

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

THE SPCA OF LUZERNE COUNTY held its first-ever Pet Reunion last weekend on Public Square — and what a riot that was!

Dogs of all sizes, shapes and ages were there as were dog-lovers of all sizes, shapes and ages.

Jane Cummings of Demunds Road in Dallas had her dog, Misty Blue there and, although Jane's youngest son, David, tried to steal the show, Misty Blue managed to win a prize for being one of the smallest dogs present.



DOTTY MARTIN

There was a dog in a tuxedo and a cat in pink baby-doll pajamas. It was kind of hard to tell who was having more fun — the animals or their owners.

We went because my dog, Sport, who is a seven-year-old mixture of Pomeranian and Shelti (a type of miniature collie) made her way into my home from the SPCA animal shelter.

Sport was just a little thing at the time, weighing a mere three pounds and fitting snugly inside my jacket. Needless to say, she is nowhere near three pounds these days, but more lovable than ever.

Also, needless to say, I am about as much of an animal lover as you can get these days.

AND, SPEAKING OF DAVID CUMMINGS, he is about as much of a "ham" as you can get these days.

That guy, who is just four years old, is such a hot dog when it comes to picture-taking time, you can't believe it.

He and Misty Blue posed several times for Mom on Public Square as Mom took all kinds of pictures of the two of them.

David has also conjured up some unique types of poses for Mom and her camera, including jumping off a swing set and hanging upside down from the swing set bars.

Who knows, though. Maybe some day David will be discovered — as a stunt man, perhaps.

WE HAD OUR FIRST RIPE TOMATO on Sunday — just one day later than last year.

And, boy, did it taste good. Our tomato plants (12 of them) are a little over five feet tall at this point and our corn (20 stalks) is higher than six feet.

I noticed some corn fields in the country the other day and the stalks in the fields weren't nearly as tall as the stalks in my garden. I've often wondered what lies in the soil in our garden since whatever we plant there seems to grow taller every year.

Last year, we reaped over 1,000 tomatoes from our garden. Anyone want to venture a guess as to whether or not we can surpass that figure this year?

I MET SOME REALLY NICE PEOPLE at a very special wedding reception this Saturday.

The reception was special because it was in honor of two very special people who were married that afternoon in the Forty Fort Methodist Church.

A well-known man throughout the borough of Forty Fort by the name of Donald Gower took Betty Torr-

ence as his bride while friends and family members of the two celebrated the occasion that evening.

The people I met, however, were Lois Rodriguez of Maryland (where the bride used to live) and Clarence and Jane Reggie of Swoyersville. Mrs. Reggie and Mrs. Rodriguez are sisters and Mrs. Reggie tells me she always forwards her copy of The Dallas Post to her sister in Maryland for the Rodriguez family to read.

These people were introduced to me by a special friend of mine by the name of Fred Space.

Since Fred and his lovely wife, Jeanette, are always teasing somebody for something, I decided it was time to repay them for the times they've teased me. So, when I saw Fred sitting alone in a corner with Lois Rodriguez (whom I did not know at the time), I thought it was time to spill the beans and alert Jeanette of the situation.

When Jeanette went to check out the situation, she proceeded to tell Lois and Fred that I had sent her over there. One thing led to another and when Fred told Lois I was associated with The Dallas Post, she informed him that she reads the paper all the time — all the way in Maryland.

Needless to say, I was a little embarrassed when I was introduced under those circumstances. I only hope these people realize I was only teasing the Spaces — after all, they deserved it!

But, it was nice to know The Post is doing a little traveling these days. And, it sure was nice to meet all of you folks, too.

THE ROAD TO SWEET VALLEY is a rather peaceful drive with the country and the small, quaint houses that outline Route 118.

A ride out there this past weekend, however, was marred by the reminder of the tragic fire at the Thomas Guest Home in Sweet Valley last Tuesday that claimed the lives of seven people and injured 13 others.

The staff and management of The Dallas Post sends its sincere sympathy to the families of those killed and injured in that blaze.

CONGRATULATIONS TO the members of the Back Mountain Nationals Girls All Star team on their accomplishments this past season.

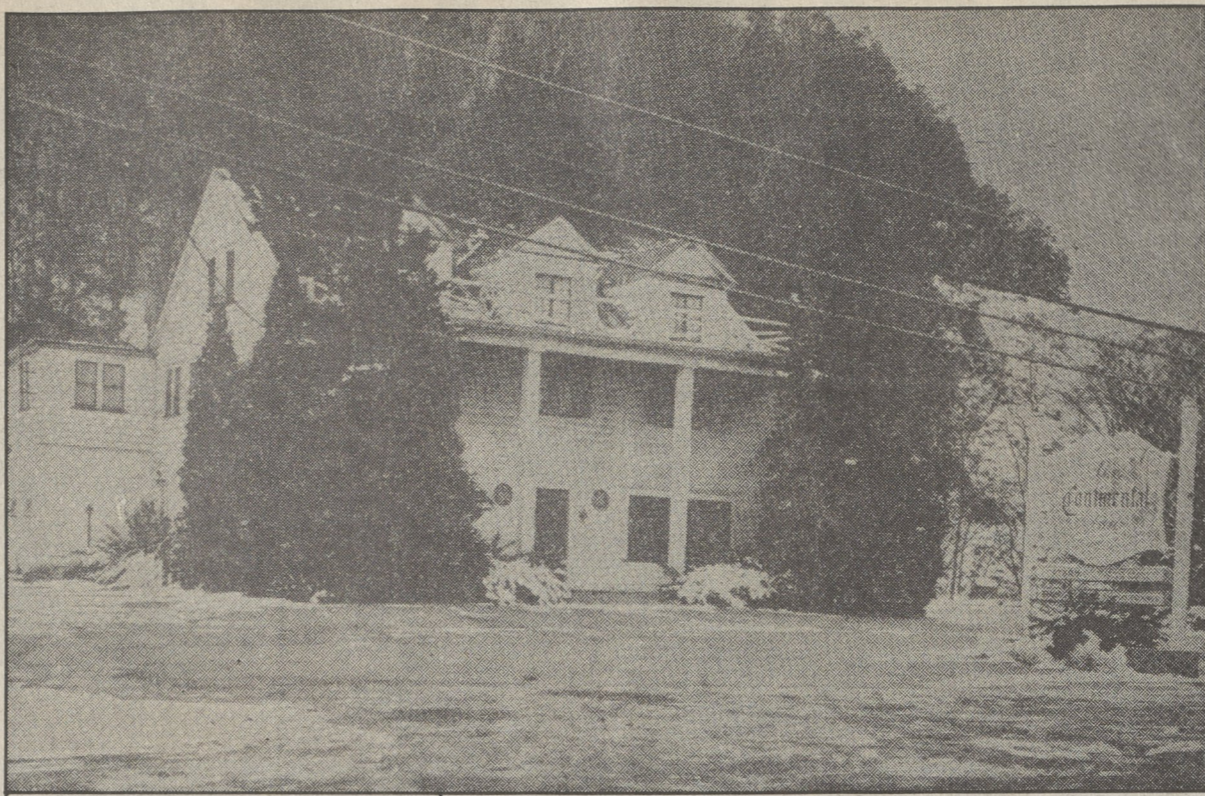
The Nationals, even though they were defeated by Shippensburg in their quest for a state title this past Saturday, can hold their heads high for a job well done.

Coach Charlotte Slocum and her team members are to be commended for advancing as far as they did in post-season play.

HARVEYS LAKE was buzzing this past Sunday. Since the Department of Environmental Resources lifted its advisory against swimming, people sure are taking advantage of the coolness of the lake water — and the clearness of it, I should add.

And, the advisory lifting couldn't have come at a better time since the thermometer has been jumping quite high these days.

It's nice to see people getting together to enjoy the lake. Also, a big thanks to the people responsible for having the lake water treated with copper sulfate so it can be used for swimming.



REMEMBERING

Continental Inn

The Continental Inn, the scene of many gala events, was acquired by the state for demolition for the North Cross-Valley Expressway. The Inn was used for wedding receptions, class reunions, large and small parties and service club dinners. At one time, the Inn booked many entertainers and was frequently the gathering place for big band leaders such as Jimmy and ommy Dorsey, when their bands would perform at nearby Fernbrook Park in Dallas.

Only yesterday

Airplane designer visits Harveys Lake

50 YEARS AGO - AUG. 2, 1935
Igor Sikorsky, world famous designer and manufacturer of airplanes, was guest of honor at Russian Day festivities at Harveys Lake picnic grounds. A resident of Bridgeport, Conn., Sikorsky was accompanied by famed test pilot Boris Sergievsky and George D. Grebenstchikoff, Russian author.

Girl Scout Troop 7, captained by Miss Ruth Hull, won \$5 worth of Scouting equipment from the Dallas Post for their clean-up work on Main Street.

Engaged - Arlene S. Baldwin to Adam P. Kiefer.
Deaths - Harry H. Garrahan, prominent Dallas citizen; Ambrose West, Hillside Road.

You could get - Fillet of haddock, 2 lb. 25c; clams 100 for 35c; salmon 2 tall cans 21c; evaporated milk 4 tall cans 25c; bread 2 lvs. 15c; graham crackers 2 lb. pkg. 12c; 2 big cans Del Monte peaches 35c; cantaloupes 3-25c.

40 YEARS AGO - AUG. 3, 1945
Mr. and Mrs. Sev. Newberry, Wellington Avenue, Dallas, who spent several days in New York City, were among those who witnessed the crash of a U.S. Army Bomber into the Empire State Building.

Hannah Culp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Culp of Huntsville, was named a first grade teacher at Lehman Township Schools. Miss Culp previously taught in Dallas and Noxen elementary schools.

Engaged - Marjorie Sharrow to Sterling Barnes.
Married - Arlene Eyer to Herbert Downs.
Deaths - Donald Freeman in Philippine Theatre of War; Corey A. Frantz, Dallas business leader; Charles Parrish, Dallas.

You could get - potatoes 65c full peck; cantaloupes 10c ea.; cabbage 3c lb.; beets 2 lg. bunches 9c; celery hearts 19c lb. bunch; oranges 10c doz.; vinegar 25c gal.; toasted wheat germ 29c pkg. evaporated milk 2 tall cans 19c.

30 YEARS AGO - AUG. 5, 1955
A drought worried officials of the Noxen Tannery who feared that insufficient water in Bowman's Creek to carry off wastes would result in closing down the tannery.

The prolonged drought dried up mountain springs and steams causing reptiles to leave their rocky ledges and dens and seek water in the lowlands. During July, 123 rattlesnakes were killed within a seven mile radius of Noxen.

Engaged - Barbara J. Ferry and Dennis A. Ruley; Carol R. Malkemes to Airman 2nd Class David P.

Hess; Carol E. Huray and Robert Y. Guyette; Margaret McCusker to John J. Mihalick.

Married - Hilda Elsa Ehrsgott to Robert M. Moore; Edna L. Frantz to Cpl. Robert E. Salladay; Iva L. Berby to Ralph Coolbaugh.

You could get - Sirloin steaks 79c lb.; ducks 49c lb.; sweet corn 35c doz.; Louella butter 66c lb.; Philadelphia cream cheese 8 oz. pkg. 35c; minced bologna 39c lb.

20 YEARS AGO - AUG. 5, 1965
A falling tree limb disturbing powerlines resulted in the electrocution of eight cows on the Joseph Park farm on Route 118. Parks estimated the damage at \$2600.

A kickoff meeting for distribution of profits for formation of Harveys Lake Borough was slated.
Connie Lee Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Fernbrook, received honorable mention in a national baby contest.

Deaths - Eleanor Coates Farley; Samuel E. Humphrey, Harveys Lake; William Shaver, Kingston; Mrs. Charles L. Hosler, Dallas; Christine Berry, Slatington; Ethel Isaacs, Loyalville.

You could get - Leg o lamb 69c lb.; franks 65c pkg.; cucumbers 6-25c; tomatoes 27c lb.; seedless grapes 19c lb.; sweet corn 49c doz.; lemons 49c doz.; coffee 65c lb.; Red Heart dog food 6-1 lb. cans 89c; 6 cans frozen orange juice 95c.

10 YEARS AGO - AUG. 7, 1975
The possibility of construction of a fully equipped hospital in the Back Mountain area was ruled out by studies conducted by HEW Department. However, Tom Dombroski, chairman, planned to solicit bids for limited hospital facilities to be constructed along Route 118.

A Junior Olympic Basketball program for the Back Mountain was organized under the sponsorship of the Amateur Athletic Union. Boys 8 through 13 years were eligible.

Married - Holly Jane Harris and Alan R. Jagger.
Deaths - Frances LaBar, Trucksville; Louis Purvin, Shavertown; Edward Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio; Margaret Case, Forty Fort.

You could get - Boneless chuck roast \$1.39 lb.; ground chuck 99c lb.; stewing beef \$1.49 lb.; cucumbers 3-29c; carrots 2 pkg. 39c; tomatoes 35c lb.; Velveeta cheese 2 lb. pkg. \$1.59; 1/2 gal. Minute Maid orange juice 79c.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

We are proud to have on display at the library, "Andy's Quilt."

This is the beautiful quilt done in shades of blue and made by the Trinity Presbyterian Women for the Rev. Andrew Pillarella in 1982 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the church and his affiliation with it. The ecclesiastical symbols done in gold have special meanings and are just magnificent. There are 16 symbols including the celtic cross, dove, ten commandments, praying hands and the bible. The top section of the quilt features the church itself with the dates 1962 to 1982 on either side.

The quilt was done as a surprise for Rev. Pillarella and he certainly was pleased with it. Mrs. Pillarella brought the booklet the women made explaining the quilt in with the quilt. The quilt and booklet are in by my desk on our quilt wall rack and will be here for display for the next four weeks.

The staff members are taking much needed vacations, the auction committee workers are recuperating from their many tasks, and the finance people are busy trying to come up with an approximate net profit from the 39th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

The auction, for those of you who may not know, is a very involved project and requires many hours from every person voluntarily connected with it. The 1985 auction will probably not meet its budgeted profit because of the many added expenses necessitated by the move to the new grounds. Monty Evans, general chairman, seems confident the gross figure will be near \$40,000. All in all, we are grateful for the time and energy given to this year's event.

The electrical system for the auction grounds was not even started until the Tuesday before and there was not a Public Address System in sight. The auction block was nowhere to be seen and finally two weeks before, it was decided to use a flat bed truck for the block for this year, which did work out well.

The electricity and the PA system were ready for Thursday night, amazingly so. The storm certainly dampened things Friday night and the auction was cancelled for that night and several storms on Sunday night also caused some postponement. However, on Sunday night we had our own first "Tent Sale", when Monty Evans gathered the bidders in the large antique tent with the rain falling around and was able to auction the balance of the antiques, which incidentally finished around 1 in the morning.

Have you seen Monty's auction jacket? He happened to be wearing his white tuxedo jacket and reached under the flat bed to install an electrical plug and came in contact with axle grease on the one shoulder, which is almost impossible to get out. Being the good sport that he is, he made the best of a bad deal and had the auction committee members, staff members, and almost everyone else autograph the jacket. A new idea, an auction jacket!

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

LEGISLATION WHICH would provide the Commonwealth with the right to demand a jury trial in criminal cases received the endorsement of the Philadelphia district attorney this week. Sponsored by Rep. Stephen F. Freind (R-Delaware), the bill is aimed at lowering the number of compromise verdicts and sentences in the state. Under current law, Freind said, defense attorneys have the right to demand a trial by judge. With that right, some "shop" for a lenient jurist. "As a result, many defendants charged with serious crimes are getting off with lesser offenses," said Freind. Because it would amend the state Constitution, the measure must be passed by two consecutive sessions of the General Assembly and then ratified by Pennsylvania voters.

WHEN THE LEGISLATURE resumes its session in September the Senate is expected to consider a House bill which would improve the enforcement of child support orders in Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Rep. Lois S. Hagarty (R-Montgomery), the measure unanimously passed the House in late June and was sent to the Senate where it was referred to the Judiciary Committee for study. Hagarty's bill would strengthen enforcement procedures in the area of child support by allowing for wage and income attachments, if necessary. It would also create a more uniform system of determining the amount of support payments by authorizing courts to revise current support payment guidelines. "With its many benefits to support recipients and taxpayers, and reduction of welfare costs, it makes sense to adopt my legislation as promptly as possible," Hagarty said.

OPINION

Congress needs to make cuts

By JOHN SLOAN

When members of Congress went home for the Independence Day recess, they had all but given up on their goal of reducing the deficit, and it now appears that the considerable influence of the President of the United States will be needed to get them back on the road to making necessary spending cuts.

By early June, the Senate and the House had forged separate plans to reduce the Fiscal 1986 budget deficit by more than \$50 billion. But when conferees from both houses met to iron out the differences, they couldn't agree on some key provisions. So, they parted company leaving many observers in Washington wondering if there would be a deficit reduction package at all.

I was one of a small group of business leaders which met with President Reagan at the White House on July 2. We told him of our deep concern about the deficit and the failure of Congress to complete action on a package of spending cuts. We urged the president to "vigorously and personally direct his efforts to deficit reduction."

If the president does not become deeply involved again, it is unlikely that significant spending cuts will be made — and the only alternative to even greater deficits will be a tax increase.

Congress must reduce the deficit

through spending cuts this year. Politically it is the best time to do it, because the hard decisions on where to cut spending will not be made in the spotlight of election-year politics. Economically it is the best time, because the economy is still strong and the impact of cuts will, therefore, be minimized.

One of the sticking points in the House-Senate Conference Committee was the treatment of cost-of-living increases for Social Security. The small-business members of the National Federation of Independent

Business support limiting the adjustments for inflation for Social Security and other entitlement programs. They also support far greater cuts in the budget of the Small Business Administration than either the House or the Senate approved.

President Reagan has taken the initiative to make deficit reduction the priority it must be.

(John Sloan is president of the National Federation of Independent Business.)

LETTERS

Coverage appreciated

DEAR EDITOR:
Many thanks for the fine coverage our recent Spring House Tour received in your publication.

The project was quite successful, raising nearly \$2,200 for our general operating fund.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your continuing cooperation.

ESTELLA PARKER-KILLIAN
WYOMING HISTORICAL AND
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Soccer club is grateful

DEAR EDITOR:
On behalf of the Dallas Soccer Club, I should like to thank your paper for coverage given to our golf

tournament held on June 21. Your support added greatly to the success of this project.

MARY ANN HOPKINS

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