Commentary



LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is showing a stamp collection bor-rowed from Lindo Sabatini of Kings-

Lindo is 12 years old and in the seventh grade at Dallas Junior High School. He has been collecting

stamps for almost five years and is

constantly adding to his collection. His interest started when he bought

a set of stamps at a flea market and

now he buys the new sets at the post

office and also buys from the Mari-

ners Stamp section in the Dallas

There are sets of stamps from Laos, Bulgaria, Columbia, Hungary,

Egypt, Poland, Japan, China, Cook

Island, and Indonesia. There is a

special display of mint Russian

stamps along with his large Stamp

Collectors book opened to the page of special Mongolia stamps. There are some unique United States

Stamps and a large magnifying glass. This makes an educational

and interesting display and will be

The Madame Alexander Doll col-

lection has returned to its owner,

Dawn Hando and I learned of an

interesting use for those 2-liter plas-

tic soda bottles. Dawn's mother found a hint in a magazine and used it for protection for the dolls. She

cuts the top off the bottle, reverses

the bottle and uses the base of the bottle for a stand. This makes a

useful container to keep the dolls

Mrs. Crump stopped in the other day to rell me she had visited Mrs. Edgar Brace who was celebrating her 94th birthday. Mrs. Brace was a

member of our shut-in book delivery

service for many years and is a very special human being. Happy

Birthday, Mrs. Brace!

Mrs. Crump decided I should learn some Latin and this is it:

Timeo Donaos et Dona Ferentes,

which means Beware of the Greeks

and their gift bearing. This evi-

dently has something to do with the

Fall of Troy and is something I should have known.

I had mentioned something about the library and the late Howard W.

Risley recently in connection with

the libary auction. I was looking in

the non-fiction section for a book on

retail marketing for a friend and

came across a book titled, "The Old

Country Store" by Gerald Carson in the 658.8 section. The book was intriguing and I glanced inside.

The book was donated to the

library in memory of Mr. Walter

Risley by his son, Howard Risley in

1954. An inscription in the front of

the book reads, 'To my Dad who

was during his lifetime a country

merchant - but most of all, a

wonderful father'. This makes a

(Nancy Kozemchak is the assist-

beautiful memorial tribute to a very

ant librarian at the Back Mountain

Memorial Library. Her column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

Quite a coincidence!

special person.

dust-free while storing them.

at the library until March 26.

Library Correspondent

wood Drive, Dallas.

Editor's notes

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

MY MOST SINCERE APOLO-GIES go out to Saul Barkett who took a photo that was published in The Dallas Post last week and had to deal with seeing another photographer's credit line underneath it.

There is nothing more irritating than having a photograph or a story published with someone else's credit

line appearing with it.

My apologies to
Saul who had taken a photo of the Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Soccer Association and submitted it for publication in last week's paper. We got the photo in alright, however,

DOTTY MARTIN I inadvertently put photographer Ed Campbell's credit line underneath it.

Saul was rather nice about it - and was not at all upset. I do apologize, though, Saul - there's no excuse for that kind of behavior on my part. And, by the way, it sure was a nice

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Pearn and family of Murray Street in Forty Fort, upon the death of Mrs. Pearn's grandmother, Margaret Coolbaugh.

"Grandma Coolbaugh" passed away last Thursday in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and sure is going to be missed by those who knew her. The oldest living member of the Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church, Mrs. Coolbaugh was born in Lockville, Pa. She had lived with the Pearn family for five

GET WELL WISHES are extended to Cornelia Davis, also of Murray Street in Forty Fort.

Miss Davis, a former school teacher in the Dallas School District, has had a bout with ill health this past week, and her friends and neighbors want to wish her well

Miss Davis is a faithful reader of The Dalls Post as it keeps her informed about what's going on in her former stomping grounds, the Dallas School District.

SOUNDS LIKE Sheila and Barry Smith sure had a good time when they went with their mom and their aunt to see professional wrestlers at King's College.

My sources tell me Sheila and Barry were as "wild" about these so-called wrestlers as were the other 9,998 people in the stands.

POTHOLES are getting to all of us this time of year. Seems no matter where you drive or how much you try to avoid them, the little critters are there - ready, willing, and able to devour your car.

According to some information that has crossed my desk this past week, however, it looks as though the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is not treating these potholes lightly.

A pothole hotline has already been installed in Wilkes-Barre City and, according to all reports, has proven to be very effective already. Seems road crews are able to patch up potholes within hours of their reported existence.

The state is now going to issue a toll-free pothole hotline that everyone can use. Watch our paper for further details on this idea and for the toll-free number itself.

Maybe we can get some of these holes taken care of before they take

Cigarette packages already carry

several warnings about the health

hazards from smoking. If new

research proves conclusive there

might be need for one more--"Warn-

ing: radiation in cigarettes can lead

Digest, cigarettes contain so much

radioactivity that a pack-and-a-half-

per-day smoker gets a yearly dose

of radiation in parts of his lungs

caual to what his skin would be

exposed to in about 300 chest x-rays.

of the full extent of the health risks,

Dr. Joseph R. DiFranza of the

University of Massachusetts Medi-

cal Center believes that "radiation

Although the experts are not sure

According to the March Reader's

to cancer.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES seem to have taken over a lot of cookie jars in Back Mountain homes these

As the young ladies deliver their cookie orders, it always seems like everywhere you look, there are Girl Scout cookies.

The Girl Scouts are also getting ready to celebrate Girl Scout week which takes place around the nation March 10-15.

DON'T FORGET to buy some daffodils for your favorite person and to support the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society at the same time.

Daffodil Days will be held March 11 through March 14 and daffodils, for \$3 a bunch, will be available for sale at several Back Mountain bus-

Daffodils are the first sign of Spring and, to the American Cancer Society, a sign of Hope. Give others some hope - support Daffodil Days!

MY SOURCES TELL ME John Baur of Armstrong Drive has been trying to keep in shape these winter months by batting a tennis ball around once a week.

From what I understand, the Dallas Junior High School teacher is a little better than a novice at the sport, too. Move over, Ivan Lendl!

I HEAR JACK FOWLER of

Dallas has a new pet - his name's "Spike the Pike."
Actually "Spike" is a rather large fish caught by Fowler during a recort Condien fishing trip. And if recent Canadian fishing trip. And, if I remember correctly, it was the very first fish the Dallas Borough policeman had ever caught. Something tells me "Spike" is Jack's pride and joy.

GEORGE POYNTON of Davenport Street is going to have to give up driving a car and revert to peddling a bicycle if his luck doesn't

Last week, George went tooling out onto the Dallas Highway after his brakes failed on Carverton Road and, just the other day, he had to employ the assistance of a few members of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department to help his re-enter his car after he locked his keys inside.

You're a little dangerous with a motor vehicle, aren't you, George?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES are extended to our own Charlot Denmon, a member of The Dallas

Post staff. "Tooties," as we all know her, celebrated her special day this past Monday, March 3 - and treated

herself with a little get-away trip to Florida in honor of the occasion. THE MOUNTAIN LIONS baseball players of the Wilkes-Barre campus of the Pennsylvania State Univer-

sity sure look like they're having a good time working out in Florida. A photograph that came into our newsroom this past week showed the diamondmen relaxing and soaking up some sun in between those gruelling workouts they've been having since arriving in Coco

A GREAT BIG HELLO goes out to Dorothy and Ike Swire of Beaumont who are Dallas Post subscribers and faithful readers of this

Seems Dorothy and Ike are distantly-related to my stepmother and claim they read this column to 'keep up on things" in the Back Mountain.

(Dotty Martin is the Executive Editor of Pennaprint Inc., publishers of The Dallas Post.)

alone could account for about half of

Scientists have traced radiation in

cigarettes to the fields where

tobacco is grown. For many dec-

ades, farmers have fertilized

tobacco crops with phosphates rich

in uranium. By decay, this uranium

generates radium-226, which in turn

spawns radon-222, and eventually

lead-210 and polonium-210. Tobacco

plants readily absorb radioactive

elements from the fertilizer and

from naturally occuring sources in

Unfortunately it is not just smok-

ers alone who are at risk from

the soil, ach and water.

radiation in cigarettes.

all lung cancers in smokers.'

REMEMBERING

Summer fun

Years ago persons traveling to Harveys Lake Picnic Grounds went by trolley to the inlet overlooking the lake then took one of the steamers that carried them across to the popular picnic grounds. Two of the steamers are shown in the photo above.

Only yesterday

Dallas school program benefits athletic council

Nearly 300 pupils participated in an operetta, fashion show and minstrel held at Dallas Borough High school. The program benefited the athletic

A flock of about 75 wild geese flew over West Dallas, reported Mrs. Ray Stevens. This signaled the begin-

Girl Scouting celebrated its 10th year in the Back Mountain. The first Dallas troop was established in 1926. Mrs. Edward Jennings was leader assisted by

Katherine Butler and A.S. Culbert. You could get - Grapefruit 3-19c; oranges 6 lb. bag 10c; lg. head white cauliflower 15c; pork loins 19c lb.; chuck roast 19c lb.; sliced steak halibut 21c lb.; batter 19c lb.; sliced steak halibut 21c lb.; batter 20c lb.; 2 lbs. 73c; cherries 23c can; wet pack shrimp 2 cans

40 YEARS AGO - MARCH 8, 1946 Volunteers in the Back Mountain Region reported more than \$800 collected in the drive for funds to purchase the grounds for the Veteran's Hospital in

Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Henry Disque was in charge of the Confident that the future was bright for the Back Mountain the United States Employment Service which also administered Pennsylvania Unemployment

allowances opened an office in Dallas Borough Build-Married - Bernadine Stencil to Thomas Stephens, Jr. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nulton, 41

Deaths - Edward Hosey, Outlet; Claude Sorber, Sorber Mountain; Mrs. William G. Washburn, Wilkes-

You could get - Stewing oysters 59c pt.; chickens 37c lb.; legs of lamb 37c lb.; tomatoes 29c pkg.; oranges 33c doz.; spinach 2 lb. 15c; lemons 29c doz.; Ranger Joe Cereal 2 pkg. 23c; Clorox qt. bottle 15c; 2 bars

30 YEARS AGO - MARCH 9, 1956 The State Department of Highways approved a 35mile speed limit on Lake and Main Streets but turned down a similar appeal for a 35 mph limit on Routes 309, 415 and 115 in Dallas Borough.

Arrival of Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company's new American LaFrance fire truck was celebrated with a motorcade and dedication service at Harveys Lake. Married - Pauline Trumbower and Harold R. Hackl-

ing.

Deaths - Anna Myers, Dallas; Ella Hazlett, Sweet Valley; Harold Hogg, Huntsville; Mrs. Ward Davenport, Wilkes-Barre.

You could get - Bacon 39c lb.; legs of veal 39c lb.; fryers \$1.29 ea.; MacIntosh apples 4 lb. 39c; Campbell's vegetable soup 8 cans \$1; margarine 2 lb. 41c; cod fillet 39c lb.; Bird's Eye green peas 2 lb. 37c; Whole Wheat bread 2 loaves 296

20 YEARS AGO - MARCH 10, 1966 Dallas Mountaineers staged a fourth period rally to

defeat Dunmore basketball team 74-65 vat a game played at the Scranton CYC before a crowd of 5,000 fans. The win advanced Dallas to the District 2 finals. Mike Wilkes, Roy Supulski, Sandy Beech and Chip Sinicrope were lead scorers.

David Fritz was elected president of Noxen Community Ambulance Association. Albert Goble was named vice president, Joseph Nalbone, secretary, Earl Crispell treasurer and Robert Crispell, financial secretary.

Engaged - Susan Frances May and W. B. Kuchinsky. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Giles Wilson, 32 years: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Race, 10 years.

Birthdays - Mrs. Charles Palmer, 83 years. Deaths - Mervin L. Knaub, Chase-Huntsville Rd.; Bradner Roushey, Dallas; Edith McHenry, Dallas.

You could get - Pork Loins 49c lb.; turkey breasts 85c lb.; corned beef brisket 65c lb.; strawberry preserves 2 lb. jar 69c; oranges 5 lb. 49c; Camay soap 4 bars 43c; Maxwell House coffee 3 lb. can \$2.40; 3 lb. jar honey 99c

10 YEARS AGO - MARCH 11, 1976 Lehman Township was awarded a \$27,500 block grant. The grant will be used to pave Old Route 115.

Mrs. Walter Roberts was named to represent Dallas Women of Kiwanis on the Fall Fair Board. Mrs. Claire M. Chollak, Pole 224, Harveys Lake won a grand prize of \$100 for her design for a Bicentennial

seal for that borough. You could get - Sirloin steaks \$1.37 lb.; fresh mushrooms 79c lb.; Land O'Lakes butter 79c lb.; Kraft American Cheese 12 oz. pkg. 59c; 64 oz. bottle Coke 49c; Campbell's soup 5 cans \$1; 2 cans Hi-C Fruit

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 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE began its series of budget hearings this week in Harrisburg. Attorney General LeRoy S. Zimmerman asked the panel to earmark \$28.1 million for his department. an increase of \$2.7 million over Gov. Dick Thornburgh's proposed allocation. Zimmerman said the additional funds were needed to hire 29 new drug enforcement officers and one additional prosecuting attorney. Zimmerman said the drug problem in Pennsylvania is worsening and he needs additional manpower to attack it.

OTHER STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS appeared before House and Senate appropriations committees to discuss their funding needs for fiscal 1986-87. James McCormick, chancellor of Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities, requested \$307 million from the state. Thornburgh has recommended a \$276 million allocation. McCormick said the additinal money is needed to prevent a tuition hike averaging \$232 per student next year. Budget hearings will continue into mid-March. The deadline for adoption of a new state budget is

UNISEX AUTO INSURANCE RATES will be implemented in Pennsylvania unless the Legislature overrides Gov. Dick Thornburgh's veto of legislation which would have outlawed the gender-neutral rates. Thornburgh vetoed the bill saying the measure afforded "less protection against unfair sexual classifications, than is afforded against unfair classifications based on race, religion or national origin." Shortly after the governor's veto, the Insurance Department said unisex rates will be required June 1. Unisex insurance rates require insurers to charge young female drivers the same rates as young male drivers despite statistics which show that young men are involved in more accidents than women.

OPINION

Girl Scouts are a lot of things, but mostly—FUN!

By ELLIE KANDLER RODDA Special to The Dallas Post

If we wanted to tell you about all the great things Girl Scouting offers girls, adult volunteers and the community, we could say things like:

"Girl Scouting provides a wholesome environment for girls to learn new skills and develop self-confidence." Or "Girl Scouting helps girls make friends and prepares them for the future." Or perhaps even, "Girl Scouting is unique in its commitment to bringing out the best in each and every girl.

While all of these statements are very, very true, they leave out one of the best things about Girl Scouting - the fun! Think about it. The laughter of Brownie Girl Scouts as they help each other prepare bedrolls for their very first camping trip. The smile of a five-year-old Daisy Girl Scout as she puts together her own scrapbook of memories. The joyous raising of voices in song as Girl Scouts of all ages gather 'round the campfire.

The world can be a pretty serious place for girls growing up today. That's why they need Girl Scouting more than ever - to help them experience the fun and joy of all

learn a useful skill or two (or three or more), so much the better. Adults also need fun, and that's

why so many of them give unselfishly of their time to work - and play - in Girl Scouting. Our community needs Girl Scouting, too, so

that life has to offer. And if they let's join in wishing our Girl Scout friends the very best during Girl Scout Week, March 10 through 16, and always.

(Ellie Kandler Rodda is the Director of Communications, Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council, Wilkes-

By CLYDE DUPIN Special to The Dallas Post

The divorce rate in America more than tripled during the last 20 years. Then in 1982 and 1983, there was a slight drop, but experts warn that it is not a trend. In 1983, there was a one percent decline. There were 1,158,000 divorces or 12,000 fewer than in 1982.

We have a shattered generation of young people who have come from our broken homes. It is the major social problem of our day. The breakdown of the home has helped to destroy traditional family values and ushered in our permissive

According to our latest census figures, about 50 percent of Ameri-

can marriages end in divorce. Eighty five percent of these divorced people remarry, usually within five years, with 60 percent of those marriages ending in divorce.

The real victims of divorce are our precious children. Many of these children are not able to concentrate in the school room. They have a feeling that nothing lasts. They never develop trust or longterm values.

They often become self-centered and cynical. They lose faith in relationships. Marriage experts believe these children will continue the pattern of divorce and remarriage because it is part of their family background.

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

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