

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

HIP, HIP, HURRAY! My stitches have gone away.

No, I am not a poet, but I sure am darn glad the stitches have been removed from my foot following my recent orthopedic surgery.

That doesn't, however, mean that I am getting around any easier. All it means is that I have graduated from a specially-made surgical shoe to sneakers. And, I don't have to tell you how silly I feel going to work in an office while wearing sneakers.

I certainly hope I will be able to graduate to the next step where I can wear the shoes I normally wear.

THE ONLY SAD PART about being on the road to recovery over this silly surgery is that my other foot is exactly the same way and, sooner or later, I'll have to have that foot operated on, also.



DOTTY MARTIN

My stepsister, who always looks on the bright side of things, told me it's a good thing I'm not a centipede. Consoling little thing, isn't she?

MUCH THANKS to Rosanne Corrigan, of Plains, who called me after reading my column last week.

Debby Wysocki, our entertainment writer, is Rosanne's niece so, naturally, Rosanne has been reading our paper ever since Debby started writing for us.

And Rosanne took the time to call me for two reasons - to ask me how I was doing after my surgery and to tell me how much she enjoyed reading our paper. She said, while living in Plains, she had never seen a copy of The Post before and she wanted me to know how much she enjoyed reading it.

Can't tell you how much we enjoyed hearing from you, Rosanne - you certainly brightened my day! Thanks.

ANOTHER LOCAL RESIDENT who also enjoys reading our paper is Ralph Elston of Kunkle.

Ralph, who is the grandfather of one of our employees, Jane Cummings, says our paper certainly is getting better.

Thanks for the encouragement, Ralph, and remember people like you are the reason we're here.

HERE'S ONE FROM THE "Believe it or Not" department.

The Warden Place Ladies Auxiliary held a Christmas Party recently. That's right - a Christmas party. So, if you see an article in today's paper listing the names of those who attended the Christmas party, we're not losing our marbles, we're just telling you what happened.

And these women really did have a Christmas party - they wished each other a Merry Christmas and everything.

CONGRATULATIONS to Courtney Dick on being named the 1985 Dallas High School Homecoming Queen.

It was also nice to see Amy Aston, the 1984 Dallas Homecoming Queen, return to her alma mater to partici-

pate in this year's homecoming ceremonies.

Amy, who was voted one of The Dallas Post's Student/Athletes of the Year last year, was at the Dallas football field on Saturday afternoon to crown Miss Dick during halftime ceremonies.

SPEAKING OF the Dallas football team, congratulations are certainly in order for Coach Ted Jackson and his squad of fine young men.

The Mountaineers proved themselves to everyone in the Back Mountain, and most likely to anyone else who follows the Wyoming Valley Football Conference, when they rolled over a tough GAR team this Saturday.

Coach Jackson and his assistants have done a great job with the Mountaineer gridiron squad this season. Keep up the good work, boys - the Back Mountain is proud of you!

THE DALLAS FOOTBALL TEAM certainly skunked our prognosticators last week as every one us expected GAR to defeat the local boys. But, we were wrong and every one of us was tagged with a loss on that game.

People around town are still trying to figure out who GoalPOST Petie is. GoalPOST Petie, for right now, is an anonymous person who makes his predictions about area football games along with five members of our staff.

And, GoalPOST Petie remains anonymous until the Wednesday before the Old Shoe Game where Dallas and Lake-Lehman meet. At that time, we reveal the identity of GoalPOST Petie for all to see.

One thing is certain, though, for those of you who may be seeking clues as to Petie's identity, he is a male and he lives in the Back Mountain. And, that's all we're going to tell you right now.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT one can see while travelling on the Cross-Valley Expressway from Wilkes-Barre to the Back Mountain.

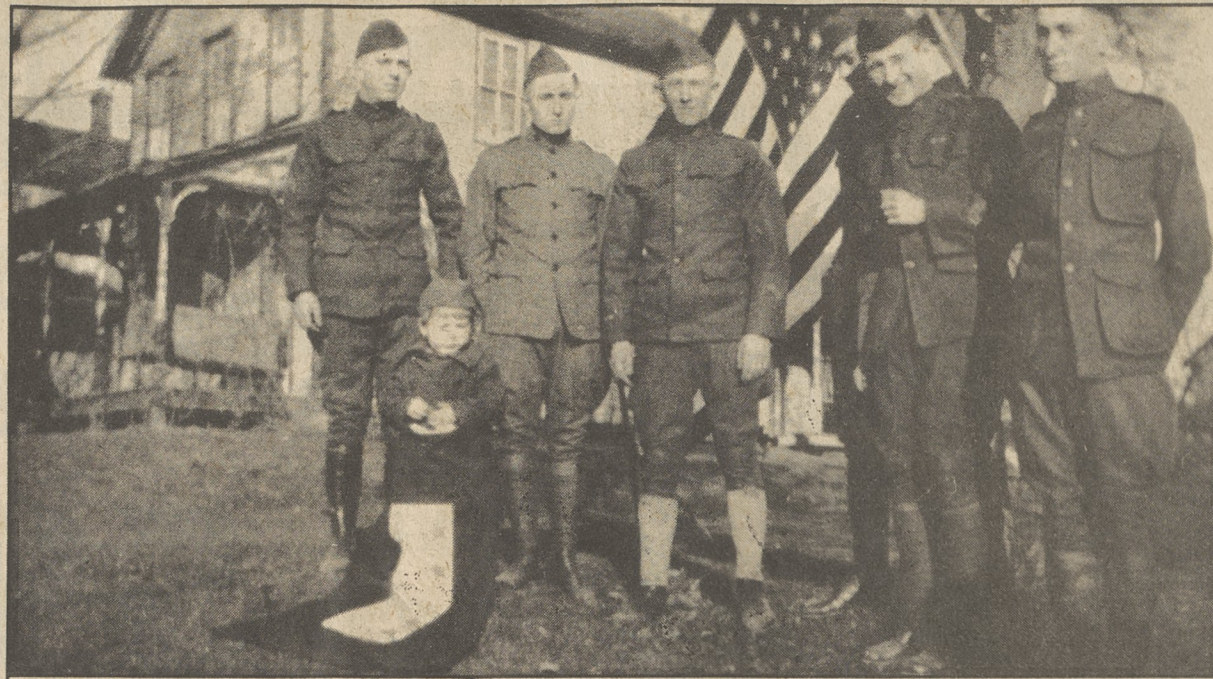
The trees are absolutely beautiful at this time of year and you can see them all around you. Driving this route this past weekend made me feel like I really was in a Valley with all that beauty surrounding us.

WITH THE BEAUTIFUL TREES, however, comes a chore most of us would rather avoid - the chore of raking leaves.

Talk about a thankless job. You can rake leaves all morning, filling those leaf bags and bandaging the blisters on the insides of your thumbs - and then, POOF, as if by magic, a gust of wind comes along and your yard is back to its original state before you even started to rake.

Seems kind of stupid, doesn't it, if not a waste of time. I wonder why we don't just wait until every last leaf has fallen off the trees and then rake them all at once and only once?

It doesn't make a lick of sense to me to rake leaves every day when you know darn well there will be more tomorrow, but I am just as gully as those who rake leaves several times a year.



REMEMBERING

World War vets

Shown here are World War veterans of the Back Mountain. From left, Russell Honeywell, Connie Hislop, Thomas Reese, Clyde Vieta, Ed Rexford, Dan Waters and Lewis Reese. (Thanks to Thomas Reese of Dallas for submitting this photo to us.)

Only yesterday

Communities receive liquor license monies

50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 1, 1935

Checks totaling more than \$2,600 were received by five local communities as their share of Pennsylvania liquor license monies. Municipalities receiving these funds were Dallas Borough, \$112; Dallas Twp. \$1,000; Kingston Township, \$200; Lake Twp. \$862; Lehman \$525.

Due to recent theft of several articles from Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, members decided to keep the firehouse locked and obtain a request in writing from those wishing to use it.

You could get - Sea trout 10c lb.; legs of lamb 27c lb.; ducklings 23c lb.; 8 O'Clock coffee 15c lb.; rice 5c lb.; 4 rolls Waldorf paper 15c; pt. jar salad dressing 15c; yellow onions 10 lb. bag 29c; Winesap apples 8 lb. 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - OCT. 26, 1945

A box placed near the checker's desk in the Acme Market would be used to hold gifts of baby food for starving children in Latvia, Lithuania, White Russia and Bessarabia.

Vandals damaged the Parrish Heights siren, one of two operated by Henry M. Laing Fire Company as a fire alarm and nine o'clock curfew. Damage was estimated at between \$50 and \$100.

Deaths - Mrs. I.A. Rood, Laketon; Mrs. Charles Fischer, Trucksville.

You could get - Walnut meats 29c 1/2 lb.; mince meat 2 lb. jar 43c; Northern Toilet Tissue 4 rolls 25c; Fairlawn coffee 29c lb.; molasses 25c-32 oz. jar; oyster crackers 18c lb. pkg.; evaporated milk 3 tall cans 29c; Cream of Wheat lg. pkg. 25c.

30 YEARS AGO - OCT. 28, 1955

A large crowd attended the Ground Breaking Service for the new addition to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Oldest charter members Christine Malkemes and John Eck were the first to break the ground followed by pastor Frederic H. Eidam, lay-president Chester Hartman and Frederick J. Eck, chairman of the building committee.

Polio inoculations were scheduled to be administered in area schools.

Two Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School seniors competed in the new multi-million dollar National Merit Scholarship Program. Ashel Sutliff and John Steele competed in the new program.

Married - Joyce Elaine Oncay to Walter Chamberlain; Jean Marie Bynon and Daniel Blaine; Harriet Prater and Theodore Dymond; Warren C. Elston and Hilda Nickerson.

Deaths - Hazel Transue, Plattsburg Road; John

Levi, Jackson Twp.; Frederick Nesbitt, Hunlock Creek.

You could get - Frying chickens 39c lb.; sirloin steaks 79c lb.; bacon 45c lb.; tomatoes 19c cello pkg.; mushrooms 39c lb.; apples 4 lb. 33c; endive 10c bunch; 3 cans lg. shrimp \$1; eggs 49c doz.; 4 pkg. cake mix \$1.

20 YEARS AGO - OCT. 28, 1965

Students from both Lake-Lehman and Dallas heart veteran race car driver Art Malone speak on driving safety measures. This Champion Highway Safety Program was sponsored by Indianapolis 500 racing veterans.

John N. Landis, District Manager of the Dallas district was promoted to General Commercial Supervisor of Commonwealth Telephone Company. R.E. Koeb was named to replace him.

Married - Dolores Louise Patton to Walter Weiss. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Jr. Taylor Jr., Sterling Avenue, Dallas, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. E. Leroy Kocher, Harveys Lake, 62 years; Mr. and Mrs. John Kritchen, Sr., Shavertown, 20 years; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wyrsh, Binghampton, N.Y., 25 years.

You could get - Turkeys 39c lb.; hams 59c lb.; shrimp 99c lb.; clams 4c ea.; 3 lb. fruit cake \$2.99; Tokay grapes 3 lb. 29c; sweet corn 6 ears 45c; lg. bunch pascal celery 19c; Italian chestnuts 29c lb.; MacIntosh apples 3 bags \$1.

10 YEARS AGO - OCT. 30, 1975

Homecoming court members at Lake-Lehman High School were Laurie Dockeray, Cheryl Hoover, Barb Kasakowski, Diane Godleski, Donna Moskluk and Mary Duffy.

Millie Hogboom was the first woman to run for the office of supervisor in Jackson Township.

Honorable Robert J. Hourigan served as toastmaster of the Back Mountain Protective Association presentation of their annual community service award to Rep. Daniel Flood.

Married - Nancy West and Gary Walters; Mary Ann Lacina and William Frank Hardisky; Judith Ann Cook and Dale Shupp; Fern May Egliskis and David Schooley.

Deaths - Sterling Fisk, Dallas Township; Ernest Price, Dallas; Henry Miller, Dallas; Elmer Rainow, Dallas; Byron F. Kester, Franklin Township; George Shaver, Sr. Overbrook Ave., Shavertown; Gertrude C. Wood, Laketon; Walter L. Snyder, Shavertown.

You could get - Chicken 45c lb.; country style spareribs \$1.19 lb.; pork sausage \$1.39 lb.; kidney beans 4-11; whole or cream style corn 3-89c; bartlett pears 3-11; potatoes 10 lb. bag 89c; oranges 10-89c.

OPINION

The Three Stooges couldn't have asked for better story

By EDWIN FEULNER
Special to The Dallas Post

The writers for Curly, Moe, and Larry - the best-known of the Three Stooges - couldn't have thought up a better plot or more stereotyped characters.

The bad guy: an evil businessman, trying to foreclose on a sickly widow who can't keep up the mortgage payments on her house and 40 acres. For good measure, make the businessman Oriental: Mr. Moto; better yet, Mr. Honda.

The good guys: as played by the Three Stooges, they would pose as doctors. And in the process of trying to heal the poor widow Fairtrade, they will stumble, bumble, and "bonk" their way through a variety of lethal-looking gags that in real life probably would kill the old lady. In the end, however, she will recover her good health, emerge with her home, and send the disappointed Mr. Honda into retreat.

Well, everything is set for a real-life replay of this story, except for the happy ending.

The bad guys, of course, are all those foreigners who are selling us shirts, and sheets, and shoes, and slacks, and cars and trucks, and televisions, and toasters, and hundreds of other products at better prices than we can get from U.S.

manufacturers. In most cases, the bad guys come from the Orient.

Because they are losing business to foreign competitors, some U.S. manufacturers - our poor widow Fairtrade - are having a tough time of it. They have called the doctors - Congress - to fix things for them. But, instead of the choreographed chaos one would expect from the Three Stooges, Congress is threatening to deliver some serious blows. Not only to Mr. Honda, but to the very people they are trying to help.

The name of the game Congress is playing is "protectionism." It has never cured a patient, and in the long run it could be lethal. Members of Congress are so anxious to deliver political payoffs to U.S. businesses having difficulty making it in the international marketplace that they are almost bumping into each other with their various protectionist measures.

The textile industry. The steel industry. The shoe industry. Sugar producers. And dozens of others are lined up in Capitol Hill's sick ward looking for some quick-fix cure. The proposed medicine, however, is worse than the disease: quotas to limit inexpensive imports, and import fees that will jack up the prices of foreign-made goods, both of which will hurt the U.S. consumers.

Just look at one example: the

textile industry. Textile industry lobbyists are supporting legislation that would cut textile imports as much as 40 percent. The problem is: the United States already has very restrictive textile import policies - which add an estimated \$38 billion-a-year to the prices we pay. The new restrictions will hit us even harder.

This is not to say all foreign producers are living by the mutually agreed-upon rules of free trade, as spelled out in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The U.S. wine industry's American Grape Growers Alliance, for example, recently went before the International Trade Commission claiming that European wine producers are "dumping" red table wines in the United States at prices below the cost of production. Such practices are outlawed by the GATT agreement, and Washington needs to see that the GATT prohibitions are enforced.

But there's a world of difference between enforcing free-trade rules that our trading partners have agreed to and erecting new barriers to free trade that will simply make a bad situation worse. Curly, Moe and Larry never would have acted so stupid.

(Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.)

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

We had a super birthday party! The Back Mountain Memorial Library celebrated its 40 years of existence with an open house complete with cookies, cake and punch. We were well decorated with balloons and streamers thank to our balloon blowers, Melanie, Pat, Lisa and Jane. We had balloons from United Penn, Franklin's, Suburban News and even helium ones from McDonald's.

A special thanks to Mary for the corn stalk and the pumpkins. We were well pleased with the attendance at the open house; many people who had not been in our new library before came and it also attracted some people just to come in for a tour.

Eloise Titman, a member of one of our first Board of Directors; Lee West who worked on the antiques at the auction for many years; Millie Kear, an original member of the Book Club and Donald Sutherland, who is probably one of our most faithful weekly borrowers were all here to help celebrate. It was a beautiful day, weather-wise and a lovely party in all ways.

A friend and I took a one-day excursion to AC last week to put some coins in those machines. Had a great time, a beautiful day, just like summer. The boardwalk did suffer some damage down near Convention Hall from that storm, Gloria. Some of the area has raised up about two feet and had to be roped off. We got to have some Hillside Ice Cream on Ocean One which is always delicious. Enjoyed talking to the seagulls, which reminded me of the song, "Cherish" by Kool and the Gang, who, by the way, will be at Caesar's in November. A trip to AC is always exciting. What a way to spend a day - Enjoying that other world!

I must say I am over-welcomed with people's genuine concern over my recent illness. It is also interesting to see how many people read the library news. I have received many helpful suggestions and am grateful for the care and concern. What is a Heparin Lock? This is something I learned while in the hospital. It is a new form of IV needle, which allows the patient to move about more freely and after you are there a while, you become very familiar with it. An interesting coincidence with numbers, the library phone number is 1182, my number at home is 2818 and my hospital room number was 218-1. A lucky number.

Some recent memory book additions include: Renewing An Old House, gift of Mr. and Mrs. William Austin in memory of Ernest Gay; An Unkindness of Ravens by Rendell, gift of Molly Darcy in memory of Neil McIntyre; David by Rothenberg, gift of grandmother Lorraine Stair in memory of Bobby Stair; The Magic Years of Beatrice Potter by Lane, gift of daughter, Mrs. Dana Crump in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tremayne; Basic Small Business Management by Baumbach, gift of Elin M. Northrup in memory of Harold R. Maye.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

CALLING THE program "a catastrophe in itself," Rep. Richard A. Geist (R-Blair) this week offered an amendment to a House bill to eliminate the Catastrophic Lost Trust (CAT) Fund and the House approved the measure. The bill has not been sent to the Senate for concurrence. Geist's amendment to abolish the fund passed by a 142-53 margin. The CAT Fund is a mandatory medical insurance program for Pennsylvania vehicle owners that provide up to \$1 million in medical payments.

ALCOHOL RELATED violations committed by individuals under the age of 21 could result in the revocation of their driver's license under a bill passed by the House. Developed by Rep. Mario J. Civera (R-Delaware), the bill would increase fines and suspend the license of any underage individual convicted of purchasing, attempting to purchase, consuming or transporting alcoholic beverages. In addition to losing the license, an underage drinker would face a mandatory fine of at least \$500. "It is my belief that the loss of driving privileges will be an effective deterrent to underage drinking," Civera said.

A STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN in support of the so-called bottle bill was kicked off in the Capitol when groups from throughout the commonwealth met to encourage legislators to vote for the measure. Environmentalists, farmers and sportsmen were among those in attendance. The bill would require deposits on soda and malt liquor beverage bottles sold in the state. Supporters claim it would not only reduce litter but help extend the life of landfills as well. Opponents counter that the legislation would eliminate jobs in the glass industry, increase the cost of drinks and present an inconvenience to consumers.

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