

# Commentary

## Editor's notes

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

GUESS WHAT? I am writing this column with shoes on. No, the shoes do not have anything to do with the way I am writing this column - I type the way any other person would type, with my hands, but I am now able to wear real shoes.

And, even though the shoes that I can wear are very, very flat and very, very wide, they are real shoes - they are not sneakers and they are not bedroom slippers. The limp is still there, at least I have progressed into real shoes.

THE NEED FOR REAL SHOES came about in a rather emergency situation when I accompanied our new general manager, Dave Conner, to a seminar in Harrisburg last week.



DOTTY MARTIN

Since Dave has only been on the job here for two weeks, I didn't want to embarrass him (or myself for that matter) by showing up at this seminar in sneakers.

So, I forced myself to get into real shoes (boy, I hope my doctor doesn't read this) and went to the seminar. Actually, things are working out rather well. Dave was not embarrassed and I got to sit the whole day in order to stay off my feet.

Not too dumb after all, am I?

THE STAFF AT THE DALLAS POST would like to send out a great big welcome to Dave Conner who comes to us from Knoxville, Tennessee where he was a Marketing Manager for Brink's Inc.

Dave, who has been named General Manager of Pennaprint, which publishes The Dallas Post, brings with him a host of advertising/marketing/public relations experience and we're all enjoying working with him.

Nice to have you with us, Dave!

A GREAT BIG HELLO to Bruce Slocum, proprietor of Slocum Insurance in Dallas.

Bruce happens to be a friend and business associate of my father's and, from what I'm told, has become a staunch supporter of The Dallas Post in the past few years.

Thanks for your words of encouragement, Bruce. You can talk nicely about us any time you want to.

ALSO, A GREAT BIG HELLO to Louis Broody, Louis' wife, Fay, who is well known around the area for her photography ability, is going to be doing some photo work for us in the near future.

Her husband, Louis, is quite a card, too - and I'm sure there isn't another person in the Back Mountain who is as aware of what's going on around here as Louis is.

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST KING of Lehman Township sure had a good time on their recent trip to England.

The Kings were kind enough to send us a little write-up of what they did while they were away and told us of the things they saw on their vacation.

I SURE WISH other people would take a few minutes to inform us of trips they've taken.

People don't realize how interesting it is to their friends and neighbors to read about their trip in the local newspaper. And, that's what we're hear for - to let our friends and neighbors know what everyone in the community is doing.

So, how about it, gang? All you travelers out there - why not drop us a line when you return from a vacation and let us know what you did and what you saw?

CONGRATULATIONS to the Dallas High School soccer team on the fine season its players and coaches enjoyed this year.

The Mountaineer booters, who faced their arch-rivals Lake-Lehman Black Knights in the championship clash on Monday afternoon, rallied last Wednesday for a 3-0 shutout over Wyoming Valley West.

A big round of applause to Coach John McCafferty and his squad for a job well done.

WHILE WE'RE SPEAKING OF SPORTS, how about the World Series this year? I'm sorry, Kansas City fans, but the whole seven games made me sick.

You're right - I was rootin' for the Cardinals all the way. If the Phillies can't be in the World Series, then I'm going to rally 'round Tommy Herr, Tito Landrum and the St. Louis Cardinals.

I thought for sure we were going to come up winners when the Cards went up by two, but after Saturday's game, I knew the St. Louis birds didn't stand a chance.

After Dane Iorg's smash hit into right field to give the Royals a victory in the bottom of the ninth inning in Saturday night's game, I knew the Big Blue boys were going to be sky-high for Sunday's game.

What I didn't foresee, however, was the embarrassment the Cards would suffer during the seventh game of the Series.

ALONG THE LINES OF SPORTSMANSHIP, I can almost buy Whitey Herzog's frustration at that point. After all, when your team is down 11-0 in the World Series, it's a little difficult to control your anger - even if you are supposed to be a mature, intelligent human being.

However, there was absolutely no justification for Joaquin (whatever his name is) to conduct himself the way he did. The guy clearly through two consecutive balls from the mound and had no right whatsoever to attack the home plate umpire for his own mistakes.

Childish is the only way I can describe Joaquin's behavior and, if I were the manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, his name would be on the trade list by now.

BUT HOW ABOUT BRET SABERHAGEN? What does the poor guy have to look forward to?

He wins 20 games this year, then his team goes to the World Series, his wife gives birth to a healthy, bouncing baby boy during the Series and he pitches a shutout (the first in 20 years of World Series history) to give the Kansas City Royals the world championship.

And the guy is only 21 years old, to boot!



Ruins of Old Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

## REMEMBERING

### Old Court House

Shown here is a photo of the ruins of the old Court House in Wilkes-Barre.

## Only yesterday

# Dr. Sprague honored at Wyoming Seminary

50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 1, 1935

Hundreds of former students of this area joined with other alumni of Wyoming Seminary in honoring Dr. Levi L. Sprague, president of the school. Dr. Sprague celebrated his 91st birthday as well as 69 years of association with Wyoming Seminary and his 54 years as president.

J.D. Hutchinson, farm agent and officers of Luzerne County Fruit Growers Association made plans for the Annual Apple Show to be held in the former Globe Store on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre.

You could get 100 lb. bag Maine potatoes \$1.59; rice 5c lb.; lg. Florida grapefruit 4-25c; Winesap apples 8 lb. 25c; yellow onions 10 lb. bag 29c; leg of lamb 27c lb.; hams 27c lb.; ducklings 23c lb.; sausage 29c lb.; gr. beef 2 lb. 33c.

40 YEARS AGO - NOV. 2, 1945

A crowd of 2,500 to 3,000 persons witnessed the fifth annual Halloween Parade. Gaily costumed marchers cavorted down Lake Street behind Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Community Band to the judges reviewing stand in front of Oliver's Garage.

Girl Scouts in the Back Mountain numbering 350 celebrated Girl Scout Week with church services, dinners and displays.

Married - Marion Kilburn to Lt. Steward Yorks; Betty Yanek to Seaman First Class Charles Neal; Mary E. Garrity to Robert E. Payne.

Birthdays - Bertha Jenkins, 81 years old.

Deaths - Levi Pursell, Trucksville.  
You could get - Leg o lamb 38c lb.; turkeys 51c lb.; chickens 41c lb.; potatoes 50 lb. bag Maine potatoes \$1.49; lettuce 15c hd.; apples 2 lb. 27c; tomatoes 23c lb.; skinless frankies 37c lb.; Lifebuoy soap 7c bar; Cape Cod cranberries 29c lb.

30 YEARS AGO - NOV. 4, 1955

Dallas/Franklin/Monrow Township School Board made a resolution to fight for stricter regulations concerning school bus laws. A loophole in traffic regulations allowed a car to pass a loading or unloading school bus without slowing down.

Children of all ages streamed down Lake Street and past the judges stand at the annual Back Mountain Halloween parade. First prize winners were Lynn Hughes, prettiest; Richard Bayliss, most original; Allan Cease, funniest; Raymond Cross, specialty; Seven Dwarfs, best group.

Engaged - Ramona Balut to Carl Dymond; Joyce Rosencrans to Frank Redmond; Barbara Brace to Henry J. Evans.

Married - Joyce Elaine Oncay to Walter Chamberlain; Harriet Jane Coslett to James Weiss; Beatrice Ada Hildebrandt to Russell Ockenhouse.

Deaths - Winifred Schooley, Wilkes-Barre; Benjamin Brace, East Dallas; Everett Simon, Hunlock Creek; Margaret Thomas, Fern Knoll; Hattie Meeker, Hunlock Creek.

You could get - Chuck roast 29c lb.; liverwurst 29c lb.; veal chops 69c lb.; iceberg lettuce 2 lg. hds. 23c; carrots 2 cello pkg. 19c; cucumbers 4-25c; Philadelphia Cream Cheese 2-3 oz. pkg. 29c; Swiss cheese 8 oz. 39c; 8 oz. jar peanut butter 59c.

20 YEARS AGO - NOV. 4, 1965

The Back Mountain area remained independent of the Democratic sweep elsewhere in the county holding on to its title of Republican stronghold. Daniel Richards, Vern Pritchard, Richard Disque, Calvin McHose and Louis Wilcox were re-elected to their tax collector positions.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Badman held open house at their new funeral home located on the sharp intersection of Machell and Lehman Avenues.

John Butler was named citizen of the year by Dallas Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs. Butler was cited for his outstanding example of Boy Scout leadership.

Engaged - Carol Lee Anderson and Herbert Schoenberger Jr.

Deaths - Glenn Ehret, Sweet Valley.  
You could get - Steam and dry iron, \$8.88; an electric carving knife \$14.95; electric portable mixer \$9.77; snow tires \$7 ea.; GE clothes dryer \$149.95; Camay soap 2 bath bars 33c; margarine 2 lb. 37c; creamed cottage cheese 25c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - NOV. 6, 1975

With a few exceptions Republicans were swept into office. Exceptions included Angelo Decesaris, Lake-Lehman School Board; Jackson Twp. Andrew Stofko; Harveys Lake council member Guy Giordano.

Dallas Junior Women's Club held its eighth annual fashion show from Hess's Department Store in Allentown. Mrs. Charles Hilliard was club president, Mrs. Daniel Lukasavage, chairman, assisted by Mrs. James Richardson.

Engaged - Nancy Lee Cooper and Elwood Alan LaBar.

Married - Cynthia Cobleigh and Merle James Taylor.

Deaths - Guy Siglin, Noxen; James Bolger, Jr., Dallas; Vernard Lamoreaux, Sweet Valley.

You could get - Sirlolin tip roast \$1.69 lb.; round steak \$1.59 lb.; minced bologna 99c lb.; cauliflower 10 oz. frozen pkg. 2-79c; kidney beans 4-16 oz. cans \$1; Shasta diet soda 8-81; cracker barrel cheese 10 oz. stick 99c.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

A very sincere thank you to Eleanor Evans Krashkevich of Machell Avenue, Dallas who donated complete sets of "The Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Animal Kingdom"; "Funk and Wagnalls Wildlife Encyclopedia"; "The Ocean World of Jacques Cousteau" and "The Living Earth Series" for the children's room at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Eleanor is a lover of animals, seas and wildlife and feels that children are curious and always fascinated by animals, both land and sea. The book were purchased expressly for the library and are brand new. She had planned to leave these books to the library after her death, however, then decided to do it now and enjoy giving them while she is still living. These sets of books are complete and very informative and we are so grateful for these additions to our children's room.

The story hours held at the library this past summer were alive with creative activities through the generosity of the Jaycettes who provided paints, glue, crayons, construction paper and flannel board games. They also purchased 4 Casette-book combinations for beginning readers. These contributions were responsible for many hours of sheer enjoyment by the children who attended the summer story hours at the library.

The library is still accepting volunteer help for all types of clerical jobs to be done at the library. Any number of hours and any day convenient for the volunteer would be appreciated. Volunteer help and community dedication to the library is such an important commodity. Our library is entirely supported without taxation and could not exist without total community participation. During the first nine months of 1985, one municipality in the Back Mountain area, Kingston Township, contributed \$1,000.

Some recent large print additions to the library shelves, thanks to the generosity of the Dallas Lions Club, include: The Fourth Protocol by Forsyth; Stillwatch by Clark; A Division of the Spoils by Scott; Too Many Cooks by Stout; Family Album by Steele; The Quittane Progression by Ludlum; Ride a Pale Horse by MacInnes; A Rose in Winter by Woodiwiss; and The Day of the Scorpion by Scott. These books are on a special shelf in the main office area.

From Mother Goose to space travel...and then some! Yes, the range of material - factual and fictional - at your library is virtually unlimited. The book collection serves the needs, the curiosities, and the moods of everyone...from youngsters who like to read about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to senior citizens who need assistance in planning for successful retirement. Why not start to use your library often - for the richer, fuller life!

## STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

UNDER CURRENT LAW, parents frequently are not notified when their child is arrested and charged before a district justice with a summary violation. A measure which overwhelmingly passed the House this week, however, would make it mandatory to notify parents or legal guardians when a juvenile is charged with a summary offense. Summary offenses include retail theft, criminal misconduct, vandalism, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Sponsored by Rep. Bruce Smith (R-York), the bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. "A parent's knowledge of their child's misbehavior could be the key to improved conduct in the future," Smith said.

DOCTORS CONVICTED of drug-related felonies would be permitted to practice medicine under legislation introduced this week if they can prove they have been rehabilitated. Current law forbids the licensing of such physicians. Sponsored by Rep. Richard J. Cessar (R-Allegheny), the bill was developed in response to the plight of Timothy McCormick, a Pennsylvania doctor denied a license by the state Medical Licensure Board. In 1974, McCormick was convicted of a drug violation and served three years in prison. After his release, McCormick graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with honors and Hahnemann Medical School. He applied for a license to practice but was denied under current law. "I believe Dr. McCormick's remarkable personal history speaks for itself. He should not be denied the ability to practice medicine since he has so obviously demonstrated his rehabilitation," said Cessar.

LITTERING ALONG HIGHWAYS in Pennsylvania is against the law and carries a fine of up to \$300. A bill which unanimously passed the House this week would also make it illegal to litter on public or private property and on waterways. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Benjamin H. Wilson (R-Bucks).

# OPINION

## Tax reform is issue of now

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN  
Special to The Dallas Post

Tax reform has suddenly become a great American issue. The President has proposed a series of actions which would radically change the American federal tax system, but at the same time, impact state and local taxation systems as well. Will areas such as Northeastern Pennsylvania benefit by the shift in taxation if Congress and the President get together to adopt a new system, or will tax reform be a neutral factor in economic development?

These and other issues are to be debated in coming months as Congress wrestles with the tax reform package and determines what course of action will follow as a result of these proposals. Tax changes are not new, although the style and extent of this proposal is perhaps more far reaching than any other ever proposed in the history of the nation. The nation has had significant tax changes both on the upside and downside in the last several years. On the downside, tax rates have been reduced for the taxpayer, while on the upside, after sharply changing certain tax measures to benefit business, the business and industrial community was shocked with an upward tax movement in order to help provide some balance to a flaky fiscal system.

The President's proposals for tax reform range across the spectrum of consumer and business taxes to impact all Americans. The proposals hit government at the local and county levels, the business community, consumers, non-profit organizations, and the debate rages as to whether these proposals reflect reform, a shifting of tax burdens, or a combination thereof.

At one time it was felt that these proposals would, in effect, be tax simplification, however, criticism has been leveled at this goal as tax burdens are shifted, rather than simplification being a major focus. The citizen taxpayer may well receive some help in simplifying tax preparation as a result of a reduction to three tax brackets.

With the Administration and Congress seemingly bent on some type of tax reform, whether it be 1985 or 1986, it is clear that some measure will pass in the not too distant future. An examination of some of the impacts as reflected in the President's tax reform package of May, 1985, may be helpful in understanding the days ahead especially as these proposals relate to government and business:

(1) The proposal would eliminate approximately two-thirds of all industrial revenue bonds (municipal bonds) in the nation. This longstanding economic development incentive has been widely utilized in Pennsylvania much beyond other

states. The implementation of this proposal would have substantial negative impact on economic growth in the State.

(2) State and local taxes on property, income, etc. would no longer be deductible. Many national governmental associations and others are objecting to this proposal since they feel it would result in irresistible pressure placed upon states and local governments to consider proposals to cut state and local taxes, resulting in reduced governmental services.

(3) Elimination of the Investment Tax Credit. This proposal, according to some experts, would cost the business community something on the order of \$140 billion, and individuals \$26 billion over a five-year time period. The Historic Preservation Tax Credit has allowed urban redevelopment to take place of substantive nature.

(4) Substantial cutbacks in allowance of business expense deductions for meals, entertainment, and other purposes. The business community generally believes that this deduction has enabled business to carry out activities which otherwise might not occur if significant elimination of this deduction is permitted.

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