

Commentary

Editor's notes

A little of this...

...a little of that

VISITORS, PATIENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS (my stepmother included) at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital touched a part of history last week when Bruce German of Virginia paid a visit to his grandmother, who is a patient at the Kingston hospital.

German, as most of you will probably remember, was among the American hostages held captive in Iran several years ago. Since his parents reside in Edwardsville, Bruce returned to the Wyoming Valley area shortly after the hostages' release and was greeted to pomp and circumstance upon his arrival.

My stepmother, who recalls the Iranian hostage crisis well, was just tickled pink that she met this courageous young man. However, I think she was even more excited that the young man was able to come to Pennsylvania and visit his grandmother.

A part of history - painful, but remembered well.

SPEAKING OF HISTORY, College Misericordia changed a bit of the college's history this past week when officials announced the new nickname of the school.

Changing the schools' name from Highlanders (which I never understood anyway) to Cougars during a basketball game against Keuka College this past Friday night is one event that will be jotted down in the history books of the local college.

Hats off to Judy Daley, public relations director at College Misericordia, and anyone else who was involved in a very successful advertising campaign that tickled our fancies throughout the past several months by announcing, "Paw Power is Coming."

I, personally, have seen several billboards and some newspaper advertisements carrying that message, but never understood what they meant. The advertisements did, however, catch my attention as I would bet they did to several others. Now, a bright blue and gold billboard just as one enters the Back Mountain area on Route 309 announces the travelers' entrance to Cougar Country.

Cougars not only makes a lot more sense to me than Highlanders did, but I'm just thrilled at the name change - at least it will be easier to get the name Cougars to fit in a headline.

FOR THOSE OF YOU who may be looking for a unique way to wish that favorite someone a "Happy Valentine's Day," why not check into the special Valentine's Day Promotion The Dallas Post is sponsoring?

For just \$2.50, you can write a classified advertisement of up to 20 words and wish that special person in your life a very special Valentine's Day.

Give it some thought, come up with a catchy phrase and call our office at 675-5211 to place your ad. Don't waste time, though - deadline for this special promotion is February 10.

A GREAT BIG HELLO TO RHONDA KAISER of Ransom Road, Dallas, a new subscriber to The Dallas Post.

My sources tell me that Rhonda is just thrilled with The Dallas Post and has yet to open the pages of our newspaper and find someone she doesn't know.

Rhonda says it's like knowing what all your friends and neighbors are doing. I heard Rhonda originally subscribed to our newspaper because of our extensive coverage of Little League Baseball, but now she's found all kinds of features she enjoys every week.

Welcome to our readership, Rhonda.

SPEAKING OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, the best of luck is extended to George Poynton of Davenport Street in Dallas as he embarks on his newest venture - serving as president of Back Mountain Baseball, Inc.

George, who has been a Little League manager for several years now, found that giving up coaching was the most difficult thing he would have to do in order to serve as president.

With sign-ups being held now, Little League Baseball is really just around the corner.

I WISH I HAD A NICKLE for every time I looked up into the sky in search of a glimpse of Halley's Comet. And I can't find the bloody thing anywhere.

I read this crazy little story a few weeks ago that when Halley's Comet last appeared, 76 years ago, people did some really crazy things - like jump out of windows or lock themselves in their houses for several months until the comet was completely out of sight.

I'm not saying that I am anticipating anything like that, however, I would like to see the darn thing - at least once. A photographer from our sister paper, the Abington Journal, got a photo of the comet, but what can you see from a photo? It looked like nothing other than an ordinary star in an ordinary sky.

So, if anyone has a foolproof way of viewing Halley's Comet and knows when and where it can be seen, please call me. I hate to miss this historic event, but I'm at the point where I'm now suffering from a sore neck from searching the skies for the darn thing.

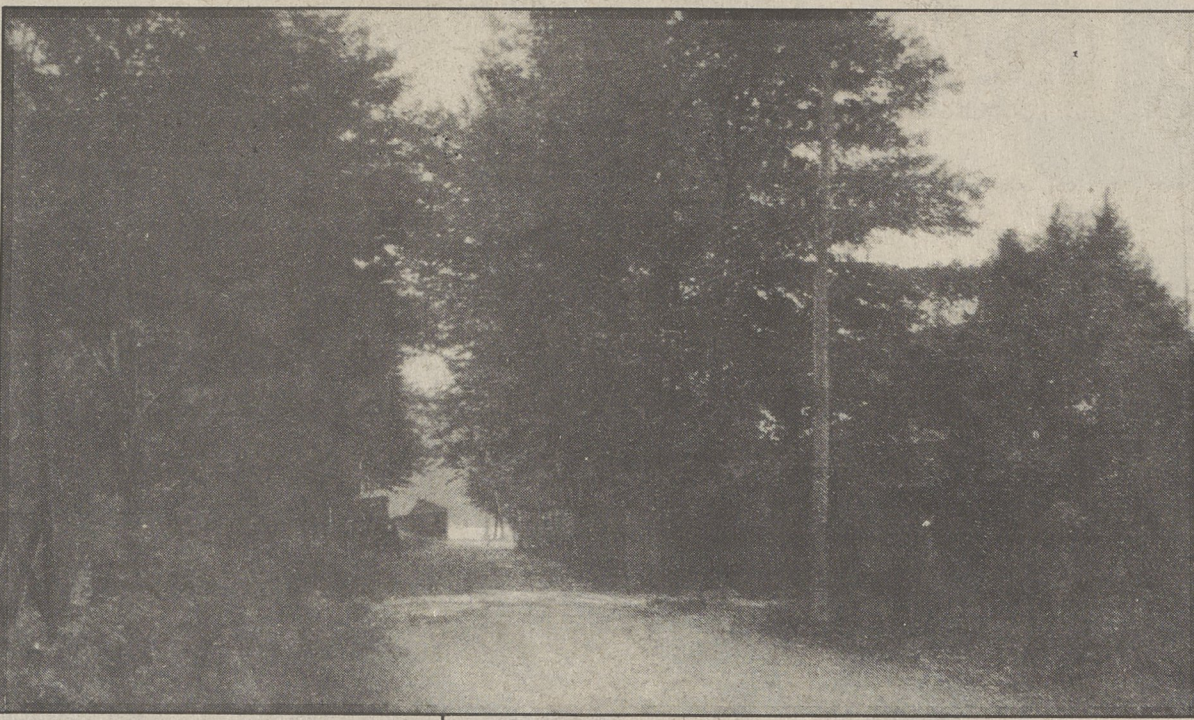
ANYONE WHO WATCHED THE MOVIE, "Rockabye" starring Valerie Bertinelli last week will certainly make an extra effort to hang on to small children when in public.

Bertinelli, who portrayed a mother whose son had been kidnapped and showed her frustrations in trying to locate him, did an exceptional job teaching the viewers that these kinds of things can actually happen.

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In Luzerne County, the participating institutions included: Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Nesbitt Hospital, Geisinger of Wyoming Valley, Hazleton-St. Joseph's Medical Center, Hazleton State Hospital, College Misericordia, Wilkes College, Luzerne County Community College, Irem Temple, the Greater Pittston YMCA, the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, St. Mary's Antiochan Church (Wilkes-Barre), Firwood Methodist Church (Wilkes-Barre), Pomeroy's (Wyoming Valley Mall), Boscov's (Laurel Mall) and the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Transportation Agency.

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REMEMBERING

A shady spot

Some readers may remember when the road around Harveys Lake provided lots of shade as is depicted in this photo.

Only yesterday

Seminary alumni gather to honor Dr. Levi Sprague

50 YEARS AGO - JAN. 24, 1936

Hundreds of Wyoming Seminary alumni were invited to attend a dinner honoring Dr. Levi L. Sprague, venerable educator who had been at Wyoming Seminary 69 years and its president for 53 years.

Robert Hall Craig, general manager of Southeastern Gas & Water Co. agreed to meet with Dallas Businessmen's Association and discuss the increase rates proposed for February.

Despite a blizzard, the Silver Anniversary celebration of Trucksville Methodist Episcopal Church concluded with impressive services conducted by district superintendent Rev. George M. Bell.

Deaths - Elizabeth Hoover, Trucksville; James Herman Derby, Beaumont.

You could get - Tuna fish 2 cans 25c; tangerines 12c doz.; new carrots 5c bunch; Florida grapefruit 5c ea.; cherries lg. can 21c; ground beef 2 lb. 35c.

40 YEARS AGO - JAN. 25, 1946

Kenneth and James Oliver, sons of the late James R. Oliver, one of the outstanding automobile men in Northeastern Pennsylvania, formed a partnership and purchased interest in the Dallas business established by their father. They also planned to open an outlet for Hudson dealership in Kingston.

Thirty Memorial Library Directors were to be elected at the annual meeting. All Back Mountain residents who had contributed \$1 or more were entitled to vote.

Engaged - Elsie Jane Ayre to William Lewis.

Married - Minnie Mae Coolbaugh to Charles Miller; Eleanor Bartells to Gordon May; Jeanne Cole to Cpl. William Tredinnick.

Deaths - Huldah Borton, Dallas; Mrs. Clinton McDaniels, Ceasetown.

You could get - Stewing chickens 35c lb.; fillet of haddock 39c lb.; oranges 35c doz.; sweet potatoes 3 lb. 29c; coffee 2 lb. 47c; evap. milk 4 tall cans 35c; Swan soap 4 med. bars 23c; Lifebuoy soap 3 bars 20c.

30 YEARS AGO - JAN. 27, 1956

Dallas, Franklin and Monroe Township school boards approved a seven school district jointure. In addition to the above schools, Dallas Borough and Kingston Township, Lake-Noxen Schools were mentioned, with the possibility of Lehman-Jackson-Ross entering the jointure at a later date.

Mrs. Francis L. Ambrose was chairman of the Back Mountain Area for the Mothers March on Polio.

Engaged - June Covert to Lester Lynn; Anne Mildred Palmer to Jack E. Blampied; Priscilla W. Sonntag to John Hauck.

Married - Nancy Beryl Traver to Larry Crispell;

Joan Buza to John P. Evanka.

Deaths - Ethel Oliver, Mt. Greenwood Road; William McMichael, Fernbrook; Thomas Patton, Noxen; Maude Stock, Selingsgrove; N. Mary Ide, Toledo, Ohio.

You could get - Chickens 37c lb.; pork 39c lb.; chuck roast 19c lb.; eggs 59c doz.; sausage 59c lb.; bananas 12c lb.; Breyers Ice Cream ½ gal. 99c; bacon 39c lb.; chuck roast 29c lb.; tangerines 2 doz. 39c; toilet tissue 12 rolls \$1.

20 YEARS AGO - JAN. 27, 1966

Plans for Conyngham Hall, formerly known as Hayfield House, were to integrate the new Penn State campus at Lehman into the Back Mountain Community by offering a meeting place for local organizations.

Ten directors were elected to the board of the Back Mountain YMCA. They were Mrs. Frank Parkhurst, III, Dr. Craig Aicher, Ralph Hazletine, George McCutcheon, Martin Samuels, Rev. John S. Prater, Clayton Klaboe, Andrew Roan, Dr. Howard Swain, George Seely.

Engaged - Karen Clark and Reed E. Balewski. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. James Kozemchak, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bachman, 25 years.

Deaths - Warren Marrow, Trucksville; Mae McCarty, Trucksville; George W. Brace Jr.

You could get - Sirloin steaks 89c lb.; semi-boneless hams 89c; turkeys 43c lb.; grapefruit 5 lb. bag 49c; oranges 69c doz.; sliced Swiss cheese 8 oz. pkg. 45c; 4 oz. pkg. Lipton's chicken noodle soup 29c; Hershey candy bars 39c ea.

10 YEARS AGO - JAN. 29, 1976

To date, Commonwealth Telephone Company employees on strike lost \$670,000 in wages since the beginning of the strike. No settlement was eminent.

Lehman Township organized a Bicentennial Council. Judith Dawe was chairperson. Elected to offices were vice-chairperson, Anthony Marchakitus, secretary George Stolarick and treasurer, Barbara Simms.

Married - Kathryn Medvecky and Bruce Young. Deaths - Ted Wilson, Dallas; Mrs. William R. Mock, Tunkhannock; Mrs. Elbert Coombs, Dallas; Mrs. Lee Zimmerman, Dallas; Robert Surwilla, Trucksville; Mary Billbow, Shavertown; Mrs. James Humphreys, Harveys Lake.

You could get - Italian sausage \$1.59 lb.; choice eye round roast \$1.99 lb.; Kraft's Miracle Whip 32 oz. jar 99c; peaches 2-16 oz. cans 79c; green beans 4-15½ oz. cans \$1; Shurfine margarine 3-1 lb. pkg. \$1; broccoli 49c bunch.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Our ladybug display is a very popular spot in the library with many people being fascinated by just how many items ladybugs are attached to.

Evidently, people have read the publicity in the newspapers and have stopped in to visit. Andrew Gorto of Parrish Street in Dallas read the publicity and brought two hand-painted ladybug stones in as a permanent donation to the library. He received these ladybugs at a Civilian Conservation Corporation convention several years ago in Akron, Ohio and thought we might like to have these.

I asked him what the CCC stood for and he explained it was funded by the federal government during the depression to give young fellows work building bridges, making roads, planting trees and construction recreation areas. The young men involved in this project were between the ages of 16 and 21 and Mr. Gorto was a very informative person on this subject.

Public relations helps to make our lives interesting. I learned something about a group called the CCC which I had never heard of before, Mr. Gorto found out about someone who was interested in collecting ladybugs of all kinds and the library received two ladybug stones as a permanent memento. These new stones will sit on top of the display case for the next two weeks.

The library staff is very grateful to George and Irma Jacobs for donating a record cabinet to the library. This is a very useful cabinet and makes an ideal place to display our record collection. We have a small set of records and are adding to it when we can. These records are on display in the main office area of the library and circulate for a two week period. Thank you to George and Irma for making our record collection more accessible.

Sincere congratulations go to the Dallas Senior High School yearbook advisor and the editor-in-chief and all the students who worked on the project to make the 1985 yearbook first in a national critique and review conducted by the American Scholastic Press Association. We feel very proud to know that this happened in our school district and our home town.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has three rotating collections on loan from the Osterhout Library which will be in the library until the end of March. They are: Crafts; a wide selection of paper and hard cover books; Mysteries, mostly paperbacks; and American Indians, a collection of new titles to our library. These are located in the main office area.

We have pulled from our regular shelves and set up in our lobby area a collection of books that were voted by the British Book Marketing Council as the best novels from the United States since the end of the Second World War. These should make interesting reading.

Something to think about: a quote from a textile factory in Alabama: "What we weave on earth, we wear in heaven."

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

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

LEGISLATION WHICH would allow public access to house expense records has been authored by Rep. Jim Greenwood (R-Bucks). Greenwood said he was prompted to create the bill when House leaders recently denied the media access to information about the expense records of representatives. Under the law, House leadership is not required to release the information. Greenwood, however, believes such a policy "flies in the face of (the law's) intent and obviously violates the principle that the public is entitled to know how its tax money is being spent." The Senate provides media access to vouchers and requisitions while the House limits disclosure to "broadly categorized summaries of reimbursements", according to Greenwood. Greenwood announced his intention to introduce the measure in the House next week.

MORE NON-PROFIT organizations in Pennsylvania would qualify for limited sales tax exemptions if a bill which passed the House Finance Committee becomes law. Before unanimously passing the measure, the committee adopted an amendment sponsored by Rep. Roy W. Cornell (R-Montgomery) which changed the bill to allow even more organizations to qualify for tax-exempt status. The bill initially would have added only senior citizen groups to the current list of tax-exempt groups. Cornell's amendment, however, essentially allows any legitimate, non-profit organization to qualify for the limited sales tax exemption. Such an exemption applies only to those deemed necessary for the operation of the organization. Chambers of Commerce, civic clubs and other social and fraternal organizations would be added to the list.

LETTERS

Association grateful for success of program

DEAR EDITOR:

The Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Heart Association wishes to extend its deepest thanks to everyone involved in the recent "CPR: The Heart of the Matter" program, conducted in conjunction with WNEP-TV.

It has long been a goal of the Chapter to train area residents to be able to respond effectively in emergency situations. Through the efforts of WNEP-TV, we were able to reach several thousand people and the result is that more than 4,000 individuals have already been trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and management of obstructed airways to aid choking victims.

A project of this scope would have been impossible without the tremendous community support we received and much of the program's success must be attributed to the many area hospitals and institutions who generously offered their facili-

ties, staff and equipment.

In Luzerne County, the participating institutions included: Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Nesbitt Hospital, Geisinger of Wyoming Valley, Hazleton-St. Joseph's Medical Center, Hazleton State Hospital, College Misericordia, Wilkes College, Luzerne County Community College, Irem Temple, the Greater Pittston YMCA, the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, St. Mary's Antiochan Church (Wilkes-Barre), Firwood Methodist Church (Wilkes-Barre), Pomeroy's (Wyoming Valley Mall), Boscov's (Laurel Mall) and the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Transportation Agency.

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duct.

Once again, the Chapter wishes to extend our deepest thanks.

BARBARA A. MAHON
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Children omitted from Dad's obit

DEAR EDITOR:

Recently, my father passed away. Although he had divorced my mother 25 years ago, my brothers and I always kept in contact with him, visited him, and turned to him for advice. When he passed, away his parents (our grandparents) called to tell us we wouldn't find out by reading it in the paper.

When reading the obituary the next day there was no mention of us or his grandchildren he had through us. It was not lack of knowledge by his wife for she knew we existed

and that he had contact with us. The obituary of my father (Bernard Poepferling) should also have read survived by sons, Jerry, Wilkes-Barre; Bernard Jr., State College; Dwayne, Wilkes-Barre; daughter, Connie, Harveys Lake; and five additional grandchildren.

I am not writing this letter to hurt anyone, but rather to reach out to the hearts of people everywhere that children from previous marriages deserve the same rights as the children from the present marriage.

My father was known throughout his criminal justice career as being just and fair, let him depart this life with the same respect he worked so hard to achieve in his life. We loved him very much and hurt just as much. We were cheated out of the joys of having our father share in the joys and sorrows of every day lives.

Don't cheat us out of saying our good-bye's. Good-bye daddy, we loved you.

CONNIE L. POEPPERLING
HARVEYS LAKE

Christmas project got bigger

DEAR EDITOR:

Shortly before Christmas, The Dallas Post published a "Christmas Story", which told about a generous person who lives in the Lake-Lehman School District and cares about needy kids. This story appealed to others in our community who may have shared such feelings and wished to contribute to "Lake-Lehman's Project Santa Claus Fund", established at the Dallas branch of the United Penn

Bank.

Such efforts resulted in anonymous contributions totaling \$225 and provided the following gifts to needy children in the elementary schools and the junior high school: two purses, six hats-gloves, one pair socks, nine sweaters, five sweat-shirts, one jacket, one pair boots, one pair bedroom slippers, two pair earmuffs, one flannel shirt.

The program was coordinated by Sylvia Bator, chairperson of the

Pupil Personnel Services Department. It is hoped that contributions to this fund might continue throughout the year, since all too often students suffer losses due to a variety of tragedies.

Thank you, on behalf of the needy and grateful kids of "Project Santa Claus".

DR. M. DAVID PRESTON
SUPERINTENDENT
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