



Commentary



Editor's notes

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

I FOUND A FAN in Barry Smith recently. Barry, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brutko of Dallas, seems to think I have a vast knowledge of sports.

After spending seven years of my life employed as a sportswriter, I would hope my knowledge of sports has expanded somewhat.

Most men, Barry included, seem to have difficulty accepting the fact that some women enjoy, and even understand, what's going on when they sit down to watch a sporting event.

My father has always been a sports enthusiast (his wife is a television sports widow) and I have always been involved in sports, in one way or another. So, knowledge of almost any type of sport is second-nature to me.



DOTTY MARTIN

But, thanks for the compliments anyway, Barry. And, I'm glad you enjoyed my little commentary on the 1985 World Series. I haven't heard yet, though, whether or not you agree with me that Joaquin Andujar should be stripped of his St. Louis Cardinals uniform.

BERTHA SIPULSKI of Dallas stopped in to visit us the other day. She seems to know several of the people who are employed in our office and stopped in to say "hello" one day late week.

A while ago, Bertha's son, Ernie Sipulski Jr., sent us a short story he had written about his later father, Ernie Sipulski Sr. Ernie Jr. had hoped we would be able to publish the story. Unfortunately, we were unable to do so, but promised Ernie we would say hello to all of his Back Mountain friends for him.

Ernie is currently living at 9612 Dublin Drive, Manassas, Virginia 22110 and anyone who knew Ernie's father would certainly appreciate reading the beautiful story the younger Sipulski has written.

Bertha, speaking as proudly as only a mother can, tells us Ernie Jr. has had several short stories published and thoroughly enjoys writing. Understandably so, the story he has written about his father is his most prized piece of work.

SORRY TO SEE John Kilduff leave his full-time position in the editorial department of The Dallas Post.

John, who has resigned as a staff writer to embark on a career in real estate, will continue to write for us as a correspondent. His work will continue to appear on the news and sports pages of The Post.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

As I sit in my office and look out our front windows into the Dallas Shopping Center, all I can see are Christmas decorations. And, it isn't even Thanksgiving yet.

I don't know how other people feel, but I've come to realize that the Thanksgiving holiday continually gets lost in the Christmas rush

every year.

Why, some people even treat Thanksgiving like a stumbling block on the way to celebrating Christmas. They don't even want to bother with Thanksgiving because they're all in such a rush to get to Christmas.

That's downright unfair! Those of us fortunate enough to live free in America should be darn thrilled to sit down at the Thanksgiving dinner table, surrounded by family, friends and plenty of food. And, each and every one of us should take a moment to thank God for everything we have.

We should treat Thanksgiving for what it is - a time when all of us should stop for a moment and be thankful. The Christmas rush, including the decorations, can wait until Thanksgiving is over.

THAT GOOD-LOOKING GUY on the front page of Monday's Times Leader is none other than my father, David Martin of Forty Fort. Dad is a member of the Irem Temple Oriental Band and appears in a full color photo on the front page of The Times Leader. He's the one carrying the bass drum.

I remember as a kid, giving my father such a hard time about getting dressed up in his Oriental Band uniform and wearing those silly-looking gold shoes with the turned-up toes.

I've grown accustomed to seeing him in that get-up now, however, and think nothing of it. As long as he's having a good time - that's all that counts!

A GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out to Mrs. Jeanette Dickinson of Dallas who celebrated her 85th birthday on November 6.

Jeanette was treated to dinner at the Bonanza Restaurant in Dallas to note the occasion. And, a cake made by Rosalie Mully of Swoyersville especially for Jeanette made the day even more exciting.

TOM AND HELEN DICKINSON of Dallas recently returned from a trip to Hawaii.

Rumor has it that Tom and Helen enjoyed themselves so much that Helen was still wearing a grass skirt and dancing the hula when she returned to work at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital last week.

Who knows? Maybe she'll be giving dancing lessons to the other nurses at the hospital before long.

MUCH THANKS to Joseph "Red" Jones for being GoalPOST Petie this year.

GoalPOST Petie, who enjoyed his second year of football predicting this season, is a person who remains anonymous until just prior to the Dallas-Lake-Lehman football game. He predicts area football games along with other Dallas Post prognosticators, but does it secretly until the last week of the season.

Red, who finished with a rather impressive slate, did a marvelous job for us this year and we certainly appreciate his cooperation.

GoalPOST Petie will return next year and, although it won't be Red Jones, it may be someone you know.



REMEMBERING

M.E. Church

Shown here is the Dallas Methodist Church as it appeared in the year 1888.

Only yesterday

200 attend tribute to retiring Anne Dorrance

Two hundred people, among them judges, teachers and fellow school directors attended a tribute to Miss Anne Dorrance, Huntsville resident, who ended her twentieth year as a director of Kingston Township School District. Elected to the school board in 1911, she served every term but one, served as president for 13 years and vice president for five years.

Engaged - Mae Hontz to Harold Ash. Married - Margaret Thomas and Thomas B. Robinson.

Deaths - William P. Llewellyn, Shavertown; Mrs. Libbie Johnson, Chase; Loren Travis, Tunkhannock.

You could get - Fillet of fish 10c lb.; stewing oysters 4 doz. 29c; ground beef 2 lb. 33c; 1 lb. frankfurters and 2 lb. sauerkraut for 23c; peaches 2 big cans 25c; ketchup 2-8 oz. bottles 15c; eggs 28c doz.; celery 5c lb. bunch.

40 YEARS AGO - NOV. 16, 1945 Within a week to the day a break occurred at Lake Township School, three more local schools were robbed. Dallas Borough, Kingston Township and Trucksville schools were robbed. No loot was obtained as a result of these robberies.

According to librarian Miriam Lathrop, the Back Mountain Memorial Library circulated 1,300 books during its first five weeks in operation. The library had received a charging desk, two book trunks and a catalogue file in memory of John Ryman.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Woolbert, Shavertown, 45 years.

Birthdays - Lydia Cease, 87 years old. You could get - Cod filets 37c lb.; rib roast 30c lb.; franks 37c lb.; carrots 2 lb. bunches 19c; mixed nuts 49c lb.; jumbo pecans 49c lb.; fruit cocktail 1g. can 33c; walnuts 43c lb.; Ivory soap, 4 med bars 43c.

30 YEARS AGO - NOV. 18, 1955 Westmoreland High School Driver Education Instructor George A. McCutcheon and students Janet Stahl and Alice Jones attended the second Statewide Teen-age Traffic and Safety Conference at Bloomsburg State Teachers College.

An early morning thunder storm caused considerable damage throughout the region. The Joseph Zosh barn in Meeker burned to the ground with damage estimated at \$20,000. In Lehman, two cows were electrocuted in the Frank and Joe Burnatt barn.

Married - Marian P. Strazds and Raymond K. Snyder.

Engaged - Mary M. Lukavitch and John Magarowicz.

Deaths - Anna Ladamus, Harveys Lake; Bolesh Luzenski, Trucksville; Frank S. Benscoter, Bloomingdale; Ruth McCarty, Trucksville; Thomas J. Sidorek, Demunds Road.

You could get - Ground beef 3 lb. 99c; pork loin roast 29c lb.; hams 49c lb.; cucumbers 5c ea.; Florida oranges 2 doz. 49c; cabbage 6c lb.; 10 cans dog food 99c; women's handbags \$1.99; ladies sweaters \$3.99; dresses \$4.99.

20 YEARS AGO - NOV. 18, 1965 A delegation of Oak Hill residents fearing property devaluation presented a petition of 97 signatures to the Lehman township supervisors protesting an outcropping of trallers on neighboring land.

For the first time since the days of the Roaring Twenties, the dances at Kunkle Fire Hall featured rock 'n roll music instead of the traditional square dance format.

Sewage overflow at Shavertown Grade School necessitated closing of a portion of the playground.

Engaged - Ellen Elizabeth Knies and John Norman Landis II; Carl German and Linda Kutzer; Floyd Marley and Mary Ellen Davis.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. John Keating, 25 years; Chief and Mrs. Russell Honeywell, 32 years; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Anderson, 32 years.

Birthdays - Jessie Winters, 90 years old. Deaths - Albert Race, Centermoreland; John Shiskowsky, Fernbrook.

You could get - Turkeys 32c lb.; boneless round roast 89c lb.; loin lamb chops 89c lb.; 50 lb. bag potatoes \$1.69; onions 25 lb. bag 79c; cranberries 79c lb.; McIntosh apples 4 lb. 39c; broccoli 1g. bunch 29c; 9 oz. jar peanuts 39c.

10 YEARS AGO - NOV. 20, 1975 Over 100 people who lived along Carverton Road expressed their concerns over the conditions of the road at a meeting of Kingston Township Supervisors. Rep. Frank O'Connell, deputy engineer Jack Finn and Charles Christ, Wyoming Sand and Gravel Company heard the complaints.

Dallas United Methodist Church Women elected new officers for the coming year. Mrs. Thomas Cease was president; Mrs. Clifford Garris, vice president; Mrs. Ralph Brown, secretary; and Mrs. Wilson Maury, treasurer.

You could get - Turkeys 59c lb.; sirloin steak \$1.65; scrapple 69c lb.; Contadina tomato paste 4-6 oz. cans \$1; Birdseye cool whip 9 oz. cont. 59c; Birdseye Fordhook lima beans 2 pkg. 89c; 1/2 gal. Kraft orange juice 79c; 3 hds. iceberg lettuce \$1.

OPINION

O'Neil tells how U.S. can win in high-tech

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN
Special to The Dallas Post

Gerard K. O'Neil has written a book titled "The Technology Edge" which describes six new high technology fields which he feels the United States can secure an unprecedented economic, social and political position.

In this 299-page focused look at technology, he suggests that Japan, in particular, has not only caught up to the United States in certain technologies, but has surpassed us and that unless we meet this challenge head on, we will fall not only behind Japan, but other countries as well, thus losing great opportunities for economic growth. He claims that Japan, with half the population of the United States, already produces 50 percent more new engines every year than does Amer-

ica. He quotes a leading Japanese industrialist, the founder of Sony Corporation, to the effect that schools in every nation start with children already passed the prime learning years. The Sony founder "recognizes that education must begin very early in childhood if Japanese society is to overcome discouragement of the creative individual."

In examining the new technologies which O'Neil feels have great promise for the future, he includes the following as representing a basic promise for the future: (1) micro-engineering (2) robotics (3) genetic hardware (4) magnetic flight (5) medium-size aircraft for charter, business, family, and personal use (6) space satellites and technology.

In pointing out Japan's leadership in many fields, O'Neil notes that Japan has a "fifth generation" com-

puter project with a goal that a machine can be developed that will think like a human being: a "knowledge processor" rather than simply a data processor. It will be capable of judgement, weighing qualitative as well as numerical information. The machine will be compact enough to be located in an office, and it will interact with human beings just as another human would, by normal speech with a vocabulary of 10,000 words, supplemented by graphics output and the ability to recognize and understand handwriting and scroll sketches."

With respect to genetic engineering, O'Neil cites the fact that "genetic engineering is certainly going to make an impact on our lives in the next 15 years because of its production of drugs for the treatment of the disease. He outlines the use of interferon as one source of genetic improvement to treat many types of diseases. He quotes the Office of Technology Assessment, a congressional think tank as stating "that the promise of genetic engineering is nothing less than the possibility of building a sustainable future based on renewable resources." He also notes that marketing is important.

In noting the competitive nature of genetics and the United States and Japan, O'Neil quotes one genetic specialist as follows: "I am very troubled about the overall question of how U.S. industry can

compete with them (Japan). The absence of "stock analysts" over there makes it much easier for Japanese firms than for us to invest in the future. As for the workforce, their literacy is way over 99 percent, while ours is going down. And neither the U.S. government nor U.S. business appreciates how tough the competition with Japan is going to be. It is one thing to compete with another company, but it is quite another thing to compete with a whole country. America is traditionally good at emergency solutions, but much poor at long term solutions. I'd hesitate to predict the outcome."

In summarizing the six new opportunities which he identifies, O'Neil states the following: "Of the six opportunities for major new markets, micro-engineering is dominated by the United States and Japan. Technology for robotics was developed mainly in the United States, but Japan has become the world leader in selling robotics. Original research and genetic engineering is led by America, with Europe a strong second. Economically, genetic engineering is rich in long term promise, but unlikely for a variety of reasons to become a major new growth market within the next decade. When it does so, Japan, already leading the world in fermentation technology, is likely to dominate production.

Among the last three opportuni-

ties, none of them developed to the market stage. West Germany is clearly in the lead to exploit magnetic flight for high speed surface transportation.

In private aircraft, the United States has two advantages: some of the managers of its light aircraft industry are beginning to think in terms of automation, and the Geostar system for computerized flight has a reasonable chance for acceptance as a non-governmental investment.

In the construction of solar-power satellites in space, the field remains open.

The classical format of a venture fund is a partnership made up of two or more venture capitalists, who serve as the general partners and make all the decisions for the firm. Their fund of money, usually at least \$10 million dollars, and rarely more than \$100 million dollars, is put up by ten to fifteen limited partners, typically insurance companies and pension funds.

What does all this have to do with Northeastern Pennsylvania. The basis for change in the 1980's and 1990's appears to be technology, although many other factors dictate what actually happens in the marketplace for economic growth.

(Howard Grossman is the executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeast Pennsylvania.)

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

I spent another lovely weekend in Philadelphia with my son, Cliff, and his wife, Barbara. They have recently purchased a home in Flourtown, which is 150 years old and are beginning to do some renovating on it.

Attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill on Sunday and enjoyed three baptisms, communion and a guest preacher from New York City. We went to some great restaurants and had some terrific meals. Have you ever been to Clover Days at Strawbridge & Clothier?

We went Saturday night in Philadelphia, one of the most crowded parking lots and stores I have ever been in. We also visited IKEA, a Swedish owned department store featuring revolutionary designed quality furniture, the store in Philadelphia being the first American store. What an adventure!

I enjoyed seeing this store with its Swedish flag and color motif of yellow and blue especially because my grandparents were from Sweden. I am happy to say my bout with that terrible affliction is much improved and in just six weeks and I am grateful to the powers that be for that. I enjoyed my trip down and back in my newly acquired '82 Cavalier and even got to listen to my new cassette tape of Neil Diamond, my favorite, on the cassette player in the car. A really good weekend!

We again were able to be a part of one of our great freedoms, the right to vote. The Dallas Borough district used the library for one of its voting places and along with our own busy story hours and activities, we had a very hectic Tuesday, November 5.

Ronnie Schwartz of Dallas has allowed us to borrow 18 of his H O gauge train engines with tenders. These are exact replicas of real engines and are scale models. There is the Allegheny 4664; the Big Boy, the largest engine in the world; a Mallet, used over tops of mountains at 50 mph which can pull 100 cars filled with coal; one for the Rockies with the cab in front of engine to eliminate smoke for engineers through the tunnels; an S 1 class Sante Fe, Baltimore & Ohio; a gold Mikado, New York Central; Casey Jones, the one he wrecked; Jupiter, old Western style; the blue American Freedom passenger train and some small donkey engines used for switching in freight yards. Ronnie enjoys collecting these engines and plans to give them to his children in the future. These engines will be in the display case until December 4th. Stop at the library and see these fascinating trains.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is holding its First Library Auction Dinner Dance and Mini-Auction at the Woodlands on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 6 to 12. Tickets are available at the library at \$70 a couple and \$40 a single. A wreath for the auction is on display at the library. An auction meeting will be held at the library Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7:30.

Heinz on SS income

"Today's action sends a clear message that the Senate no longer condones Social Security's role as a pawn in the budget process," said Senator John Heinz (R-PA) following bi-partisan approval to separate Social Security from all future deficit reduction efforts.

"We have moved one giant step closer to the day when Social Security will be out of the reach of the budget cutters' knives," said Heinz, who introduced a sense-of-the-Senate resolution to remove Social Security from the unified budget as soon as possible. Affirmation of Heinz's amendment by more than three-quarters of the Senate was followed by a strong vote in support of a bi-partisan motion instructing the Senate Budget and Finance Committees to make the necessary changes in the law so cuts in Social Security benefits cannot be used to reduce the deficit. The two committee reports are due by October 15 and November 1 respectively.

"We must move quickly before we become so reliant on Social Security to make the deficit look small that we are unable to wean ourselves from our fiscal flamboyance," said Heinz.

Today's action is expected to accelerate Social Security's departure from the federal budget to fiscal year 1987. Two years ago Congress had voted to move the program "off budget" by 1992 as part of the Social Security reform package.

Social Security is a trust-funded program with its own source of tax revenues. It currently brings in more revenues than it pays out and is projected to be solvent well into the next century. It was merged into a "unified budget" in the mid-1960s, Heinz said, and as a budget item, its surpluses have the effect of reducing the deficit.

Heinz said that next year Social Security would obscure \$16.8 billion in deficits under current budget calculations.

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