

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

ONE OF OUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR this week brought a lot of comments from people in the office.

When a gentleman from Dallas suggested that maybe Edward and Bernadine Weiss are being harassed by a poltergeist, the eyebrows of some of our staff members were raised in sheer disbelief.

Then again, since this vandalism has been going on for over a year now and still there are no clues as to who's responsible for it all. So, maybe the idea of a poltergeist isn't all that unbelievable.



MARTIN

SPEAKING OF UNBELIEVABLE THINGS (but having absolutely nothing to do with poltergeists), it's kind of hard to believe that school will be starting again very soon.

Conversations among the mothers in our office have been about the time (not to mention the money) they're spending on school clothes these days.

I think those mothers who work for us have managed to beat the system, though. They're all going to take their kids out shopping and buy them enough clothing to get them started. Then, they're going to wait until the kids come home from school and find out what all their friends are wearing - you know, the things they simply have to have because all their friends have them.

Then, they're all going school shopping again! I thought it was a pretty good idea. That way, the kids don't have a closet full of things they won't wear because nobody else is wearing them.

Whatever happened to being unique and wanting to be the only one with a certain type of clothing in the whole school. Oh well, I guess kids today are into uniformity - they all look alike anymore.

DURING LUNCH AT FRANKLIN'S RESTAURANT the other day, I overheard a conversation among a mother and two of her sons.

From what I gathered (and, please don't get me wrong, I was not eavesdropping), the younger of the two sons is on his way to college come September while the older one has already been through that routine.

It brought back a lot of good memories to listen to the three of them discussing the things that would have to be done between now and registration time and the things the younger boy is going to have to do once he gets to college - like laundry and study and all that fun stuff.

These suggestions, of course, came from the mother while the suggestions of partying and chasing women, I'm sure, will be discussed by the older brother at a much more appropriate time and place.

SPEAKING OF FRANKLIN'S, Julie Geiger seems to be putting smiles on the faces of a lot of people as the new hostess at the Dallas restaurant.

Julie, who formerly worked at the Franklin's Restaurant in downtown Wilkes-Barre, was recently transferred back to her hometown and seems to be making breakfast and

lunch a very pleasant experience for the restaurant's customers.

THE AREA BOY SCOUTS who attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree this summer were simply bubbling over with stories of their experiences at the event.

A few of the boys were in our office the other day, relaying some of the things they did at the jamboree to staff writer John Kilduff and, even a few weeks after the affair, they were still flying high about what they did and saw at the jamboree.

What a tremendous experience for these guys - they surely sounded like they had a wonderful time.

MISTY BLUE, that lovable little dog who belongs to Jane Cummings of Dallas, is now a member of Therapy Dogs International.

What is Therapy Dogs International, you ask? Therapy Dogs International is a group of canine owners who have banded together to form a group that spreads cheer by allowing their dogs to become friends with others.

Dogs involved in Therapy Dogs International have lots of friends - mainly people in nursing homes and elderly people who do not wish to communicate with another human beings. The therapy dogs spend time with these people, become their friends and, from what I understand, do wonders for the people who won't relate to anyone else.

SPEAKING OF THE ELDERLY, a bus full of older residents pulled into the parking lot of our plaza the other day. The driver got out, ran into Kasarda's Florist next door to our office, and emerged with a gigantic bouquet of balloons.

None of us know where the bus was coming from or where it was going, but it sure was a neat sight when the driver boarded the bus with his arms full of balloons. And the passengers on the bus all looked kinds of happy, too.

HERE'S ONE I NEVER HEARD BEFORE. I spoke to a woman who does public relations work for the Family Service Organization the other day and, when I asked her how she was doing, she proceeded to inform me she had her arm in a sling.

All I could think of was a fall down a flight of stairs, a bicycling accident or an automobile accident. Imagine my surprise when the woman informed me her arm was in a sling from housework.

IT WAS NICE TO SEE DIANE MALONIS this week. Diane stopped by our office Monday afternoon and was in the middle of doing what every other mother in the Back Mountain is doing these days - getting the kids ready for school.

Booster shots, clothes and perms were on the agenda for Diane's schedule that day. Hang in there, Mom, it'll all be over soon and you won't know what to do with all the time on your hands.

AND, FINALLY, a note to the guy who flew out the Avoca airport on a business trip last weekend. I certainly hope your trip back was a little less hectic than the trip out.



REMEMBERING

Oneonta Hotel

Shown here is a view of the old Oneonta Hotel from across Harveys Lake. Notice the people walking toward the photographer in the distance. Thanks to Mrs. Jack Conrad of 6312 Arlingham Road, Flouertown, Pa. 19031 for submitting this photo for publication.

Only yesterday

Contracts awarded for annex to high school

FIFTY YEARS AGO - AUGUST 23, 1935

Contracts for the one-story annex to Dallas Township High School were awarded to W.F. Sutter, Nescopeck, at a bid of \$19,185; J. L. Turner, Nanticoke won the heating contract while the plumbing contract went to Leo F. Steadie.

Pauline Varner, Dallas, won second prize in the nail driving contest and Claire Tredinnick, Dallas won second place in the ball throwing contest for women at the annual Jr. O.U.A.M. picnic and field day at Harveys Lake. Approximately 11,000 members and friends attended.

Engaged - Cecilia Whitesell and Joseph Ellsworth
Married - Rose Frantz and Harold Earle Wall; Mary Joseph and Arthur Evans; Ethel Casterlin and Ernest A. Gay.

Deaths - Ada Braden, Clifton Springs, N.Y.
You could get green peppers or cucumbers 3-5 cents; lettuce 2 heads 15 cents; grapes 10 cents lb.; cheddar cheese 19 cents lb.; peaches 4 lb., 25 cents; Bokar coffee 23 cents lb.; apples 7 lb., 25 cents; sweet potatoes 3 lb. 11 cents; Mason jars 59 cents a dozen pints.

FORTY YEARS AGO - AUGUST 24, 1945

Lehman Volunteer Fire Company purchased a corner lot opposite Lehman High School Building from George Lewis and expected to erect a fire house there. Arthur Ehret headed the building committee.

With the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific area, price controls would be maintained according to an announcement from Dallas War Price and Rationing Board officials. Price controls remained on all food, clothing, furnishings and other necessities. Rationing, however, had been dropped on canned goods, gasoline, fuel oil and stoves.

Engaged - Hildreth Marie Fritz to Albert Kanon.
Married - Agath G. Kamor and Theodore Busch, Martha King and William Konkwright.
Deaths - Hamilton S. Clemow, Trucksville; Mrs. Burt Scouten, Noxen, Russell Evans, Carverton Rd.
You could get - Ivory soap 6 cents med. bar; Crisco 1-lb. 26; Hershey cocoa 2 lb. pkg. 19 cents; pears 2 lb. 29 cents; perch fillet 33 cents lb.; butter 48 cents lb.; Boraxo 13 cents pkg.

THIRTY YEARS AGO - AUGUST 26, 1955

Two Back Mountain boys, George Major and George Yurko, members of Blue Ridge Chapter FFA, Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School took grand champion ribbons during a week devoted to dairy cattle shows. Major won at Bloomsburg while Yurko won at the Tunkhannock FFA Show.

Mrs. Z. Platt Bennett's English bull terrier went Best in Show for the sixth time during the year

competing against 569 dogs at the Maple City Kennel Club show at Hornell.

Engaged - Ann Baker to Joseph Hughes; Phyllis Elaine Swan to Alvin Cragle.

Married - Maude Leek to George Theron Still
Deaths - William M. Williams, Norton Ave., Dallas; Henry A. Waugh, Centermoreland; Alice Eppley, Ruggles; Russell Edwards, Carverton.

You could get - school bags 98 cents; wallets \$1.98; children's Roy Rogers or Dale Evans watches \$5.45; children's school shoes \$2.49; girl's dresses \$1.49; sweaters, \$2.98; socks 3 pair \$1; Paper-Mate pens \$1.69; pencil boxes 25 cents.

TWENTY YEARS AGO - AUGUST 26, 1965

Lake-Lehman Schools initiated a blood-assurance through the PTA at the suggestion of supervising principal Lester Squier. Mrs. Leonard Selingo, Mrs. Thomas G. Brown, Mrs. James McCaffrey and Mrs. William Shalata were in charge of the program.

Kenneth Kirk, chairman of the Business Education Department of Dallas High School was appointed for a three-year term as a member of the lackawanna Junior College Board of Trustees.

Engaged - Sandra Welton to Airman 2nd Class Stuart Stahl; Betty Jean Davis and Leslie H. Carder.
Married - William rinken to LeVerne Hlanak.

Deaths - Julia Cragle, Roaring Brook; Eugene Hummell, Harveys Lake; G. Earl Smith, Harveys Lake.

You could get - boneless round roast 79 cents lb.; bacon 95 cents lb.; honeydews 59 cents each; peaches 4 lb. 49 cents; tomatoes 4-1 lb. cans 49 cents; candy bars box of 24, 89 cents; cottage cheese 25 cents lb.; cream cheese 8 oz. 29 cents; angel food ring 39 cents.

TEN YEARS AGO - AUGUST 28, 1975

Grace T. Cave Shop, featuring women's and girl's clothing, closed after 36 years of service to the community.

Lake-Lehman School District opened its new Lehman-Jackson Elementary School Students K-5 from the Lehman-Jackson area plus all sixth grade students in the district were housed there.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoover, Sutton Creek Road, Harding, 50 years.
Deaths - Irene Maransky, Sweet Valley; Isabell Stackhouse, Dallas; Sterling Kitchen, Shavertown; G.M. Nicholson, New Goss Manor.

You could get - smoked hams \$1.29 lb.; bottom round roast \$1.49 lb.; franks 99 cents lb.; bananas 2 lb. 29 cents; lettuce 29 cents head; Kraft orange juice 83 cents 1/2 gal; Kraft imitation mayonnaise 32 oz. jar 79 cents; corn 2 cans 69 cents; pork & beans 4 cans \$1.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Speaking of coincidences, which we really were not; I originally started writing for the newspapers using as a general subject, What's new at the Library? The coincidence is this: We have just had a terrific display of 38 fantastic robots which were very well received by our junior patrons as well as the adults.

Glancing through a current copy of People magazine, there was an article titled: "What's hot on the Beach?" and to my surprise there were two robots in this beach scene. One was a large Omnibot Robot costing around \$250 which can be programmed to carry a refreshing refill to its master when the glass is empty and the other smaller one was a Verbot Robot around \$85 which can scoot about and perform simple tasks. It seems our robot display was very timely and tied in with what's new and hot on the beach as well as in the library.

A very special thank you to the Dallas Lions Club for their donation of \$1200 to the library for the purchase of large print books for the visually handicapped.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is not conducting a regular 'Friends of the Library' campaign for 1985 because of our major capital funds campaign. However, we are asking our friends who may not have been contacted to contribute to the capital campaign to consider mailing a contribution to the library and marking it 'capital campaign'.

We have had a great deal of people in to see our special quilt display, "Andy's Quilt," the personal property of Rev. Andrew Pillarella, is such a beautiful piece of workmanship and it is being shown so well on our built board. It's worth a visit to see!

A very special thank you from the library staff and board members to two 'grande dames'! Mrs. Florence Crump, president of the library Book Club and chairman of the auction book booth for many, many years; and Mrs. Gertrude Moss, a one-woman committee who has handled our auction Ham 'n Yeggs fund raiser for a great many years. Mrs. Crump is 90 years young and Mrs. Moss is only 85. These are two terrific women and we would wish that we could be even half as active at that age! Two beautiful people and avid library supporters!

A recognition tea for library volunteers will be held at the library on Tuesday, August 27 at 2 p.m. This is to be a special salute to our summer volunteers.

The library board of director is happy to welcome two new board members; Carole Ertley and Howard Grossman, both of Dallas. The board also wishes to announce the 1986 Library Auction chairman will be Dr. John Shaskas, a Dallas Veterinarian.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

REGULATING THE RETAIL MINIMUM PRICE OF MILK IN PENNSYLVANIA is necessary and should be continued by the state, the Joint Study Committee on Retail Milk Pricing was told this week. The committee heard testimony from milk producers, milk dealers and representatives of associated industries. Rep. Carmel Sirianni (R-Susquehanna), committee chairman, noted that while the panel has consumer representation, no spokesmen from consumer groups testified. "Perhaps the complaints by some so-called 'consumer activities' about minimum milk prices are unfounded," Sirianni said. She added that time has been set aside at the Sept. 19 meeting of the committee for consumer testimony. Most of those who did testify at the hearing agreed that without minimum milk pricing the milk industry would be in a state of turmoil.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE prepared this week for public hearings on the escalating costs of health care, scheduled to begin Aug. 20 in Philadelphia. Under study by the committee are eight bills aimed at curbing rising medical costs in Pennsylvania. The legislation includes a proposal advocating outpatient care over inpatient treatment whenever possible, creation of a state fund for health care of the poor and public advertisement of hospital costs. After three days of hearings in Philadelphia, the committee will hold a hearing in Allentown in September.

CHECKING FOR INTOXICATED DRIVERS through the use of roadside checkpoints has been ruled constitutional by Commonwealth Court, but the Thornburgh administration is studying the procedure to determine if it is appropriate for Pennsylvania. The checkpoints were used during a 12-week period in 1983, but were stopped when they were challenged in court. Gov. Thornburgh has ordered his staff to study the "appropriateness" of the program. The stops are designed to take less than a minute. However, if the driver appears intoxicated sobriety tests or a breath test may be administered.

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OPINION

Sometimes, there's reason to complain about media

By EDWIN FEULNER

The sinister right-wing cave-dwellers with whom I occasionally split a six-pack of Coors still spend considerable time complaining about the news media. And, for good reason in many cases.

Though a series of recent libel trials, involving CBS, Time, and The Washington Post, has sobered the journalism fraternity somewhat, a sizeable contingent of graying 1960s radicals still wields considerable power at many major news organizations, including the Washington bureau of the supposedly pro-business Wall Street Journal.

Unfortunately, while business executives have much to complain about, they have a strange way of dealing with their media enemies. On the advice of Heaven-knows-whom, they reward antagonists and inaccurate reporting by continuing to pour millions of advertising dollars into the coffers of the same news organizations which attack them. One notable exception is Mobil Oil, which could no longer endure the Wall Street Journal's

ever-ready hatchet and cut the Journal out of their advertising budget.

The same problem appears in the world of corporate philanthropy. Many corporations, heeding the advice of a new generation of public relations executives steeped in the 1960s doctrine of corporate "social responsibility," continue to deliver fat checks to "do-good" organizations which want to "do-in" big

business.

A recent issue of Philanthropy Monthly, for example, showed that of the top 25 organizations by New York state, ranked according to annual income, nearly a third were members of the environmental lobby.

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LETTERS

Poltergeist may be to blame

DEAR EDITOR:

Relative to your article, "Reward being offered in vandalism case" (Dallas Post August 7), every time I have read about Edward and Bernadine Weiss's problem with vandalism, I have wondered if they might actually be dealing with a poltergeist.

Cases of stones and eggs falling

on houses "out of the blue" are not unprecedented. If the Weisses don't find a culprit in the flesh, they may want to look into the possibility that someone who should have "passed on" is hanging around due to some unresolved problem.

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