

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

A GREAT BIG WELCOME to Kathy Suda, the newest member of The Dallas Post staff.

Kathy, who resides in Swowersville, will be covering business stories for The Post. She will also be responsible for Swowersville Borough Council meetings and police reports which will appear in the West Side edition of The Dallas Post.

Welcome aboard, Kathy. It's nice to have you with us.

OKAY, SO MARILYN MASLOW wasn't on vacation, she was simply playing tennis for the past few weeks and have a sporty-looking tan to prove it.



MARTIN

Marilyn wasted no time last week in getting back to me to clear the air about her being on a vacation. Seems Marilyn is still in town but has spending some much-deserved leisure time at the Valley Swim and Tennis Club.

And, from what I understand, she's not a bad tennis player, either.

JUDIE MATHERS, a former staff writer for The Dallas Post, is alive and well and living in Littlestown, Pa., contrary to recent reports that she had fallen off the edge of the earth.

I spoke to Judie just last week and learned that she and her husband, Hap, who is working as an Army recruiter in the Gettysburg area, recently bought two goats. Judie claims the goats were purchased so they (the goats, that is) would eat the weeds on the property Judie and Hap have now.

Judie claims someone told her goats are great for eating weeds and they only cost about \$3 apiece. So Judie and Hap went goat-hunting one day. They came home with goats all right, but they had gone a little overboard and purchased pedigree goats that had never eaten a weed in their lives.

Last report was that Judie was in the process of training these goats to eat weeds. She has invited me to Littlestown for a visit, but I think I'll wait until the training sessions are over. I never did like the taste of weeds.

Anyway, it was good to talk to you, Judie. Sounds like things are going rather well for you.

OUR OFFICE MANAGER Peggy Poynton got a little chuckle one day this week when she opened the mail and found a check from West Side Monument Co.

Seems West Side Monument Co. has a tombstone imprinted in the left hand corner of their checks. The inside of the stone on the check is blank, but whoever wrote out the check to us, very cleverly wrote "Dallas Post" inside this tombstone.

Peggy shared the chuckle with other members of the staff and we all had a good laugh, but now we're wondering if the monument company does that for all checks they send out or if they simply singled us out for the joke.

ANN NEYHARD stopped by our office the other day with her son, Robert, who is a carrier for The Dallas Post.

Ann had one of the best vacation

ideas for me yet. She suggested that, since I don't fly and like to keep my feet on the ground, I should just stay home. However, she added that I should unplug the phone, close all the curtains, disconnect the doorbell — and simply enjoy a week of nothing but peace and quiet.

After a hectic day in the office, that sounded like a mighty good idea.

I HAD THE PLEASURE of meeting Ann Bowman, of Old Goss Manor in Dallas. Ann is employed in the pharmacy at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, and, with her charming smile and quick wit, makes you feel good, even when you're feeling lousy.

Keep smiling, Ann. My sources tell me you're a tremendous asset to the Nesbitt Hospital staff.

NEXT TIME YOU SEE NANCY SHAW of New Goss Manor in Dallas, ask her how she spent last Wednesday evening.

Nancy may tell you she played a doubleheader softball game, but in reality, what she did was join two of her teammates in playing catch with an ice cube.

The games were kind of boring, I guess, and in order to stay awake, the outfielders played catch with ice cubes for most of the evening.

I HEARD THE WORD "DOTTY" used in a sentence by someone last week and it struck me funny.

Admittedly, I did not know the meaning of the word and now, I wish I had never bothered looked it up.

Can you believe the meaning of the word "dotty" is defined as "mentally unbalanced" or "crazy." I wonder if my parents thought that of me when they pinned the name on me.

THE DALLAS POST is proud to bring you a special edition this week, honoring all the players, coaches and manager of the Back Mountain Little League.

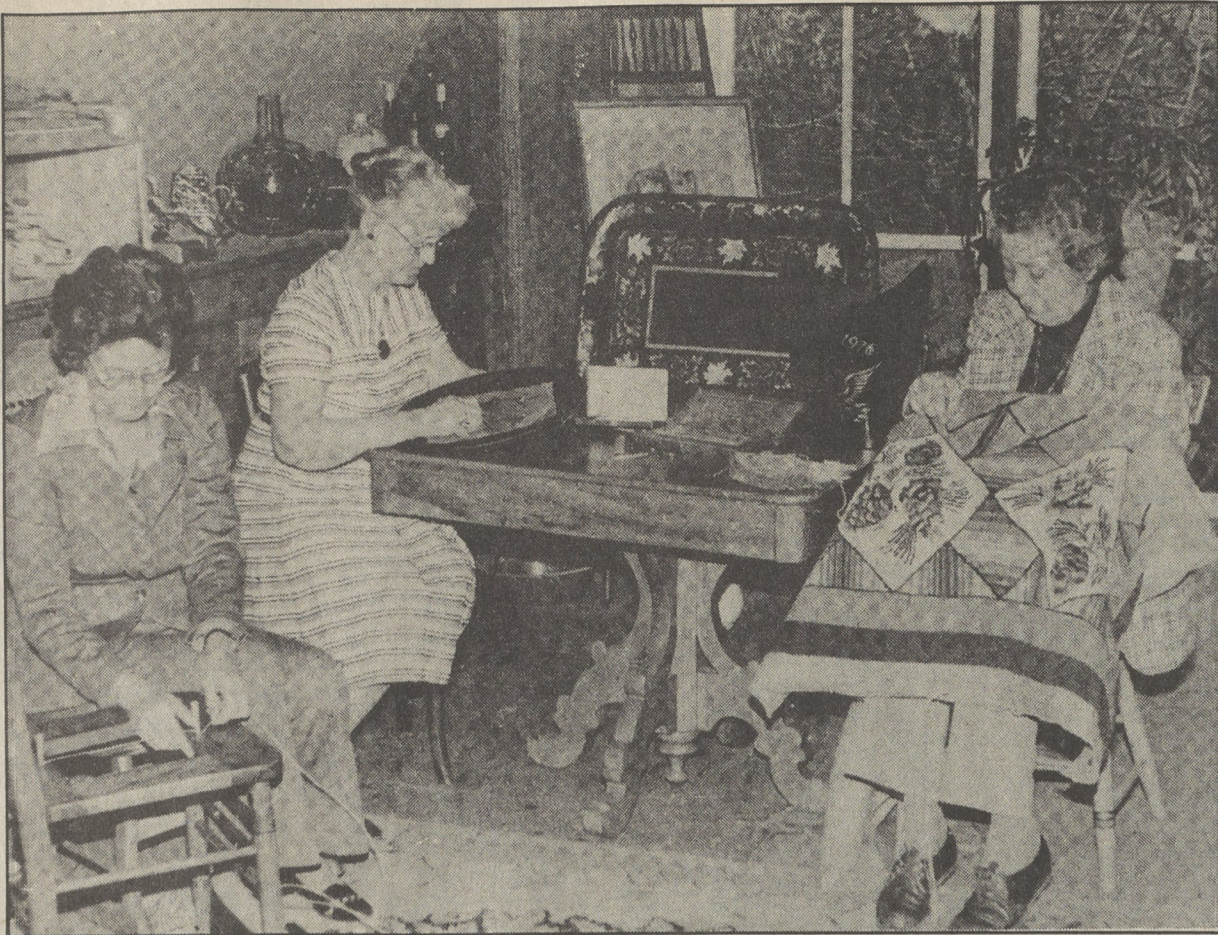
The kids, as well as the adults involved in the organization, give their all to make Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. one of the most successful little league organizations around. They are to be commended for a job well done.

It is for this reason we have put together our annual little league baseball edition for our readers. This baseball edition, which features all those involved in Back Mountain Baseball, Inc., makes a great keepsake for little league baseball players.

ALSO, OUR THANKS to Fay Broody of the Fay Broody Photo Studio for supplying us with all the photos for this edition.

And, my personal thanks to our office manager, Peggy Poynton, for the time she spent obtaining identification for the photos in this edition.

Unfortunately, there are two team photos that appear without identification. We apologize to the little leaguers for this, however, our attempts to get the coaches to identify these photos were unsuccessful. The coaches, however, were asked to turn in their team photos with complete identification on them. Most of them obliged, but those who didn't are only hurting the children.



REMEMBERING

Bicentennial crafts

Three of the crafts featured at the Lehman Township Bicentennial Celebration. From left, Mrs. Gordon Dawe canes a chair; Mrs. Charles Nuss works at stenciling and Mrs. Leroy Brown hooks a rug. Quilting with roll paper, whittling and leather tooling were some of the other crafts shown.

Only yesterday

Richard Coolbaugh named Dallas Borough assessor

50 YEARS AGO - JULY 19, 1935

Richard Coolbaugh was named register assessor for Dallas Borough to fill a vacancy caused by the death of his father M.B. Coolbaugh.

A proposal was made to have citizens of Dallas Borough and Dallas Township vote on a plan which would provide Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company with a tenth of a cent levied on each dollar of assessed value. This would assure the township permanent and adequate protection.

Married - Myra Jean Zeiser and Howard West Risley; Myrtille E. Rood and Dr. Albert J. Abbott.

Deaths - David H. Carey, Wilkes-Barre. You could get - Peaches 6 lb. basket 39c; watermelons 39c ea.; potatoes 25c pack; 24 oz. bottle vinegar 9c; Jell-O 3 pkg. 19c; glazed doughnuts 20c doz.; 100 Little Neck Clams 45c; leg of lamb 27c lb.

40 YEARS AGO - JULY 20, 1945

Undaunted by a discouraging community response to their efforts to raise \$4,000 for better fire protection in Shavertown and vicinity, firemen planned to make their 15th annual community days the biggest in their history. They had to earn \$2,300 to reach their goal.

Two Back Mountain cousins, HA 1C Frank Kuehn and Lt. Karl K. Rohrbach got the surprise of their lives when they met in the South Pacific. Their ships were eventually stationed in the same area.

Engaged - Anne Phillips to Tech. Sgt. Robert Ray. You could get - Peanut butter 16 oz. jar 23c; river rice 12c lb.; peaches 2 lb. 23c; Calif. red plums 2 lb. 39c; 3 lb. can Crisco 68c; 2 cans Old Dutch Cleanser 15c; butter lb. carton 48c; Graham crackers 19c lb.

30 YEARS AGO - JULY 22, 1955

Phantom Brook Frolic, an English Setter, won Best in Show at the Back Mountain Kennel Club Dog Show. Among the 413 entries were dogs from Honolulu and Venezuela as well as neighboring states.

Cars jammed facilities at Gosart's new store on Memorial Highway in Dallas. Thousands of residents streamed through the new building sampling the 50 pound anniversary cake and getting free hand-outs of soda and grocery samples.

Married - Betty Sophronia Phares and Luther Kocher. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kistler, 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Gordon, 65 years.

Engaged - Helen Lewicka to Charles Brin. Deaths - Ann Cook, Evans Falls; Ella Lamoreaux, Center Moreland; Reuben Creveling, Fairmont Town-

ship.

You could get - Picnic hams 29c lb.; bacon 45c lb.; honeydew melons 49c ea.; Freestone peaches 2 lb. 35c; Chicken of the Sea tuna 3-6 1/2 oz. cans \$1; Kraft's white American cheese 2 lb. box 99c; 2 lb. jar pineapple preserves 39c.

20 YEARS AGO - JULY 22, 1965

Auction workers raised \$14,000 for the Back Mountain Memorial Library with antiques and animals the most favored items.

Mrs. T.M.B. Hicks, associate editor of the Dallas Post again received recognition for the national Golden Quill Award. Mrs. Hicks was a runner-up for her editorial "You Cannot Start Too Young" concerning the cheating offenses at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Hicks won the previous year for her editorial "The Living Flame," written at the time of the funeral of the late President Kennedy.

Married - Louise Sutton and Richard Arnold; Ruth Ellen Beagle and Bradley C. Ide; Ann Morgan and George Kulp Haines.

Deaths - Anna Heckman, Sweet Valley; Emily C. Lyons, Noxen; Clifford King, Shavertown; Laura Stelt, Shavertown; Clifford Wildoner, Hunlock Creek; Osborne Benscoter, Drexel Hill; Gertrude Brunges Wall, R.N. Centermoreland.

You could get - Round steak 95c lb.; standing rib roast 79c lb.; chickens 29c lb.; sweet corn, 59c doz.; Freestone peaches 3 lb. 39c; cucumbers 4-19c; Charcoal 20 lb. bag 85c; Campbell's vegetable soup 7-51.

10 YEARS AGO - JULY 24, 1975

Kingston Township citizens united in an effort to stop the Dallas School Board from sealing the Shavertown School and its surrounding recreation area.

The Honorable William C. Rolston was chosen as judge and Emmet Kearney as steward of the Jonathan R. Davis Fire Company, Idetown annual horse show. Both men were registered with the American Horse Show Organization.

Engaged - Kathleen Loughney to John Carl Fleming. Married - Clair Schall and Gordon W. Simington, Jr.

Deaths - Loretta Feist, Dallas; Frank Hardisky, Dallas; Helen Smith, Harveys Lake; Louise Lloyd, Las Vegas, Nev.; Letha Wolfe, Meeker; Edna Louise Smith, Shavertown; Cecil Vopelus, Beaumont.

You could get - Ground beef 2 lb. \$1.69; bottom round roast \$1.59 lb.; sliced bologna \$1.19 lb.; orange juice 4-6 oz. cans \$1; 1/2 gal. Wisk detergent \$1.90; Honey Graham crackers 65c lb. box; tomatoes 39c pkg.; nectarines 49c lb.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

A change in schedule! Due to popular demand! Or, whatever.

Anyway, the library will be open on Saturdays for the rest of the summer from 10 to 2 p.m. Our book circulation and the volume of business and new borrowers which we have experienced since moving into our new building has been overwhelming. We have problems at times just keeping caught up with the daily tasks. However, this makes what we are here for worthwhile.

The library had an all time daily record of 702 set on July 14, 1964 which held until this past Monday. The Back Mountain Memorial Library has set a new all-time high daily circulation record. On July 8, 1985, 755 books were checked out, which was terrific and created an unbelievable amount of activity. Your library is, indeed, in action!

We will have in our display case for the next four weeks a toy robot collection belonging to Eric Van Horn of Sweet Valley. There are 28 robots in the display including R2D2 from Star Wars. There is one that plays Jingle Bells, two radios, one which is a telephone, and one special that plays with a record. Mr. Van Horn had bought one for a nephew four years ago and decided he had better keep it for him for safe keeping, whereby he became attached to it and started his collection.

They range in price from \$15.00 to \$20.00 and one with an activated voice is worth \$60.00. Many of these toy robots are now in collectors books and are quite valuable. Come and see these robots before August 7.

We also have a Country Store in the reading room. This store belongs to June MacCloskey of Dallas and is a priceless display of miniatures. It includes a hand made wash tub and water bucket, luscious looking candied apples, yard goods, a novel candy jar and real coffee and tea in miniature bins. The store keeper and customer are hand made.

Most of the store is about 25 years old with newer additions. This is a unique country store with fruits, canned goods and other items in miniature. This will be here until August 2nd.

The children's room is conducting Story Hours on Wednesday morning with story ladies Louise Roberts and Millie Brody for story hour No. 1 and Jane Lasecki and Nancy Garr for story hour 2.

Our first ever toddler storytime began on June 26 with Joanne Katuna as story lady, which has been made possible through an LSCA grant.

The Dallas Playschool group visits for stories and film strips and the Little People from upstairs come down for films and books. The Dallas Recreation Group visits frequently for film strips and stories. The summer reading program is continuing with 205 children participating in the game.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

NEGATIVE CONSUMER reaction to the state's new Catastrophic Loss Trust Fund (CAT) Fund has resulted in calls for its abolishment or revision by a number of House members. Rep. James J. Gallen (R-Berks) has introduced a bill to eliminate the fund and require insurers to make increased medical benefits available to vehicle owners. Rep. Jon D. Fox (R-Montgomery) drafted legislation to make consumer participation in the fund optional. The CAT Fund was initiated as part of the state's new auto insurance law which replaced no-fault insurance last year. Vehicle owners in Pennsylvania are required to pay a \$5 annual fee to the fund or risk having their registrations revoked. Over seven million billings were mailed recently. The fund is designed as a financial safety net for individuals who incur medical expenses, as a result of a vehicle accident, of more than \$100,000.

CONVICTED DRUNK DRIVERS in Pennsylvania would be required to pay for the cost of blood tests administered to determine blood alcohol or drug levels under a bill introduced by Rep. Merle Phillips (R-Northumberland). The tests are given at hospitals and medical facilities when police are unable to administer a breathalyzer test because of injury or other complications. Under current procedure, each county pays for the costs of the test. "There is no reason why the counties should have to pay these charges. It is the individual who violated the law and they should be responsible for the fee," Phillips said. The measure has been sent to the House Transportation Committee for review.

STRENGTHENING PENNSYLVANIA'S law governing the payment of child support orders is the intent of legislation proposed by Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor (R-Chester). Taylor said her bill addresses several serious deficiencies in existing support of enforcement statutes.

OPINION

No one defends discrimination

By EDWIN FEULNER

I don't know of any American who defends South Africa's discrimination racial policies. Being for or against apartheid, however, has never been an issue. What is an issue is how the United States can best speed along apartheid's disappearance. Not only has this become the subject of bitter and occasionally irrational controversy, but it has resulted in some very fuzzy thinking that could actually harm the people we are trying to help: South Africa's blacks.

U.S. protests against apartheid, which began in earnest last fall, have gone beyond the pretty-people-holding-placards stage. Recently, one group of demonstrators occupied the downtown Washington, D.C. offices of a U.S. investment firm which sells South African gold Kruggerands. The message was simple: buying and selling South African gold coins is immoral.

Other protestors helped liven up the spring on many college campuses, leading the weekly news magazines to declare the 1960s back in style.

Public displays of outrage, of course, are always conveniently in style. But marches and sit-ins don't lead to clear-headed thinking and sound policy proposals. And in the case of South Africa, we could actually end up doing more harm than good.

The policy prescription currently in vogue is known as "disinvestment." Put simply, this is shorthand for U.S. companies and investors doing no more business in South Africa until the country cleans up its act. But it's a wrong-headed policy. In fact, it is 180-

degrees the reverse of what we should really be doing, according to those who have looked carefully at the problem.

Economist Stuart Butler, for example, argues that more investment by U.S. firms in South Africa would achieve quicker results.

LETTERS

Women's group is grateful

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Wyoming Valley Women's Network, I would like to thank you (Charlot M. Denmon) for your warm and comprehensive coverage of the Women's Conference at Penn State last month. The Conference Planning Committee worked hard to make this first conference a success as a model for the future.

Your article contributed to that success and, for those who could not attend, painted a very special picture of the day's events.

We are looking forward to next year's conference. Again, many thanks.

CAROL HUSSA
PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Association says thanks

DEAR EDITOR:

Please accept this certificate as a token of our gratitude for your support during our recent fund-raising campaign.

Your donation of public service space helped significantly in publicizing the work of our agency. Thanks to you we set a new record with our spring campaign.

Our community is now assured of quality service for disabled children throughout Wyoming Valley. Thanks on behalf of our entire organization to all of your staff who helped make it possible.

P. BARRY CUSHING, PRESIDENT
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