

# Commentary

## Editor's notes

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

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** are extended to Karen Spudis of Dallas who celebrated the big 4-0 yesterday.

Karen, proprietor of Bargain Bakery Outlet on Route 415 in Dallas, was reportedly "surprised" upon entering her shop yesterday morning. Seems someone entered the bakery during the late hours on Monday and decorated the place in honor of Karen's birthday yesterday.

Wonder who the secret decorators could have been!

**MUCH THANKS** to Veronica Farinola and Marilyn Maslow, volunteers for the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society, for remembering me on my birthday this week.

Veronica and two of her three daughters arrived at my office Monday morning with a tray full of cupcakes and a song to help me celebrate.

Some people sure know how to make my day and Veronica and Marilyn certainly do just that so often - with their smiles and pleasant ways. Thanks to both of you!

**THAT'S RIGHT** - I have managed to make it through to my 31st birthday. And, along with myself, I think everyone around me is hoping 31 is a little more pleasant than 30.

Seems everything went wrong when I was 30 and we're all looking forward to a much better 31.

To those of you who stuck by me - a sincere thanks for putting up with me!

**AND, SPEAKING OF** Veronica Farinola and Marilyn Maslow, don't forget to get out and purchase your daffodils during the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days.

Daffodil Days, a rather large fund-raiser for the Wyoming Valley Unit of the ACS, are in full swing and will continue through Saturday, March 15.

Veronica is the chairman of the annual event and has put an awful lot of time and effort into making the whole affair as successful as it is. She reports there are 51 locations where daffodils will be sold and, at \$3 a bunch, the American Cancer Society expected to raise nearly \$5,000 on the event.

Such success can only be attributed to the hard-working volunteer efforts of Veronica and Marilyn Maslow who have given so much of their time and effort to the local ACS unit. The Back Mountain can be proud of these two women and all they have done in the fight to wipe out cancer.

**STAFF WRITER** John Hoinski says this "mild" weather we've been experiencing is nothing other than "freak weather" and he expects the temperatures to drop next week and a little more snow to be sprinkled on the area.

Easy to tell that John is a skier and his predictions of a return to cold weather and snowy conditions may be nothing other than wishful thinking.

Since it sure does feel like spring is in the air, I guess it's time to start thinking about spring and warm weather activities - like Little

League baseball.

The Back Mountain Baseball Organization has already conducted a few sign-up days to give Back Mountain residents the opportunity to have their future stars register for Little League baseball.

Parents, as well as perspective Little Leaguers, are reminded that the baseball organization also conducts sign-ups on opening day for those who haven't had a chance to register as of yet.

**A BIG HELLO TO** Patricia and Stephen Balla who are now residents of the Back Mountain area.

Pat and Stephen are the proud parents of twin boys and, from what I've been told recently, are faithful readers of The Dallas Post.

Greetings to all of you - it was a surprise, but a pleasant one at that, to learn you are now living in the Back Mountain.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** are extended to Sheila Smith of Park Street, Dallas.

Sheila will be celebrating her special day on Sunday, March 16.

**NURSES IN THE OB DEPARTMENT** at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, sure were kept hopping last week when the hospital's first set of triplets in 32 years were delivered.

The bouncing babies, two girls and a boy, were born to John and Bernice McAndrew of Clarks Summit and go down in history as the third set of triplets born at the Kingston hospital.

Staff writer John Hoinski and photographer Ed Campbell, assigned to do the story for our sister paper, the Abington Journal in Clarks Summit, both returned with reports about how small the babies were. Seems both of them had a hard time adjusting to a 4-pound human being - understandably so!

All reports indicate that Mother and babies are doing fine and by now, Mrs. McAndrew is probably resting at home with two of her three newborns with the third to be going home shortly.

**ALONG THE LINES** of good ideas, it might not be a bad idea to put aside your pledge to the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Capitol Campaigns fund.

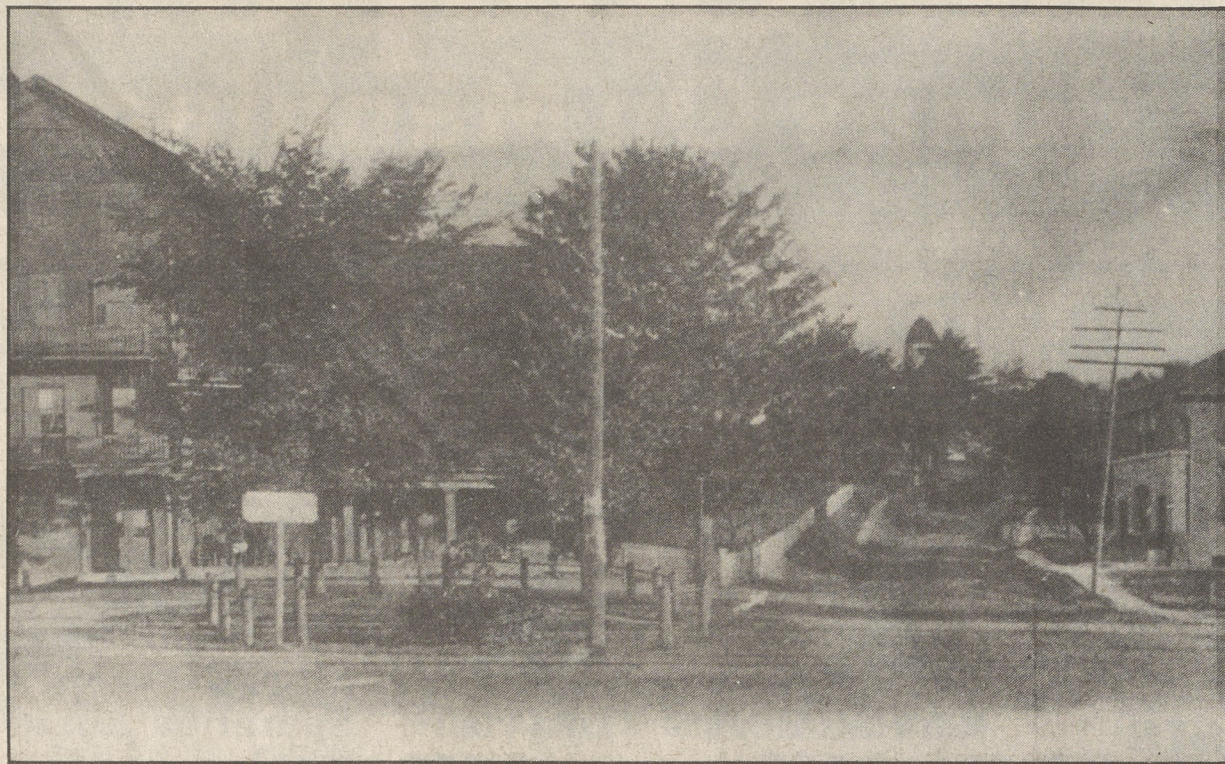
The campaign, which has a goal of \$450,000, is currently short of that goal and members of the fund-raising committee are encouraging Back Mountain residents to make their pledges for their campaign concludes later this month.

The funds raised in this campaign will be used to enable the library to continue its ongoing projects.

**DEBBEY WYSOCKI**, entertainment writer for The Dallas Post, once again encourages readers of her column to make suggestions about what they'd like to read in the line of entertainment news.

Debbey, who seems to have a direct line to Hollywood and always has tons of entertainment information at her fingertips, wants to be sure she is satisfying her readers and providing them with the kinds of things they want to read about.

And, says Debbey, the best way to be sure your readers are satisfied is to go directly to them. For that reason, Debbey encourages any entertainment fanatics out there to jot their ideas or suggestions down and send them to her, c-0 The Dallas Post, PO Box 366, Dallas, Pa. 18612.



## REMEMBERING

### Dallas Corners

The above intersection may look familiar to some of the old timers of the Dallas area. To the left is the former Raub's Hotel on the site where now stands Town House Restaurant and Ochman's. On the right, which is Main Street many years ago, is the former First National Bank now United Penn, Dallas Office.

## Only yesterday

# Sullivan and McNelis file nomination petitions

50 YEARS AGO - MARCH 13, 1936

Two prominent local Democrats, John Sullivan and Bernard McNelis, filed petitions at Harrisburg as candidates for the Democratic nomination for Representative from the Sixth District.

After a grand jury had demanded action within 48 hours, the State Department began to make repairs to the upper stretch of Main Street, Luerne, which had been a hazard to motorists since the first thaw.

Concluding 39 years in the ministry, Rev. Judson N. Bailey, pastor of the Carveton-Orange-Mt. Zion charge of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the past five years, retired.

Deaths - Bruce Patton, Noxen.

Engaged - Edith Myers to Roswell Murray. Birthdays - Peter Bertram, 81 years. You could get - Butter 2 lb. 71c; eggs 25c doz.; peaches 2 lg. cans 27c; cocoa 2 lb. can 15c; onions 10 lb. bag 25c; oranges 29c doz.; clam chowder 10c can; hams 27c lb.; veal 23c lb.

30 YEARS AGO - MARCH 15, 1946  
Thirty four Lehman High School seniors left on a three day class trip to Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Lancaster. Accompanied by teachers Delilah Kistler and Joseph Ellsworth the students would be guests of Temple University.

Former Fernbrook resident Second Lieutenant Burton Bonnell was reported killed in action, according to official word received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Bonnell. He had been reported missing in action while flying over Iwo Jima.

Married - Jane Pierce Raker and Elmer Deater.

Birthdays - Mrs. Jessie Schoonover, 82 years old. You could get - Chickens 37c lb.; legs of lamb 37c lb.; coffee 2 lb. bag 47c; Crisco 3 lb. jar 68c; evaporated milk 4 tall cans 35c; Graham crackers 19c lb.; lemons 29c doz.; bleach 12c qt.

30 YEARS AGO - MARCH 16, 1956  
Lake-Noxen High School had an undefeated season for the fourth consecutive year under the supervision of coach Mrs. Florence Worth.

Lehman-Jackson School Board went on record as opposing a 10 way school jointure suggested by the Luzerne County School office. The board, according to president Edgar Lashford was endeavoring to comply with state requirements and conform to the county plan for the area.

Engaged - Ethel Margaret Marchant and Arthur L. Nuss.

Married - Margaret Harrison and Earl Cunningham; Nancy Hoblitzell and Lt. J.R. Strickland.

Deaths - Frances Rhoads, Huntsville; Wesley White-sell, Roaring Brook.

You could get - Chickens 43c lb.; sliced bacon 35c lb.; coffee 99c lb.; grapefruit 6-29c; eggs, large, 54c

doz.; 6 cream eggs, 75c; assorted Russell Stover chocolates, \$1.35 lb.

20 YEARS AGO - MARCH 17, 1966

A movement to revive the old Sweet Valley Memorial Day Parade was afoot in Ross Township. Fire Chief Loren Cragle, Jr. was head of a committee working to restore this annual Memorial Day event.

Heralding a nationwide gain in American Legion membership strength, special festivities as a part of the world's largest birthday party were being planned by Daddow Isaacs Post 672 when they celebrated their 47th anniversary. Highlighting the festivities would be a birthday party on the night of March 19, according to Post Commander Curtis Bynon.

Engaged - Marguerite Jean Hackling to Ronald Lee Jeschke; Rochelle Mendelsohn and PFC Ronald Dabrowski; Mary Lou Rogers to Odie Heath.

Married - Ruth Ann Scott and Thomas C. Chal-lenger; Karen S. Clark and Reed E. Balewski.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Swingle, 62 years; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon James, 35 years; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Crispell, 25 years.

Birthdays - Wesley Belles, 80 years; Herman Bamert, 83 years old.

Deaths - David A. Perry, Sr. Mt. Zion; Lewis J. Rozelle, Mt. Zion; Clara Mekeel, Lehman; Margaret Brinola, Shavertown; Owen Jones, Kunkle; Argos E. Oney, Harris Hill Road.

You could get - Sirloin tip roast 89c lb.; fresh ground round 99c lb.; sliced bacon 69c lb.; pt. basket strawberries 39c; 4 lb. bag navel oranges 59c; lb. pkg. potato chips 49c.

10 YEARS AGO - MARCH 18, 1976

Howard Strom and Kerry Freeman were appointed to chair the 1976 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

Commonwealth Telephone Communications Workers of America union accepted a three year contract package, following more than a month long strike.

A neighborhood Juliette Low Gathering brought together 459 area Girl Scouts for dinner. Seated at the head table were Mary Lou Swingle, community association chairperson; and Charlot Denmon, neighborhood director. Peg Cartier was named the Neighborhood's Hidden Heroine and was awarded a corsage and memororative pin.

Deaths - Elizabeth Wallo, Dallas; Evelyn Nodder, Shrine Acres, Dallas; Mrs. Linden Kingsley, Trucks-ville; Francis Youngblood, Shavertown; Kate Proth-eroe, Bunker Hill.

You could get - Standing rib roast \$1.39 lb.; ground beef 85c lb.; Delmonico steaks \$2.49 lb.; kidney beans 4-16 oz. cans \$1; sweet peas 3-16 oz. cans \$1; Green Giant Niblet corn 3-12 oz. cans \$1.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHA  
Library Correspondent

Our upright display case is featuring a terrific collection of Strawberry Shortcake miniatures. Dawn Hando of Lehman Avenue, Dallas has allowed us to borrow these and they are the perfect size for this new case.

There are 59 miniatures in the display including Dawn's favorite, Raspberry Tart with Rhubarb in a car with buttons for wheels and a leaf for the hood. Dawn began collecting these five years ago when she received her first one in her Christmas stocking, which was Strawberry Shortcake in a night-gown.

There is Apricot with Hops a Lot putting a hat on at a dressing table; Mint Tulip with a Shovel; Orange Blossom with Marmalade; Apple Dumplin with Tea Time Turtle; Butter Cookie with Jelly Bear; Purple Pieman with Berry Bird and Angel Cake taking a Bubble Bath. These miniatures are all scented like their nameso when you open the door of the display case, the sweetest smells greet you. The library and Dawn and Strawberry Shortcake invite you to visit these miniatures.

If you have a collection of small items you would be willing to loan to the library for this display case, just call the library and ask for Nancy. The case holds from 65 to 80 small items and we like to keep them on display for at least three months.

The Book Club of the Back Mountain Memorial Library will meet in the reference room of the library on Monday, March 17 at 1:30. Mrs. Florence Crump will preside at the short business meeting, an interesting program will be presented, refreshments will be served and all interested Book Club members and guests are welcome to attend.

A sort of "turn about is fair play" happening. The auction committee was having a rather lively committee meeting in the reference room last week when the noise level became a little high. Staff members usually try to control this, however, this time it was a patron in the reading room who went to the reference room and asked if they could be a little more quiet as they were disturbing people trying to concentrate. Which only goes to prove, wrong is wrong even if it is done by people directly connected with the library.

Saturday, March 1st was one hectic day at the library. The sun was shining outside, the temperature was warm and people were just out. The library was nicely crowded most of the day, which pleases us and the circulation reached 451. Whether it was St. David's Day, the Ides of March or just the first glimmer of spring; it was a nice, busy, pleasant day.

I have been wearing a rather large lapel button the past few days which was given to me by a friend. It says in large letters, "The Loaning Zone", which we are; and has O.C.L.C. on it which is the Online Computer Library Center and the Interlibrary Loan Subsystem. An on-target button.

(Nancy Kozemcha is the assistant librarian at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Her column appears in The Dallas Post every week.)

## STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

By REP. FRANK COSLETT  
Special to The Dallas Post

**TESTIFYING BEFORE** the House Appropriations Committee, state Labor and Industry Secretary James W. Knepper recommended postponing implementation of Pennsylvania's "right-to-know" law until court rulings on the statute are complete. Passed in 1984, the right-to-know law requires employers to identify and label more than 1,800 potentially hazardous chemicals in the workplace. Late last year, however, a federal court ruled that the

state law applies only to some 180,000 non-manufacturing businesses, not the 30,000 manufacturers in Pennsylvania. The manufacturers are covered by the federal standards, the court held. Appeals

in the case are underway. Knepper suggested not implementing the law this year and amending it when court actions are finished.

**ALTHOUGH GOV. DICK THORN-BURGH** has recommended an increase of \$82 million for school districts in his proposed 1986-87 fiscal year budget, representatives of the school districts say it isn't enough. Thornburgh has requested that the state allocate 43 percent of its total general fund budget, or \$2.1 billion to Pennsylvania's 501 school districts. Appearing before the House Appropriations Committee this week, representatives of school boards and school employee organizations said the state should earmark 50 percent of its budget for education. Education Secretary Margaree Smith took issue with that request saying school districts should strive to become more cost effective.

# OPINION

## Grossman on economics

# 1986 may be a turning point in NE PA

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN  
Special to The Dallas Post

What will 1986 bring to Northeastern Pennsylvania that other years have not?

1986 may mark a turning point in the history of Northeastern Pennsylvania not so much by what the region does for itself, but by what others do to the region.

For example, recent actions in

Congress, endorsed by the President, have enabled the so-called Gramm-Rudman budget deficit legislation to take over the budgetary process which formerly was the realm of executive-legislative debate. The impact of this decision will be upon the entire nation in 1986, and areas such as Northeastern Pennsylvania with traditional heavy reliance on federal support will feel the impact more so than other parts of the country.

Gramm-Rudman is certain to speed up the process of federal cutbacks and slice the ability of regions such as Northeastern Pennsylvania to utilize federal programs which have helped both communities and individuals to economically survive.

The transition into Gramm-Rudman will not be easy. State government will be asked to do more and local governments will bear the brunt of Gramm-Rudman as well as specific federal cuts such as General Revenue Sharing and others so as to shorten flexibility of program development and constrain the way local governments obtain fiscal responsibility.

Thus, 1986, in a fiscal sense, will be a watershed year in which other actions in subsequent years will use the new year as a benchmark for change.

1986 also marks a change in other aspects of Northeastern Pennsyl-

vania's development. In the City of Wilkes-Barre, the final major project on Public Square will come about as a result of construction of a new office building and parking garage. In addition, the Paramount Theatre will move forward with a redevelopment project which should add to the amenities of Greater Wilkes-Barre as a center for economic progress in the Pocono Northeast.

The city of Scranton will be undertaking new projects with a new administration taking over the reins at City Hall. Major decisions are likely for projects such as the Oppenheim Building and the Casey Hotel.

In the city of Hazleton, a new administration will be in office, and the revitalization program in downtown Hazleton led by the Alliance to Revitalize Center City Hazleton (ARCH) will continue its modernization program.

In the Pocono Mountains, major investments will continue in 1986 to expand the resort and tourism base, however, additional actions may strengthen the ability of the Pocono Mountains Industrial Park to help broaden the economic base of the Poconos. A feasibility study to determine the future of the proposed Pocono Arts Center, in which \$6 million has been set aside in the capital budget for the arts center construction, will be completed.

In Schuylkill County, the state prison project at the Frackville Interchange should be completed and add over 200 jobs to the county's total work force. Co-generation projects will be advanced to help improve the County's economic base.

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