

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

JUST IN CASE any of you have seen me or see me in the next few weeks hobbling around with this gigantic, ugly-looking surgical boot on my foot, don't believe half of the rumors you may hear.

No, I did not kick the dog and break my toes. No, I did not get mad and kick a filing cabinet in the office. No, I did not fall out of bed, or down a flight



of stairs. And no, I did not have a motorcycle accident. I had a simple surgical procedure done to straighten out a problem a few of my toes seemed to be having. The doctor assures me I will only have to wear this stupid-looking thing for two weeks (which is now starting to feel like an eternity) and two weeks after that, I will feel like brand new. I'm quite anxious to see if she knows what she's talking about.

So, as rumors will have it, don't believe any of them. You've gotten the truth here, right from the horse's mouth. Believe it!

I'D LIKE TO WISH a belated happy anniversary to two very special people in my life.

My Dad and his wife, David and Laura Martin of Forty Fort, celebrated their third wedding anniversary last Wednesday.

It's strange, sometimes, realizing I'm a member of a stepfamily. Stepmothers and stepfathers used to be things you only read about in Cinderella stories - they weren't supposed to happen in real life.

But, anyway, it did happen and I can honestly say if I had to hand-pick a stepmother, I couldn't have done any better than my father did when he married Laura. The only thing I do is that whenever Laura gives me a hard time about anything, I simply remind her that Cinderella hated her stepmother.

Anyway, happy anniversary to both of you. May you enjoy many more good years together.

SPEAKING OF ANNIVERSARIES, great big wishes to two good friends of mine who celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary recently.

Maureen and Jeff Banks of Carverton Road in Truicksville noted their special day recently as Maureen spent the evening working and Jeff spent the evening watching the couple's four children. I guess after 15 years of marriage, that's the way you're supposed to celebrate an anniversary.

Rumor has it, though, the Banks are planning some big hoopla in a few months to note the occasion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to my special friend, Bill Kubis, who noted his birthday on October 5.

I HAD THE HONOR of being a member of panel discussion with other members of the local media at the Wilkes-Barre campus of Penn State last Thursday morning.

The Leadership Wilkes-Barre Program, which meets once a month, conducted a panel discussion with members of the media to enlighten business people involved with the program as to what the function of area media really is.

experience for me, but a rather educational one, also. Staff members of The Dallas Post were honored to have their newspaper represented on the same panel with staff members from The Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, the Citizens' Voice, WNEP-TV Channel 16, WBAX Radio, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and the Philadelphia Inquirer.

CONGRATULATIONS to head football coach Ted Jackson and the Mountaineers of Dallas High School on what is turning out to be a rather prosperous grid season.

Jackson, in his first year at the Mountaineers helm, seems to have put together a rather solid football program at the Dallas school as the locals are picking up more fans with every victory they chalk up.

HURRICANE GLORIA did some pretty heavy damage throughout parts of Northeastern Pennsylvania last week.

However, one young man by the name of Michael Harris wasn't about to be stopped by the driving force of the rainstorm.

Harris, a former resident of Dallas who now lives in Kingston, is an employee at Valentine's Sales & Service right next to our office on Route 309.

As Harris and his employer finished working on a four-wheeler the infamous day Gloria made her debut in Wyoming Valley, the young man decided to take the bike outside and give it a test run.

Telling his boss the creek behind our building had only a foot of water in it, he drove the four-wheeler across the creek and headed toward a plot of land on the other side where the garage crew usually tests bikes when they're through working on them.

The young man, however, found out in a hurry that the water in the creek was a little deeper than a foot and, as he started floating down the creek on the four-wheeler, he hurled screams of help toward the garage from where he had just come.

Needless to say, members of our staff also heard the young man calling for help and ran outside to see what they could do.

When we all got out there and found the young man laughing from having so much fun, we all joined in the fun and watched him as he and the four-wheeler floated down the creek.

Michael didn't have as much fun when it came time to try to get the four-wheeler out of the water, but he certainly discovered a new way of riding a four-wheeler in a rainstorm.

THE NEWEST MEMBER of the "Over the Hill" Club is Richard Jones of Dallas who celebrated the big 4-0 last week.

Remember, Rich, they say life begins at 40. Let me know if "they" know what they're talking about, will you please?

WISHES OF GOOD LUCK go out to Sally Wagner of Demunds Road in Dallas who recently embarked on a new position at Commonwealth Telephone Company.

A former employee of Merchants Bank, formerly Wyoming National Bank, Sally is now working in the customer service department at Commonwealth.



REMEMBERING

Dallas Borough

Shown here is a photo of Dallas Borough as it appeared in the year 1901.

Only yesterday

Shavertown native stars in Broadway production

50 YEARS AGO - OCT. 18, 1935

Although critics were divided in their reactions to "Bright Star" the Phillip Barry drama which opened in the Empire Theatre, New York City, locals were sure the play would be a success. Area native Lee Tracey of Shavertown was star of the production.

A Guernsey cow owned by Colonel Dorrance Reynolds of Dallas finished a new official record for production which entitled her to entry in the advanced register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club. She had 9091.3 pounds of milk and 405.9 pounds of fat.

Married - Beulah Goodwin and Lanceford Sutton; Caroline Parry and Carl Allen.

You could get - Smoked hams 31c lb.; stewing oysters 3 doz. 25c; ground beef 2 lb. 33c; prunes 5 lb. 25c; 1 lb. Ritz crackers 21c; 1 lb. can cocoa 10c; pink salmon 2 tall cans 23c; Libby's Apple Butter 3 cans 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - OCT. 12, 1945

Grade school children enthusiastically endorsed the new Back Mountain Memorial Library. Although the library opened at 2 p.m. the first day business was slow until the school children came in. Shavertown florist Herb Hill took out the first book. Miss Miriam Lathrop was librarian.

Operations for clearing the site for construction of the new Housing Foundation Inc. plant at Hay's Corners was proceeding. Lawrence Lansberry, Idetown, was awarded the contract for lumbering and grading.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Moss, 44 years.

You could get - Skinless franks 37c lb.; sausage 39c lb.; chuck roast 26c lb.; oranges 2 doz. 41c; grapes 15c lb.; rutabagas 3/4c lb.; Ivory soap, 4 med. bars 23c; 25 lb. bag flour \$1.05; tomato soup 3 cans 23c; 7 oz. jar mustard 9c.

30 YEARS AGO - OCT. 14, 1955

Back Mountain Little League Champions for the fifth time in six years, the boys of the Lehman-Jackson team received trophies before a large crowd. Joseph Niezgodka was coach, Bob Disque, manager. Andrew Demmon was team sponsor.

Fred Case was named head teacher at Beaumont Elementary School.

Dedication services were held for Huntsville Christian Church members. The church celebrated its 112th anniversary and also the dedication of its newly constructed education unit. Rev. Edward J. Bruce officiated.

Engaged - Harriet Jane Coslett to James Weiss. Married - Mildred Irene Clark to Victor Cappucci.

Jr., Thelma Burkhardt to Ralph Swire; Cora Elizabeth Steele to John Wicht.

You could get - Chuck roast 33c lb.; hams 49c lb.; potatoes 29c peck; Macintosh apples 7 lb. 25c; eggs 59c doz.; sausage 59c lb.; doughnuts 19c doz.; raisin bread 19c loaf; Tokay grapes 3 lb. 29c; Bartlett Pears 2 lb. 29c.

20 YEARS AGO - OCT. 14, 1965

Centermoreland Auction and Barbecue netted \$3445 in profits. Profits were shared among Centermoreland, Dymond Hollow and East Dallas Churches.

Charles James was named staff advisor at Lake-Lehman Elementary School.

A delegation of residents of Machell and Sterling Avenue section of Dallas protested the proposed nursing home in that area. Protestors feared that there would be a traffic problem, the real estate values would suffer and that a sanitation problem would develop.

Married - Betty Jane Cyphers and John Paul Mokychick; Joyce Sweppenheiser and Robert M. Redington Jr.

Deaths - Mrs. Doreen Humphrey, Huntsville-Idetown Rd.; Elmer Weaver, Noxen; Maude E. Eipper, formerly of Dallas; Emma Schriber, East Overbrook Rd.; Ellen Deater, Harveys Lake native.

You could get - Chickens 26c lb.; bacon 79c lb.; boneless turkey breasts 75c lb.; Eight O'Clock coffee 69c lb.; sea scallops 99c lb.; oysters 8 oz. 79c; apples 4 lb. 29c; Tokay grapes 10c lb.; pears 2 lb. 39c.

10 YEARS AGO - OCT. 16, 1975

Franklin Township supervisors sought bids for the erection of a metal building on Williams Road in the Orange section of the township for use as a municipal building.

Poster winners in the Back Mountain Volunteer Fireman's Association fire prevention poster contest were Suzanne Sabulski, Janus Kelner, Jill Shaffer.

Married - Elizabeth Ann Clements and Bruce Gover; Susan Bucan and Donald G. Voelker; Carol Louise Ward and David Nicholson.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, Davenport St., Dallas, 60 years.

Deaths - Herbert Goodwin, Beaumont; Ellen Gibbons, Chase Road; Ada Kocher, Harveys Lake; George Searfoss, Harveys Lake; Floyd Pope, Shavertown.

You could get - Sirloin steak \$1.79 lb.; sliced bacon \$1.99 lb.; kidney beans 4-16 oz. cans \$1; tomato sauce 3 cans 99c; Kraft Parkay margarine 2 lb. pkg. \$1; Bartlett pears 2-16 oz. cans 89c; Kraft American singles 89c pkg.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Farewell, September! Where did it go? We did have some lovely clear, warm days, and the leaves are definitely beginning to color.

I celebrated a very nice September 19th with some very special birthday surprises. Monday, September 30th, the last of the month, I was not even able to be outdoors to enjoy the warm air and sunshine; instead, I was inside an institute of healing trying to break a high temperature and knock out an infection. I did stick my nose out of the window in the hospital room and at least smelled the warm air.

I could not even take a shower there because of the brown water and my infection, however I had a real neat room mate Millie, who brightened every day. Our slogan became, while waiting to get washed in the mornings, 'Bring in the towels'. We sort of ran a shuttle bus to the library bringing papers back and forth so I could work on the board reports. My small calculator stopped working when the battery ran down and once when I answered the phone, it landed in the waste basket.

Did you ever get wakened during the night by a voice saying "I need your arm"? I thought I was dreaming, however, it was the nurse with the IV.

The Rev. Mr. Jack came to visit and one thing for sure, time waits for no one, while he was visiting, housekeeping mopped and then wet-mopped the floor. He just picked up his feet and moved around in the chair. Along with the pain and suffering, there was a lot of laughter, and I am beginning to recuperate from this nasty affliction.

Pat Campbell, our number one capital campaign girl typist and new book processor, has left the library to join her husband in Ohio and I, for one, will certainly miss her. She is a lot of fun and a terrific worker. I say to her, good luck and farewell, Pat!

Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9:30 to 5:30 is the library's 40th birthday. The entire community is cordially invited to visit the library, become a part of it and see how far we have come in the first 40 years and go with us as we write The Next Chapter.

We are planning an open house all day with punch and birthday cake to celebrate. A book sale will be conducted in the lower level of the library during the celebration. We will be taking orders for a special T shirt with the library logo printed on it for anyone who is interested.

In conjunction with our capital campaign, we want the public to be aware of the special \$1,000 club. The people who contribute that amount will be listed on a special plaque which will become a permanent part of the library building.

Dr. Shaskas announces an organizational meeting for the 86 auction at the library on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:30. All interested auction volunteers are urged to attend.

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 PROHIBITING employers from firing workers for wearing protective clothing on the job against company rules overwhelmingly passed the House this week. The bill, which was sent to the Senate by 183-16 vote, was prompted by the 1982 dismissal of an employee at Three Mile Island. The worker refused to discontinue wearing a respirator when the company ordered him to stop. The employee was subsequently fired. The company claimed the respirator was not necessary and impaired the worker's performance. A similar bill passed the House last session but died in the Senate.

VIDEO POKER machines would be allowed in bars and restaurants under a bill approved by the House Finance Committee. The measure would require establishments with liquor licenses to obtain a permit from the Revenue Department. It would also require licensing of the manufacturers and distributors of the machines. Profits from the machines would be divided between machine owners, bar owners, local governments and school districts. A majority of voters in each county would have to approve a referendum allowing the machines before they would be permitted in that county. The bill has moved to the House floor for consideration.

STATEWIDE PUBLIC hearings into the growing problem of auto theft have been scheduled by a special House panel. At its organizational meeting, the seven-member Special Committee on Auto Theft and Chop Shops scheduled two hearings: Oct. 30 in Pittsburgh and Nov. 21 in Harrisburg. Experts from the areas of law enforcement, auto salvaging, the insurance industry and the Transportation Department, as well as the general public, are expected to testify. Following the hearings, the committee will recommend appropriate legislative steps to combat the problem.

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LETTERS

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We have free copies of the books "The Miracle on Main Street" by F. Tupper Saussy and "A Plea For The Constitution" by George Bancroft for those first 30 students who send us a request - along with their name, address, school and name of the teacher of their class. A free copy of the Constitution of the United States will be sent to all students who send in their request.

As the 200th year of the Constitution nears, all students, teachers and scholars of the Constitution should have and study these two books for a more complete understanding of this great document.

George Bancroft, born in 1800, was Secretary of the Navy and founder of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Ambassador to the Court of St. James and Minister to Germany. He knew Lord Byron, Baron Rothschild, von Bismark and Goethe. Percy Bysshe Shelley

dashed off flattering verse in his honor. Bancroft, as a historian, wrote the 10-volume History of the United States of America from the Discovery of the Continent. He knew James Madison, John Adams and LaFayette. He also had known Andrew Jackson, Polk and every president since Monroe.

When the Supreme Court issued its opinion in Julliard vs. Greenman, Bancroft was "shocked at what he called this 'language of revolution'" A Plea for the Constitution, published by Harpers in 1886.

"Distinguished economics, experts, Nobel prize winners and White House advisors notwithstanding. The Miracle on Main Street contains the only lawful and workable solution there can ever be to our worsening financial woes, public and private. Amazingly, this solution is already with us, built into the mechanics of our government. But the design is such that the solution must be activated from Outside government, activated by you and me - the people..."

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achieved. As each individual uses the United States Constitution to preserve the value of his own fortune, our decaying federal economic, political and social conditions will begin healing themselves - literally overnight. This truly is the stuff of which miracles are made" from the Forward by James A. Woods, P.E., Engineering Consultant.

It would be appreciated if the students would present a review of the books to their classmates. Perhaps the D.A.R. and L.W.V. would welcome a review at one of their meetings. Perhaps the books could be presented to the school library after the students complete their study.

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