

# Commentary

## Editor's notes

### A little of this...

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AN "ELDERLY GRANDMOTHER" (as she prefers to be referred to) phoned me the other day with a heartwarming story.

Seems this woman, who makes her home in Forty Fort but has children and grandchildren in the Back Mountain was enroute to the home of one of her daughters the other day when she experienced some car problems on Demunds Road.



DOTTY MARTIN

Not quite knowing what to do right away, her prayers were answered and her problems immediately solved with 16-year-old Guy Haughwout of Post Road in Trucksville arrived on the scene.

Seems Guy took a look at the car and, not being able to get the vehicle running, drove down to the school and called AAA for this woman. He then drove back to her and her disabled vehicle to assure her that help was on the way.

While Guy was gone on his Good Samaritan mission, however, several bus drivers stopped and asked this woman if she needed help. After she informed them her Good Samaritan was calling AAA for her, they smiled and went on their way.

This "elderly grandmother" who sees good in the world not only in Guy Haughwout and the bus drivers but in lots of other people felt it was important to recognize Guy for his helpful efforts and to let our readers know there are good people in this world - and that the world is not filled with only alcoholics, drug abusers and derelicts.

So, to Guy Haughwout and his Good Samaritan move last week, The Dallas Post tips its hat to you. If nothing else, Guy, you certainly made one woman see the world in a positive light that day.

WHILE A LOT OF TELEVISION VIEWERS were watching "Sins" with Joan Collins of "Dynasty" fame, we had our own laugh about "Sins" in the office last week.

Our typesetter, Olga Kostrobala, who is not only a die-hard "Dynasty" fan, but who also couldn't peel herself away from "Sins," spoke up the other day and said, "This is the last day for Sins, isn't it?" meaning nothing other than it was the last night the television show was going to air.

Staff writer John Hoinski, who was thoroughly engrossed in his work across the room, look up rather dazed and said, "What do you mean - this is the last day for Sins?"

John, obviously, had not committed himself to watching the television show and almost felt like he was supposed to run right out the door and commit all of his future sins - before it was too late!

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE is extended to the two Debbies from the Dallas Township Office of Merchants Bank.

Debbie Rought and Debbie Moyer, former employees at the local office of Merchants, have been promoted and are now working at the bank's main office in Wilkes-Barre.

Congratulations to both of them!

AS I DROVE up the Dallas Highway to the office Friday morning (at about 25 miles per hour with snow falling more rapidly than ever before), I decided I would like to have a job like Tom Clark's of WNEP-TV-Channel 16 fame.

Just think - making all that money whether you're right or wrong!

I distinctly remember watching Tom on the 11 p.m. news the night before when he informed us he expected no more than an inch of snow on the ground by morning. And, he even went so far as to say this wouldn't be a crippling snowstorm.

I'm sorry, Tom, but I do a lot of driving and I think Friday's snowstorm was the most difficult driving yet this winter. And, I don't know about your backyard, but there was a heckuva lot more than an inch of snow in my backyard Friday morning.

WONDER IF PAT JONES is driving her new Saab in this weather or if she's leaving it under lock and key in the garage where it's safe from winter weather?

Yet, Pat is the proud owner of a new Saab and, even though we almost had her believing the car was sporting a dent in its passenger side last week, she's treating the vehicle like a newborn baby.

Really, though, if anyone deserves to have a new car, it's Pat Jones. I have never met anyone with a smile as constant as Pat's.

Wonder if her children, Allison and Richie, know how lucky they are to have such a fun-loving Mom.

OUR APOLOGIES are extended to the scholarship students at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre campus for the error in a recent photo caption in our paper.

It seems we published a photo of PSU scholarship winners and had some names in the wrong places. The funny thing is, though, that the same picture appeared in our paper in the fall and the names were wrong then, too. The error, however, was never brought to our attention until the second time around.

Sorry, but I'll have to slap the hands of the public relations staff at Penn State since they are the ones who send such photos and identification to us. Sorry, Phyllis and Renee, but we can't take the blame for that one - so we'll pass it off to you.

FOR ALL YOU VALENTINES who think someone may have cared enough about you to write you a personal valentine ad, don't forget to check the "Personals" section of this week's classified advertisements.

Who knows? Maybe someone sent you a very personal Valentine's Day ad.

MY APOLOGIES to faithful readers of Jean Hillard's and Joan Kingsbury's columns who may have felt cheated when reading them in last week's paper.

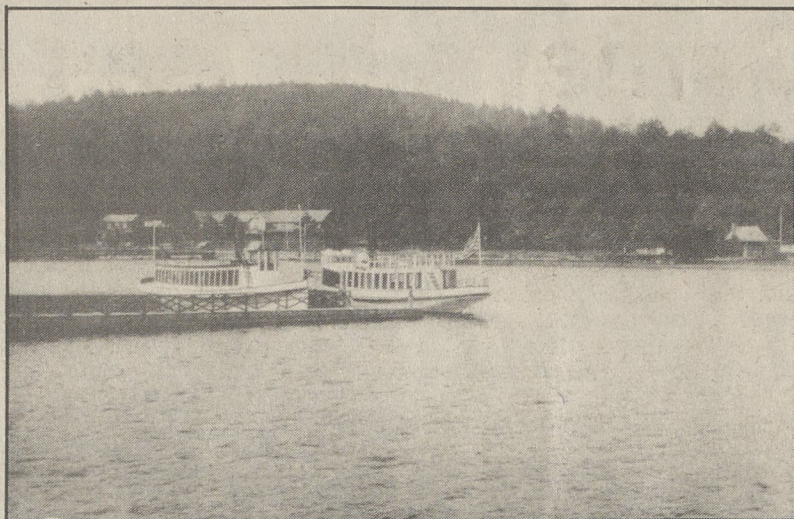
I goofed - I thought I had more room for news copy than I actually did and, shortly before press time, I realized a page that I thought was designated for editorial copy was really a full page ad.

Needless to say, some last minute shuffling had to be done to accommodate the ad and the copy that needed to get in and, unfortunately, Jean's and Joan's columns suffered the most. We will try to make this up this week and in time to come.

CBS (WDAU-TV, Channel 22) will air its annual broadcast on "The Wizard of Oz" this Saturday evening and, if you can help it, don't miss it.

Dorothy and Toto and the Tin Man and all the others provide some of the best entertainment the television screen has ever seen. I can still remember as a kid, sitting in my mother's lap in the livingroom rocking chair, watching "The Wizard of Oz" with a pillow clutched in my arms.

Why the pillow, you ask? So I could cover my face with it during the scary parts, of course!



## REMEMBERING

### Harvey's Lake

This photograph was taken during the area lake's less-developed days.

## Only yesterday

# Snow piled up in 14-foot drifts

50 Years Ago - Feb. 14, 1936

Area residents anxiously awaited the performance of the renowned Shawnee Choral Society at a concert in Dallas M.E. Church. The choir held 10 major prizes from large musical competitions and was recognized as one of the outstanding vocal groups in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Despite the most severe of winter conditions in years with snow drifts as high as 14 feet, the West Side Visiting Nurse Association continued to bring care to those who needed it. Despite the weather 601 babies were cared for by the group, according to baby welfare chairman Mary Ross.

Married-Sadie Carey to Alfred Metzger; Pauline Stroud to James Mumow.

Deaths-John Downs, Beaumont; Andrew Kocher, Ruggles.

You could get-Coffee 25c lb.; Wheaties 2 pkg. 23c; Clorox 2 pt. bottles 25c; Kraft's Caramels 3 pkg. 10c; sugar 10 lb. 49c; Wesson oil 25c pt.; hamburger 2 lb. 25c; chuck roasts 15c lb.; steaks 3 lb. 69c; eggs 29c doz.

40 Years Ago - Feb. 15, 1946

Having completed an 18 week course in fundamentals of firefighting, 24 members of Lehman and Lake Silkworth Fire Companies received certificates of attainment. The diplomas were issued by Pennsylvania Public Service Institute.

Sweet Valley Fire Company, organized January 31 made application to the United States Surplus Commodities Corporation to buy a pumping unit.

Married-Margaret Jones to John Jewell.

Deaths-Delbert Husted, Shavertown.

You could get-Leg of lamb 39c lb.; hamburger 28c lb.; chickens 37c lb.; Keebler Club Crackers 12 oz. pkg. 15c; oranges 35c doz.; red beets 2 lb. bunches 13c; 2-10 1/2 oz. cans spaghetti sauce 29c; wheat germ 29c pkg.

30 Years Ago - Feb. 17, 1956

Construction was started on a \$110,000 bowling alley to be built by Robert Hanson along Memorial Highway. This would be the largest recreational center under one roof in the area.

Noxen Ambulance Association purchased its first ambulance. Association officials were Caesar Kopschko, president; Kenneth Cuddy, vice president; Dr. Irvin Jacobs, treasurer and Michael Traver, secretary.

Engaged-Eileen Lamoreaux and John Sichler; Nancy Patricia Benjamin and William R. Clark.

Married-Elizabeth White and Jerome John Perry.

Deaths-Mrs. Joseph Slezak, Hunlock Creek; Albert Harrison, Ruggles; Harry Edwards, Huntsville; Jennie McMillan, Noxen.

You could get-Pork roast 23c lb.; chuck roast 19c lb.; potatoes 66c peck; bananas 12c lb.; eggs 54c doz.; pkg. deviled crab patties 39c.; 2 lb. Velveeta 99c; hot cross buns pkg. 25c; 2 cans pineapple juice 53c.

20 Years Ago - Feb. 17, 1966

Four students from Dallas Senior High School were selected for PMEA District Orchestra which was held at Wyalusing Valley High School. Participating were Warren DeWitt, trumpet; Robert Bayer, drums; Cynthia Garmon, bassoon; Elizabeth Otto, violin.

Rotary Club of Dallas observed the 61st anniversary of the founding of Rotary. Plans for commemorating the event included a visit and speech from Lou Unsworth, director of Rotary International. Jack Stanley was president of Dallas Rotary.

Engaged-Mary Knorr and George Shaver.

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. John Newell, 58 years; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eck, 26 years; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kingston, 40 years.

Married-Marguerite Shaver and Specialist 4 Howard Grey.

Deaths-Ida L. Grey, Outlet; Lydia Jane Hopple, Dallas; John T. Voitek, Northmoreland Twp.; Leon S. Turner, Tunkhannock.

You could get-Pork loins 49c lb.; picnic hams 89c lb.; grapefruit 3-35c; hot cross buns, pkg. of 8, 39c; cream cheese 8 oz. pkg. 29c; bacon 79c lb.; tissues 25c box; Hawaiian punch 7 cans 99c; bananas 10c lb.; celery 27c bunch.

10 Years Ago - Feb. 19, 1976

PennDOT officials met with Harveys Lake Borough officials and canvassed the entire perimeter of the lake front to assess the drainage and road problems.

Back Mountain police officials met to discuss the rash of burglaries occurring with frequency in the area. Lt. Donald Dorris, state trooper from Wyoming Barracks acted as spokesman for the group. He stressed the importance of cooperation on the part of all residents.

Married-Sandra Lynn Barakat and Charles Kesseg; Lois Ruth Billings and Edward Robert Williams.

Anniversaries-Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoover, 25 years.

Deaths-Edward Reese, Highpoint Acres; Stella Shook, Noxen; Clifford James Ide, Dallas; Theron Lamoreaux, Mt. Zion; Charles Moss, Dallas; George Sutton Berlew, Orange; Mrs. Byron Kitchen, Shavertown.

You could get-Round steak \$1.69 lb.; choice bottom round roast \$1.49 lb.; Bounce fabric softener 40 sheets \$1.69; Ivory detergent 32 oz. bot. 99c; kidney beans 4-1; Surefine peas 16 oz. cans 3-1; bananas 5 lb. 99c; macintosh apples 3 lb. 59c.

# Reagan should heed Qaddafi's warning

By EDWIN FEULNER

Libya's Hitleresque Muammar Qaddafi recently made a request President Reagan should not ignore. In a two-hour-long speech to several thousand frenzied young followers, Col. Qaddafi offered to train young Arabs in the science of "terrorism and suicide missions."

He said in the speech that the United States was powerless to do anything about Arab terrorism, because the loyal foot-soldiers of fanaticism are prepared to give their lives. "If we decide to die, then America can do nothing," he said.

This is where Col. Qaddafi is wrong. American can do plenty - and it should start immediately. It should start by giving Qaddafi notice that we will grant him his fondest wish the very next time innocent Americans are the victims of Arab terrorism anywhere in the world. We should tell him he will die. No ifs, ands, or buts about it.

We should deliver the same message to Yasser Arafat, the "moderate" murderer who started it all - and now strikes a "not me" pose every time one of his henchmen in the Middle East bombs an airport or marketplace. The PLO chairman now decries such indiscriminate

killing - unless, of course, the victim are Israelis. It's still okay to blow them away in the name of Allah.

Like the cancer that it is, terrorism will only end when it is cut out of the world body.

It is no longer good enough for the president of the United States or one of his diplomatic pinstrippers to say that the four or five goons who carried out the act can't be positively identified. Therefore, according to Hoyle's Rules of the Game, we can't strike back.

To hell with the rules of the game. The time has come to put Qaddafi and Arafat and all of the octogenarian ayatollahs on notice that we have a list - and that they are at the top.

If they are willing to die, we ought to help them.

The bureaucrats in Washington are probably correct when they say we have been unable in most cases to identify the people who actually planned or carried out various terrorist attacks. But that doesn't mean we don't know who is responsible. The smell is everywhere.

The time has come for the United States to let the warlords of the desert know that we hold them responsible. If they don't want to be held responsible, then they have to take appropriate action to put an end to the killing.

If they won't do that, we ought to grant Qaddafi and his friends their wish. They have decided to die, he says. The United States should let them all know that we will make sure it happens the very next time an American - any American - falls victim to their bloody game.

With regard to some of our spineless European allies who are complaining about the jobs that would be lost if they impose trade sanctions on Libya, Ronald Reagan should tell them the following: "Since you were unwilling to deal firmly with terrorism on your own shores you leave me with no choice but to issue a travel advisory urging American citizens not to travel on non-essential business to your country." The total loss of jobs from reduced American travel to those countries would probably be ten-times greater than the jobs that would be lost from ending trade relations with Libya.

Too much is at stake to allow this continued caterwauling. If our "allies" are afraid of losing jobs, we ought to give them reason to be really afraid.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library correspondent

The 40th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held July 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. The auction will be held for one additional day this year, scheduled to begin on Wednesday and run through Sunday night. Dr. John Shaskas, general chairman, has asked all interested committee chairmen and volunteers to meet with him at the library in the reference room on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25 at 7:30. This will be an important meeting as many of the auction activities have to be formulated. The auction committee will be selling chances on an S-10 Blazer this year and the chance tickets will be available at the library for purchase. Tickets for the Blazer will also be available at local merchants.

The Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter of LOVE (League Opposing Vivisection Experiments) recently donated two books to the library. "All Wild Creatures Welcome" by Patricia Curtis which is the story of a wildlife rehabilitation center; and, "The Animal Shelter" also by Patricia Curtis which tells of the millions of animals who are lost, abused, or simply unwanted. These books are welcome additions to the library shelves.

The library is receiving a large print edition of a section of the New York Times newspaper weekly. The newspaper carries many of the headline articles and separate columns on Ideas and Trends, Health, Wildlife, Sports, Careers and Movies. There is also a large print crossword puzzle on the back page. The newspaper consists of 36 pages and will be found in the office section of the library with the large print books.

We have a hand-out available in the main corridor of the library entitled, 'Book Treasures to Share' which suggests gift books for children. The booklet lists categories for Infants and Toddler, Pre-school 3-5, Ages, 5-8, Ages 9-12, Books for all ages and Favorite books selected by our readers. The books were chosen for the booklet by the following children's librarians from the Wilkes-Barre Library District: Jayne Beline, Osterhout; Debra Farkus, Hazleton; Maryann Hovan, Hoyt and Marilyn Rudolph, Back Mountain.

Recent books donated for the memorial shelves include: "Roosevelt to Reagan" by Donovan in memory of Elizabeth Flack donated by the Library Book Club; "Statue of Liberty" by Blanchet in memory of Edward Eyerman IV donated by Jean and Frank Hughes; "Made in America" by Peter Ueberroth in memory of Leona Oberst donated by Carl's friends from Franklin's.

Then, there is the story of Fred, a female feline, who won the backing of town officials in Woodbury, Conn. and the library board and was allowed to keep her 10 year home in the library and sleep the night away in a box on the children's room librarian's desk.

## OPINION

# Runaway children are someone's throwaways

By CLYDE DUPIN

Each year in America, there are an estimated 1.5 million children who run away from home. The overwhelming majority are runaways between the ages of 13 and 17. Some are throwaways. These are children abandoned by their parents. There are three groups of missing children - runaways, children kidnapped by one parent, and those abducted by strangers.

There are 600,000 children between the ages of 3 and 18 involved in child pornography. Twenty thousand of them will disappear each year never to be seen again. This vicious business of pornography has become an \$8 billion business and often preys on children.

According to the federal government, the average age of the runaway is 15. Most are from middle and upper class families. About 70 percent are white, 20 percent are black, and the rest from other races. Studies have shown that over one-third run away because of incest and physical abuse. Most of these runaways turn to prostitution after six weeks away from home. Some are murdered and others have a high mortality rate. They suffer from malnutrition, venereal disease, drug addiction, and often commit suicide.

It is encouraging to see something is being done to help these young people. Many churches provide shelter and counseling service. Some excellent Christian programs are being established to provide the needs of the runaway and throwaway children. The federal government has initiated programs; and one bus company will provide a free ride home. The pictures of missing children are displayed by businesses and other concerned groups. Let us pray for and support all these efforts to save our children.

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

## Yuppies spend, don't save

By EDWIN FEULNER

There has been quite a bit of doomsaying lately about people spending too much borrowed money, creating a "consumer debt crisis."

As a result of this profligate buying on credit, pundits tell us that the most upwardly mobile among us - the so-called Yuppies - are suffering greatly, not earning enough to make ends meet and piling up so much on their MasterCard and VISA bills that their cards may explode. "The Wall Street Journal" has run a couple of stories on the Yuppies' debt problems, and one Washington magazine outdid them all, with an article about going broke on \$100,000 a year.

The bottom line, according to "Time", is that "Americans are on

a frantic borrowing binge. And that vast accumulation of IOUs has become a frightening threat to economic well-being."

Don't you bank on it. The problem is that the gloom-boomers are looking at the wrong numbers. They tell us consumer debt went up to a "record" \$512 billion in 1985 from \$349 billion in 1982, a 31 percent rise after accounting for inflation. They don't mention that during that time the American economy was recovering from a recession, with eight-million new jobs being created - people with buying, and borrowing power.

When the debt figures are compared to the recovery of 1975-78, when installment debt rose 33 percent, we find that the recent 31-percent rise is not at all abnormal for a recovery.