

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

I RAN INTO Ralph Seltzer the other day. Ralph (or Rusty as he is affectionately known by his friends) is the Kingston Township police officer who was run down by a juvenile driver during a police chase a few months ago.

Boy, is he looking good! Says he's still going to physical therapy every day, but he sure has come a long way. And, rumor has it the newest addition to the Seltzer household (a son) is looking more like Daddy every day.

THE OK HEART PROJECT has begun and yes, Wyoming Valley, here's your chance. Get involved! Pick up a copy of the heart test, complete the questions and return it to the OK Heart Project Committee.



It's a very DOTTY MARTIN worthwhile effort on everyone's part and we should be proud that our area has been chosen for such a project.

Heart test forms are available at the offices of The Dallas Post, located in the Route 309-415 Plaza, off Memorial Highway in Dallas.

Feel free to stop by and pick one up.

CHARLENE COOK, a Girl Scout leader from the Lehman area, stopped by our office the other day. She was on her way to Girl Scout Camp for a few days, but stopped by with some ideas for better Scout coverage.

Charlene is very much involved with her Girl Scout troop and is doing everything she can to promote the idea of Girl Scouting. The Dallas Post will be working closely with her in the near future to do what we can for Girl Scouting.

THANKS TO JUDY DALEY, of College Misericordia, for the lovely rose that brightened up my office last week.

Judy dropped by one day and offered the rose as a "peace treaty" after the two of us literally ran into each other during a softball game last week.

Judy, who was lucky enough to hit the ball into the outfield, and I, who was playing first base, managed to collide during her running of the bases. What do they say, Judy? Athletes must play with pain - I guess that's what they mean.

I surely wasn't mad about the incident, but thanks for the rose anyway. It made my day!

WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF COMMENTS about our newly-installed sign. Seems people find the color of it (a bright blue) really shows up at night.

The sign, which was constructed by Plastic Arts Sign Co. of Wilkes-Barre, is an exact replica of the flag you see on your front page.

And the blue sure is a bright blue. Now, people should have no trouble whatsoever finding us.

OUR PROMOTION with The Back Mountain Little League Organization has come to an end, however, it

will be a few weeks before we complete the tallies to determine a winner.

Remember, the Little Leaguer who has sold the most subscriptions to The Dallas Post (above 10) will be the recipient of a brand new Schwinn 10-speed bicycle. Second and third prizes of an AM-FM cassette tape player and a radio headset, respectively, will also be awarded once the tallies are completed.

The Dallas Post is also donating \$2 to Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. for every subscription sold by a Little Leaguer during the two-week promotion.

Just another way The Dallas Post shows its community spirit.

HOW ABOUT IT? Did you have summer off this year? It was on a Saturday, wasn't it? Or, was it Friday?

Whatever day of the week it was, it sure feels like it was only here for one day. I can't believe we're into the month of July already - sure feels kind of chilly out there. Or, chippy, as a friend of mine would say. (That's a cross between chilly and nippy for those of you who may not understand the language.)

But, like we seem to be saying more often than not - the weather will be darned hot come September when the kids go back to school.

OKAY, KIM KRECHMER! You've begged me, badgered me and harassed me. So, yes, I will put your name in the paper.

KIM KRECHMER. There - are you happy now? I sure hope so!

IF YOU WANT A GOOD LAUGH ask our production Sandy Sheehan about the time she spent walking around the roller coaster at Knoebel's Grove one day last week.

Seems Sandy and about 19 other people spent the day at Knoebel's and guess whose purse fell off the roller coaster? Right! The woman holding the car keys. So, the group had to make a few trips around the roller coaster before they found the purse hanging from one of the wooden structures.

SEEMS PEOPLE TAKING the OK Heart Test are coming up with all kinds of results.

Why, I was talking to one woman who scored a 2. A 2! Can you believe it? Talk about having no vices.

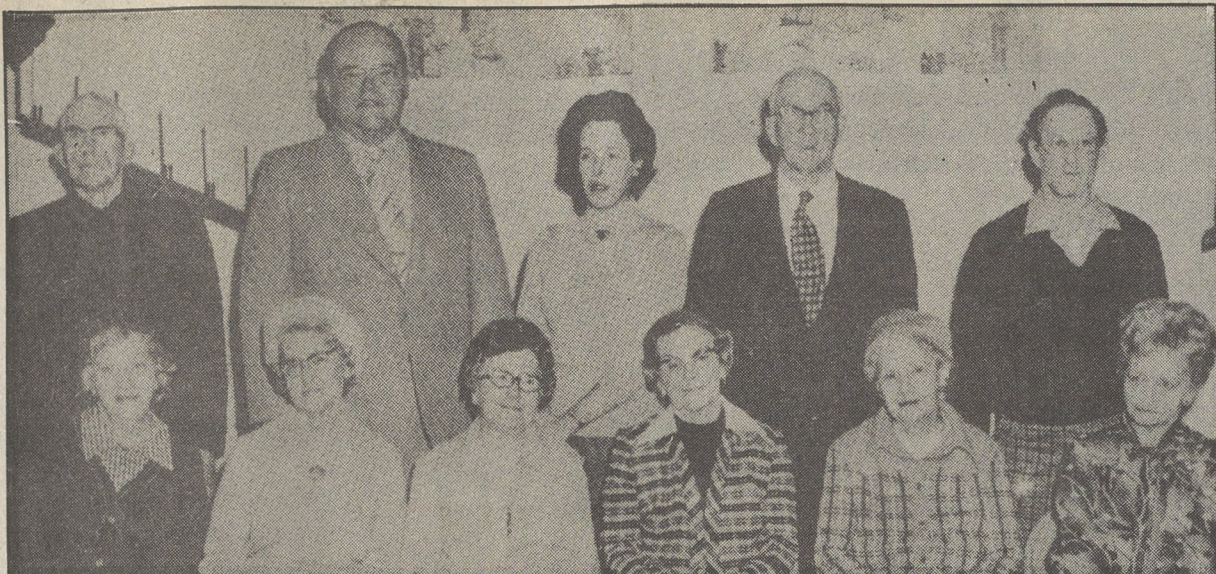
WITH THE FOURTH OF JULY right around the corner, you can't help but wonder how many people are going to be injured by firecrackers this year.

Seems every year the amount of injuries increases because people insist on playing with firecrackers and playing carelessly.

Please be careful this year. Don't lose your fingers or your eyesight for the sake of making some noise on the Fourth of July.

SPEAKING OF THE FOURTH OF JULY, if you don't have any other plans, why not take a ride to Kirby Park and spend the day with the Philharmonic? Although I've never been to their Fourth of July concert, I understand it just one big barrel of fun.

I'm planning to be there and hope to see a lot of our readers this year.



REMEMBERING

Descendants

SHOWN here are descendants of Huntsville's original families. From left, first row, Mrs. Helen Franklin, Bulford family; Mrs. Louise Warkowski, Norris family; Mrs. Gertrude Eckert, Culp family; Mrs. Clara Eckert, Hunt family; Mrs. Ruby Elston, Bulford family; Mrs. Marjery Neyhard, Rogers family. Second row, Lansford Norris, Wayne R. Schmol, Fuller family; Janice Blight, Rummage family; Charles Elston and Howard Perrego. Members of Huntsville's "beginning" families attended a Jackson-Township Bicentennial meeting prior to having this photo taken.

Only yesterday

Two Shavertown streets become state highway

50 YEARS AGO - JULY 5, 1935
As a result of the passage of the "omnibus bill" at Harrisburg, East and West Center Streets in Shavertown, became a state highway.

Hundreds of people turned out for the gala Fourth of July celebration at Beaumont. Record breaking crowds enjoyed a basket picnic, two baseball games and a program of athletic events. Colorful fireworks completed the exciting day.

Engaged - Winifred Crosley and Lloyd Cease.
Deaths - Mrs. Mary Hutson, Dallas.
You could get - Watermelons 39c ea.; honeydew melons 19c ea.; tuna fish 2-7 oz. cans 25c; cantaloupes 10c ea.; 3 bunches beets 10c; 3 lb. new onions 14c; 2 cans Heinz tomato soup 25c; lb. bag Chase & Sanborn Coffee 29c.

40 YEARS AGO - JULY 6, 1945
Charles A. James, principal of Noxen Township Schools was elected supervising principal of Dallas Borough Schools at an annual salary of \$2,700. James replaced Prof. T.A. William, who accepted a position at Falls-Overbrook Vocational School in Wyoming County.

Plans for a "Give Books to the Library Week" were finalized by the executive committee of the library.

Dr. F. Budd Schooley, was committee head.
Lehman Township School District held the dedication of its community cannery. Mrs. Hannah Orr, director of Home Economics at Lehman was cannery supervisor.

Married - Nettie Bulford to Ralph C. Miers; Nancy Roberts to S-Sgt. Alfred H. Jackson.

Deaths - Francis Sidorick in England.
You could get - 2 lb. coffee 47c; sweet cream butter 48c lb.; beets 1g. bunch 5c; cabbage 4c lb.; peaches 2 lb. 25c; cherries 39c lb.; apricots 21c lb.; Spic & Span 21c pkg.; Camay toilet soap 3 bars 20c; cod 35c lb.

30 YEARS AGO - JULY 8, 1955
Mrs. Elizabeth Deihl Knell celebrated her 100th birthday. One of Mrs. Knell's favorite memories was the friendship she had with her neighbor William Cody, better known as famed wild west star Buffalo Bill Cody, while she lived in Jefferson, N.Y.

A devastating hail storm destroying fruit and crops hit the Orange region. Hail the size of golf balls smashed windows and damaged crops.

Engaged - Eleanor Louise Ray to Norman Dymond.
Married - Ethel Coslett to Eugene C. Warmouth; Jeanne Marie Forbes to Howard Warden Garbutt;

OPINION

'Revenue sharing' program needs a large pocketbook

By EDWIN FEULNER

Though many state and local governments are now enjoying healthy budget surpluses, virtually all local governments - more than 39,000 of them - receive federal handouts under the \$4.6 billion a year "revenue sharing" program.

When the program was first adopted in 1972, it was based on the rationale that the federal government possessed a stronger, more effective tax-collection mechanism and had a far more secure financial base than state and local government. In other words, big government has a bigger tax net. Now, however, the federal government faces record-high deficits, and state and local governments - most of which are constitutionally prohibited from deficit spending - are operating in the black.

In fact, some states, such as California, are planning to build operating reserves for the future. Under the leadership of Governor George Deukmejian, California has paid off the \$1.5 billion deficit the governor inherited from his predecessor, Jerry (Medfly) Brown, balanced its budget, and set aside a 3.7 percent reserve for emergencies - all without raising general taxes. This was achieved by virtually freezing state spending, reducing the size of the workforce, repealing 6,000 regulations and vetoing \$2.3

billion in proposed spending passed by the General Assembly. Because Governor Deukmejian made those tough decisions, refused to raise taxes and willingly exercised his "line-item" veto authority - a luxury President Reagan doesn't have - California's finances are sound and its economy is growing again.

Given current and projected state and local surpluses, revenue sharing is a federal program whose time has passed. In fact, maybe the states should start "sharing" their budget surpluses with the feds - though this would probably just prompt the Bozos on the Potomac to spend more.

The prospect of revenue sharing getting the axe, however, looks dim right now. The Senate Budget Committee recently voted to continue the costly program to end revenue sharing in fiscal 1986.

During the past dozen-plus years, the federal government has transferred some \$87.6 billion to state and local coffers under the program.

Worse, it has done so indiscriminately. Every local jurisdiction in America receives revenue sharing handouts, even poor resorts communities and wealthy bedroom suburbs. Moreover, research has shown, wealth communities often

receive more per capita than low-income communities that may really need the money.

State governments ended Fiscal Year 1984 with budget surpluses in excess of \$6 billion, plus another \$1 billion set aside in "rainy day" reserve accounts.

So why is the flat-broke federal government - which is looking at the possibility of a \$180-\$200 billion deficit in fiscal 1986 - still sending checks to Palm Beach, Palm Springs, and some 39,000 other communities?

Revenue sharing funds could be eliminated entirely without causing any hardship. For one thing, revenue sharing programs already exist in 49 states - meaning state governments can aid local communities during the adjustment period.

The federal government provides an enormous amount of aid to state and local governments. In the Reagan administration's fiscal 1986 budget, \$100.7 billion is earmarked for states and localities, amounting to 10.7 percent of the total federal budget.

Given the size of the deficit, the case for dumping the wasteful revenue sharing program is quite clear.

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LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

What a picnic! The Annual Kick-Off Dinner for the library auction was held last week in the form of a picnic; hot dogs, hamburgs, potato salad, etc.; at the Irem Temple Country Club pavilion. The 1985 auction car was there along with the map of the route for the Biathlon.

The weather was cool, to say the least, but the atmosphere and the people in attendance were in great spirits. The mini-auction was a lot of fun and the food was good. A good crowd of loyal auction supporters was on hand and the bidding was hot and heavy for some of the items. A great beginning for the 39th annual library auction.

WELCOME, LITTLE PEOPLE! A warm and sincere welcome to the Little People Day Care Schools who are now occupying the second floor of our library building. They are using a separate entrance on the far side of the library. The school provides a high quality day care in an atmosphere of loving and learning.

Their school colors are blue and white; school mascots, Sammy Squirrel and Ralph Rabbit; school motto, "Because We Care" and their alma mater is sung to the tune of 'Small World'.

A quote from John Greenleaf Whittier, 'A dreary place would be this earth were no little people in it. The song of life would lose its mirth, were there no children to begin it.' Welcome aboard, Little People, we are happy to have you sharing our building and our world!

When man first began, he communicated by demonstration. Then came speech which worked for a while. Then there was writing; knowledge could be accumulated and would last as long as the writings did.

Something was lacking; then man invented libraries and there he stored the writings, which eventually became too complex. Along came the librarian who could organize the writings to be found easily and then the greatest invention was found, the index.

We call it the card catalog in which all 51,000 volumes belonging to the Back Mountain Memorial Library are listed by author, subject and title. That's what libraries are, then: vast accumulations of writings in an orderly arrangement.

The question, was 'Why learn to use a library anyhow?' The answer, 'If you don't, you're effectively back to having a few writings in your hut and hoping it won't burn down'. This is a reprint from an article in The Connecticut Libraries, edited by Harold J. Ettlert.

Keep in mind, July 11, 12, 13 and 14th. The auction will take place on these days on the new library grounds. We need volunteers in every area. The refreshment stand is especially in need of help as is the book booth, odds and ends and the children's activities. Please contact the library and leave your name and phone number if you can help.

Police patrols will increase

The Pennsylvania State Police will increase their traffic law enforcement during the 102-hour Fourth of July holiday weekend as they man extra patrols with funds provided through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Commissioner Jay Cochran, Jr., announced, "Federally funded enforcement programs will enable the state police to utilize personnel who would normally be off duty. This will provide us with high visibility to serve as a reminder to motorists to stay alert and drive 55. We urge all drivers to use their seat belts and have their passengers buckle up too. State Police will be looking for those drivers who disregard the posted speed limit, are driving under the influence and other violations of the state's vehicle laws." The commissioner added, "With the projected heavy traffic, I urge each of you to give the vehicle in front of you some distance. Don't tailgate.

Special enforcement programs in effect for the holiday weekend which starts Wednesday, at 6 p.m. and ends Sunday at Midnight are: OPERATION C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort). CARE enables the state police to put extra patrols on the interstate highways during the peak travel times of a holiday weekend. It focuses attention on drunk driving, the 55 MPH speed limit and other moving violations.

DUI COUNTERMEASURES - Officers who would normally be off duty are assigned to areas that have a high frequency of alcohol-related accidents in an effort to keep the drinkers off the road and save lives.

SUMMER SLOWDOWN - Aimed at reduction in accidents, injuries and highway deaths through increased patrol activity on non-interstate highways. Troopers will work extra shifts and will be assigned to areas that have a history of accidents and traffic violations. The goal is high visibility an aggressive enforcement.

TASK FORCE 55 - Another program aimed at non-interstate highways.

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