

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

A GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out Ralph Elston of Kunkle who will be celebrating his 89th birthday on March 29.

Your family and your friends wish you the happiest birthday yet, Ralph.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

are also extended to Jack Birnstock of Clearwater, Florida, a former Back Mountain resident, who noted his big day on March 20. Jack's daughter, Jo Carol Buckley of Haddonfield DOTTY MARTIN Hills, Dallas,



blew out her birthday candles on March 27 while her daughter, Susan, celebrated a birthday on March 24, and her son, Stephen, had his big day on March 6.

Plenty of birthday parties in that family this month.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS also go out to Megan Sheehan who celebrated her 12th birthday yesterday, March 25.

Megan was treated to a roller-skating party at Rollaway in Dallas, hosted by her parents, Sandy and Lynn Sheehan of Huntsville Road, Dallas.

My Back Mountain spies tells me that Mom skated circles around most of the children who attended the birthday party.

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SPEAKING OF BIRTHDAYS, don't forget, kids - The Dallas Post will print your birthday picture and your birthday announcement absolutely free of charge - so you won't even have to dip into your piggy banks to pay to have your picture in the paper.

Just have Mom and Dad write down all the information about you - your name, your parents' names, your address, where you go to school and what grade you're in, what clubs you're involved in and how you're planning to celebrate your birthday.

Then, if you drop off the information, along with your photo, we'll put it in the paper and tell everybody about your birthday. Remember, it's free - and you can have the photo back after it appears in the paper.

Either black and white or color photos will do and if you or your Moms or Dads have any other questions, just call me at the office at 675-5211 and I'll be happy to answer them for you.

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CONGRATULATIONS are extended to James Drury Jr. and his wife, Ann Marie, on the birth of their first child, Jennifer, who was born last week in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Mr. Drury, proprietor of Brader's Auto Tag Service in Dallas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Drury, who own and operate Drury's Delicatessen at Harveys Lake.

And Grandma Dotty Drury was one of the proudest nurses on the Nesbitt Obstetrics staff as she took care of her new granddaughter before sending her home with Mom and Dad.

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SPEAKING OF NESBITT HOSPITAL, all the hoopla about the triplets who arrived a few weeks ago to a Clarks Summit couple has simmered down now as all three babies are now in their new home.

Mrs. John McAndrew, in a car equipped with three brand new baby seats, took Courtney, Caitlin and Shane all home last week to meet their older brother, Jon.

Mrs. McAndrew went home several days before the babies did and made the trip from Clarks Summit

to Kingston every day to spend some time with her new babies. Something tells me she's got her work cut out for her now. Oh well, rumor has it she always wanted a large family - I'm just not so sure she wanted this large a family all at once!

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ALONG THE LINES of babies, congratulations go out to Joe and Irma Paglianite, proprietors of Grotto Pizza at Harveys Lake, as they enjoy their new role as grandparents.

Mr. Paglianite's daughter, Lisa Williamson, delivered a bouncing baby girl at Nesbitt a few weeks ago and I'll just bet Grandpa Joe is already spoiling the heck out of his new pride and joy. I also suspect the little tyke will be flipping pizza pies long before she can walk.

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I WAS THRILLED to see Barb Long McHale the other day. Barb, who currently resides in New Jersey, was in town visiting her Mom and Dad and decided to make a trip to the dentist during her day-long visit.

Knowing full well that I would never forgive her if she drove right past my office without stopping in to say hello, she did just that. Well, I managed to talk Barb into sitting and visiting for a little more than a few minutes and we reminisced about some of the wild and crazy things we did in college.

Barb tells me her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McHale of Trucksville are doing rather well, even though her father is still trying to conjure up a way to get even with me for putting his name in the paper. I haven't seen nor heard from him in a while, so I guess he hasn't figured out how to get my goat yet - but I have no doubt he will.

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DURING MY VISIT with Barb, we talked about some of the people we had gone to college with as well as some of the people we played basketball with while in high school.

One of the names that came up in our conversation was that our Arlene "Pooch" Kozich, who along with her father, Mike, operates the Jean Shop on Memorial Highway in Dallas.

Then, less than a half hour later, I ran into Pooch in the Dallas Post office. Talk about coincidences!

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A GREAT BIG sigh of relief goes out to my stepsister, Susan Dadurka of Forty Fort, who underwent minor surgery last week and came through with flying colors.

Even though there was a little bit of recovery time involved, Susan was a real trooper during the whole ordeal.

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CORNELIA DAVIS, a former teacher in the Back Mountain, has returned home after being a medical patient in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Miss Davis, who resides on Murray Street in Forty Fort, wants to thank all her friends and even some of her former students who were kind enough to send her "get well" cards while she was not feeling well.

It sure is nice to have her up and around again.

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FINALLY, I would like to wish each and every one of our readers a very joyous Easter holiday season. And, a special Happy Easter greeting goes to one of my most favorite people, Anna Kalna of Main Street in Swoyersville, whose smile and pleasant ways always make my Easter visit with her such an enjoyable experience.

(Dotty Martin is the Executive Editor of Pennaprint Inc., publishers of The Dallas Post. Her column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)



Years ago

The above photo includes homes, barns and other buildings in the Dallas area from years past. Can you identify them and the location, if so don't hesitate to contact us with the information.

Only yesterday

Residents raise money for those in flood areas

50 YEARS AGO - MARCH 27, 1936

Responding to the call from the Red Cross for funds to assist those in the flood stricken section of Wyoming Valley, Dallas residents raised \$400 for this cause. Wyoming Valley had been stricken with flooding when melting snow caused the Susquehanna River to overflow its banks.

A contract for completion of Dallas Township High School long awaited gymnasium and sufficient classroom space to relieve present overcrowding and to accommodate future needs was awarded to low bidder W.F. Sutter. The gymnasium would be completed in time for graduation.

40 YEARS AGO - MARCH 29, 1946

Approximately 500 people, most of them veterans, served by the Dallas Office of the United States Employment Service were double the number served the previous week, the first week the office was in operation. W.A. Harvey was office supervisor.

Ladies of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Auxiliary held their annual dinner in the social rooms of Dallas Methodist Church. The program was enlivened by Harold Flack, toastmaster, and Margaret Robinson, song-leader.

Engaged - Mary Elizabeth Snyder and George Elson Shaver, Jr.; Margaret Krieger to Edward Dungey; Helen Lyons to Paul Jones.

Married - Mary Campbell and Jonathan Hauck.

30 YEARS AGO - MARCH 30, 1956

The congregation of Dallas Methodist Church approved by more than two thirds majority a \$129,000 expansion program presented to it by the building committee. R.E. Kuhnert was chairman and R.E. Neal, co-chairman of the building committee.

After providing pleasure and wholesome recreation for thousands

of Back Mountain residents over the past nine years Sweet Valley Memorial Day Parade may be abandoned due to small profits, hard work and few floats.

Engaged - Norma Carey and Dale M. Wright.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Bogert, 42 years.

20 YEARS AGO - MARCH 31, 1966

Mrs. Howard Risley, owner-editor of The Dallas Post announced that the home-town paper would be sent free to any soldier serving in Vietnam. This followed a tradition set during World War II by her late husband Howard Risley.

Kingston Township Girl Scouts beautified the east side bank boarding the municipal building by planting clumps of clover, pachysandra, myrtle and mountain pinks. Mrs. Robert Baird was troop leader.

Engaged - Marilyn Ann Sheerer and Corey F. Perrin; Linda Faye Schramm and Daniel R. Mahoney; Judith Wright and Keith Jones.

Married - Donna Jean Franklin and Thomas Harry; Carol Keithline and Charles Corby.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, 27 years; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes, 25 years.

10 YEARS AGO - APRIL 1, 1976

Following a joint meeting of the Jackson Township Municipal Authority and the township's Planning Commission, the preliminary plans for the Sutton Hills Development were tentatively approved. Final approval was subject to approval by DER.

Deaths - Charles Coolbaugh, Dallas; Jack C. Gregory, Valley View Park; Joseph F. McAvoy, Dallas; Lore McKendrick, Carverton, Lucy Derby Morgan, Orange.

You could get - 3 lb. Jack Frost sugar \$1; Diamond walnut meats 89c lb.; ground beef 79c lb.; Cornish hens 88c lb.; tomato paste 4 cans 89c; Jell-o 4 boxes 69c; Duncan Hines layer cake mixes 59c ea.

LIBRARY NEWS

By **NANCY KOZEMCHAK**
Library Correspondent

Happy Birthday, Luzerne County! On September 25, 1786 the bill providing for the erecting of the Wyoming district into a separate county was voted upon in the Assembly and passed by a 44 to 14 margin.

The county was named Luzerne in honor of Caesar de la Luzerne who had been minister from France to the U.S. from 1779 to 1784. Wilkes-Barre was designated as the county seat.

As we celebrate the county's Bicentennial, it is instructive to look back on how we came to be the country we are today. Hard work, determination, and pragmatism are still watch words some 200 years later as we uphold the great heritage of our forefathers and begin to blaze our own historical trail into the next century of progress for Luzerne County.

The county today is the center of the great, new northeast. Discover what's new in Luzerne County and explore some of its glorious past. Happy 200th birthday, Luzerne County!

A warm and sincere thank you to the boys of Cub Scout Pack 155 of Trucksville who did a magnificent job of cutting out 3,000 Campbell Soup labels at the Westmoreland School for the library. This was done as a voluntary community service project and the three cub dens or about 20 boys, did the project in 45 minutes. We say thanks for a job well done.

We have many college planning books and catalogs in our reference room including Barron's Guide to the most prestigious colleges; The

college planning-search book; National college databank; Peterson's guide to four-year colleges, 1986 and Fiske, the best buys in college education. Also, we have approximately 234 current college catalogs including most of the Pennsylvania colleges and some of the more popular out-of-state colleges.

We are featuring a collection of contemporary nonfiction for young adults compiled by the young adult book staff as a companion to "Contemporary Classics for Young Adults". The collection includes many favorite authors such as Maya Angelou, Leonard Bernstein, Jim Bishop, Jim Bouton, Truman Capote, Rachel Carson, Bruce Catton, Jacques Cousteau, Antonia Fraser, Alex Haley, James Herriot, Thor Heyerdahl and John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

A quote from one of our regular borrowers who was born in Germany, "Three days without a book is one day without life". Sounds a little strict, but she seems to live by that.

National Library Week is the first full week in April and while reading the publicity kit from the American Library Association, I found an interesting article written by James A. Michener. The title of the article is, "How to use a Library" and he begins by saying, "Who knows what your library can open up for you? My suggestion is to do what I did: read and read and read. For pleasure - and for understanding." Take Michener's advice, try your library.

(Nancy Kozemchak is the assistant library at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Her column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

By **REP. FRANK COSLETT**
Special to The Dallas Post

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

LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD CREATE a process for citizens and local governments to reform their existing tax structures was introduced this week in the House. Sponsored by Rep. Samuel E. Hayes Jr. (R-Blair), the bill would provide citizens with a deciding voice in the local tax reform process. Voters would be asked to support or reject the creation of a local Tax Study Commission. If approved by the voters, the panel would hold public hearings and present its findings to the community. Voters would then be able to vote on any alternative tax structure the commission may recommend. "Attempts to write on magic formula for all the communities across Pennsylvania have proven unsuccessful," Hayes said. "The main intent of the legislation is to give people a voice with regards to local tax reforms." The bill has been cosponsored by some 60 legislators.

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SCHOOL DISTRICTS in Pennsylvania would receive increased state funds if a measure introduced by Rep. Paul Wass (R-Indiana) becomes law. At a Capitol Hill press conference Wass unveiled the plan

which would put one-tenth of one percent of the current 2.2 percent state income tax into a fund for public schools and state-related universities and colleges. Wass said the fund would provide taxpayers in each school district with a measure of property tax relief. He said the fund would increase subsidies to education by \$114 million over the governor's 1986-87 recommendation. "Young people will have a better chance at a quality education and property owners will be given a way to experience local property tax relief," Wass said.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEERS affiliated with organized youth sports activities from so-called frivolous lawsuits is the aim of a bill which was approved by the House Judiciary Committee. The measure is sponsored by Rep. Robert Flick (R-Chester) who termed it "model legislation for the nation." Flick said the legislation would provide volunteers with immunity from nuisance lawsuits which threaten the future of legitimate organized youth sports programs. Flick said such organized programs are "being hit unmercifully with frivolous lawsuits, with skyrocketing liability insurance rates and the resultant loss of volunteers, parents and participants."

(Rep. Frank Coslett serves the 120th Legislative District which encompasses the Back Mountain area. His column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

Sen. Lemmond co-sponsors bill

An existing tax incentive would be extended to include the construction phase of hydro-electric facilities in the state, if a bill co-sponsored by State Senator Charles D. Lemmond, Jr., (R-20) becomes law.

Currently, small-scale hydro projects are exempted from paying a 30-mill Public Utility Realty Tax (PURTA) during their first 10 years of operation. This exemption would be extended to cover the normal two

to three-year period of construction for new facilities under the provisions of the bill.

Lemmond explained that long-term energy independence and economic development would be better served by granting the exemption during the construction phase in addition to the 10-year period. "Without incentives, proposed facilities which are considered marginal, would probably not be built."

Scholarships available for high school students

Junior and senior class high school students who are interested in applying for \$1,000 college scholarships should request applications by May 15, 1986, from Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 N. McKinley Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

To receive an application, stu-

dents should send a note stating their name, address, city, state and zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation.

Fifty award winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extra-curricular activities and need for financial aid.

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OPINION

Trauma organization established

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Within the last several months, a new organization has established itself as a foundation for trauma prevention in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Northeast Unit of the American Trauma Society has been founded for the purpose of promoting and educating the public as to trauma prevention. Its role is to undertake activities which will cause a decrease in trauma, the leading killer of persons 18 years or younger.

Trauma occurs in many ways as a result of a variety of accidents including deadly traffic vehicular accidents throughout the nation. The American Trauma Society is a national organization with various

state divisions and local units throughout the country. In Pennsylvania, while the state division has been active, many of the local units have only recently established themselves as a tool for trauma prevention.

The Northeast Unit has been organized through the auspices of Emergency Medical Services of Northeastern Pennsylvania and now holds its incorporation with its own Board of Directors through the state division.

Its major activity in recent months included the carrying out of trauma week in late September and early October during which many outdoor signs were posted showing trauma prevention as an important aspect of an educational process.

Within the five county service area of the Unit which includes

Lackawanna, Luzerne, Wyoming, Pike and Wayne, outdoor signs were paid for by sponsors who provided the resources by which trauma week activities were carried out. In addition, other activities were sponsored by the Northeast Unit including a Speakers' Bureau in which volunteers spoke before community groups concerning trauma prevention.

Northeast Pennsylvania has a leading exponent of trauma prevention within the state with Dr. William Host of Tunkhannock, President of the State Chapter.

The Northeast Unit pioneered the outdoor sign program for the entire state since the format of the program, as well as the variety of signs themselves were developed by representatives of the Northeast Unit.

The American Trauma Society

represents all of the groups and or individuals who concern themselves with trauma prevention including volunteer and professional ambulance squads, hospitals, physicians, citizens concerned with trauma prevention, and all others who form part of the trauma system.

Membership in the American Trauma Society and participation in the Northeast Unit may be obtained by writing the Northeast Unit American Trauma Society, WARM Building, P.O. Box 179, Avoca, Pa. 18641. Membership on the Board of Directors is also possible by writing to the same address.

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