

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

I HAD AN INTERESTING LETTER from Mrs. Stella McGlynn of Wilkes-Barre this week.

Mrs. McGlynn wrote about a bridal shower she attended last week for Miss Mary Ann Welnoski of Wilkes-Barre who is engaged to James A. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cook of Harveys Lake.

The gift that Mrs. McGlynn gave to the bride-to-be brought a lot of hoots and howls from those in attendance. Packaged in a box that had a picture of a crock pot on the outside of it, Mrs. McGlynn's gift looked just



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as normal as all the rest. When Miss Welnoski brought out the gift, it was not a crock pot, but rather a set of well-worn boxing gloves. It seems the boxing gloves, which made their 31st appearance at bridal showers, were obtained 27 years ago when they were first given to Mrs. McGlynn's sister-in-law, Mrs. Franny Maciejczyk of Nanticoke.

Since then, the gloves have been used to bring chuckles from many bridal shower guests.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBBEY WYSOCKI, a teacher at Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, who coached her Swyersville softball team to a championship season this year.

Debbey, who has been coaching Swyersville Barilla's girls' softball team for several years now, certainly scored a home run this season as the girls won the league championship, the playoff championship, and had a member placed on the All-Star team.

Magistrate Andrew Barilla, sponsor of the girls team, was all smiles as he awarded each member of the team with a championship trophy.

Congratulations to all the girls, to Magistrate Barilla and especially to Debbey Wysocki for a job well done. Just goes to show, Deb, perseverance does pay off once in a while.

SPEAKING OF SOFTBALL, a tip of the hat (or, should I say, bat) to members of the Back Mountain National and Back Mountain American All-Stars on their fine performances this season.

The two local girls teams battled each other for the District 16 title on Saturday night with the National League Stars coming out as winners.

However, with both of these teams in the championship game, the Back Mountain was guaranteed to have a champion this year.

WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT of baseball, I might mention The Dallas Post awarded a 10-speed bicycle this week to a lucky member of the Back Mountain Baseball Organization.

While we keep the winner's identity a secret until next week's paper, I'd like to congratulate this lucky Little Leaguer who also persevered while selling subscriptions to The Dallas Post in our recent fund-raising program with Back Mountain Baseball, Inc.

And, perseverance paid off in this case because this particular Little Leaguer is now wheeling around

town on a brand new Schwinn 10-speed bicycle.

Next week, we'll let you know who the winner is.

THEY WERE DANCIN' IN THE AISLES at the Beach Boys concert at Memorial Stadium in Scranton Saturday night.

A crowd of 12,000 Beach Boys fans rocked and sang and clapped and swayed as the California surfin' group brought its oldies but goodies to our area.

And, despite a rather negative review of the concert by a reporter from an area newspaper, I found the concert to be one of the better concerts I've ever attended.

When you can capture the hearts of 12,000 people and move them enough to sing along with you, I think that characterizes a successful concert.

And, the Beach Boys did just that!

CHEERS TO THE VOLUNTEERS of the Back Mountain Library Auction.

As time passes on since the 39th annual event this year, I am hearing more and more comments from people who attended the auction and thoroughly enjoyed it.

The undertaking of this year's auction was a mammoth job with the moving of the auction grounds and everything that went along with the new library, but the committee did a wonderful job.

And, that tells us only one thing - that next year's auction will probably be even bigger and even better.

CAN YOU BELIEVE people are already starting to talk about the 1985 football season?

My goodness, I feel like baseball season has just started and area residents are already gearing up for the upcoming football season.

With the weather as hot as it's been, I can't picture myself at a football game - at least, not yet. When I think of football, I think of a crisp fall night where sweaters and lightweight jackets are more appropriate than shorts and t-shirts.

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY to stop at Hillside Dairy's new ice cream parlor this past week.

Will Conyngham and his family members have put together a really nice old-fashioned ice cream parlor at the Trucksville location. And, the Conynghams are still gloating about their ice cream being named one of the top 10 in the country.

I HAD A CASUAL VISIT this week from Mr. and Mrs. Cummins of Hudson, Florida.

Seems the Cummins, who have a summer home in Kunkle, are both members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and are involved with water safety programs throughout the country.

They told me they conduct water safety programs for children which includes a slide show showing children how to use life jackets and how to act safely in the water.

The couple was scheduled to do a program at Camp Kresge in Mountaintop yesterday and would be more than happy to conduct such a program for any children's group that may be interested in attending these programs.

The Cummins, who do these programs free of charge, may be reached at their Kunkle home at 675-3416.



REMEMBERING

Class of 1925

Shown here are fourth, fifth and sixth grade students of the former Goss School class of 1925. From left, first row, Joseph Hudak, Grover Howey, Darwin Husted, Elwood Spencer, Robert Hislop, Jack Youells, unidentified, Paul Brodin, Junior Mosier. Second row, Joseph Muderian, Robert Girvan, Jean Ritchie, Jessie Ritchie, Elizabeth Girvan, Fay Nulton, Elizabeth Frantz, Ada Ross, Mary Price, Mildred Nulton, Henry Van Horn, Jim Kozemchak. Second row, Betty Breza, Irene Estock, Doris Lauderbaugh, Nellie Jenkins, Helen Girvan, Helen Treddinick, Delores Craig. Fourth row, Margaret Wilson, Lena Van Tuyl, teacher; and Melba Banta.

Only yesterday

First liquor store since repeal opens

50 YEARS AGO - JULY 26, 1935
A liquor store, the first since the repeal of the 18th Amendment, was opened in Dallas. It was one of four to open in Luzerne County; 250 stores opened throughout the state.

Four Dallas recruits in the United States Army arrived in the Panama Canal Zone; Richard Templin, Richard Disque, Paul LaBar and Kenneth Westover. Area crowds thrilled to the great Hagenbeck-Wallace and Forepaugh-Sells Bros. Combined Circus. Among those appearing were European wild animal trainer Maria Rasputin, daughter of the famous Russian monk, Gregori Rasputin.

You could get - Hams 27c lb.; fillets of haddock 2 lb. 25c; chuck pot roast 17c lb.; chicken 25c lb.; 2 pkg. shredded wheat 23c; 2 pkgs. spaghetti or macaroni 9c; loaf raisin bread 8c; evaporated milk 4 tall cans 25c; Certo 25c bottle.

40 YEARS AGO - JULY 27, 1945
Two Kingston Township teachers Otis Rood and Mrs. Minnie Benscoter retired after many distinguished years of service. In the Lehman Township Schools music teacher Santo Ragno resigned to accept a similar position in Haddon Heights, N.J.

Jive Junction, Dallas Teen-Age Center, was closed for the balance of the summer so that a new dance floor could be installed and interior decorations completed.

Engaged - Doris E. Ide to Raymond Schallenberger; Katherine Olencik to Anthony Hudak; Shirley Marcell to Jack Horner.

You could get - Cabbage 3c lb.; beets 2 lg. bunches 9c; carrots 1g. bunches 2-17c; cheese 2 lb. loaf 96c; margarine 24c lb.; Rice Krispies 12c pkg.; corn starch 9c lb.; Ravioli 14c lg. jar; noodles 12 oz. pkg. 14c; 2 lb. bag coffee 47c.

30 YEARS AGO - JULY 29, 1955
Dallas/Franklin/Monroe Townships voted to enter into a jointure. Final decision to the formation of a jointure was up to officials in Harrisburg.

Power boat enthusiasts of six eastern states competed at Harveys Lake in six classes and 12 events. The competition was sponsored by the American Power Boat Association. Locally Sherwood Wilson of Sutton Road was known for his outstanding record in powerboat racing.

Engaged - Roxie Hoover and Rev. David Wilson Haines Jr.; Erma Crispell and Rev. Donald Giberson Nulton.

Married - Sally Anne Hetrick and David M. Handley.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ferrell, Idetown, 25 years.

Deaths - Kathryn Mary Todd Adams, New York; Willard Arthur Franklin, Bloomingdale; Joseph Lear Wagner, Shavertown; Ida Louise Brobst, Pinecrest Avenue, Dallas; Stella Pall Sayre, Lake Silworth.

You could get - Chuck roast 29c lb.; leg or lamb 53c lb.; veal chops 69c lb.; 3-6 oz. cans lemonade 39c; bottle Wesson salad oil 37c; box of 48 Lipton Tea bags 65c; peaches 2 lb. 29c; sweet corn 35c doz.

20 YEARS AGO - JULY 29, 1965

Harveys Lake Executive Association, the group which hoped to form a borough out of parts of Lake and Lehman Township lying with the lake watershed began circulating petitions to begin the legal process.

Dallas Borough purchased its first police car. The car was purchased from Howard Isaacs, Co., Trucks-ville. Russell Honeywell was police chief.

Married - Howard Isaacs and Bettie Beck; Linda Fay Morris and John Shypulefski, Jr.

Deaths - Nellie Matthews, Hunlock Creek; George B. Pollock, Carverton; John D. Edwards, Shavertown.

You could get - Chickens 28c lb.; ground chuck 79c lb.; pork sausage 79c lb.; bacon 49c lb.; potatoes 10 lb. bag 59c; sweet corn 49c doz.; tomatoes 29c lb.; peaches 3 lb. 49c; 1/2 gal. ice cream 59c; 1/2 gal. pickles 49c; cottage cheese 25c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - JULY 31, 1975

Area residents registered complaints concerning the unbearable and dangerous conditions existing on Carverton Road. Road construction was to greatly improve the road when it was finished but work was going very slowly.

Michael Godek was named to serve as ringmaster for the 10th annual J.R. Davis Fire Company Show. Ed Gilmer, Ron Ritts, Ed and Joe Petroski, Emerson and Ralph Snyder, Walter Blejwas, Roger Phillips, Jan McLaughlin and Norman James served as show co-chairmen.

Engage - Patricia Lewis and Robin A. Miller. Married - Kathleen M. Nulton and Eugene G. Kemmerer; Debra Dymond and William Lamoreaux.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crispell, 50 years. Deaths - Margaret Dickinson, Dallas; Fae Whipp Hildebrand, Machel Ave., Dallas; Melvin W. Keller; Stanley G. LaBarr.

You could get - Sirloin tip steak \$1.89 lb.; T-bone steak \$2.19 lb.; green peppers 29c lb.; potatoes 10 lb. bag \$1.19; lettuce 4 hds. \$1; margarine 2-1 lb. pkgs. 79c; 22 oz. Lux detergent 65c; applesauce 3 jars \$1.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Wowee!! What a busy and exciting time we have had in the weeks before and the week of the 39th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. Everything did get pulled together and we had a terrific day on Saturday with an amount of 23,000 taken in for that day; however, Friday's downpour and Sunday's showers left us with a lot less sales than we had hoped for. The final financial figures will not be available for a while.

During the middle of Friday's storm, the burglar alarm went off and we had trouble getting it shut off, the keys did not want to work, one kind soul tried to help and set the fire alarm off, what a ringing we had for a while. Finally got that quieted down and then had to close the auction because of the weather.

The week before the auction was so hectic here; call this guy about that, do this first, drop this off, pick that up, run here, get the banner hung up, try to get the flags up on the flagpole, and I even got to drive to Wilkes-Barre in a borrowed Mercedes.

As the New York Times so aptly put it when they printed an editorial about the auction on Sunday, June 10, 1978; the days of auction madness in Dallas, Penna. This article was written for the New York Times by Mary Ann Sigworth of Dallas and we were thrilled at the coverage.

The item being auctioned off that I enjoyed most was the old, re-finished ice box with Monty Evans as auctioneer. We thought the bidding was finished at \$500 but it was all in and all done at \$750. What a job Monty did on that one. Everyone clapped, it was so exciting.

I must say my personal thanks for a job well done to Monty, John, Ernie, Betty, Joe, Priscilla, Craig, Mary, Sybil and Susan, heads of their committee.

The 1985 Chevy Cavalier has not been chanced off yet due to the fact that there were not enough tickets sold to even cover the cost. The present plan is to sell tickets until Aug. 1 and have the drawing at 1 on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre during the Farmer's Market activities. We hope to sell chances on the Square for the next two Thursdays and have the car there also. Tickets are also available at the library.

We had the library open for tours on Saturday during the auction for an hour and there were 45 people who came in who had not been in before. I had three new borrowers join and even checked out some books. One unfortunate situation, about eight of the new flowers in our planters were destroyed and that is sad. We are gradually getting the grounds cleaned up.

The winners of the antique items were: Ruth Fino, the pine stand; Betty Swanick, the brass candlesticks and Dr. Lawrence Clark, the hand decorated tin. Mark Chappel won the hand-pieced quilt and Lance Davis won the BMX bicycle.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

A report released by the Business Council of Pennsylvania this week shows the Commonwealth has become more competitive in some areas of the business climate but less attractive in others. The study, based on data collected since 1980 by a variety of sources, focuses on five broad areas of the business climate: human resources, quality of life, basic business costs, taxes and government spending, and social and economic policy.

The report shows Pennsylvania, when compared to the other 16 states studied, has improved its ranking in high school and college graduates, funding for vocational and higher education, crime, and state and local expenditures for roads and streets.

The Commonwealth, however, became less competitive in natural gas and electricity costs, corporate income and unemployment compensation taxes, work time lost due to strikes, and capital investment. The state retained its same rankings in funding for elementary and secondary education, workers in skilled occupational groups, average wages, number of strikes, commercial and industrial loans, and health insurance premiums.

The State Transportation Department awarded \$1 billion worth of highway and bridge construction contracts in the just-completed fiscal year, according to Gov. Dick Thornburgh. The total for the fiscal year that ended July 1 set a state record for one-year investment for such construction contracts. The \$1 billion total, which includes federal and state money, did not include \$600 million allocated to counties for year-round routine maintenance and repair of the highway network.

Gov. Thornburgh has asked the federal Small Business Administration to authorize special disaster loans for flood victims in four western Pennsylvania counties. Thornburgh formally requested aid for qualified businesses and residents in sections of Westmoreland, Fayette, Butler and Allegheny counties affected by flash flooding caused by thunderstorms July 8-9.

OPINION

U.S. could save money by closing military installations

By EDWIN FEULNER

At least fifty U.S. military installations across the country are obsolete and could be closed, saving millions of dollars. But it probably won't happen.

Congress will again step in and in a game of political palm-greasing that has almost become a ritual in the Nation's Capital will vote to keep the unneeded facilities open. Even many members of Congress who usually turn thumbs down on important defense needs such as strategic defense research often vote to keep open military installations that should be closed - if an installation on the Defense Department's "hit list" happens to be in their district.

Meanwhile, billions of tax dollars continue to be wasted each year. The Grace Commissions and the Office of Management and Budget

both agree that if obsolete military bases are closed, U.S. taxpayers could be saved as much as \$2 billion a year.

The Department of Defense (DOD) hasn't really made a coordinated attack on the problem since 1979, under President Carter. Politics is the answer, of course. Not only is it a nearly impossible task to win congressional approval, but DOD also is aware that a lot of congressmen are antagonized in the process - people whose votes DOD needs on other, more important, matters. Still, at some point DOD has to bite the bullet.

Many of DOD's 4,000 military facilities were established long before modern communications, interstate highways, and jet aircraft made them uneconomical and unneeded.

For example, DOD has wanted to close Fort Sheridan, an old Army

base 28 miles north of Chicago on Lake Michigan, for the last decade. Established in 1887, the base is now staffed mainly by recruiting and administrative personnel, with over 150 of its acres, including two beaches and an 18-hole golf course, used primarily for recreational purposes.

According to DOD, closing Fort Sheridan would save taxpayers at least \$9 million annually. Another \$50 million or more could be gained by selling the property. Members of the Illinois congressional delegation, however, have successfully blocked attempts to close the base.

With every state and about half the congressional districts containing military installations, Democrats and Republicans alike are reluctant to allow the Pentagon to close any bases that might mean the loss of some federal jobs in their districts.

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