

Commentary

Editor's notes

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

BEST OF LUCK to Sid and Judy Silver, proprietors of the White Horse Tavern in the Dallas Shopping Center as they undertake a new venture.

The Silvers, who are noted for their good home cooking at the White Horse, have closed the tavern until April 14 as the Dallas eating establishment is undergoing a face lift.

With new carpeting, new booths and a whole bunch of other new things, the White Horse Tavern will reopen on April 14. The new tavern will feature a small service bar with the emphasis of the business being placed on the food for which Sid and Judy have come to be famous.

Why not stop in and give the Silvers a vote of confidence while they're working in the tavern - then be sure to return after the 14th and check the new place out.

WELCOME HOME to Hank Kaminski, an employee at the Dallas Post Office, who recently returned from a trip to Hawaii.

Hank, who had a terrible bout with the flu, managed to shake the bug just in time to fly to the land of sun and fun.

And, who knows? Hank may now be a contender for Jean Hillard's sultan contest! Better see Jean, Hank, while the tan still shows.

MUCH THANKS to a woman by the name of Jane Edmunds whose residence is unknown.

As we usually do, The Dallas Post donated a few subscriptions to a fashion show held recently by the Dallas Women's Club. The subscriptions were used as door prizes and Ms. Edmunds was the winner of one.

Unfortunately, Ms. Edmunds does not reside in the Back Mountain area and feels a subscription to The Post would be better spent on someone who could recognize the names and faces in our paper.

So, Ms. Edmunds very generously returned the subscription form to us and asked that we find a needy person who would really enjoy reading the paper every week, but whose budget would not allow them to have a subscription.

Our circulation director, Jean Brutko, is currently in the process of attempting to locate just such a person to give the subscription to. But, in the meantime, we'd like to thank this very generous woman for being so kind as to think of someone who may be less fortunate than she.

If we had an address or a phone number for Jane Edmunds, we would thank her personally. I only hope that someone who knows Ms. Edmunds will read this and let her know how grateful we are for her kindness.

BILL RUNNER of Shavertown introduced himself to me at a business gathering in Wilkes-Barre the other day.

Bill, who was representing First Eastern Bank at the meeting, remembered reading my column when I mentioned my amazement at seeking a blind skier on a mountain one day this past winter.

As a member of the National Ski Patrol at Jack Frost Mountain in White Haven, Bill informed me he cut the column out and sent it to the public relations director at Jack Frost. Seems Jack Frost Mountain has an entire program that enables visually handicapped people to enjoy the sport of skiing and Bill felt I should have more information on it.

Unfortunately, the people at Jack Frost Mountain have yet to follow up on Bill's suggestion, but I'd like to thank him for letting me know that such a program exists.

I do have to admit that I was rather surprised to see a blind skier, but, according to Bill, that

sort of thing is not all that uncommon - because of programs such as the one at Jack Frost.

IT SURE WAS NICE TO SEE Judi Blase of Dallas the other day. Judi, who resides in New Goss Manor with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Blase, is the promotions director at The Times Leader and was also attending a business function in Wilkes-Barre.

I haven't see Judi is months and it sure was nice to rehash some old memories with her.

A great big hello to her Mom and Dad and also to her brother, Dr. Robert Blase.

DEBBIE ZURINSKI, that bubbly, bouncing young lady from Harveys Lake, was hosting this business meeting for the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and couldn't have been happier doing anything else at the time.

Debbie, who is the membership director for the local Chamber, makes a great host at a membership mixer for the Chamber and certainly looks like she enjoys her work.

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN! The deadline for filing individual income tax returns is Tuesday, April 15 - a date that has crept upon on some people faster than ever.

Much thanks to our staff correspondent Charlot Denmon who has conjured up a rather humorous story about the burdens of filling out tax returns.

Charlot, who is afraid some people may be able to relate to some of the statements in her articles, wants everyone to be perfectly aware of the fact that any resemblance are purely coincidental.

A GREAT BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE goes to the uniformed units of the Irem Temple who put in an awful lot of time and effort to make this year's Shrine Circus a success.

Chalk another one up for the Shriners who manage to bring the circus to town year after year and who give so much of their own time and effort to raise money.

The money raised at the circus is donated to the Shriners' Hospital in Philadelphia to help young children overcome their medical problems.

A tip of the Ringmaster's Hat to all the Shriners who are involved with the circus and all the good that comes of it.

OKAY, YOU FISHERMEN - get your worms ready! Trout season starts Saturday and you can bet your wading boots, Back Mountain fishermen are all shining up their fishing poles and digging for worms - or whatever it is fishermen do.

But, anyway, they'll all be up before the sun Saturday morning and on their way to the water so they can catch the fish before they (meaning the fish) are even awake.

As one who does not fish, I cannot relate to the glorious feeling one supposedly gets from getting out of bed so early just to throw a worm into a body of water, hoping to catch a fish that must first be cleaned before eating.

I used to fish, however. I used to fish every weekend when I was in high school and I used to love it. I think the one thing that really turned me off to the sport, though, was the time I cast the fishing line over my head and somehow managed to catch my lip with the fish hook. Don't ask me how that happened, but it really did.

Needless to say, I feel I won't be missing a thing by staying in bed Saturday morning and wishing the best of luck to those who want to rise and shine early in hopes of catching their share. Good luck to all of you!

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REMEMBERING

Steamship

Steamships, such as the one shown in this photo, were once a common sight at Harveys Lake. Imagine how out of place one of these ships would look at the lake today.

Only yesterday

Ruth Kintz receives Golden Eagle Award

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL 10, 1936
Ruth Kintz, a member of Girl Scout Troop 7, Dallas, received the Golden Eagle award, scouting's highest award. The first Back Mountain Girl Scout to win this award, she had been a scout since 1929. She was a member of the senior class at Dallas Borough High School.

For the second year, Robert Fleming, a junior at Dallas Borough High School, was champion of Luzerne County's student orators. Fleming then competed in Bloomsburg for district honors.

Married - Jane Keener and Malvin Wagner.
Deaths - Rev. Lloyd W. Karschner, Meeker; George J. Russ, Fernbrook.

You could get - Eggs 2 doz. 45c; sliced bacon 19c 1/2 lb.; oranges 29c doz.; smoked hams 27c lb.; sweet potatoes 4c lb.; celery 2 bunches 17c; chickens 28c lb.; pineapple 2 big cans 35c; butter 2 lbs. 65c.

40 YEARS AGO - APRIL 12, 1946
A baseball league composed of six teams of boys under 14 years of age was being sponsored by Dallas Kiwanis Club with Lt. Caddy LaBar, recently returned from the Army Special Services, as president.

Probing the possibility of obtaining additional salary increases amounting to \$3 a day or \$540 a year, Kingston Township teachers met with the board of education to study the school budget and determine if the increases were feasible. The average salary at that time was \$1,800 annually.

Married - Helen Lyons and Paul Jones.
Deaths - Mrs. Jasper Swingle, Shavertown; Mrs. George Garinger, Johnson City.

You could get - Pollock fillets 25c lb.; haddock fillets 42c lb.; chickens 39c lb.; lettuce 2 lg. hds. 19c; carrots 2 lg. bunches 15c; eggs 41c doz.; egg dyes 3 pkg. 25c; oranges 43c doz.; Octagon soap 2 bars 9c.

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 13, 1956
J.B. McCool, Director of Pennsylvania State Farm Show, addressed the 15th annual Parent and Son Dinner of Blue Ridge Chapter, Future Farmers of America, Lehman High School. George Yurko was chapter president.

Margaret Gunton and Paul Balshaw represented Dallas-Franklin-Monroe Township in Northeast District Chorus, held at Susquehanna. Both students were seniors. Louise Ohlman, instructor of vocal music, accompanied the candidates.

Married - Jean J. Kushner and Joseph Chukinas; Katherine Marie Noon and Joseph Moore.

Engaged - Mary Runstall to Stanley Grontkowski, Jr.
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Russell Scott, Sr., 29 years; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shiber, Center Hill Road, 50 years.

Deaths - Fallie Steele, Sweet Valley; Russell Bogart,

LETTERS

Korean War vet wants memorial

DEAR EDITOR:

What do most people think of when they are asked about the 1950's? The most likely responses are: soda shops, rock n roll, sock hops, etc. But does anyone remember what major event started the decade of 1950? The answer - probably not.

The Korean War, not conflict, began June 25, 1950 and lasted until July 27, 1953. During this period 54,246 Americans were killed in action; 103,284 were wounded; 7,000 were taken prisoner, 51 percent of which died. A little known fact is that 8,177 Americans are still listed as missing in action. Besides these casualties, many thousands of veterans were left impaired with psychological scars from this horrifying war.

But no one remembers this war because it was in between two other more publicized wars. World War Two is most remembered because of the United States' great victories over Germany and Japan, and the Vietnam War is remembered for the controversy that it caused in the United States at the time.

The Korean War is forgotten, its veterans are forgotten, its heroes

are forgotten, and the MIA's are forgotten. If you need proof, just go to your local library and compare the number of books written about the Korean War with those written about World War Two or the Vietnam War. The difference is incredible!

Also check around and see if you can rent any movies that you can find about either the Second World War or about the Vietnam War. I'll bet that the ratio is pretty high. Just out of curiosity, I wonder how popular RAMBO would be if its plot dealt with a Korean War veteran going back to North Korea to find American MIA's. I'm sure people would flock to the theatres to watch a 55 year old man chasing North Koreans up and down Korea's mountainous terrain!

So the basic problem is that no one is aware of the Korean War. Well, slowly but surely, people are becoming aware due mostly to the efforts of Mr. Tony Zdanavage of Berwick and other members of the Korean War Awareness Project.

Through a letter writing and bumper sticker campaign, this group has made thousands of people aware. These letters have been

written to all the politicians who are somehow involved with veterans activities. Many bills have gone through the House and Senate proposing a Korean War memorial with full federal funding, but have come out with the full funding chopped off. They have, however, "given" land on which the memorial can be built but expect the American public to pay for it. It's already everyone's land to begin with so I don't know why it has to be "given" away.

Also it is estimated that it would cost the government 69 cents per Korean War veteran to build the 3.5 million dollar memorial. This is pretty cheap considering the fact that the government dishes out billions of dollars to the defense budget.

In closing, I would like to ask that everyone, especially Korean War veterans, who feel as I do, begin to speak out and get involved. The best way to do this is to write to your local Congressman and Senator and demand that a fully funded Korean War memorial be built.

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LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

A truly glorious Easter Sunday, 1986! The weather was absolutely beautiful if maybe a little too warm.

I visited the Shavertown Methodist Church for the 11 a.m. worship service and I must say it was a magnificent celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. The church was beautifully graced with lilies, the people were there in abundance, the choirs, adult and children, sang so well, the minister preached a great sermon and the atmosphere was festive like. After the benediction, the choir with organ, brass and strings sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" as I have not heard it done except by professionals. This was truly a glorious celebration for a beautiful Easter Sunday.

While on the subject of Easter, a group of friends were discussing the traditions of Easter and one person asked what Maundy meant and why it was being used for Holy Thursday. Looked it up and found out Maundy (mandatum) means a command or order. The words spoken by Jesus to his disciples after washing their feet at the Last Supper: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has received three new rotating collections from the Osterhout Library. They will circulate until July 7. The mixed bag collection contains 74 current paperbacks, both fiction and non-fiction on a variety of topics. The classics collection contain 107 paperbacks of literature. The Greenthumbing It collection has 28 books on gardening in trade paperback and hardback. These circulate for three weeks.

Our stamp collection display has returned to its owner, Lindo Sabatini of Dallas with one additional stamp. Andrew Gorto of Parrish Street saw the display and donated a special commemorative Civilian Conservation Corporation stamp to Lindo. We are grateful to Lindo for letting us borrow his collection.

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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.

HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS this week approved a Thornburgh administration order prohibiting insurance companies from cancelling or refusing to renew commercial policies without just cause. The rule was issued by Thornburgh March 17 and is effective for 120 days. By a 13-0 vote, the Insurance Committee supported the executive order. The matter is now under review by the state Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) which is expected to issue its decision April 16. If the IRRC approves the rule, it can continue beyond the 120-day period. The measure is designed to provide businesses with insurance protection during the current liability insurance crisis.

LEGISLATION AIMED at reducing the number of overcrowded prisons in Pennsylvania and easing the workload of overburdened parole officers has been developed by Rep. George E. Saurman (R-Montgomery). The bills would allow certain non-violent criminals assigned by the court to "house arrest" to be monitored by parole staffs through the use of an electronic device attached to the offender's leg. Saurman said similar programs are being used in several other states including Florida, Kentucky, Oregon and Utah. "Prison overcrowding will continue unless we find a way to reduce it. Along with overcrowding, escalating costs will claim more tax dollars to maintain our prison system. Citizens of the commonwealth would benefit from reduced cost and increased public safety," Saurman said.

LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS would benefit from legislation introduced in the House by Rep. Anthony J. Cimini (R-Lycoming) through increased funds for equipment and training. Cimini's bill would add a dollar to the fine imposed for summary traffic violations resulting from local police actions. Currently, fines collected for offenses as a result of local police actions are deposited in local government treasuries. The additional dollar added by Cimini's bill would be earmarked for police training and equipment. The current fine for a summary offense is \$25. "Our local police agencies, in many cases, are underfunded and this would provide an additional source of income for them," Cimini said.

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