

Commentary

Editor's notes

A little of this...

...a little of that

WE'VE HAD SOME interesting comments about the imaginary Christmas gifts and imaginary New Year's resolutions we've published during our last two issues. And, I'm thrilled to say, I have not yet heard of one person who became upset or angry with us for the gift we promised for them or for the resolution we suggested they make.

What I have heard, though, are comments from people about how they would like to add some of their own. We've been publishing imaginary Christmas gifts and imaginary New Year's resolutions for our friends and neighbors for three years now and anyone who wants to get in on the act is more than welcome to do so. When the time comes to start gathering your ideas, you'll read about it in our paper - either here in this column or somewhere else in the paper. And, everyone is invited to participate.

It's kind of a neat way to give someone the kind of gifts you could never buy for them - or to suggest someone make a resolution they wouldn't make on their own.

MUCH THANKS to the Wertmans from J&J Deli in Dallas for their contribution to our staff party this year.

Members of The Dallas Post staff got together at staff correspondent Charlot Denmon's house recently to celebrate the Christmas holidays and it seems the Wertmans got wind of our party. Thus, they sent over a tray of fruit for us to enjoy and, needless to say, there wasn't a bite left at the end of the evening.

BELATED, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN, birthday greetings to my next-door neighbor, Wanda Harker, who celebrated her big day on December 29.

Harker, as she is affectionately referred to by her "good" friends, was treated to dinner and a few bouquets of flowers in honor of the occasion.

Happy birthday, Harker - and many happy returns!

MEMBERS OF OUR OFFICE STAFF are getting used to the wall plaque I recently hung in my office. At the risk of sounding like a true-blue women's libber (which I am not), I'll convey the plaque's message to you:

"Some leaders are born women. Behind every successful woman is a man who's surprised."

I thought it was kind of catchy, especially since it has a picture of a coffee cup and a newspaper on it. Anyway, it was a Christmas present and I found it rather fitting to hang it in my office - even if the male members of the staff can't relate to it. The women are getting a kick out of it, though.

NEWSWATCH 16'S Valerie Devine and her cameraperson, Gail (I'm so sorry, Gail - I didn't catch your last name) visited our office one day last week to do a story on our new sister publication, the Northeast Pennsylvania Business

Journal.

Valerie and Gail - who also got a kick out of my new wall plaque - related to it rather well. So well, as a matter of fact, that they had me make a copy of it for them so they could hang it in the Newswatch 16 newsroom when they got back to work.

Now, Karen Harch, Susan Jellig and Kathi Belich probably got a kick out of the saying, but I'm not so sure their assignment editor (who is a male) appreciated it as much.

Anyway, we'd like to thank Valerie and Gail for the patience they had with us and for the consideration they showed us while they were here. They sure were professional about their work, but very personable at the same time - and they did manage to make the difficult task of being interviewed on camera rather easy for all of us.

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to Patty Ginochietti and her family on the death of Patty's grandmother, Mrs. Ethel McCole, last Thursday.

Although the occasion could have been a happier one, it was nice to see Patty and her three sisters all together again.

And, Gino, Patty's husband and proprietor of Gino's Shoe Store in Dallas, is always a happy person to run in to. Gino's like Dick Clark - he hasn't aged a bit since the day I met him - and probably never will.

And Gino's always got that smile on his face and that pleasant manner that makes him such a great person. I guess that's why he's so successful in the shoe business - his customers love him.

Keep smilin', Gino - we love it!

I TOOK TO THE SLOPES for a few days last week and, as I stumbled my way down the trails at Jack Frost in the Poconos, I saw one of the most amazing feats of my life.

Coming behind me on one run, I heard a woman shouting out directions - "left," "right," "stop." When I turned to look, I couldn't believe what I saw.

Here was a young man skiing behind this woman - and he was blind! He wore a pinafore that said, "Blind Skier" so those around him would be cautious while the woman's pinafore read, "Lions Club International Sight Guide."

I got chills down my spine when I saw this gallant display of courage. Boy, talk about determination!

DEBBEY WYSOCKI, our entertainment writer, is still soaking up her crying towel since the Nittany Lions of Penn State lost the national championship to Oklahoma University.

Sister Davida Morgan, principal of Gate of Heaven School where Debby teaches, stopped in at our office the other day and told us that even though she isn't a Penn State fan, even she cried that day. Who wouldn't have cried - the play of the Nittany Lions was pathetic enough to make a crier out of someone who doesn't even like football.

Sister Davida, however, was elated that the New England Patriots bounced the Los Angeles Raiders out of playoff contention. She feels that anyone who wears black uniforms, as the Raiders do, deserves to lose.



REMEMBERING

Downtown Dallas

Shown here is a photo of the former Raub's Hotel and the First National Bank at the intersection of Dallas.

Only yesterday

High school basketball teams open new season

50 YEARS AGO - JAN. 10, 1936

High school basketball teams from the Back Mountain section opened their 1936 season with games at Kingston Township and in Dallas Borough gymnasium. Dallas played Lehman High School while Dallas Township battled Kingston Township.

Noting the fact that they had been unable to find a teacher who could measure up to the qualifications of Angeline Dymond, commercial teacher at Dallas Borough School, the school board declined to accept her resignation.

Engaged - Elsie Gertrude Cool to George D. Dean; Helen Dorothy Baluet to Dr. T.C. Knoll.

Deaths - Julia Brown, Harveys Lake; Mary Alice Rundell, Noxen; Merritt J. Kispough, Trucksville; William McCarty, Kunkle; Mary A. Kitchen, Sweet Valley; Mrs. George Atherholt, Evans Falls; Charlotte Mann.

You could get - Halibut steak 19c lb.; stewing oysters 3 doz. 25c; pork loins 24c lb.; flour 24 lb. bag, 79c; pineapple 2 big cans 35c; Ajax yellow soap 6 cakes 19c; whole milk cheese 19c lb.; syrup 2-1 1/2 lb. cans 19c.

40 YEARS AGO - JAN. 11, 1946

George Williams, prominent in Luzerne County newspaper and Republican political circles for more than 40 years was sworn in as Dallas Borough Burgess. This was the third Luzerne County municipality Williams had served in this capacity.

George Stolarick, former manager of the old A & P Store in Dallas, purchased the three-story W.R. Neely store building in Lehman Center. He opened a modern farm equipment and electrical goods store.

Engaged - Mabel Ahrendts to Sherman Harter; Ida Lewis to Pfc. Paul Redmond; Ruth Malkemes to David John Dyke.

Married - Thelma Cornel and James Culp. Deaths - Joseph Hacker, Fernbrook; Charles Roesse, Trucksville; Louis Estus, Huntington Mills.

You could get - Lamb chops 52c lb.; pork sausage 39c lb.; mackerel 21c lb.; Pillsbury Best Flour 25 lb. bag \$1.25; ASCO coffee 24c lb.; cauliflower 1g. hd. 29c; oranges 37c doz.; Canadian rutabagas 3c lb.; PD chocolate syrup 25c jar.

30 YEARS AGO - JAN. 13, 1956

The 1956 Senior Grand Champion bull of the Milking Shorthorn Breed at Pennsylvania Farm Show was Barrington King Nuggett owned and shown by Hillside Farms, Inc., Trucksville.

James Besecker, for more than 20 years Fire Chief of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company resigned. He was replaced by James Gansel, assistant chief.

Engaged - Frances Hildebrandt and Mitchell Cybulski; Charlotte Rae Dymond to Richard George Parry; Eleanor Louise Ide to Wilson Cease.

Deaths - George Smith, Sr., Harveys Lake; William T. Meeker, Fernbrook; Kate Moore, Sweet Valley.

You could get - Smoked hams 45c lb.; ground beef 3 lb. \$1; bacon 29c 1/2 lb.; Emperor grapes 2 lb. 25c; tangerines 2 doz. 49c; cauliflower 25c lg. hd.; Louella butter 68c lb.; sharp cheese 69c lb.; Dial soap 2 reg. bars 23c.

20 YEARS AGO - JAN. 13, 1966

Lake-Lehman High School was fully accredited by the Middle States Commission on Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Natona Mills Inc. was sold, although the purchaser had not been revealed.

Shavertown Firemen installed officers at their annual dinner. President was Andrew Roan, vice president, Harold Darrow, secretary, James Kemmerer, treasurer, Lauren Dymond.

Engaged - Ruth Ann Scott and Thomas C. Chalenger.

Birthdays - Mrs. Emma Phillips, Shavertown, 98 years; Mrs. Bertha Lamoreaux Anderson, Shavertown, 94 years; Rev. John J. Jones, 84 years.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ash, 39 years; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morgan, 50 years.

Deaths - Stanley Stull, Staub Road; Elmer L. Dymond, West Dallas.

You could get - Calves liver 99c lb.; turkey roasts (boneless) 79c lb.; 2 lb. halibut 99c; sea scallops 5 lb. box \$2.99; eggs 2 doz. 89c; Campbell's soups 6 cans \$1; 6-6 oz. cans orange juice 89c; grapefruit 5 lb. bag 49c.

10 YEARS AGO - JAN. 15, 1976

Elston Tire Service was heavily damaged by a general alarm fire. More than 79 volunteers from five Back Mountain fire companies battled the flames which destroyed one-third of the building.

Mrs. Robert Hughes, chairman of Dallas Borough Bicentennial Commission announced that the municipality had been designated an official Bicentennial community. An official flag and certificate would be presented to Borough officials.

Engaged - Sandra Barakat to John C. Keesege.

Deaths - Alton Sprout, Dallas; Mrs. Joseph Temple, Trucksville; Mrs. Harold Belles, Dallas; Louise Rhodes, Trucksville; Ira Burton Smith, Dallas.

You could get - Round steak \$1.55 lb.; sirloin tip roast \$1.69 lb.; lean ground beef 88c lb.; kidney beans 4 cans \$1; 8 oz. pkg. Mrs. T's pierogies 39c; Ragu spaghetti sauce 15 1/2 oz. jar 49c; oranges 10-89c; 2 cello pkgs. carrots 39c.

OPINION

1986 has arrived, so give it your best!

By CLYDE DUPIN

Special to The Dallas Post

The New Year 1986 has arrived, filled with hope and opportunity. It is a gift from God and should be treated as a sacred trust. It is like an unspoiled page in your book of time. It is your new chance at the art of good living.

This is your opportunity to make a new start. It is an excellent time to break bad habits and set new goals. It is a new opportunity to love and to work. This same opportunity comes to all. The rich and poor all have a chance to be kind, loving, and forgiving.

I suggest you thank God for what you are and what you have, whether it be great or small. Take pleasure

in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Turn off the TV and take a walk and see the beauty of the stars. Welcome a stranger and gladden the heart by visiting an elderly friend. Make a resolution to be kind, gentle, and laugh a little. Take time to express gratitude and forgive a grudge. It's the little things you do in 1986 that will make it the best year of your life.

This year, let good attitudes change your life. Don't spend too much time listening to gloom and doom as portrayed by the news makers. God is still in charge of our world; and He isn't finished with it yet. Don't be afraid of God. Make it a habit to read the Bible everyday and make it a daily habit to pray. Include regular church attendance among your most important activi-

ties. Pray for peace in our world and make peace in our personal world. It's worth a try. Millions

have tried these simple suggestions and discovered that life is wonder-

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

LETTERS

Prison inmate desires mail

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm an inmate in prison in Marion, Ohio. I'm without family or friends to correspond with and, if I may say so, I'm lonely and need to correspond with people in the "free world."

I'm locked in a world of darkness with such an unbelievable hatred all

around me. I'm lonely and need desperately to reach out and touch someone.

If you would please consider my situation and print a small notice or my letter in your paper asking for correspondence, I would deeply appreciate it.

I'll gladly answer any and all

letters I may received without exception.

Thank you for your time, concern and consideration.

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Group grateful for publicity

DEAR EDITOR:

We of the Northeastern Pa. Volunteer Firemen's Federation would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our membership to thank you for the publicity that was given to us by your news staff.

The past year of 1985 has been a very prosperous one for the Federa-

tion and a very busy one. Every time we had sponsored our Training Schools and Annual Banquet, your staff contributed to its success by publishing same in your paper and radio station as well as television.

These things, too, made the public aware of what we were trying to do, and showed them how we were

training the younger fire fighters to protect their properties and lives.

Once again, thanks for all that you have done and we look forward to working with you in 1986.

HOYT KEISER
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN
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FEDERATION SECRETARY

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

Library Correspondent

Ladybugs! Ladybugs! We've got you; for a short time anyway, in our display case. There are 100 ladybugs attached to many different things, doing many different things.

These ladybugs are from the collection of Marian Pope of Trucksville and they will be in our possession until January 29.

The ladybugs are on potholders, a wicker sewing box, ceramic animals, a pill box, key rings, and a puzzle game. There is one covering a small cleanser, a lovely music box which plays "Raindrops Keep Falling", two very nice jewelry boxes, and a love coffee cup from Florida.

There is a unique change purse, a neat radio, a toadstool candle from Disney World, a Super Mom stone, a hand brush, and a pin cushion. There are many pieces of jewelry from stick pins to necklaces. There is also a complete six-piece orchestra on a special pedestal.

We have her new Christmas '85 ones also, a neat little stapler and a Christmas ornament hand painted by Sue Hand. The one that I like the most is a telephone which really works and has music to play while on hold.

Marian's car license plate, needless to say is LDY-BUG. Everything that has to do with a ladybug is in this collection. Most of them were gifts and Marian started collecting them because of the good luck they represent. All I can say is 'Ladybugs, please don't fly away home until January 29th'. These are on display in the main office area of the library and welcome viewers.

Some special thank you's as we begin the year 1986. Jean brought me an apple when I came home from the hospital and then brought me a Christmas apple which was sent from L.L. Bean and that was delicious. Thank you, Jean.

Thank you to John for giving his life-size Santa Claus which we displayed at the library, to Gerry for donating a large hand-made snowman, to Marie for loaning us a wall-hanging Christmas tree with red lights which we used in the entryway, and thank you to Jane for donating a lighted Santa and a Frosty the Snowman plaque. An ongoing thank you to Mrs. Crump for those delicious boxes of cookies.

Thank you to Bob for finding a small container with special foam packing to transport our special Christmas ornament from Dallas to New York City and back to Franklin's where it hung with the decorations for the past four weeks. It is now packed safely away for next Christmas.

While sitting at my desk last week, I heard this little voice saying, "Emperor, Emperor". It was 4 year old Casey John Hartman and he was referring to one of the star war characters which he has been trying to buy and cannot locate anywhere. He wanted to buy the one we have on display, however I told him it was not for sale, but he could visit anytime.

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

PENNSYLVANIA TAXPAYERS welcomed in the new year with a reduction in the state's personal income tax rate. The tax cut, effective Jan. 1, lowered the personal income tax from 2.35 to 2.2 percent. The decrease was approved by the Legislature last June when it adopted the state's 1985-86 fiscal year budget. It will result in a cut of approximately \$160 million for taxpayers. In addition, the budget contained a number of tax relief provisions which will save Pennsylvania businesses and estimated \$229 million. In December, Gov. Dick Thornburgh announced an anticipated budget surplus of about \$110 million for the current fiscal year ending June 30. Thornburgh recommended that the surplus funds be used for another reduction in taxes.

"HAPPY HOURS" and other liquor promotions in bars and restaurants across the commonwealth were restricted beginning Jan. 1 under regulations passed by the Liquor Control Board in November. The new regulations limit "happy hours" to a two-hour period and ban the sale of all drinks at discount after midnight. Bars, however, are permitted to sell a single selected drink at discount throughout the day. Promotions such as two-drinks-for-the-price-of-one and selling unlimited drinks for a set price are now outlawed. The LCB hopes to cut back on excessive drinking by implementing the new regulations.

THE STATE'S Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) was phased out of existence with the beginning of the new year. The IRRC was created by the Legislature less than three years ago to review all regulations proposed by state agencies. The commission was being studied by the General Assembly under the so-called sunset review procedure but failed to win legislative renewal.

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