

# Commentary

## Editor's notes

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

IT'S BEEN A WEEK AND A HALF NOW and I'm still hobbling around like nobody's business. My co-workers have come to call me "Bigfoot" - affectionately, I hope.

The biggest problem I have found with this whole surgery thing is trying to keep my foot dry while taking a shower. After two unsuccessful attempts, I ran back to Dr. Judy Smith who proceeded to lay me out in lavender for not following her instructions.

All it took was for her to tell me I would have to wear this stupid looking shoe longer if I continue to get my foot wet and I immediately reverted to taking a bath instead of a shower.

THE DOCTOR'S NURSE and I have decided we are going to put our heads together and come up with some kind of contraption that will allow a person to take a shower without getting their feet wet.

I thought I had it licked with a large plastic bag and a rubber band that was so tight around my leg, the toes that were exposed from the bandage started to turn blue. But, even that didn't work.

So, anyway, Ann and I are racking our brains now to figure out some way to keep our feet dry in the shower. We plan to make a few million dollars on this idea so if anybody wants to get in on the action, call me with your suggestions.

I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED about the impression I leave on people while running around in this surgical shoe.

I remember meeting a young man from Dallas for the first time. His name is Brett Slocum and he had his foot in one of these "things" after suffering a volleyball accident. It's funny how you remember things like that.

I understand, though, that Brett Slocum has more important things to concern himself with these days - like trying to figure out how he's table can get served first at a Consistory dinner and how he can avoid those back road policemen.

MY FAVORITE MAN, my father, stopped by our office the other day and offered to buy me lunch - an offer I almost never turn down.

We went to the Irem Temple Country Club and enjoyed a really nice lunch. Not only was the food delicious, but the country club grounds were absolutely beautiful on that particular Fall day.

As Dad and I were walking through the parking lot, an elderly gentleman pulled into one of the handicapped parking spaces. Although he did not have a handicapped license plate on his car, I figured after all these years, the man certainly was entitled to park close to the door.

The gentleman very slowly crept into the space, making sure he left enough room on either side for those before him to get out.

Quite a while after Dad and I were seated in the restaurant, this gentleman strolled into the room, making his way with the aid of a

wooden cane.

One of the waitresses immediately instructed a younger girl to move some tables together by the window and to make sure the lighting was as good as possible. Seems that as soon as Mr. So and So arrived, he and some of his buddies who were waiting for him were going to play cards.

The waitresses at the country club knew enough to situate the tables by the window so that Mr. So and So could "see" to play cards. It sure was comical to watch everyone there make it easy for this guy to "see" to play cards after he had just been outside driving a car. Wonder who adjusts the lighting on the highways so he can "see" to drive a car.

SPEAKING OF FALL LEAVES like those on the grounds of the country club, we sure have a pretty sight to enjoy on a daily basis from our office windows.

Across the street, right behind the Dallas Shopping Center, are some really pretty trees. You can bet your bottom dollar every one of enjoys those trees every day. And, we are so very thankful for our new office that offers windows for us to enjoy the world - a luxury we didn't have before moving to the 309-415 Plaza.

MY GOOD FRIEND, Mrs. Helen Conrad of Flourtown, Pa. has come through once again. A few weeks ago, I issued a plea for old photos for our Remembering column and Mrs. Conrad has pulled me through.

A former resident of South Pioneer Avenue in Trucksville, Helen often drops me a line and offers some old photos from the Back Mountain for use in our paper.

This time she provided me with several post card photos which will appear in our Remembering column in weeks to come.

HELEN IS ALSO very well-versed on the Back Mountain and days gone by.

In her letter this time, she told me about some of the things that were considered customary during those days. Helen told me she was a teacher in Shavertown during 1936 and 1937. She resigned from the profession, however, when she got married. Seems in those days, there was a ban on married teachers. Can you imagine that?

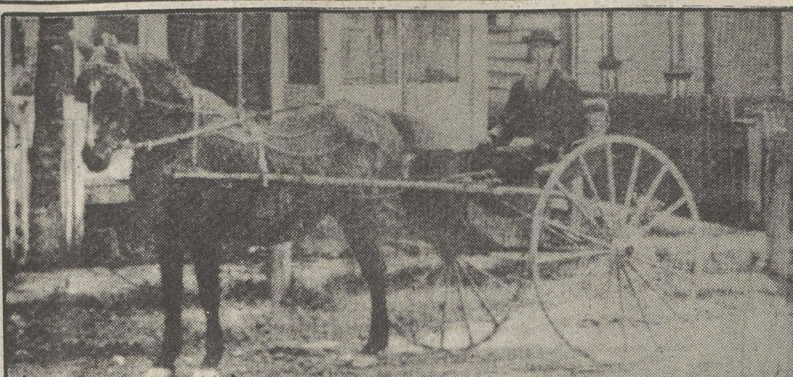
JONATHON PINENO, leader of the youth group at the Lehman United Methodist Church, displayed his talents during the recent production of "Damn Yankees" at the Music Box Playhouse in Swoyersville.

I have heard nothing but good things about both Pineno and the production itself.

I HAD A RATHER SCARY EXPERIENCE last Wednesday - I took my first test in eight years.

As we all know, I recently became a student again, after an eight-year layoff. Getting back into the swing of things of reading, studying and going to class was quite difficult at first, but now the whole idea is starting to grow on me.

Anyway, the first test was last Wednesday and, let me tell you, after not taking a test since 1977, I almost forgot how to study.



## REMEMBERING

### Two wheel carts

Calvin Kitchen is pictured with his horse and two-wheel cart some 80 years ago in Benton. Note the picket fences and long bears of Mr. Kitchen. Despite the fly nets on the horse, the tail is barely visible as it swishes flies.

### Only yesterday

# Borough charter member notes 80th birthday

50 YEARS AGO - OCT. 25, 1935

B. Frank Bulford, last survivor of the 52 men who signed the Dallas Borough charter, celebrated his 80th birthday at his home near Huntsville Road.

The danger of serious forest fires in this area as a result of the dry condition of the woods was lessened this week by drizzling fall rains which drenched newly-fallen leaves and checked the number of blazes which have been springing up since the beginning of the month.

Engaged - Ruth Hoffman to Robert Shotwell.  
Married - Marcella A. Krieger to James L. Casterline; Dorothy Beisel to Wesley S. Moore; Freda Daubert to Floyd Neeley.  
Deaths - Bernice Achuff, Kunkle; Ziba Casterline, Demunds; Amanda Hartman, Hunlock Creek; James A. Rauch, Exeter.

40 YEARS AGO - OCT. 19, 1945

Members of Daddow-Isaacs Post American Legion raised Old Glory while Lehman High School Band played the National Anthem at dedication of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The Library served as a permanent memorial to all Back Mountain men and women who have served in all wars.

The Dallas Post announced that it had purchased the Dr. Alexander Watt property at the intersection of Machel Avenue and Harveys Lake Highway and would erect one of the most modern community newspaper plants in the area.

Married - Helen Louise LaBar and Cpl. Ralph Antrim; Pauline Claire Race and Carl Smith.

30 YEARS AGO - OCT. 21, 1955

Four foreign students from the junior class at College Misericordia spoke to members of the Book Club at the Back Mountain Memorial Library; Maude Wadestrand, Haiti, Adelsa R. Almaris, Philippines, Camille Vieirs from British Guiana and Dolores Nagai, Hawaii.

Students at Lake-Noxen schools participated in the celebration of Pennsylvania week displaying a Pennsylvania Dutch theme for their exhibits and developing Pennsylvania Dutch delicacies in the home-making department.

Daddow-Isaacs Post installed new officers at the newly built American Legion Home on Memorial Highway. Joseph P. Kravitz was named commander.

Engaged - Marian P. Strazdus and Raymond K. Snyder.  
Married - Florence Ruth Bynon to Richard B. Peters; Lois Swingle to Charles Engelman; Florence Keiper to Robert Shilanski.  
Deaths - Maude Strait, Hunlocks Creek; Horace Cook, Lehman; George E. Dean, Shrine View; Peter Hopfer, Noxen.

You could get - Hams 49c lb.; sausage 59c lb.; ham 98c lb.; eggs 59c doz.; coffee 73c lb.; lobster tails 79c pkg.; evap. milk 6-73c; oranges 59c doz.; cauliflower 2 lg. hds. 35c; Heinz catsup 2-45c; house paint \$5.49 gal.

20 YEARS AGO - OCT. 21, 1965

Sister Mary Chrysostom was named new principal of Gate of Heaven School. Previous to her appointment she had taught first grade and served as primary coordinator.

Three Dallas High School seniors were recipients of letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship tests. Todd Richards, Howard Weiner, and Patricia Bauman would receive full tuition scholarship offers from numerous colleges.

Engaged - Amelia Irene Franja and John J. Natt; Tally Thomas and James J. Shields.  
Married - Carol Owens and David Nevel.

Anniversaries - mr. and Mrs. Earl Crispell, Noxen, 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kytile, Outlet-Lehman Rd., 58 years; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fielding 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Traver, Ruggles, 40 years.

Deaths - Guy Downer, Shavertown; Nellie Brown, Dallas; Lewis Hallock, formerly of Dallas; Mary Burdock Turay, Trucksville.

You could get - Boneless round roast 83c lb.; turkeys 39c lb.; king crab legs 89c lb.; bananas 2 lb. 25c; mushrooms 49c lb.; green onions 2 bunches 19c; applesauce 4 cans 49c; 6 cans Red Heart Dog Food 95c; 2 bars Palmolive Soap 33c.

10 YEARS AGO - OCT. 23, 1975

One of the nine casts of "Up With People" international organization appeared at Dallas Junior High School. An educational organization which had been known around the world through the international casts of people representing 28 countries, the group was focusing their performances in the United States in honor of the Bicentennial.

HELP a Humanized Experience in Learning with Parents, a program involving parents and teachers in children's learning processes had been made possible in the Dallas school district through a grant of \$63,000 from the federal government.

Married - Jennifer Anne Garris and Steven D. Withers; Megan Hughes Thomas and William Arthur Goeller; Sandra Gordon and Duane R. Sprau.  
Deaths - Nelson Booth, Lehman Ave., Dallas; Cecil Poynton, Sr., Shavertown.

You could get - Chuck roast \$1.09 lb.; ground chuck 99c lb.; Indian River grapefruit 5-69c; carrots 2 cello bags 25c; Hawaiian Punch 2-98c; Cranberry sauce 2-75c; Nabisco Saltines 16 oz. box 69c; orange juice 64 oz. 79c.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

One of the tomatoes on our plants did survive and became red. We had our small sampling party and the tomato was delicious. The smaller yellow cherry tomatoes were very productive and we had large quantities of those and were able to give some away to our patrons.

A very special thank you to a special friend, Jean, one of our faithful volunteers, brought me one red apple the other day to help with my convalescence. It was a delicious apple and I hope it will help to keep the doctor away. Thank you, Jean.

Our display case is featuring some antique toys belonging to John Halbing of Dallas. There is a wooden hand-made minstrel dancer which was made by John's great, great grandfather which works by reaction from a vibrating bouncing board. This was made during the 1850's and has been in the family since then.

There is also a man on a trapeze made in 1850, which operates by two bars with string that make him flip around. These are very unique operating toys. The center of the display features a 51 year old fire car made in England. It runs on the floor with siren blaring by means of a wound up inertia motor. We have been given permission to do some supervisory demonstrations of these toys for interested groups.

John has grown up with these toys, his father, his grandfather and his son all enjoyed these different kinds of toys. John is the owner of Newberry Estates in Dallas and is presently in the process of building some new condominiums. These toys will be on display in the library for the next four weeks.

We have hanging on our quilt board an antique silk comfort top, called a crazy quilt containing silk fabrics from the 1900's. There are many embroidered styles of edging stitches for joining, plain pieces with embroidered flowers and other designs, all handstitched. This quilt is the property of Genevieve Hall of Lehman and she received it from her aunt in 1978. This quilt will be in the library until November 4.

The Book Club will hold its October meeting on Monday, the 21st, at 1:30 in the reference room of the library. Mrs. Florence Crump will preside at the business meeting. George Jenkins will present a program of interesting slide pictures on his recent trip.

Dr. John Shaskas, 86 Auctioneer chairman, has announced that Dr. Craig Aicher will once again chair the auctioneer committee and Dot McCutcheon will be in charge of volunteers to man the various booths and sell chances. Anyone interested in helping with the planning of the auction is invited to contact Dr. Shaskas. New faces and new ideas are more than welcome. 1986 will be the 40th annual library auction and hopefully, it will be the best!

## STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

INTENSE DEBATE surrounded voting on a package of House bills intended to institute economic sanctions by Pennsylvania against South Africa. After five hours of discussion, the House passed one measure and defeated another. Other legislation in the package is expected to be considered next week. By a 105-94 vote, the House approved a bill prohibiting banks holding state funds from loaning money to South Africa, South African corporations or U.S. corporations with subsidiaries in South Africa. The House then defeated a measure by a 102-96 margin which would have required the state Public School Employees Retirement Fund to sell its investments in South African companies. Democratic supporters of the sanctions decided not to vote on the remaining bills after one measure was defeated. Republican Leader Matthew J. Ryan (R-Delaware) said that the issue was beyond the scope of state government. "This is a matter that the U.S. State Department should be handling and not the Pennsylvania state House," Ryan said.

MAJOR CHANGES in the state's financial reimbursement system to nursing homes may be necessary,

the House Health and Welfare Committee was told this week. Welfare Secretary Walter Cohen told the committee that public and private nursing homes must try harder to contain costs rather than depend on increasing assistance from the government. Cohen said medical assistance to nursing homes in the past several years has exceeded the inflation rate. A spokesman for the nursing home industry warned that a reduction in government aid might result in a lower quality of medical care. over \$373 million in federal funds and \$275 million in state money and lottery funds are earmarked for medical assistance to Pennsylvania nursing homes in 1985-86.

TEENAGE SUICIDE is reaching epidemic proportions in the United States and the House passed a resolution creating a select committee to investigate the problem in Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Rep. Roy W. Cornell (R-Montgomery), the measure calls for the formation of a five-member panel to investigate the causes, define the problems and suggest possible solutions to the tragedy of teen suicide. "Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teenagers and young adults. The teenage suicide rate has tripled since 1955. We must address this problem," said Cornell.

## LETTERS

### Balloonists thank Post

DEAR EDITOR:

Our thanks and appreciation for the excellent coverage given the Great Balloon Race, both in pre and post publicity. The wonderful front page photo of the colorful airship has been placed in our permanent archives.

Saturday's postponement and fickle winds on Sunday did not

dampen the enthusiasm of the participants, pilots and public who enjoyed a high-flying event.

Once again, thanks to you and your staff for helping launch what now looks like an annual event.

HELEN GATTUSO  
DIRECTOR OF  
COMMUNICATIONS  
CUSTOM MANAGEMENT CORP.  
KINGSTON, PA.

### Area motorist happy

DEAR EDITOR:

After many years, someone in PennDOT has finally removed the passing lane on Route 309 from Stapinski's North. They are to be congratulated by those of us who believe that caution and proper highway marking can reduce accidents and fatalities on this heavily

used roadway. Now, if the police enforce the speed limit and no passing, we and our children will be able to cross safely.

Congratulations to PennDOT again.

AL J. BALOGA  
DALLAS, PA.

## OPINION

### African situation not getting better

By EDWIN FEULNER  
Special to The Dallas Post

Despite the large amounts of aid that the U.S. and rest of the Free World have poured into Africa, the situation doesn't seem to be getting any better. Hunger and human suffering continue to spread, and the once (at least marginally) productive economies of most African nations are in shambles.

Yet, strangely enough, the State Department agency which adminis-

ters U.S. developmental aid programs - the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) - continues to claim that progress is being made.

AID's former chief economist, Alan R. Waters, disagrees. It is mysterious, indeed, Professor Waters said recently, how AID reports show African countries moving up on the scale of progress, while all the visible evidence shows that things are worse than ever. While Waters was careful to distinguish between long-term develop-

mental aid and disaster relief, which he recognizes as a valid U.S. government function, he concluded that U.S. foreign aid has probably helped perpetuate Africa's deterioration, rather solve its problems.

Indeed, Africa is like an alcoholic. And America is like the good friend who can't stand to see his buddy suffer, so he pours him another drink to help drown the pain. But all it does is make him a bit drunker - and delay the inevitable day of reckoning when he is going to have to take the cure.

There are no magic cures for Africa. But this doesn't mean we are helpless. What we need to do is radically alter our aid programs, Waters says. He suggests that we try end-running government bureaucracies and begin "contracting out." Under such a plan, private interests - businesses, entrepreneurs, you name it - would be selected for aid projects.

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