few parents are ever available when a PTO event takes place or a teacher needs to help to plan something for a class. Each voice is heard. Decisions are made for the majority, and as in all things, not everyone can be pleased with decisions all the time.

Certain parents are called upon as chaperones, helpers, etc. because they are the ones who have always been there when something has to be done. The teachers know these parents, despite busy schedules, can be counted on throughout the year. If these people are considered the clique, then I applaud them for the

time and energy they have given to the PTO and faculty this year. I am sure that this so-called clique would appreciate new volunteers to help lighten their load.

Parents today have very busy schedules, however, the time and support given to a PTO is for the good of all the children. Hopefully, the problems faced this year will not cause parents to allow the PTO to fold from non-support. The fund-raising projects of the PTO provide

the opportunity for special holiday parties, programs, and field trips to be given to the children. To allow the PTO to disband would only hurt the intended recipients, the children.

So, parents, as adults, band together for the good of all not a few. Support the PTO and the school faculty in giving your child a good education and an opportunity to have fun too!

A CONCERNED PARENT

## Airport director thankful

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton International Airport's Bi-County Board of Commissions, I would like to again thank you for the excellent cooperation and coverage you and your staff extended in connection with last weekend's "Third Armed Forces Week Air Show" at the airport.

We appreciate your continuing interest in our airport and the coverage which you gave to the air show added greatly to the success of the event.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to an even bigger and better air show next year.

ROBERT J. KEMP, R.A.  
AIRPORT DIRECTOR

## Swoyersville man upset

DEAR EDITOR:

Why is the Swoyersville Borough Council spending money for a circle turnaround at Frederick Street and Birch Drive? Who owns the lots to build on?

Why not spend the same money for a connection from Owen Street to Kossack Street, property which is

already owned by Swoyersville Borough.

This would allow quick access for the Malby Fire Company to enter this area. Such an access can be funded with liquid fuel money the borough obtains.

DISGUSTED FIRST WARD RESIDENT

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