

# Commentary

## Editor's notes

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

**WELCOME TO MEIGHAN REINO**, daughter of Jim and Margaret Reino of Armstrong Drive, Shavertown.

Meighan was born on September 20 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and a little birdie tells me Mommy and Daddy are just tickled pink with her.

Congratulations, Jim and Margaret - I'm thrilled for you.

#### THE BLOOMSBURG FAIR

was held last week and, as far back as I can remember, I have always gone to the fair. It seems nothing ever changes at the fair, but when you miss one, you feel like you've missed something.

Anyway, I'm sure glad I got there this year because I ran into **DOROTHY AND DICK HARDING**, two people I have known all my life but haven't seen in years.

Dorothy and Dick, good friends of my parents ever since I was a toddler, recently moved back to this area after spending a few years in New Jersey. And, lo and behold, they are living right near the Dallas High School and read *The Dallas Post* every week.

I think they moved out here to the Back Mountain (instead of to their original nesting place of West Wyoming) because they want to be as close to golf courses as they possibly can - I hear both of them are still as good at the game of golf as they used to be.

Anyway, it was nice to see both of you - and my Dad was thrilled to hear you're back in town.

**A GREAT BIG WELCOME** to the Back Mountain area goes out to Wayne Taylor, newly-appointed president of Offset Paperback Manufacturing Co., Dallas.

Taylor has been chosen to fill a position left vacant by the recent death of Tom Marvel. Taylor's appointment was announced by Ian Richardson, vice-president of the Dallas-based firm.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Linda Stallone of Dallas who was recently named senior manager of communications at Commonwealth Telephone Co. in Dallas.

Linda and I also go way back, having grown up across the street from each other in West Wyoming. It sure is nice to see her putting her talent to use right here in the Back Mountain.

Linda and her husband, Dr. James Stallone, are the parents of two children.

**COLLEGE MISERICORDIA** experienced some electrical problems with the rainstorm we had here on Friday.

Seems the power kept going on and off at the college and the employees were not only having a hard time getting letters typed on electric typewriters, but were having a devil of a time trying to make a pot of coffee.

Rumor has it several CM employees were seen making purchases at a local coffee shop throughout the day.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SUSAN REDMOND** who was crowned the 1985 Homecoming Queen at Lake-Lehman High School this past Saturday.

I had the privilege of meeting Susan just a few short weeks ago when she agreed to join our staff as one of the Lake-Lehman High School correspondents this year.

It was nice to see her being named Homecoming Queen this year.

**IT WAS ALSO** nice to see Cheryl Campbell in our photographs again this week.

Cheryl, who is the sister of our photographer Ed Campbell, was the 1984 Homecoming Queen at Lake-Lehman and returned to her alma mater to crown Miss Redmond during halftime ceremonies at the Lake-Lehman field.

**I SPENT SOME TIME** this past weekend with an old friend of mine - well, not really an "old" friend but a friend I haven't seen for a while, anyway.

**JOAN ROGERS** of Vernon and I and a few other friends got together and relived some "crazy" times of years past. Joannie laughed so hard that night, the tears rolled down her face. Oh, it's always so nice to get together with people you haven't seen in a while.

Joan has promised to stop in to visit us with her husband, Lee, and their two children, Cindy and Timmy Rogers.

**ONE OF MY INFORMANTS** told me this week that some gentlemen who work at the Dallas Post Office are rather upset with me and something I wrote about the post office in a recent column.

My problem, however, is that I can't remember what I wrote that could possibly make those guys angry. After all, they do a great job getting our paper out to our subscribers on time and I've never had a complaint about their way of doing things.

I wish, though, if they have a complaint about something I wrote, they'd call me so we can straighten out whatever it is they're upset about.

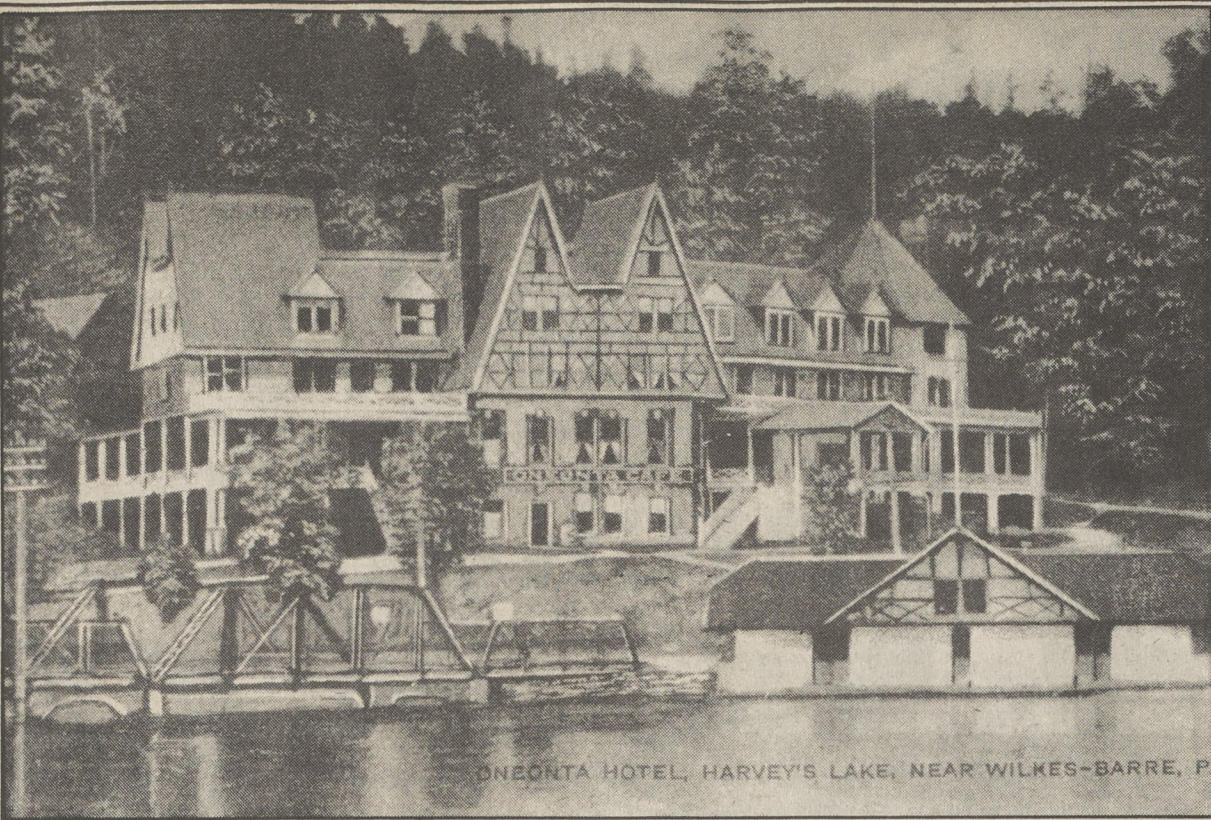
**ON A PERSONAL NOTE**, I'd like to congratulate my stepsister, Susan, on a recent accomplishment of hers.

Remember, Sue, sometimes you have to put in a lot of time before you get something you want.

**OUR REMEMBERING COLUMN** needs your help desperately. Several months ago, we embarked on the commitment of providing our readers with an old photo of the Back Mountain every week.

And, we've had some really nice photos in our remembering column. However, our files of old photos are becoming depleted and we are once again turning to the residents of this area to help us out.

Take an hour or two and go through those boxes you have in your attic or in your cellars - you may find some really nice photos we can reproduce in our remembering column. And, you might even be surprised at what you'll find in your own memory boxes.



## REMEMBERING

### Oneonta Hotel

Mrs. Jack Conrad of Flourtown, Pa., a former resident of Dallas, was kind enough to loan us this photo of the old Oneonta Hotel that used to stand tall at Harveys Lake.

### Only yesterday

## Contract signed for annex to township high school

50 YEARS AGO - OCT. 4, 1935

A \$22,000 contract was signed for construction of the annex to Dallas Township High School. W.F. Sutter of Nescopeck was awarded the general contract. The annex would solve the school's congestion problem by providing two additional classrooms and an auditorium.

Senator Andrew J. Sordani was re-elected chief of Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company of Harveys Lake. Otis A. Allen was re-elected president.

Two more WPA projects were granted to local communities this week when President Roosevelt approved more than \$700,000 for PWA and WPA jobs in Luzerne County.

**Birthdays** - Mrs. Barbara Kiefer, Dallas, 90 years old; Mrs. Anna Rozelle, 90 years old.

**Anniversaries** - Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Baker, Overbrook Rd., 50 years.

**Deaths** - Peter Brong, Evans Falls. You could get - Stewing chickens 25c lb.; chuck pot roast 17c lb.; shoulder lamb 21c lb.; eggs 2 doz. 59c; cheese 19c lb.; Little Neck clams 100-35c; 2 lg. cans pineapple 35c; corn 3 No. 2 cans 29c; 3 pkg. Jello 20c.

**40 YEARS AGO - OCT. 5, 1945**  
General offices, construction and maintenance departments of Harveys Lake Light Company were moved from Forty Fort to Dallas. General manager L.F. Kingsley was in charge of the move.

Veterans of both World Wars met to discuss plans for building a Legion Home in the Back Mountain area. Plans included a bowling alley, recreation center and lounge.

**Engaged** - Laura Jean Nulton to Michael T. Novajsky.

**Married** - Mabel Oney to Sgt. Anthony J. Matovsky.

**Deaths** - Goodwin Klinefob, Sweet Valley. You could get - Chickens 47c lb.; liver pudding 39c lb.; hamburger 28c lb.; cauliflower 15c lg. hd.; cabbage 3c lb.; oranges 2 doz. 45c; honey dew melons 10c lb.; butter 48c lb.; Lux soap 3 bars 20c; 18 oz. can V-8 juice 15c.

**30 YEARS AGO - OCT. 7, 1955**  
Unprecedented increase in enrollment at Dallas Borough/Kingston Township schools posed a problem in overcrowded classrooms. Various solutions were discussed including the possible construction of a six room school in the vicinity of the Checkerboard Inn.

Hutnsville Christian Church began its last bits of construction on the second story educational unit. New construction also added considerable seating to the sanctuary and provided six classrooms, a choir room, and office.

**Married** - June Boston to Andrew Tregan; Gloria Davis to Harman D. Adams; Marjorie Saunders to George Richards; Joyce MacMillan to Howard Smith; Jean Gummo and Russel Traver.

**Anniversaries** - Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Whitesell, Lehman, 55 years.

**Deaths** - William Carroll, Philadelphia; Ivy Grace Pethick, Shavertown; Murray Strait, Hunlocks Creek.

You could get - Sirloin steaks 79c lb.; large shrimp 59c lb.; rib roast 59c lb.; tokay grapes 10c lb.; brussel sprouts 29c qt.; mushrooms 49c lb.; tomato soup 11 cans \$1; mild cheese 49c lb.; orange juice 4 cans 59c.

**20 YEARS AGO - OCT. 7, 1965**  
The resignation of Roland Gensel as Assistant Police Chief of Jackson Township left the municipality without a daytime enforcement officer.

A truck load of straw parked in front of the August Walter's welding shop caused a costly fire. Trucks from Shavertown, Kunkle, Idetown, Trucksville and Dallas battled the blaze.

**Married** - Janet Louise Reed and Wesley M. Evans; Diana Myers and Charles J. Kovalick.

**Deaths** - Betty Grose, Sweet Valley; A. George Prater, Overbrook Road.

You could get - Pork loins 39c lb.; chicken breasts 53c lb.; rib steaks 85c lb.; Tokay grapes 10c lb.; apples 4 lb. bag 29c; honeydews 69c lb.; broccoli lg. bunch 29c; cucumbers 4-29c; 2 reg. bars Dial soap 33c; Chicken of the Sea tuna 2 cans 69c.

**10 YEARS AGO - OCT. 2, 1975**  
Back Mountain Protective Association named U.S. Rep. Dan Flood recipient of their Community Service Award. The prestigious award was presented during a banquet at Irem Temple Country Club.

Dallas candidates for Homecoming Queen included Jan Taylor, Mary Sherman, Dana Ziegler, Holly Booth, Maureen Nolan, Katie Gray and Marti Spears.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library celebrated its 30th anniversary.

**Married** - Diane Morgan and R.F. Gonzalez; Elaine Marie Heidel and Gary Eck; Debra Rinkin and David Sharp.

**Deaths** - Avis E. Liscombe, Dallas; Rhonda Greenley, Trucksville; Samuel I. Green, Dallas; Florence Malkemes, Trucksville; Arthur Engler, Harveys Lake; Mary Arnt, Shavertown.

You could get - Western round steak \$1.59 lb.; boneless beef roast \$1.49 lb.; scrapple 69c lb.; Shurfine cream style corn 3 cans 89c; tomatoes 3 cans \$1; 1/2 gal. Dairylea homogenized milk \$1.29 1/2 gal.; onions 3 lb. 49c; grapefruit 5-79c.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By **NANCY KOZEMCHAK**  
Library Writer

Another coincidence! While reading a Wilkes-Barre newspaper the other day, I came across the article about the United Nations' 40th anniversary. The assistant secretary general of the United Nations, Robert Muller, was interviewed at a press conference in San Francisco, California and related how many young people today know nothing about the United Nations.

His quote, "Children are not being educated about the UN and that's bad. It is a people's organization, and he told the young people of Children's Express that the year 2000 belongs to you. On June 25, 1945, the UN charter was signed in San Francisco and came into being on the 14th of October in New York.

Many governments will be getting together in New York this month to commemorate the anniversary. The coincidence is: The Back Mountain Memorial Library will also be 40 years old in October. We have made some very special open house birthday party plans and hope the entire community will come to the library and celebrate with us on our 40th birthday and work with us as we begin the Next Chapter.

In looking over some of our past history, I came across something interesting. There has been a unique antique clock in the main check-out area of the library for many years which has since moved up to the new building with us. It keeps very good time and on page 26 of our history record, there is recorded that Miss Lathrop in her first five week report to the library board showed rapid growth in circulation and the increase in library equipment and volumes. Also she reported the acceptance of an electric steeple clock as a memorial gift from Mrs. Dwight Fisher, Kingston. We know now that the clock has been at the library at least 40 years, and is a rare possession.

In conjunction with our capital campaign, there are gift plan purchases which can be given to the library. Some of the necessary items we need are: 4 reading room tables at \$170 each, 1 reference room table for \$357, chairs for the tables at \$68 each, 2 card catalog sections at \$410 each, 1 card catalog base at \$134, a card catalog table at \$346, 2 upholstered lounge chairs at \$112 each, 1 magazine table at \$107, 9 window shades at \$127 each, 1 outdoor "Back Mountain Memorial Library" sign at \$1600, other items as landscaping, paving the parking lot, drop ceiling and lighting in children's reference and office area, vacuum cleaner, and a rider lawn mower. All of these items can be donated to the library and a special plaque will be placed on the item to the donor's specification. Call Nancy Eckert, Homer Moyer or the library for further information.

## 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 AUTHORIZING** a long-delayed \$4.5 billion Pennsylvania Turnpike improvement program passed the House and Senate this week. The proposal was approved by the General Assembly after a compromise over the make-up of the Turnpike commission was reached between the Thornburgh administration and Democratic leadership. The compromise ends a seven-year stalemate which left an unfilled vacancy on the commission and held up authorization for the Turnpike improvements. The construction program is expected to create thousands of jobs in the state. It includes widening the toll-road near Philadelphia, expanding the highway near Greensburg and adding three new interchanges.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES** in the operation of the Public Utility Commission were recommended in a report released by the House Consumer Affairs Committee. The study was prepared as part of the sunset review process required by state law. The report suggested that the PUC should encourage utilities to cut 5 percent from company expenses to help keep utility costs under control. It also recommended that terms of PUC commissioners be reduced from the current 10 years to four years. The report further stated that the public perceives the PUC as "placing too little an emphasis on the concerns of the ratepayers in reaching its decisions." Legislation which would implement the proposed changes was introduced in the House. Under sunset review statutes, state agencies, boards and commissions are examined periodically to determine if they should be modified, remain the same or be abolished.

**VOLUNTEER COACHES**, umpires, managers and other adult leaders in organized youth sports programs would be immune from certain lawsuits under legislation introduced by Rep. Robert J. Flick (R-Chester). Flick's measure would cover those adults who volunteer as leaders and the organizations which sponsor the activity.

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## OPINION

### U.S. better learn to clench its fists against terrorists

By **EDWIN FEULNER**

As the Reagan administration learned the hard way, as it muddled its way through the relatively brief TWA hijacking and hostage-taking, U.S. military power has its limits.

Its greatest limit, however, seems to be a persistent unwillingness to use it.

The high jewel of the Reagan administration's allegedly tough international policy is still, unfortunately, the liberation of Grenada. Cheers for us. But was it such a big deal? The mighty United States managed, not without some minor difficulty, to subdue a rag-tag bunch of Caribbean and Cuban Marxist riffraff. Is that what U.S. power has been reduced to?

I recently ran across some early January newspaper clippings in my files reporting that the United States was in the process of forming a 2,000 man commando force which would enable us to strike at terrorists worldwide. The article, based on an NBC News report, said further that two aging Polaris subma-

rines, the John Marshall and Sam Houston, were being converted into underseas commando posts, each capable of carrying 100 anti-terrorist fighters from the Navy's Seal Team 6 or the Army's Delta Force.

In addition, the report said, "about a dozen transport aircraft and two dozen helicopters have now been assigned to the commandos."

This is great - on paper. It will be greater still when the anti-terrorist strike force is fully operational. But it will never be - even after the submarines have been converted and outfitted; the men trained; the material strategically located around the globe - if the commander-in-chief is unwilling to order U.S. forces into action.

The Navy has been appropriately tight-lipped about the conversion of the John Marshall and Sam Houston. Navy officials, however, confirm that both ships are at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard undergoing "modification or ship alteration to provide additional military capability." The \$16-million modifications are scheduled to be completed this month.

It would be inappropriate for the

United States government to make a public announcement about its capabilities or its intentions. Moreover, such public statements are not necessary. Intelligence sources worldwide no doubt are well aware of the fact that the Reagan administration is preparing the United States to go on the offensive against bloody terrorism - to wage what scholar Richard Shultz refers to as "twilight warfare."

The administration probably can be forgiven for its handling of the TWA hijacking.

In the not too-distant future, all of the excuses for sitting on one's hands in the face of international cut-throat terrorism will be made moot. That will be the day the U.S. counter-terrorism strike force is ready for action. And most assuredly it will be tested.

When that day comes, if the United States flinches again, and refuses to use its great power, no one anywhere will be safe. Heaven help us.

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