

# Commentary

## Editor's notes

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

FOR THOSE OF YOU who are still asking where I'm going on vacation I'd like you to know that I am there now - as you are reading this column.

Where, you say? Ah, that's my secret - at least until I return.

But if you really think you know where I've chosen to spend my week of rest and relaxation, send me a letter and tell me where you think I went. Remember to include your name and phone number so I can personally let you know if your guess was correct.

One thing I want you all to know, though, is that as much as I thoroughly enjoy my job - it sure does feel good to get away!

I know our staff members are probably enjoying a whole week without me, but have no fear, gang. I will return to haunt you sooner than you think!



MARTIN

MY WARMEST GET WELL WISHES to our own Charlot Denmon who is hobbling around town on crutches these days.

Charlot claims whatever happened to her foot happened while she was asleep, and whatever it was it was serious enough to put her on crutches for some time. Fortunately, Charlot's niece, Cathy Wilson, is a foot doctor and was able to give Charlot quick attention.

A determined member of The Dallas Post editorial staff, Charlot assures me that the crutches are not going to get in her way when it comes time to cover football this weekend.

And, do you want to know something? I believe her!

I GAVE MY AGE AWAY the other day when someone asked me if I had seen Madonna's wedding on television.

I didn't even know Madonna got married and when told the name of the bridegroom, I sheepishly admitted I had never even heard of him. Oh well, give me credit for at least knowing who Madonna is.

MUCH THANKS TO DAVE AND SHIRLEY PEARN of Forty Fort for sharing a treasure with us.

Dave and Shirley spent some time at Shirley's grandmother's house in Orange last week and, while sitting through some old photos and other memorabilia, came across a special supplement to a 1967 edition of The Dallas Post.

It was rather strange to see how newspapers looked just 20 years ago - the ink was brown instead of black and the photos looked almost fake.

One thing that caught my attention, though, was the publishing of school attendance records, letting everyone know how many days of school each and every student had missed throughout the year.

I can almost hear my phone ringing off the walls with irate parents screaming at me if we were to publish such a thing today. Times sure do change, don't they?

Anyway, thanks a whole lot to Dave and Shirley. The staff members got a big kick out of reviewing that old paper.

WE HAD A NICE VISIT from Bobby (Zampetti) Z from Bobby Z's Video Memories in Wilkes-Barre.

Bobby is a band leader in the Tunkhannock School District and was on his way home from spending the day getting his band room in order. So, he stopped in to visit and tell us how he spends his last week of summer vacation - doing absolutely nothing. A night of Grotto Pizza with his friends, a night in the Poconos, a little relaxing here and a little relaxing there. Some life, isn't it?

Acutally, Bobby Z is a pretty busy guy - with his radio show and the programs he conducts at Hunter Mountain in Hunter, N.Y. And, his video memory business certainly keeps him busy.

Speaking of video memories, when my brother and I were kids, my father spent a lot of time with a movie projector to his eye, taking movie pictures of my brother and me - movies that would become so valuable to us some day. After counting over 20 rolls of Super 8 film (that required projectors and the whole bit to view), I decided to have my entire childhood transferred to a cassette tape that can be viewed on a television set with the aid of a video cassette recorder.

My father and I sat together and watched over two hours of a priceless film the other night and, as the two of us wiped the tears from our face, I think he and I both realized what a wonderful childhood I really had.

What's sad, though, is that we never realize how wonderful those days are until they're over.

Anyway, for whatever it's worth. Thanks, Dad, for all those great times we've had - both now and when I was a kid.

PATTY GINOCHETTI and three of her four children were enjoying subs at Minotti's in the 309-415 Plaza the other day.

Not having seen Patty (we grew up together since our backyards met in West Wyoming) for some time, I was thrilled to catch up on the news of her family.

With her she had Annette, Nadine and Vincent while Dad (Gino from Gino's Shoe Store) and oldest son, Brian, were missing out on dinner with Mom.

I DECIDED IT WAS TIME for me to go back to school and start learning some more. So, I chose a Marketing Course offered by Luzerne County Community College and held at Dallas High School.

I went to registration the other night and got a little nervous when I was unsure of just how to answer some questions on the application. After all, it's been eight years since I was a college student. One tends to get a little rusty after some time.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out to a few members of our staff who celebrated birthdays this week.

Office manager Peggy Poynton, circulation manager Jean Brutko and advertising representative Betty Bean noted their birthdays earlier this week while Becky Whitman, editor of our sister paper, the Abington Journal, is celebrating her birthday today.

Happy birthday to all of you!



## REMEMBERING

### Waving the flag

A bicentennial float created by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lehman Volunteer Fire Co. was one of the highlights of the Lehman Horse Show parade in July, 1976. From left are: Chris Sutton with her daughters, Nicole in her arms and Jenny; and Carol Margellina, seated, holding her daughter Tracey. Seated in front is Pam Coolbaugh. Seated at center is Celia Ellsworth and behind her Joyce Coolbaugh. Next to them standing is Elda Coolbaugh; seated at right are Cathy and Jason Ncdale. Standing far right is Jet Cook.

## Only yesterday

# WPA may build addition to Dallas high school

FIFTY YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 6, 1935  
Directors of Dallas Borough school board discussed plans for a six-room addition to the high school building. The project would be a WPA job.

Judge Warren Davis was speaker at dedication ceremonies for the new fire house at Harvey's Lake. The ceremonies were a tribute to retired Woolworth Co. executive Daniel C. Roberts who donated the \$15,000 which paid for construction of the building and the \$9,000 for the new fire engine.

Married - Ariene S. Baldwin and Adam Kiefer; Winifred Crossley ad Lloyd Cease; Ilene Jackson to Garfield Goodman.

You could get chuck pot roast 17 cents lb.; stewing chickens 27 cents lb.; lamb 19 cents lb.; Eight o'clock coffee 15 cents lb.; evaporated milk 10 tall cans 55 cents; paraffin wax 10 cents pkg.; Certo 23 cents bottle; 20 pz. loaf bread 6 cents.

FORTY YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 7, 1945  
Construction of a new \$12,500 firehouse in Lehman was assured this week when Bertha Conyngham, widow of the late John Conyngham, donated \$5,000 to the Fire Company. The new building would be located across from Lehman High School on a corner lot owned by George Lewis.

Alarmed at the rising tide of juvenile delinquency, Dallas Borough Council took drastic action to remove some of the causes. Council advised Burgess H.A. Smith to have police warn owners of establishments operating punch boards, pin ball machines and slot machines to remove them at once or have them confiscated.

Married - Ardis Adele Lloyd to Sgt. Howard Archie Wilcox; Marjorie Dender to Captain John J. Szela. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. William Garnett, Loyalville, 33 years.

Deaths - John P. Murphy, Goss Manor; Mary A. Bond, Lehman; Stanley Ide, Idetown.  
You could get chickens 47 cents lb.; sausage 37 cents lb.; 2 lb. bag coffee 47 cents; cauliflower lg. head 25 cents; cabbage 3 cents lb.; potatoes 15 lb. 45 cents; onions 3 lb. 19 cents; Ivory soap 3 guest size bars 14 cents; Spic and Span 21 cents pkg.; pears 2 lb. 29 cents.

THIRTY YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 9, 1955  
William Amos, formerly of Demunds Road, appeared on "Life Begins at Eighty" television show. Nearly 90 years of age, Amos stayed at the Hotel Astor in New York prior to the broadcast.

A widespread rumor that there might be a case of typhoid in the area was proven groundless when Dr. Malcolm Borthwick assured residents that tests performed on Anthony Christ, Franklin ST., Shavertown, were negative.

Married - Evelyn K. Will to Leonard H. Ide, Jr.; Eleanor Ray to Norman Dymond; Mary Anne Kemmerer to Peyton B. Lee, Jr.

Engaged - Jean Gummo to Russell Traver.  
Deaths - Clyde Casterline, Noxen; Charles Updyke, Sweet Valley; Lawrence Minier, Hunlocks Creek; Archie G. Culver, Hunlock Creek; William Henry Cragle, Sweet Valley.

You could get chuck roast 29 cents lb.; veal roast 49 cents lb.; beef liver 49 cents lb.; bartlett pears 2 lb. 29 cents; cauliflower 29 cents head; American Cheese, 2 lb. box 99 cents; Velveeta Cheese 2 lb. 89 cents; Louella Butter 68 cents lb.; Vets Dog Food 6-lb. cans 49 cents.

TWENTY YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 9, 1965  
Pennsylvania Department of Health shut down the Lake Township dump. Township supervisors looked into the possibility of using the Yatsko landfill on the western edge of the township.

The Rotary Fall Fair promised to be a weekend of fun featuring the State Police Exhibition of Trained Horses and dogs and a craft and hobby show.

Engaged - Janet Louise Reed to Wesley Evans.  
Married - Florence Louise Billings to James Robert Finn.

Deaths - Jonathan Jones Shavertown; Darwin K. Roberts, Dallas.

You could get pork loins 39 cents lb.; boneless stewing beef 69 cents lb.; fully cooked hams 69 cents lb.; 20 lb. bag potatoes 69 cents; lemons 49 cents doz; lge. green peppers 4-19 cents; nectarines 25 cents lb.; rd. delicious apples 3 lb. bag 49 cents; cottage cheese 25 cents lb.

TEN YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 11, 1975  
Lehman Fire Company captured first place honors in the firemen's olympic contest at the Luzerne County Fair. Companies competed from Harveys Lake, Shavertown, Idetown, Kunkle, Lehman, Trucksville and Franklin Township. Categories included pumping contest, portable pumping contest, 10 man bucket brigade and five man bucket brigade; women's bucket frigate and tug-of-war contest.

Back Mountain Protective Association invited nominations for the Back Mountain Community Service Award. Dr. Budd Schooley was group president.

Engaged - Mary Dorothea Saraceno and Theodore William Wright; Nancy Elizabeth West to Gary S. Walters; Elizabeth Ann Clements to Bruce Gover; Sandra Gail Gordon to Duane Ronald Sprau.

You could get apple sauce 3 cans for \$1; Duncan Cream cake mixes 63 cents; 38 oz. Crisco oil \$1.49; 8 pz. cins cheese 38 cents; half gal. milk 65 cents; 1 lb. margarine 55 cents; Velveeta cheese 95 cents lb.; Skippy epanut butter 40 oz. jar \$1.69.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Post correspondent

What a nice sight to see! I drove into the library parking lot this morning and noticed about 12 preschool children in the playground area of the library grounds enjoying the swings, the sliding board and the climbing bars.

These children were under the expert supervision of their instructors from the Little People Day Care School, now occupying the second floor of the library. It's nice to see the grounds being used and we do enjoy the little people.

Our tomato plants are really growing! I had to get some stakes and tie them up the other day because they were beginning to lay down on the flowers. Two of the plants are the miniatures and one is regular size, with a tomato about 1½ inches round.

If this tomato survives and becomes red, we are planning on having a tomato party; a small sampling type party.

The library has received a donation of a very specialized book. Mrs. Helen Bubeck of Forty Fort has donated the book "Adventures With Rare Coins" by Q. David Bowers, which was a gift to her husband, Lee, and given to him by the author who was a close friend of Lee's, having grown up in Forty Fort.

The book was autographed by the author to Lee in 1979 and is an exciting interplay of collectibles, collectors, history, discovery, and marketability. It covers rare and everyday coins, paper money, scrip, gold dust, and silver ore, all the while absorbing the legends and lore of our country's unmismatic history.

Mrs. Bubeck felt this book would be a valuable asset for its research and resources and thereby donated it to the library, to make it available for public use. We thank Mrs. Bubeck for the gift.

It seems hard to believe that summer is almost over and Sunday begins the beautiful month of September; my favorite month of the year. September has so many good things; the lovely clear days, the warm sunshine, and mostly, the color of the leaves as they begin to turn.

It also has something to do with my being a Virgo, born on the 19th and the fact that it will be 18 years this September since I began working at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

October will be an important month for the library as it will celebrate its first 40 years. On Oct. 12, 1945 the ceremony to mark the dedication of the library was held complete with ceremony and parade. We have come a long way since then and hope to have a significant celebration.

One thing being planned for October by Priscilla Liput and Florence Crump is a Book Sale to be held in the book storage room on the lower level of the library. A three day happening!

The library will return to regular hours beginning September 4. We open Monday through Saturday at 9:30; Close at 8:30 Monday through Thursday and close at 5:30 on Friday and Saturday. We invite you to visit and tour your new library any time we are open!

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# DEAR "AUNT PATTY"



DEAR AUNT PATTY:

I am a housewife looking for a job. I answered an advertisement in the newspaper where I responded to a box number. I received a telephone call from the secretary of the company and she scheduled me for an interview at a downtown hotel. I went to the hotel, asked for the man I was supposed to meet, gave the company's name and went to the room.

The interview went all right but I was uncomfortable being in a hotel room with a strange man who knew all about me because of my previously sent resume but whom I knew nothing about except that he worked for the company for which I was applying. I was extremely nervous because of the setting of the interview. Do you feel I was justified or do many companies use hotels for interviews? By the way, the company was from out of the area.

JOB HUNTER

DEAR JOB HUNTER:

It is a common practice for out-of-town businesses to hold interviews at hotels or motels instead of asking applicants to travel to distant cities for interviews. In the future when the same situation may come up, I would suggest you ask the inter-

viewer to leave the door open as a courtesy to you. You do not have to give any explanation for requesting the open door. The majority of job opportunities from out-of-town are for sales positions in which interaction between men and women will be a common practice. If it makes you feel uneasy, maybe you should choose another field.

DEAR AUNT PATTY:

My daughter will shortly begin attending kindergarten. She has always been very close to me and seldom plays with other children because of where we live. She is quiet, shy and has a hard time interacting with other children. Also I regret that our time together will be interrupted. What can I do to help her accept and like going to school?

WORRIED MOM

DEAR WORRIED MOM:

Talk to your daughter about what a wonderful time she will have in school and about exciting things she will be learning and doing. Tell her about some of your experiences when you were little. Assure her that you will always be there when she gets home. You must be brave and not act worried or troubled

because she is leaving you. Give her something of yours to take with her in her pocket or lunch bag. Evening gluing a picture of you inside her lunchbox to look at during her snack time will help her during the transition. I always gave my children a secret kiss on their fingertips. I told them to touch their fingers to their cheeks anytime they felt they needed a secret kiss from Mommy. It seemed to help them.

DEAR AUNT PATTY:

My cousin is cheating on her boyfriend. I saw her out with this other guy and she begged me not to tell her Mom. The guy she was with has a terrible reputation and has been in trouble many times. My cousin is only fifteen and this guy is 22 years old. Should I tell her Mom? I don't know what to do.

CUZ  
DEAR CUZ:

I think your best bet would be to have a heart-to-heart talk with your cousin yourself. Find out from her what she finds attractive about her new friend. Let her know your concerns and tell her it is because you care about what happens to her is why you are worried.

DEAR AUNT PATTY:

My 12 year-old-son and 14-year-old

daughter fight and pick about everything. I was an only child who always wanted a sister or brother, and this constant bickering really upsets me. Can you offer any suggestions?

R.G.  
DEAR R.G.:

Part of the problem may be your unrealistic idea that siblings are always crazy about each other. Even those who are close have fights. And adolescence is such a stormy time that it's highly unusual when teenage sisters and brothers do get along well.

Sometimes the less you expect your children to like each other, the closer they will eventually be. If one child takes advantage of another, parents may have to intervene. But your everyday squabbling should reassure you that being an only child wasn't so bad after all! Just get out of the house for awhile or lock yourself in the bedroom until the storm passes.

(Editor's Note: "Dear Aunt Patty" The Dallas Post's weekly advice columnist has moved on to another job. This week's column is the last "Dear Patty" column to run in The Dallas Post. Good luck in your new job, Aunt Patty.)