

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

A GREAT BIG BACK MOUNTAIN HELLO to M.C.W. of Pensacola, Florida, whoever he or she may be.

I received a wonderful letter from M.C.W. the other day, suggesting I spend a week's vacation in Florida.

M.C.W., who keeps in touch with the Back Mountain area by reading The Dallas Post every week, has relatives in this area and is, ironically, planning a vacation to North eastern Pennsylvania during the latter part of August.



MARTIN

Thanks for the letter, M.C.W., and have a safe trip up here.

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to staff correspondent Charlot M. Denmon and her husband, Andy, on the tragic death of their son, Delbert, last Wednesday.

Delbert died in an automobile accident last Saturday evening. Condolences also go out to his wife, Cheryl, and their daughter.

CONGRATULATIONS to Betty Bean, one of our advertising representatives, who recently became a first-time grandmother.

Betty has a brand, spanking new grandson named Joshua who belongs to Betty's daughter and lives in Stamford, New York.

WE'VE GOTTEN SOME NICE COMPLIMENTS on some of the color photos we've published recently and a pat on the back has to be extended to Dallas Post photographer Ed Campbell.

Some of the work Eddie has produced recently has certainly been his best. It's nice to know our readers are appreciating what we're doing.

CAN YOU BELIEVE the road construction in this Valley? Every time I try to go somewhere, I run into construction.

And, then when you try to change directions, you run into even more construction. I guess there's no getting away from it this time of year. But, boy, it sure is aggravating!

SPEAKING OF AGGREVATION, which you are not supposed to expose yourself to, I was chosen to be a participant in the OK Heart Project and spent some time being tested at Mercy Hospital last week.

The testing consists of the completion of a questionnaire, pulse, blood pressure, blood work, height and weight. It's pretty interesting, though, to see this OK Heart Project take off in Wyoming Valley the way it has.

I'll be interested to learn the final results when the OK Heart team releases them.

POOR HARVEYS LAKE! Nothing like being bombarded with news of algae just two days before the Fourth of July.

Sometimes it seems that just about the time things start to look rosy for the lake, something happens to set it back a few steps. Maybe, this time something will be done to straighten things out once and for all.

MARILYN MASLOW stopped in the office this week and suggested I vacation in Cape Cod this year. Sounds like a nice place for a vacation, doesn't it?

Marilyn asked The Dallas Post staff if she was missed. We haven't seen Marilyn in quite some time and, although we don't know where she was, she sure is sporting a nice tan - so she must have been somewhere near the sun.

Marilyn, who is an extremely active volunteer for the American Cancer Society, was out doing her public relations thing for the ACS after returning from her vacation.

Good to have you back, Marilyn!

CONGRATULATIONS to Gerald Wycallis who was officially sworn in as superintendent of the Dallas School District on Monday evening. The Dallas Post wishes Mr. Wycallis the best of luck in his new position.

WHAT SHOCKING NEWS it was to hear that Eddie Gayeski had passed away. Gayeski, head basketball coach at Northwest Area High School, was the winningest cage coach in the state of Pennsylvania.

I have had several opportunities to deal with Mr. Gayeski during my days of sportswriting and he was, without a doubt, one of the nicest gentlemen to ever enter the world of athletics in Wyoming Valley.

My sincere sympathy is extended to his family and his team members at Northwest.

THE ANNUAL BACK MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY AUCTION starts tomorrow and is certainly something you don't want to miss.

This year's auction committee has worked long, hard hours to get this event - the 39th of its kind - off the ground.

With the library moving its headquarters from Main Street to the former borough school building on Huntsville Road, things for the auction have changed somewhat.

The auction will be held on the grounds of the new library on Huntsville Road and, instead of an auction block, will feature a flat bed trailer.

Yes, things may be a bit different this year, but the idea is the same and the fun will there, too.

Remember, the auction supports one of our more important community institutions - the library. Don't miss it if you don't have to!

THE DALLAS POST is proud to offer its second annual library auction special supplement which is contained in this week's issue of the newspaper.

Our staff members work diligently to put together this special edition with offers complete information about the annual auction.

The supplement, which will also be distributed in businesses throughout the Back Mountain area as well as at the library building itself, is filled with pictures of past auctions as well as of people involved with this year's event.

It also contains schedules and stories about what you can expect at this year's auction. Keep your copy hand so that you can refer to it whenever necessary.



REMEMBERING

Old Post

The Dallas Post, its building shown here in an 1898 photo, has been serving the Back Mountain community since 1889.

Only yesterday

Dallas escapes damage from thundering storms

50 YEARS AGO - JULY 12, 1935

While Wilkes-Barre and surrounding communities suffered severely from violent storms and the worst floods since 1916, Dallas escaped serious damage from the week's rains. In Wilkes-Barre the river peaked at 25.63 feet but caused an estimated quarter of a million dollars worth of damage.

Howard Isaacs opened a Chrysler-Plymouth sales room service agency in Bush's garage in Shavertown. Business was reported on the increase. Howard Woolbert and Benton Hadsel were salesmen.

Deaths - Mrs. Guida Lee, Dallas.
You could get - Oranges 25c doz.; lemons 29c doz.; new green cabbage 2 lb. 5c; onions, 3 lb. 14c; celery 2 bunches 19c; apples 3 lb. 14c; 2 pt. bottles ginger ale 25c; crab meat 25c can; Boscul coffee 30c tin; 3 lb. can Crisco shortening 59c.

40 YEARS AGO - JULY 13, 1945

Lewis LeGrand, Borough Auditor, was elected Secretary of Dallas Borough School Board for a three year term. LeGrand was drafted for the job replacing Daniel Waters.

Lehman Township lost three teachers to other districts. William H. Crum, became head of the English department at Clarks Summit Schools; Mable Bellas, returned to a former position teaching first grade at Wilkes-Barre City Schools and John Sidler, head of the Vocational Education Department moved to his home community to accept a similar position.

Pvt. Francis Grey, 18, member of the glider infantry, was killed in France.
Married - Ruth Mary May to AMM 2-C George Schmol.

Deaths - Mrs. Fred Snyder, Orange.
You could get - Mackerel 21c lb.; cod filets 35c lb.; peaches 2 lb. 25c; plums 21c lb.; melons 4 1/2c lb.; pound cake 49c ea.; bread lg. loaf, 11c; ASCO coffee 2 lb. 47c.

30 YEARS AGO - JULY 15, 1955

Entries at the Back Mountain Kennel Club Dog Show numbered 413 with 70 breeds represented.

Arthur Nuss was elected to the position of Instructor of Physical Education at Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School. Nuss' duties would also include athletic coaching.

Engaged - Shirley Hoyt to John Zajkowski.
Married - Johanna Fedock and Paul Goddard.
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Waters, Huntsville Road, 30 years.
Deaths - Clara Hedwig Hartzdork, Center Moreland; Sherman Hoover, Ruggles; J. Clark Edwards, Sweet Valley; Frank Siglin, East Dallas; Ethel Harvey, Bethel Hill.
You could get - Sirloin steak 79c lb.; ducklings 49c

lb.; ground beef 35c lb.; honeydew melons 49c ea.; limes 19c doz.; green beans 2 lb. 19c; eggs 63c doz.; Velveeta cheese 2 lb. box 89c; Colgate toothpaste sm. tube 27c.

20 YEARS AGO - JULY 15, 1965

Ruth Stolarick, who had been home economics teacher at Lehman schools since 1948 resigned. Mrs. Beverly Williams Knapich was hired to replace her. Mrs. Dorrance Keckel was hired as cafeteria manager.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library auction committee reported a profit of \$3,565 from last week's auction.

A bobcat was shot by Borough assistant police chief Alexander McCulloch near Davenport Street in Parish Heights in Dallas.

Engaged - Judith Ann Heffner and Benjamin Roberts; Celeste Johnson to Airman First Class Ronald Barber; Charles A. Brace Jr. to Joan Elaine Barnes.
Married - Marjorie Davis and Ross Walker.

Birthdays - Mrs. H.H. Zeiser, 93 years old.
Deaths - Mrs. Zora Parks, Plymouth; Ann Cilvik, Dallas; Alice Race, Harveys Lake; Benjamin H. Hankin, Harveys Lake; Thelma Bigelow, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mrs. David Blocksage, Long Island; Fannie E. McMichael, Lehman.

You could get - Men's short sleeve dress shirts 2-\$5; round steak 89c lb.; pork sausage 69c lb.; pork chops 89c lb.; franks 65c lb.; Muellers elbow macaroni 1 lb. pkg. 21c; toilet tissue, 4 roll pkg. 30c; Parkay margarine 29c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - JULY 17, 1975

Plans were announced for a complete sports center which would include indoor tennis. A New York-Pennsylvania group announced plans for a \$500,000 roller skating facility on Route 415-118 north of Dallas. A spokesperson for Roller Skating of America, Inc. reported that zoning and building permit applications had been filed.

Herbert Hill, N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, was named to fill the unexpired term of Edward Richardson on the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors. Richardson resigned due to ill health.

Engaged - Sharon Gilgallon and Timothy Hawk; Debra A. Rinken and David Sharp; Debra Lee Newell to Joseph Lloyd Newell.
Married - Susanne Matus and Ulf Kumar Ghosh.
Deaths - Joseph J. Gruver, South Windson, Conn.; Ida Conklin, Carverton; Albert Cadwalader, Chase; Dorothy Bressler, Carverton.

You could get - Boneless chuck roast \$1.09 lb.; country style spare ribs \$1.39 lb.; lemon juice 32 oz. bottle 69c; gal. Wisk detergent \$1.99; red kidney beans 3-\$1; Philadelphia cream cheese 8 oz. pkg. 2-81c; peaches 3 lb. \$1.

OPINION

State Department needs 'desk'

By EDWIN FEULNER

It's long been said that what the U.S. State Department needs most is an "American desk" - and it's looking more and more like this view is justified.

A good example can be found in State's opposition to an attempt by a group of American airmen shot down over Yugoslavia during World War II to build a monument honoring their rescuer, Yugoslav nationalist leader Gen. Draza Mihailovic.

General Mihailovic was executed after the war by Yugoslavia's post-war leader, Marshal Tito, but that's to be expected. Communist dictators execute potential democratic rivals as a matter of course after gaining power.

Still, the striped pants boys in Foggy Bottom are scared Belgrade will go into a snit if the monument is built, and are vigorously opposing legislation sponsored by Illinois Congressman Philip Crane that would authorize construction of the privately-funded monument on federal government property.

That's bad enough, but what's worse is that they are giving credence to the charge that Mihailovic might have collaborated with the Germans during the war - arguing that because he "remains a subject of great historical controversy"

erection of a monument on federal land "is inconsistent with the foreign policy interests of the United States and should not be approved."

If the allegations of collaboration were true, the State Department might have a point, but the fact is - and State should be aware of it - recently declassified reports from World War II's top-secret Office of Strategic Services (OSS) totally refute such allegations. More important, these documents, along with others now available overseas, make it clear that rumors were the product of a disinformation campaign operated by a high-level Communist mole in British Intelligence named James Klugman.

He systematically altered intelligence coming out of Yugoslavia to make it appear that Mihailovic was at best incompetent, and possibly

collaborating with the Nazis. What makes the charge even more outrageous is the fact that according to Milovan Djilas, former Vice President of Yugoslavia and one of Tito's chief deputies during the war, Tito was actually the collaborator.

The bottom line is: General Mihailovic was a genuine hero who saved the lives of more than 500 U.S. airmen.

One need only speak with a few of the airmen to understand why they want to see the project through. Major Richard Felman, for example, was in double trouble when he was shot down near a tiny Yugoslav mountain village.

First, he was an American serviceman in occupied territory. More important, he is Jewish and may not have been treated as a prisoner of war by the Nazis. When rumor of his rescue reached local German headquarters in Pranjane, the Nazis insisted that the villagers turn over the airman, or suffer severe reprisals.

Library news

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The lost is found! The banner which was hanging on the front of our new building while we were in the process of renovation had gotten lost during the shuffle and we decided it was gone forever.

Not so, last week during searching for auction items, it was found. It has been freshly painted and is now hanging again on the new library. The banner proclaims in bright red and blue lettering, 'The new home of the Back Mountain Memorial Library' and leaves no doubt to the community as to where we are. My personal thanks to Melanie, Pat, Ed and Mike for helping to get this banner cleaned, painted and up where it belongs.

The month of June, 1985 was a very busy and hectic month at the library. 8,521 books were checked out; 4,571 juvenile and 3,950 adult. Only three other months in the history of the library circulated more books. We had two 600 days and set an all time record when 235 new borrowers joined the library. We also added 300 new books to the collection.

The children's summer reading program is off to a good start. As of today, there are 205 children participating in the program, which began on June 10th and will conclude on August 16th with a special party. The program is based on the Monopoly Game and provides a variety of reading experiences as well as activities for the children. The program is open to children from 2nd grade through 6th.

I called Tallman Printing Company a few weeks ago and asked for a price on printing some book marks for the library. They said they would print a few thousand and donate them to the library. They did and we have them and they are just perfect. Thanks Tallman!

This is it! The 39th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held July 11, 12, 13 and 14 on the new library grounds. Everything is beginning to pull together and the committees are working very hard on their respective areas.

Books are being priced, odds and ends are sorted and priced, the refreshment committee is organizing, antiques are being dropped off, new goods and used are arriving every day, chance tickets are selling and the library is indeed a beehive of activity in every corner.

The book booth will open on Thursday and Friday at 2, while the auction will be held on Thursday and Friday, from 6 to 11; Saturday's children's auction 10 to 12; regular auction 1 to 12 and Sunday, 1 to 12. We still need volunteers in all of the booths and as runners and spotters. Call the library if you can help.

Bring your chair and your friends, come and help your library with the next chapter on different grounds for a new beginning!

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

REDUCTIONS in the state's personal income tax rate and cuts in certain business taxes highlighted the 1985-86 general fund budget which passed the General Assembly late in the week. Despite the tax reductions, overall spending totaled \$9.26 billion - up from \$8.6 billion last fiscal year. The rate of personal income tax was decreased from 2.35 to 2.2 percent, effective Jan. 1, 1986. A record \$2 billion was allocated to the state's basic educational subsidy program. State institutions of higher education received an across-the-board increase of 5.5 percent in funding. Lawmakers raced against a Sunday midnight deadline to pass a new budget for the fiscal year which began July 1.

HUNTING FEES in Pennsylvania will increase by almost 50 percent, if a bill approved by the General Assembly this week is signed by the governor. The measure passed the House after lengthy debate by a 124-77 margin. Under the legislation, a basic hunting license fee would increase from \$8 to \$12 for state residents and from \$60 to \$80 for non-residents. Bear license hunting fees would increase from \$5 to \$10 and from \$15 to \$25 for non-residents. Archery licenses would go up from \$3 to \$5. The legislation would also create a new category of "furbaker" license for a fee of \$12. The measure contains a provision requiring an annual audit of the state Game Commission by a legislative committee.

NUCLEAR POWER projects in the Commonwealth could be cancelled by the Public Utility Commission in the future under legislation which passed the House and was sent to the Senate for consideration. The bill would give the PUC clear authority to cancel a nuclear reactor project if it is determined that the plant is now in the best interest of the public. If the PUC cancels a project, the measure permits a utility to petition the PUC to recover a percentage or all of the money spent on the project. The PUC could order the company's stockholders to absorb the costs or allow a portion of the expenses to be recovered from customers.

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