

# Commentary

## Editor's notes

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

**WELL, TOMORROW IS THE DAY** - The day we stuff ourselves to overflowing with Thanksgiving dinner. I can almost smell it now - turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, etc., etc., etc.

Wow - doesn't that sound good? Yes, indeed, but it also sounds rather fattening. I have this unique problem with food - all I have to do is look at the darn stuff and I gain weight. Well, I have recently joined a "fat club" and am concentrating seriously on losing weight - seri-

ously enough to have dropped a few pounds in the last six weeks. (My fellow employees have come to call me - affectionately, I hope - "baggy pants.")

But, getting through my step-mother's Thanksgiving dinner without gaining an ounce is going to be one of the more difficult feats of my life. So, in order to plan for tomorrow's feast, I have been starving myself most of this week and will continue to "undereat" for the remainder of this week - hoping to at least remain at the same weight when I go to the next "fat class" on Monday night.

**THANKSGIVING** is a nice time of year, though, isn't it? The leaves are just about done falling off the trees and the cold, brisk weather of winter is starting to set in. I understand we're supposed to have a rather wet and rainy Thanksgiving this year, which really doesn't thrill me, but I guess it will give us all the more reason to stay inside and spend the day with our families.

However, Thanksgiving just doesn't seem like Thanksgiving without a Thanksgiving Day football game. I remember when I was in high school - football was the thing on Thanksgiving Day - and Mom had to plan Thanksgiving dinner around the football game.

We'd all bundle up and head up to the football field to meet our arch-rival school in the annual Turkey Day Classic. (In my case, as a graduate of Wyoming Area High School, the Pittston Area Patriots were our biggest enemies on Thanksgiving Day.)

And, if our side won the football game, the Thanksgiving dinner tasted all the better, but if our team lost (Heaven forbid), we'd have to wipe the tears away from our eyes all the time we were eating. Poor Mom, she'd have to miss the football game to slave away at the stove all morning getting together the most luscious feast of the year, then my brother and I would pout through the whole thing - just because our football team lost.

Sounds kind of silly, doesn't it? I guess it might be silly, but when you're that age, winning the Thanksgiving Day football game seems to be the most important thing of all.

**SPEAKING OF FOOTBALL**, cheers to head coach Ted Jackson and his Dallas Mountaineers for winning the annual Old Shoe Game between Dallas and Lake-Lehman.

The fightin' Mountaineers were bound and determined to get

revenge on their arch-rivals, the Black Knights, and sure enough, they did get revenge. Congratulations, guys - but you'd better not become too confident. I've heard the Knights are already planning next year's strategy because they want that trophy back in their school lobby.

**WELCOME TO** some new subscribers of ours as Jeanette and Fred Space have been added to our circulation list.

Mr. and Mrs. Space, who reside on River Street in Forty Fort reportedly received The Dallas Post as a holiday gift from some good friends of theirs and rumor has it they are thoroughly enjoying the features we have to offer.

I'm not so sure, however, that the lovely Mrs. Space isn't just reading the paper every week, hoping to see her name in it. Well, we'll fool her - we just won't put her name in it. So, there!

**THE NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA A BUSINESS JOURNAL**, a new monthly publication of Pennaprint Inc., the publishers of The Dallas Post and its sister newspaper, the Abington Journal of Clarks Summit, is scheduled to debut next week.

The journal, which will be published monthly and will be mailed free of charge to business owners, executives and professionals, will feature business news from a 12-county region in Northeast Pennsylvania.

Although business journals have sprung up all over the country in the past few years, the Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal is the first of its kind in this area.

We're hoping business executives will enjoy the kinds of stories we've put together for their reading enjoyment and for their business information. And, if anyone reading this column has seen the business journal and has a comment, criticism or complaints, I beg you to call me and voice your opinion.

**I ENJOYED DINNER** this past weekend in a rather exclusive restaurant in downtown Wilkes-Barre. The atmosphere was delightful, the service was exceptional and the food was absolutely mouth-watering - everything about the experience was enjoyable.

I had to chuckle, though, when one of the waiters went breezing past our table and didn't notice a paper cocktail napkin had fallen from the tray he was carrying. As the napkin laid on the floor in front of our table for quite some time, we watched numerous employees of the restaurant, walk by, look at it and leave it there.

Some time later, a young gentleman very nicely attired in a business suit walked past our table, very quickly bent down, picked up the napkin, nonchalantly stuck it in his pocket and continued on his way.

Having noticed his concern for the appearance of the restaurant, I asked our waitress who this young man was. You guessed it - the manager. And, I guess that's why he's the manager!

**MY MOST SINCERE WISHES** to each and every one of you to enjoy the happiest, healthiest and most enjoyable Thanksgiving ever.



## REMEMBERING

### Lake church

Shown here is the original Our Lady of Victory Church that overlooks Harveys Lake.

## Only yesterday

# Christmas Seal distribution begins in Wyoming Valley

50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 29, 1935

The distribution of Christmas Seals used each holiday season to finance the work of Wyoming Valley Tuberculosis Society began. Mrs. James Oliver was in charge of local school distribution. Mrs. J. Truman Evans was general chairman; Mrs. J.I. Roe of Shrineview was treasurer.

Plans to erect a \$20,000 addition to Dallas Borough School buildings were abandoned when directors announced that the finances of the district would not warrant the expenditures necessary for improvements.

Married - Zelma Shoenfield to Alton Baggett. Deaths - Margaret Price, Shavertown; Catherine Hankey, Trucksville; David Norris, Noxen.

You could get - Sauerkraut 5c lb. can; spinach 2 lb. 13c; rutabaga turnips 5 lb. 10c; Victor coffee 15c lb.; prunes 4 lb. 19c; bread big loaf 6c; ribbon layer cake 43c ea.; soup 2 cans 15c; peas 2 cans 11c; cabbage 2 lb. 9c.

40 YEARS AGO - NOV. 30, 1945

A crowd of approximately 700 fans braved overcast skies to watch the spirited contest between Kingston Township and Dallas Township High Schools. Kingston Township won, defeating Dallas Township 14-6.

Fast work by members of Dr. Henry M. Laing and Lehman Fire Companies saved two dwellings from being completely demolished by fire. The home of Leslie Sutton suffered much damage on the upper floor. The J.E. Twaddle home at Huntsville was damaged by a fire caused by an overheated chimney.

Married - Jean B. Gay and Irving Norton; Violet Baer and Wesley Sutton; Margaret Zweig and Charles Moore.

You could get - Standing rib roast 30c lb.; fresh sausage 39c lb.; cod fillets 35c lb.; franks 37c lb.; Asco coffee 24c lb.; 3 cans evap. milk 27c; Green Giant peas 10c can; niblets corn 14c can; grapefruit 7c ea.; Brer Rabbit Molasses 18c bottle.

30 YEARS AGO - DEC. 2, 1955

Twenty seven neighbors worked together to rebuild a barn for the Joseph Zosh family whose barn was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Fred Youngblood, a rural mail carrier retired after 37 years of service. Beginning his career in 1918, he had delivered the mail by horse and buggy during the winter months before roads were improved in the outlying districts.

Deaths - Joseph M. Dotter, Noxen; Hattie Derhammer, Noxen; Theodore Cragle, Hunlock Creek; Mary

Bitner, Harveys Lake; Frederick Hand, Harveys Lake.

You could get - Pork loins 29c lb.; ground beef 3 lb. 99c; boiled ham 89c lb.; coffee 79c lb.; butter 65c lb.; broccoli 2 pkg. 49c; apples 4 lb. 25c; tomatoes 21c lb.; Pillsbury cake mixes 34c; haddock fillet 39c; 1/2 gal. Breyer's Ice Cream 99c.

20 YEARS AGO - DEC. 2, 1965

Robert S. Tippet, Westmoreland Hills, Trucksville was named president of the Home Builders Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The installation was held at Irem Temple Country Club.

Hayfield House was undergoing renovation to convert it into classrooms. William Cutten was aointed assistant director for development, for the newest campus of Pennsylvania State University.

Married - Linda Rice Houlihan and Leonard Kozick. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chisko, 45 years.

Birthdays - John Breza, Overbrook Ave., 80 years old; Mrs. Charles Patton, 80 years old.

Deaths - Jean D. Houlette, New Goss Manor; James T. O'Connell, Harveys Lake; Mary Evans, New York City; Leonard Novitski, Jackson Twp.; Gertrude Euth, Carverton Rd.; Mrs. Roscoe Smith, Baltimore.

You could get - Boneless round steak 87c lb.; franks 59c lb.; chickens 59c lb.; legs of lamb 59c lb.; 2 lb. can coffee \$1.39 lb.; white grapes 2 lb. 39c; cheddar cheese 57c lb.; fresh mushrooms 49c lb.; oranges 49c doz.

10 YEARS AGO - DEC. 4, 1975

Area School boards reorganized. Ernest Ashbridge was re-elected president of Dallas School Board while Arnold Garinger was elected Lake-Lehman's school board president.

A one day record was set on the opening day of deer season. Seven hundred thirty deer were bagged.

Engaged - Cheryl Boeshore and Keith DeVincentis; Donna Lynn Weaver to Joseph F. Kruppo; Peggy Jordan and Glenn Harvey; Jennifer Mary Torr to James Reid Davenport.

Deaths - Fred Whitesell, Sr. Sweet Valley; George S. Swan, Dallas; Robert C. Trethaway, Dallas; Emma Harlow, Noxen; Thomas Edwards, Dallas Twp. Eva Crispell, Hunlock Creek; Ida Mae Van Horn, Dallas.

You could get - Boneless chuck roast \$1.09 lb.; ground chuck 99c lb.; sliced bologna 99c lb.; skinless franks 95c lb.; white potatoes 4 cans \$1; Town House crackers 59c 12 oz. box; Carnation Coffee Mate 22 oz. jar \$1.29; tomatoes 3 cello pkg. \$1.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library circulated 3,049 books during the month of October; 4,803 adults and 3,246 juvenile. There were 450 new books added to the collection, 976 reference questions handled and 297 book club books circulated. New borrowers joining the library included 71 adults and 73 juveniles, and patrons re-registrations totaled 227.

The library staff is grateful to the organizations who are supplying us with clerical help. The Office of the Aging has supplied Jane McMichael and Midge Mieczkowski; The Junior League has two members volunteering, Lisa Brown and Donna Gaia; The Volunteer Action Center has sent Scott James and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program has given us Irene Transue and Erna Schnell.

Our H O gauge train display is attracting a lot of attention, children as well as adults. One couple came today from Shickshinny to see them. They will be on display until Dec. 4.

Yesterday was baby day at the library or so it seemed. Jill Hiller, a former employee, came in with 4 month Katie; and three other mothers brought their infants in to see what the library is all about. Babies are a joy to hold, a wonder to behold and a blessing in all ways.

"The Velveteen Rabbit" by Margery Williams is a marvelous children's story and our copies of the book have been well used. There is a new edition of the book with modern illustrations and during my browsing in a Philadelphia shop recently, I came across the new editions of the book and a cute cuddly replica of the velveteen rabbit. I wanted to buy the rabbit for the children's room, but it as selling for a few too many pennies. The story is well worth reading, and has to do with 'What is real?' and how being loved can make you real. A children's classic.

There are many needs to which quotation books respond; to find quotable material, to identify a passage who wrote it, which of the author's works is it from, or whether one's perception of a subject is shared by someone of established reputation. One may seek clues as to what, in a particular time or place, people were thinking, saying and writing. Some of the Quotation Books on our shelves include: John Bartlett's familiar quotations; A treasury of Biblical quotations by Lester Berrey; Useful quotations by Tryon Edwards; the Book of Unusual Quotations by Rudolph Flesch; a treasury of Presidential quotations by Caroline Harnsberger; a Treasury of humorous quotations by Herbert Prochnow and the Home Book of Quotations by Burton Stevenson. Recently published quotations books which we have on order are Oxford Book of Quotations; Dictionary of Foreign Quotations and The Quotable Woman from Eve to 1799. Quotation books have always been popular in the library used to verify the wording of a passage, the source of which one knows. Many of these books are in the reference room.

## STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

**ENFORCING PENNSYLVANIA'S** liquor laws was a subject of consideration in both the House and Senate this week. The two chambers, however, differed on exactly how to change enforcement procedures. The House Liquor Control Committee amended a bill to keep enforcement responsibility under the Liquor Control Board, but to "professionalize" and enlarge the division. Meanwhile, the Senate voted 47-1 to remove enforcement responsibility from the LCB and transfer it to the Attorney General's Office. Rep. Terry L. Punt (R-Franklin), a developer of the House proposal, said the House plan addresses problems within the LCB. "This legislation increases the number of enforcement agents, requires minimum educational and training criteria and gives agents more power to enforce liquor laws, especially against nuisance bars."

**LEGISLATION REVAMPING** the state Public Utility Commission (PUC) passed the House after two days of intense debate and the addition of numerous amendments. The bill is part of the sunset review process and, if it becomes law, will keep the PUC alive until 1991. The measure reduces the length of a PUC member's term from 10 to four years, restructures the appointment and confirmation procedure for PUC members, and gives the PUC the power to award rate increases based on the efficiency of a utility. Rep. Corry Stevens (R-Luzerne) said the bill would make the PUC "more responsive to the consumer." The legislation now goes to the Senate for consideration.

# OPINION

## Will manufacturing survive in Northeast Pa.?

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN  
Special to The Dallas Post

Will manufacturing survive as an economic base to restore vitality to Northeastern Pennsylvania? This dilemma plagues not only the Pocono Northeast, but the entire nation, particularly the northeastern sector of the United States. As manufacturing declines in Pennsylvania as a major economic force, the service industry expands. Thus, overall numbers of jobs have increased, but the type of job which dominates Northeastern Pennsylvania's economy has substantially

changed. Indeed, the trend shows no change in the immediate future. Expectations are that the service industry will continue to expand its job opportunities while the manufacturing sector declines, particularly in light of the importation of foreign products and the severe competition which the needle trade industry in Northeastern Pennsylvania has experienced in recent years.

Does this necessarily mean bad tidings for Northeastern Pennsylvania in the remainder of the 1980's and 1990's. Not necessarily, although the economic base of any region cannot survive on a single

industry sector alone. Therefore, the diversification of the region's economy to include both new manufacturing jobs as well as additional service jobs is a necessary ingredient for the region to effectively compete with its neighbors in coming years. How effectively Pennsylvania competes for the same type of diversification will impact greatly how Northeastern Pennsylvania fares and how it can continue to pursue a strong economic future. Manufacturing jobs are not easy to obtain and instant successes should not be expected. For example, the Committee for Economic Growth (CEG) which has been an exciting success financially, cannot be expected to perform miracles overnight. It needs time to establish itself and achieve its goals. Much hard work remains throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania to satisfy economic needs and promote new jobs and new growth.

A new examination needs to be accomplished with respect to economic growth. Special studies have been accomplished for various parts of Northeastern Pennsylvania such as those made by the Fantus Corporation in Lackawanna County, and

the studies prepared for the Committee for Economic Growth in Wyoming Valley by a private consultant firm. These studies have suggested that certain targeted industries be attracted to Lackawanna and Luzerne County respectively. In each case, so-called "back offices" which would constitute branches of headquarters firms would be desirable for Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company serves as an outstanding example for economic growth in upper Lackawanna County with over 400 employees and a highly sophisticated computer technology based facility. These types of service jobs are important to the economic growth of the region. They are, by no means, the only type of industry sector which should be attracted to Northeastern Pennsylvania. Many of the assets which the region has should allow for the growth of manufacturing jobs to supplement the tremendous growth in service industries throughout the region.

Thus while the trend has noticeably quickened for service type industries and businesses, manufac-

turing should not take a back seat and neither should distribution type industries which can locate in Northeastern Pennsylvania and have immediate access to much of the domestic, if not world market place.

Special attention needs to be placed on providing the community facilities necessary to attract both manufacturing and service type industries and to encourage a unified approach through regional economic development to supplement the work of local industrial development organizations and chambers of commerce. Much can be gained by examining through additional technical studies, the types of industries beyond those already suggested and or accomplished which can benefit the region's economic posture. The Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania stands ready to assist in any way possible to achieve these goals and to encourage a better quality of life for economic growth in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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