



Editor's notes

A little of this...

...a little of that

OH YES, 'tis the Christmas season. However, in addition to being the Christmas season, it's also the cold season.

Don't believe me? Just take a look around you and see how many people are coughing, snorting and blowing their noses these days. It's amazing - but I honestly believe it's because we all push ourselves so hard at this time of year, we can't help but feel blue most of the time.



DOTTY MARTIN

AND THE WEATHER doesn't help much, either, does it? Oh, but isn't it a beautiful time of year?

The snow last Friday made me feel great. As an avid skier, I couldn't help but smile all day at the office - smile as long as that little white stuff was falling.

My attitude was a very happy one because of the snow, but my fellow employees did not share the same sentiment and I'm afraid I annoyed more than half of them by being in a good mood while it was snowing.

A LOT OF GOOD the snow did me, though. I looked forward to spending the weekend on the ski slopes and, instead, wound up nursing a darn cold most of the weekend.

I DID MANAGE to get out and get a Christmas tree, though - between sneezes and coughs. My stepister and I opted to cut down our own tree this year - something neither one of us had done before.

We found a Christmas tree farm in Kunkle, run by a gentleman by the name of Bill. And, boy, was it fun!

We took a saw and the two of us, along with the dog, trekked up the hill to Bill's Christmas tree farm. When we got to the top of the hill, the scene was just gorgeous. It started to snow a little, several little children were running around trying to choose just the right tree and Moms and Dads were dragging trees, as well as their children, down the hill to their cars.

Yes, sir - that's the way to buy a Christmas tree. Not only do you have the pick of the lot, but the fun of feeling old-fashioned for an afternoon and cutting down your own tree is really worth the effort.

Now, whether it's worth the effort trying to straighten the tree once you get it home is still questionable. But, then again, when it's finally up and decorated - it's kind of hard not to get into the Christmas spirit.

ALONG THE LINES of holiday doings, our readers are reminded that we have changed our publication dates for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Our Christmas edition will be published on Monday, December 23 while our New Year's edition will come out on Monday, December 30.

This will give our advertisers a chance to tell our readers of their pre-Christmas specials one last time while we can be sure our newspaper won't get lost among the Christmas presents. Our early publishing dates will give all of you an opportunity to read through the paper before Santa arrives with his gifts.

A GREAT BIG round of applause goes out to Rosemary Isopi of Overbrook Road, Dallas.

Rosemary was honored as The Times Leader's Employee of the Year Saturday evening at the newspaper's annual Christmas party.

An employee in the composing room at The Times Leader, Rosemary was nominated for the honor, along with several other Times Leader employees.

As a former employee of The Times Leader, I can certainly vouch for Rosemary's caringness and faithfulness to her work. Congratulations to her on a well-deserved honor.

And, something tells me her husband, Bill, and their son, Billy, are awfully proud of Rosemary, also.

Merry Christmas to all of you.

BEST OF LUCK wishes go out to Karen Spudis of Dallas, the new (and proud, I might add) owner of the Bargain Bakery Outlet on Route 415 in Dallas.

Karen, who was formerly employed as the manager of Carol Carroll's Beauty Salon in the same shopping plaza as the bakery, assumed ownership of the bakery outlet a few months ago - and is having a ball with her new business. I'm sure Karen's winning personality and quick sense of humor will enable her to become a very successful businesswoman.

I HAD LUNCH with a very special Dallas resident the other day - namely Ellen Q. Bush of Haddonfield Hills.

Ellen is the branch manager of the E.F. Hutton Co. office in the Courthouse Square Towers Building in Wilkes-Barre and is kept awfully busy in that position.

This year, Ellen is also assisting Nancy Robert, a former Dallas resident, in coaching the Wilkes College women's basketball team.

And, even though Ellen smiled when she told me she thinks this column is corny, I'll bet she's going to cut this one out for her scrapbook. Aren't you, Ellen?

Well, even if you don't - good luck with the Lady Colonelettes this season. And pass the luck on to Nancy Roberts for me, if you will.

MARIETTA BACHMAN (the former Marietta Bednar) stopped by our office to say hello the other day. And with her she had five-month-old Amy Bachman, who is just as precious as any child can be.

Amy actually smiled at me, thus becoming the first baby in the history of babies who didn't cry upon sight of me. I think small children realize I am more afraid of them than they are of me and nine out of 10 really let me have it. Amy's different, though. She and I are good friends now.

Marietta and her husband, Larry, have rebuilt their home at North Lake in Sweet Valley after it received the worst damage of all during last year's tornado that swept through the Sweet Valley and Harveys Lake areas.

CONGRATULATIONS to the students at College Misericordia on the fine performance they presented during the college's annual rendition of the Madrigal Dinner.

Although I was unable to attend the event this year, I have heard nothing but the most favorable comments on the students' performance this year.

The College Misericordia students and their moderators work just as hard as possible all through the year, preparing for the Madrigal Dinner and, if you've never attended it, you really should make an attempt to do so next year. It's something you shouldn't miss.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD to helping a special friend celebrate her birthday this Friday, December 20.

Anna Kalna, of Main Street, Swoyersville, will observe her special day on Friday and I want to wish her the best birthday ever. Anna and I and another special friend of ours are planning a pizza party in honor of the occasion.

A GREAT BIG HELLO goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Loveland of Sutton Road in Trucksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Loveland are new subscribers to The Dallas Post and I met them just this week after responding to a classified advertisement they had placed in our paper.

They are both wonderful people and I'd like to wish them a very joyous holiday season.

WELCOME HOME to Al and Maureen Martinsky of Tampa, Florida who are visiting here for the Christmas holidays.

Al and Maureen, both former residents of Wyoming Valley, will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. David Martin of Forty Fort.

Letters policy

The Dallas Post welcomes and encourages its readers to voice their opinions in its "Letters to the Editor" column. Letters should be typed or written legibly and must contain a signature and a telephone number for verification. Names will be withheld upon request. Letters should be addressed to Editor, The Dallas Post, P.O., Box 366, Dallas, Pa., 18612.

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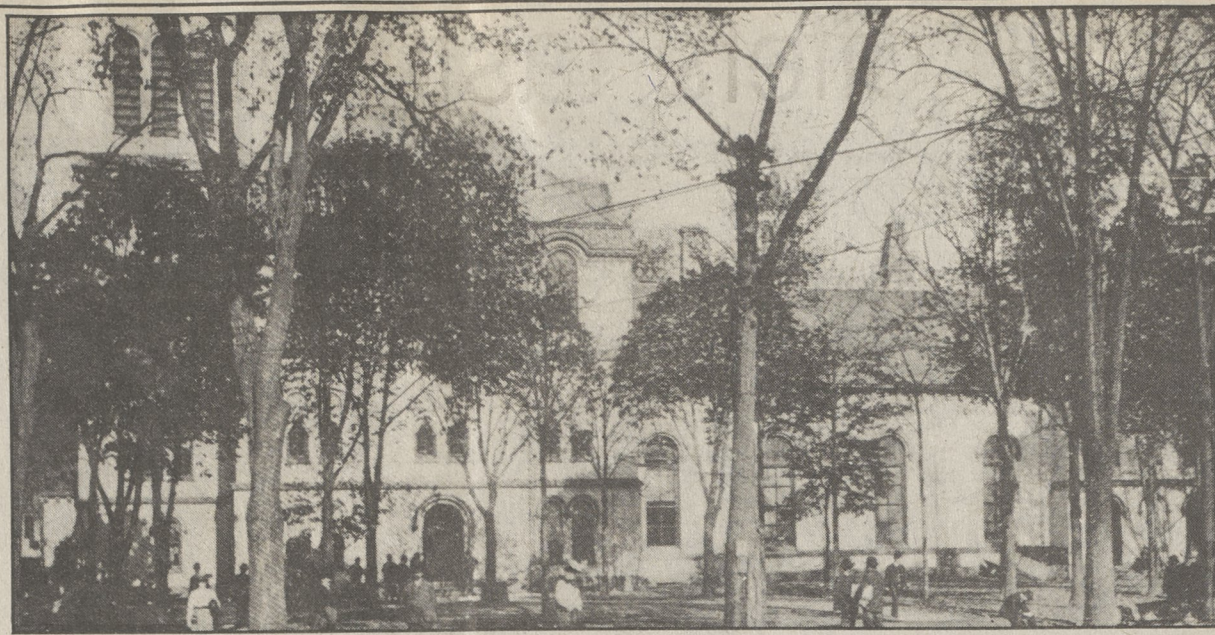
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REMEMBERING

Courthouse

Shown here is a sight of the old Luzerne County Courthouse located in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Only yesterday

A.L. Culbert appointed Dallas Borough auditor

50 YEARS AGO - DEC. 20, 1935

A.L. Culbert was named Dallas Borough Auditor at a special meeting. Culbert replaced Joseph Jewell who had resigned his post.

Kingston Township championship football team was honored at a banquet held at the Shavertown M.E. Church. Tom Heffernan, sports editor of the Sunday Independent was guest speaker.

You could get - Butter 2 lb. 69c; cigarettes \$1.15 carton; eggs 2 doz. 53c; pumpkin 3 big cans 25c; Hershey Kisses 2 1/2 lb. box 55c; fruit cake 39c ea.; mince meat 19c lb.; cod steak 2 lb. 25c; halibut steak 19c lb.; oysters 4 doz. 29c.

40 YEARS AGO - DEC. 21, 1945

Women of Rotary and their husbands and guests enjoyed a dinner dance at Irem Temple Country Club. Music was furnished by Donlin's Orchestra.

Rev. John J. O'Leary, pastor of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown and Our Lady of Victory Church, Alderson, announced that a shipment of more than two tons of canned food was sent for the relief of needy people abroad. The food was collected under the auspices of the National Catholic Welfare Council.

Married - Lucy Harris Selover and William J. Hill. Deaths - Abraham Smith, Noxen; Joseph Skopik, Lehman.

You could get - Turkeys 48c lb.; ground hamburger 28c lb.; stewing oysters 79c pt.; extra large pecans 49c lb.; English Walnut meats 8 oz. 26c; fancy mixed nuts 45c lb.; mincemeat 9 oz. pkg. 15c; evaporated milk 10 tall cans 87c.

30 YEARS AGO - DEC. 22, 1955

Drawings were complete for a \$100,000, 8-lane air conditioned bowling alley to be built on a 300 ft. lot near Elmerest on Memorial Highway. Robert Hanson, owner, announced that the enterprise would be known as Crown Imperial Bowling Lanes.

Fred J. Roberts, Shavertown, freshman at Wilkes College, was rated as one of the finest debating prospects ever to enter that educational establishment. The rating was given by debating coach Arthur N. Kruger.

Engaged - Anna Simon to Walter Watkins; Elizabeth White to Jerome Perry.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perkins, Carverton, 50 years; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bodycomb, Dallas, 25 years.

You could get - Breyers ice cream 99c 1/2 gal.; bacon 39c lb.; eggs 59c doz.; bananas 11c lb.; mixed nuts 49c lb.; turkeys 49c lb.; sausage 59c lb.; men's birthstone rings \$16.95; diamonds \$49.95; Davy Crockett watches \$4.39.

OPINION

Children from broken homes need help from church, school

By CLYDE DUPIN
Special to The Dallas Post

It is time the church and school do something to help the children of wrecked marriages. Divorce has more severe effects on a child's outlook than the death of a parent, according to recent studies. Many selfish adults put their own wants first and give their children the leftovers.

Teens from divorced families are less optimistic and have more psychological problems than those whose parents stay together. The children of divorced parents often have thoughts of insecurity, anger, and depression. These young people have burdens that they should never have to feel. Almost 50 percent of the marriages now fail, and the children of divorce increased by 1.1 million last year.

It is easy to spot these children in the classroom. Many good teachers have become co-parents and try to help these children with behavior swings. The lack of parental attention makes them feel rejected and often guilty. Some schools are setting up programs to help them understand the divorce wasn't their fault. Some schools are employing counselors to work with the teens to help them to stay off drugs and avoid suicide.

The church has a major responsibility to these children of divorced parents. The church can show love and care better than any other institution. The church needs to

place more emphasis on reconciliation between parents before a divorce. The love of Christ and God's teaching is the best form of marriage insurance. When we save

the home, we save both the adults and the children.

(Clyde Dupin is editor of a national column entitled "Religious Viewpoint.")

LETTERS

Publisher liked article

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you (Charlot Denmon) for your recent story in The Dallas Post featuring our publication for senior citizens and retirees. Many people commented on the article to us and numerous requests for complimentary issues of our newspaper were received.

Both yourself and The Dallas Post deserve very high praise for taking a real interest in residents of the Back Mountain. This is clearly

evident in the many pages of articles devoted to individuals from our area in your newspaper. You truly are a real asset to the many communities comprising the Back Mountain.

I wish you continued success and look forward to each issue of your excellent newspaper. All the best for the New Year!

ALBERT J. YASCAVAGE, SR.
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER
SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Band parents appreciative

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Dallas Post for its kindness.

Thanks to you the Dallas Area Marching Band received some very needed recognition.

Through your efforts, many people realized how far this band has progressed in only four short years.

MARY LEE SOWGA
DALLAS BAND PARENTS

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

We have hung the staff Christmas stockings in the office area of the new library, having left our lovely staircase with bannister in the old building, and wrapped some red and white ribbon with silver garland around the poles leading into the reading room. Our lighted nativity and Christmas holiday scene is set up in the office area and the children's room has its own special lighted tree.

In other words, we are ready for Christmas, and we invite the public to join us for Christmas punch and cookies or coffee on Friday, Dec. 20, Saturday, Dec. 22 and Monday, Dec. 23 between the hours of 2 and 5. The library will be closed the 24th and 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday.

From the staff at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, Bill, Nancy, Marilyn, Charlotte, Melissa, Lisa, Melanie, and Michael, go best wishes for an enjoyable holiday season with a special hope for peace in the world and joy in your hearts.

I passed a billboard on my trip through Texas last year which carried a message as a reminder to all, "Christ is Christmas!" With the commercialization of the holidays, we often tend to forget what Christmas is really about.

I had an exciting Saturday trip to New York City with a friend a few days ago and we both thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. Coming around the Port Authority Building, there was a large painting on a tall building of Dwight Gooden, that great New York Mets baseball player, sponsored by Nike. Met Denise at the Exxon building when we got off the bus and together with her mother, we had coffee at Fritzl's Coffee Shoppe in West 48th St. and it was only 60c a cup. Denise worked for me at the library a few years back and has remained a truly good friend.

Did some special Christmas shopping at my favorite store, Brooks Brothers on Madison Avenue and after asking many people, finally find out where Trump Tower was and went there. That is a fabulous sight to see, escalators, poinsettias, and people and lovely Christmas music with waterfalls; did get inside Saks Fifth Avenue after waiting in line just to get in the door and it is decorated for Christmas in a lovely way. The lines outside Saks trying to see the animated scenes in the windows were four and five deep and we were not able to get even a glimpse.

Did stop at Green Hills at Rockefeller Christmas tree from Harveyville was beautiful and we had a special ornament with 50 names from Dallas to hang on it, but due to regulations we could not. This very special Christmas ornament is now hanging over our favorite coffee spot where we can enjoy it every day, thanks to Will.

Merry Christmas!

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

THE STATE Human Relations Commission (HRC) would be prohibited from ordering state and local government agencies to adopt quota hiring and promotion systems if a bill which passed the House becomes law. Rep. Chris Wogan (R-Philadelphia) amended the measure to remove the HRC's authority to order quota hiring. "Quotas are wrong under any circumstances and we should take any possible action to eliminate them," said Wogan. The bill extends the life of the HRC for a 10-year period. The Senate recessed for the holidays before taking action on the measure. The General Assembly is required to review each government agency periodically in order to determine its effectiveness and usefulness.

LEADERS FROM the House and Senate agreed to allow the Liquor Control Board to remain in existence for up to one year before making a final decision on its future. The LCB and eight other agencies were granted the extensions while lawmakers deliberate their futures. The LCB has been under attack by Gov. Thornburgh who wants to turn the sale of liquor over to the private sector. By granting the extension, legislators will have added time to consider the pros and cons of the governor's proposal. Th other agencies granted extensions are the Public Utility Commission, Human Relations Commission, the Board of Probation and Parole, the Housing Finance Agency, the boards of Optometric Examiners, Chiropractic Examiners, Veterinary Medical Examiners and Psychologist Examiners.

INSURANCE COMPANIES would be permitted to continue to base auto insurance rates on gender for an additional 18 months under a bill which overwhelmingly passed the House. The state Insurance Department has ordered insurers to implement gender-neutral or so-called unisex insurance rates by March.