

# Commentary

## Editor's notes

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

VACATION IDEAS have been flowing in all week and I have been given such suggestions from taking a windjammer cruise to going to College Misericordia to study English.

That's right — a certain gentleman by the name of "The Hermit of Kahill Mountain" suggested I take an English course at Misericordia because I printed a grammatically incorrect statement last week when I used the phrase "those better traveled than me." What I should have written was "those better traveled than I."

My apologies to my readers and a great big thanks to the Hermit for bringing this to my attention.

ON THE MORE PLEASANT SIDE, the Hermit then suggested I travel to Ocracoke, North Carolina where I'll find 14 miles of beach, good restaurants, a few good motels and some interesting islanders. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

But, anyway, my mind still isn't made up and I am still accepting suggestions from anyone who thinks they know where I should go. (Now, there's a phrase that could get me in a lot of trouble.)

Our own Betty Bean thinks I'd really enjoy a windjammer cruise, however, my claustrophobia tells me I'd better pass up that idea. Dallas Post correspondent Joan Kingsbury feels I'd be in seventh heaven if I went to Mystic Seaport in Connecticut while reader Barry Smith suggests I travel to Bailey's Island in Maine.

Anybody have a better idea? Please write or call me and let me know your vacation suggestion.

THREE CHEERS to George McCutcheon of the Dallas Kiwanis Club who was honored by members of that club at their annual Girls' Softball All-Star Game last Monday evening at the Back Mountain Little League Field.

The club, which started the all-star game idea several years ago and has, every year since, honored a person instrumental in promoting women's sports in Wyoming Valley, has reportedly been trying to bestow honors on George for some time.

As humble as Mr. McCutcheon can be, however, he has managed to avoid the Kiwanis boys all the time. This year, though, they pinned him down and were adamant about honoring him.

And, the honor certainly couldn't have gone to a nicer guy or anyone more deserving of the honor. George McCutcheon has done an awful lot for women's sports in this Valley and was a good choice on the part of the Kiwanis members as this year's award recipient.

THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF COMMENT about the Kiwanis All-Star Game since this year's contest between the East and the West stars was marred by a collision involving Debbie Pearn of Wyoming Valley West and Donna Zavada of Wyoming Seminary.

Seems the two young ladies man-

aged to crack heads in the fourth inning, sending both of them sprawling to the field and then to the hospital via Dallas Ambulance.

The game continued despite a serious lack of enthusiasm on the parts of all those involved. Hey, any accident in any type of game is going to take the spirit out of the game — that's just human nature.

But, a lot of people seem to think the coaches and the Kiwanis Club members did the wrong thing by continuing the game. I disagree wholeheartedly!

The coaches made the decision to complete the game for some very good reasons. Their main reason, however, is because most of the girls involved in the game are going to continue their softball careers when they get to college in September and the coaches didn't want to leave a sour taste for the sport in their mouths. Smart move, as far as I'm concerned.

Athletics are a chancey thing and the possibility of injury exists in every sport. Athletes know this and it's something they have come to accept.

Discontinuing the game would have been a mistake — for everyone involved. And I'd like to commend the coaches for having the courage to continue — the girls who go on to college will surely thank them when they come to realize their reasons for not stopping the game.

AS FOR DEBBIE AND DONNA, my biggest wishes for a speedy recovery. Your injuries, though painful right now, attest to the type of athletes both of you are — extremely dedicated and hard-working.

Those bumps and bruises will be better before you know it, too.

SPEAKING OF SOFTBALL, my softball teammates have a new name for me. They call me GQ.

Geritol Queen!  
How's that for a slap in the face? I guess I don't have to tell you I'm the oldest member of the team. And, none of my teammates will let me forget it.

I MET A REAL CLOWN at one of my softball games the other night — Harry Lefko! Harry is a member of the Irem Temple Clown Unit — you know, those guys who dress up in those crazy outfits and do all kinds of crazy things — for the main reason of helping children.

Nice to meet you, Harry. Harry's daughter, Cindy, is the third baseman for the softball team on which I play. It's a good thing she's a better softball player than she is a bowler.

HATS OFF to a good friend of mine, Ed Ackerman, managing editor of the Sunday Dispatch in Pittston.

Ed's heart went out to the starving Ethiopians a couple of weeks ago when he called for a Mother's March in the Greater Pittston area to help raise money for these people.

Ed's idea, which he first outlined to his readers in his weekly column, has mushroomed into a community-wide project and has mothers (as well as fathers, single people, etc.) from all Greater Pittston communities canvassing for the Ethiopians.



DOTY MARTIN



KUNKLE SCHOOL--Can you name them? The Post challenges members of the community to name all the members of their class from the high school.

## REMEMBERING

### Kunkle school

Shown here is a photo of students in the Kunkle School which appeared in the Dallas Post several years ago. The names of those in the photo have been written for easier identification.

### Only yesterday

# Five hundred participate in Wyoming's anniversary

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO - JUNE 27, 1935

Five hundred persons took part in the historical pageant which was the central event in Wyoming Borough's Fiftieth Anniversary celebration.

Kingston Township School Board borrowed money from the state amounting to \$6,500 to cover expenses. You could get ground beef 19 cents lb.; pork chops 32 cents lb.; carrots and beets 3 bunches 10 cents; butter 2 lb. 53 cents; little neck clams 65 cents per hundred; pt. jar salad dressing 17 cents; macaroon wafers 35 cents; cheese 21 cents lb.; beans 6 cans 25 cents.

#### FORTY YEARS AGO - JUNE 29, 1945

Dallas Borough School Board accepted three resignations. Prof. T.A. Williamer, supervising principal, Miss Julia Dolton, head of the Home Economics Department and Miss Mathilda Lask, history, french and latin teacher had accepted positions at various schools with an increase in salary.

Two Back Mountain men were promoted in First National Bank of Dallas executive branch. W.B. Jeter was named executive vice-president while Frederick J. Eck was named cashier.

Married - Lana Estella Elston to Staff Sgt. Calvert Birnstock.

Engaged - Edith Marie Walters to Daniel A. Martin  
Deaths - Hugh G. Murray, Dallas; J.W. Pemberton, Huntsville, Idetown Road; Fred C. Kirkendall, Trucksville.

You could get ASCO coffee 24 cents lb.; Ivory soap 3 personal bars 14 cents; 28 oz. jar apple butter 17 cents; Velveeta cheese 2 lb. loaf 71 cents; Wesson Oil pt. can 29 cents; Devil Food cake mix 18 cents pkg.; radishes bunches 10 cents; cherries 39 cents lb.

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO - JULY 1, 1955

National horse show judge Charles J. Barrio of Teaneck, N.J. was judge for the annual Lehman Fire Company Horse Show. Myron S. Baker was show chairman. Television personality Fred Chapman entertained with some of his Western tunes.

Ray Prutzman, Jackson Township, lost his windmill rig, pumphouse and gasoline motor in a freak fire.

Engaged - Hilda Ehrgott and Robert M. Moore; Ethel Coslett to Eugene Warmouth; Ernestine Martin to Lowell Roberts.

Married - Rita Puterbaugh to R.P. Sickler  
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. John Steele, Mooretown, 57 years  
You could get hams 49 cents lb.; cantaloupes 2-45

cents; California plums 25 cents lb.; Florida limes 25 cents doz.; Kleenex 2 boxes 200-29 cents; 25 ft. Reynolds wrap 59 cents; 1/2 gal. Virginia Lee ice cream 79 cents; ready to eat bar-b-cue chicken \$1.69 each.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO - JULY 1, 1965

Members of the Lehman Volunteer Fire Company dedicated the program of their 21st Horse Show to Walter E. Chamberlain, Sr. Huntsville who had served as secretary to the Company since its formation in 1944.

Lake Louise, in Orange, will be the site of a semi-private golf course planned by Anthony Pileggi, and Raymond Goeringer. Cost was \$250,000 for development of the course which covered 165 acres. Plans for a club house were also being drawn up.

Married - Suellen Roberts to Edwin Carl Bush; Phyllis Monka to Frederick L. Gove.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Crispell, Dallas, 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Varner, Sr. Meeker, 30 years; Mr. and Mrs. William Schoonover, West Pittston, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Urband Dymond, Marsh Creek, Tunkhannock, 50 years.

Deaths - Richard John Maher, Demunds Road; Ellen A. Foust, Fairmount township; Almon R. Rood, Harveys Lake.

You could get turkeys 39 cents lb.; franks 69 cents lb.; spare ribs \$1.69 lb.; shrimp 89 cents lb.; cantaloupes 3-95 cents; blueberries 3 pt. baskets \$1; plums 2 lb. 39 cents; ice cream 59 cents 1/2 gal.; Eight o'clock coffee 3 lb. bag \$1.89; clams 4 cents each.

#### TEN YEARS AGO - JULY 3, 1975

Mrs. Richard Hogoboom, Sutton Road, was appointed by Jackson Township supervisors to fill the unexpired term of Felix Niedjaco who retired due to illness. A member of the township's planning commission, Mrs. Hogoboom was active in community affairs.

Lake-Lehman school directors adopted a \$3,207,709 budget raising the tax rate by 12 mills from 48 to 60 mills.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherwood, Chase, 25 years.

Deaths - Florence M. Brown, Chase; Stella D. Tutak, Dallas; R. Dean Shaver, Idetown; Perry Coolbaugh, Orange; Frank Gordon, Newark, N.J.

You could get chicken legs 79 cents lb.; liverwurst 89 cents lb.; Bumble Bee tuna 2-99 cents; pork & beans 4 cans \$1; 10 lb. potatoes \$1.59; lettuce 25 cents head; surfinae soda 6 cans \$1.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

We are looking elegant! The landscaping has been completed at the entrance to the library and it adds so much to the overall beauty of our new library. The planters have a variety of shrubs, such as arbor vita, Japanese yew, hybrid rhododendrons, pyracantha and contoneaster; planted in a lovely arrangement and makes the entrance to the library look super.

A special thank you to the Dallas Rotary Club for their donation of \$300 to the capital funds campaign and also to the members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 644 who conducted a bake sale recently and donated the proceeds of \$108 to the Children's Room.

The Wyoming Valley Art League has purchased the top award-winning painting at its Spring Member Show and donated it to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The painting is "Bowhunter's Challenge" done by John D. Lewis of Plymouth.

The 39th annual library auction is almost upon us and things are beginning to shape up. The dates are July 11, 12, 13 and 14 on the grounds surrounding the new library on Huntsville Road. Wyoming National Bank of Shavertown and Beseker's Realty in Dallas are displaying some of the exciting antiques and collectibles which will be sold over the auction block during the sale.

In conjunction with the auction, a Back Mountain Biathlon Relay is being sponsored by Bud Light Beer and Falcone Beverage. Applications are available at the library or from the newspaper advertisements. The run will start and finish at the library on Saturday morning, July 13. The run begins at 8:30 a.m. with a bicycle ride of 9.95 miles and then a run of 4.30 miles. The Biathlon relay can be done by a 2 person team or a single athlete event. Bud Light T-shirts will be distributed to the first 300 entrants. All proceeds will benefit the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Send registrations to the library.

The beautiful hand pieced quilt which was done by the Trinity Presbyterian Women hangs on the wall next to my desk in our office area and it certainly does brighten this corner of the world. Mrs. Grace Martin, chief quilter at Trinity, informs me that there were 7 quilters working on this quilt which was done in six weeks with 290 hours of stitching and love sewn in. We are selling chances on the quilt at \$1.00 per chance, available for purchase at the library. The drawing will be held during the auction.

You are invited to stop at the library and drool over the doll house belonging to Tracy Davis; dream and wish to the antiques in the display case, waiting for the auction; and study and count the smurfs in our exhibit case, borrowed from the Stahovec children.

## STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

THE STAGE was set this week for a compromise on the 1985-86 state budget when the House rejected the Senate's personal income tax plan. House members unanimously defeated the Senate measure which would have reduced the state's personal income tax rate from 2.35 to 2.2 percent. It's expected that the tax plan and budget will be referred to a House-Senate conference committee where a compromise package will be developed. The General Assembly faces a July 1 budget deadline.

THE HOUSE approved a bill requiring public schools in the state to provide military recruiters with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all graduating seniors. Failure to comply with the proposed law would result in a \$100 penalty for each day the schools do not provide the lists. A lengthy debate over the issue occurred on the House floor before the measure passed by a 131-68 vote. Opponents argued that the bill constituted an invasion of privacy. Students must be notified before the lists are distributed, and can have their names omitted by written request.

PLAIN LANGUAGE in consumer contracts would be required by law in Pennsylvania under a bill which passed the House this week and was sent to the Senate for consideration. The bill requires the use of short, understandable words and phrases in consumer contracts for personal, family or household purposes. Contracts would also have to avoid using technical legal terms, foreign words, obsolete words and other confusing language. Rep. Joseph M. Gladeck Jr. (R-Montgomery) successfully amended the measure to require state lawmakers and agencies to simplify their language in laws, rules and regulations. "I felt it was important that we in state government put our own house in order before requiring private concerns to do so," Gladeck said.

# LETTERS

## Parent thanks teachers for trip

DEAR EDITOR:  
As a parent of a third grade student, I would like to thank the third grade teachers for the excellent choice of a field trip to Inner Harbor, Maryland. This trip provided a very special day for the children. It combined a special class togetherness and an excellent opportunity for learning that is not readily available to all the students. I was fortunate to be a chaperone

and was able to see first hand, the benefits of the "hands on" activities at the museum and the fascinating exhibits of the aquarium. The teachers had taken the time to study, with the children, the places and things they were going to see. Extensive planning by the teachers provided a trip that was both educational and safe. Although it was a 3 1/2 hour trip, the children didn't seem to mind. Ample chaper-

ones were provided for the enthusiastic children. Again I would like to thank the third grade teachers. Your efforts were successful and appreciated. A special thanks goes also to the PTO for providing the funds to make this trip possible for all. Be assured that the money was well spent.

KAREN MILLER  
DALLAS, PA.

## Crime Watch chairman thanks Post

DEAR EDITOR:  
The Luzerne County Crime Watch Association would like to thank The Dallas Post for its genuine concern for the Communities it serves. The Dallas Post hosted an Introduction to the Neighborhood Watch Program May 16th at the Dallas Senior High School. Judie Mathers and Doty Martin of The Dallas Post saw the need for a Crime Watch Program within Dallas Borough, and invited communities of the

Back Mountain to attend the Program. While the attendance was small, (approximately 40 people) those who attended the meeting were truly concerned community leaders. As a direct result of the May 16 meeting, Crime Watch Programs have been established in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Kingston Township and possibly Lake Town-

Congratulations are in order not only for The Dallas Post, but also for Polly Michael, Dallas Borough; Ann Rowlands, Dallas Township; and Harold Shelly, Kingston Township. These individuals have seen a need in their Communities and have responded.

ELMER L. BRADSHAW  
CHAIRMAN, LUZERNE COUNTY  
CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION

## Meadows thanks Dallas Post for publicity

DEAR EDITOR:  
On behalf of The Meadows Nursing Center, I express appreciation for The Dallas Post Salutes, featuring The Meadows last week.

We are very proud of our center, our faithful volunteers, 150 dedicated employees, and the excellent care we give our 120 very special residents.

Thanks for spreading the word.  
MARILYN GREGORSKI  
PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR  
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