

Commentary

Editor's notes

A little of this...

...a little of that

OPENING DAY of fishing season has come and gone - and, for some odd reason, I think there were more unsuccessful fishermen than there were successful ones this past Saturday as hundreds of anglers cast their lines in Harveys Lake alone, hoping to land the big one.

During our church service on Sunday, the minister asked all those in the congregation who had gone fishing the day before to raise their hands. I was rather surprised at the amount of fishermen who were in church on that particular Sunday. But, when the minister asked how many of those fishermen were successful on Saturday, I was doubly surprised to see how many hands went down.

From what I understand, there wasn't even standing room left at Harveys Lake and at other smaller fishing holes this past Saturday. I guess everybody wants to get out and be the first of the season to catch a fish.

THE BIGGEST DRIP of them all, though, was Charlie Innamorati, of Kingston, an employee at the Kingston Post Office, who somehow managed to fall into the lake.

Although our latest report was that Charlie had taken work off Saturday and Monday to go fishing, I would venture to guess Charlie was home in bed on Monday with a box of Puffs and a bottle of cough syrup.

Charlie was fishing with his son Jamie when all of a sudden, and before he even knew what hit him, he was in the lake. I understand that with the amount of fishermen out on Saturday, it may have been an almost impossible task to catch a fish, but really, Charlie, don't you think you went a bit too far by diving in after them?

SPEAKING OF THE POST OFFICE, my apologies to Hank Kaminsky for having him geographically lost last week.

Hank, who was originally reported as recently returning from a vacation to Hawaii, was actually visiting his son and daughter-in-law in San Francisco, California.

I happen to see Hank last Tuesday evening as he was treating two of his grandchildren to a hamburger for supper and it was then that he told me he had just come back from San Francisco. Knowing full well our newspaper had already gone to press for that week and there was nothing I could to rectify the situation at that point, I assured Hank I would run a retraction this week.

Being the understanding soul that he is, though, Hank informed me that he spent some time in Hawaii when he was in the service so, actually, I was not lying in my column last week.

Hank, however, was concerned as to whether or not I was ruining his credibility by reporting that he had been in Hawaii when he would have to explain to everyone that he was really in San Francisco. I assured Hank, though, that if anyone's credibility was in danger over that particular report, it was mine and not his.

So, to set the record straight, Hank Kaminsky recently returned home after visiting his son and daughter-in-law in San Francisco, California.

AND, WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT, a great big welcome goes out to Rosa Dadurka, a former resident of Forty Fort now residing in Los Angeles, California, who is visiting at my house for a few

weeks.

Mrs. Dadurka, who is my stepsister's grandmother (and if you think that's confusing, put yourself in my shoes), is touring the Eastern United States for several weeks, visiting with friends and family while here.

Grandma Dadurka and Susan have just been having a ball cruising around visiting some people who were thrilled to see them. It's always nice to have such a kind, caring person as Grandma Dadurka visiting us.



DOTTY MARTIN

LAST WEEK I wrote about the kindness and generosity of one Jane Edmunds who won a one-year subscription to *The Dallas Post* at a fashion show the previous week. And, not being a resident of the Back Mountain, Jane felt she would be most unfamiliar with the people and the things we cover in our newspaper.

So, rather than letting the subscription go to waste, Jane sent the certificate back to our circulation department and asked that we find a needy person in the Back Mountain who would benefit more from such a gift.

Turns out that Jane Cummings, an advertising representative for our sister publication, the *Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal*, had met Jane Edmunds just a few days prior to last week's edition of *The Dallas Post*. Ms. Edmunds is an executive assistant with Blue Cross in Wilkes-Barre and was attending a business meeting with Ms. Cummings. Small world, isn't it?

And, as the story finalizes itself - we have found someone who is very interested in reading *The Dallas Post* on a weekly basis but just never had the opportunity to have a subscription all their own.

Much thanks to Marilyn Gregorski, activities director at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas, for helping us to locate just the right person to give this subscription to.

ALSO, MUCH THANKS to Sheila Smith for the drawing she sent me the other day. Sheila was so thrilled to read her name in my column a few weeks ago when she celebrated her birthday, she sent me a drawing of a beautiful tree as a thank you note.

I'm also glad to hear that Sheila is feeling much better these days after having suffered a serious attack of gastritis last Thursday night and spending half the night in the hospital emergency room.

BARBARA HOOVER of Trucksville would like to thank to unidentified Shriner for locating her son's eyeglass case when it became lost at the Irem Temple Circus last week.

Seems the young Hoover boy was also carrying his \$5.00 allowance money in the glass case and was only too thrilled to have everything returned to him in one piece.

So, to the man in the maroon fez who went out of his way to make a little boy happy, our hats are off to you.

AND, A GREAT BIG round of applause to two Back Mountain residents who finished first in Saturday's Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Annual Five-Mile run.

Gloria Rawls of Trucksville, a former fellow employee of mine at *The Times Leader*, and Dr. Larry Litscher of Dallas, were the first female and male finisher respectively in a field of several hundred.

Also, a tip of the jogging shoes to Carl Seitz, another Dallas resident, who served as coordinator of this year's race.

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



REMEMBERING

Trucksville Mill

Shown here is the old Trucksville Mill as it was being razed several years. Standing now in that particular location is part of Frances Slocum Park.

Only yesterday

Shavertown Men's Club sponsors Minstrel Show

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL 17, 1936

The Men's Club of Shavertown was planning its annual Minstrel Show. The entire show was under the direction of Dave Joseph, Trucksville.

A permanent farmer's market in a new, convenient location was the recommendation of R.B. Donaldson and John Gauss, who had completed a survey for Pennsylvania State College.

Deaths - Sophie Hendershot, Wilkes-Barre. You could get - Aged cheese 21c lb.; 3 tall cans milk 20c; fillets of cod 2 lbs. 25c; Little Neck clams 100-37c; peanut butter 2 lb. jar 25c; 2 lb. gingersnaps 15c.

40 YEARS AGO - APRIL 19, 1946

Native Lace Works Inc., an affiliate of Native Laces and Textiles, Inc., 261 Fifth Avenue, New York City, purchased 16 acres along the Harveys Lake Highway and would erect a \$475,000 plant there. The company manufactured laces, rayons, cottons, spuns, knits, elastics and hosiery mesh.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library was host to librarians of 54 communities when it hosted the Northeastern District Library meeting. The all day session was held at Irem Temple Country Club.

Engaged - Doris Stookey and Harold L. Brobst. Married - Virginia Lee Price and Paul Nulton; Fay Fischer Adams and Harry C. Snyder; Vera Shaver and George Swan; Jane Ayre and Thomas Loomis.

Deaths - Arthur Kocher, Alderson. You could get - Turkeys 49c lb.; roasting chickens 45c lb.; oranges 43c doz.; potatoes, 5 lb. 32c; 3 pkg. Paas Easter egg dyes 25c; Lifebuoy soap 3 bars 20c; horse radish 27c lb.

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 20, 1956

Five school boards ironed out their differences leaving a smooth and unruffled surface for the Dallas Area Schools Jointure. Dallas Borough, Kingston Township, Dallas Township, Franklin and Monroe Townships would become a new jointure.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, made plans for a three-day rededication service to celebrate their \$50,000 church expansion and renovation program. Former pastors Rev. Herbert Frankfort, Rev. John Taylor and Rev. Frederick Mookck, Jr. would be guest speakers as well as G. Elston Ruff the church's first pastor.

Engaged - Sandra Graves to Airman Warren Denmon; Audrey Bilby to Carl Rood. Married - Elizabeth Furnell to Richard P. Lavelle.

OPINION

On Girl Scout Day, we all remember founder as 'first'

Woman's club grateful for support

DEAR EDITOR:

The members of the Dallas Area Federated Woman's Club thank you for your generous contribution to our benefit Card Party and Fashion Show held last week at Irem Country Club.

The proceeds go to the Back Mountain Library and our Scholar-

ship Fund. Because of donations such as yours, we are able to realize a greater profit and feel that we all help to benefit the community.

Thank you for supporting us in this endeavor.

DALLAS AREA FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB

Scouts appreciate publicity

DEAR EDITOR:

Penn's Woods Council Girl Scouts, from our youngest Daisy to adult volunteers would like to thank you for your help in celebrating Girl Scout Week.

We appreciate your cooperation

and kind words. Everyone knows a little more about Girl Scouting because you told them about our activities.

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LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

We have on display in the main lobby of the library an antique sheep clipper, which is over 50 years old.

This was donated to the library by Marvin Scott, who was a shepherd at Hillside Farms for over 40 years, having retired last month. The clipper is hand operated and requires two people to operate it; one to hold the machine and turn the handle and the other to hold the sheep and clip him.

Mr. Scott did clip the sheep at Hillside and tied the wool and trimmed the feet. He has also used an electric clipper which is a one man operation. Mr. Scott bought the clipper for his own use with the possibility of selling it to an antique shop and then decided to donate it to the library for our use and display or to be sold at our auction.

Hillside Farms now has about 200 cows and calves and they use their milk for sale and to make their ice cream. They are presently milking 80 or 90 cows. Information about a local business enterprise is always interesting and we are grateful to Mr. Scott for donating the sheep clipper to the library.

Our National Library Week program presented by Dr. Charlotte Casterline, the author, and Patricia Zabroski, the illustrator, of "My Friend Has Asthma" held the audience captive with their interesting account of the events and planning which go into the making of a new book.

The hot buffet lunch served after the program was plentiful and delicious. Katherine, the subject of the book, and the friend who has asthma, was here and wound up at my desk having refreshments. She drew a very pretty picture of a rainbow with clouds, flowers and a tree and then presented the painting to me, which I have hanging in my office area. She is a very likeable child.

This was a very exciting evening at the Back Mountain Memorial Library with a lot of good fellowship, education, food and a chance for many people to see our new library for the first time. A magnificent way to celebrate National Library Week 1986.

We have recently added the 1986 Britannica Encyclopedia to the reference room collection. We also have the following current encyclopedias: Academic American, Americana, Colliers, Merit Student, New Book of Knowledge and World Book. The older editions of these encyclopedias can circulate, such as World Book, Britannica Junior, Colliers and New Book of Knowledge.

The Book Club will hold its April meeting on Monday, the 21st at 1:30 in the reference room of the library. An auction committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at the library with Dr. John Shaskas, 1986 chairman, conducting the meeting.

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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.

GOV. DICK THORNBURGH'S recent veto of a bill which would have allowed insurers to continue setting auto insurance rates based on gender was overridden by the House this week on two separate occasions. By a 144-50 vote, and again by a 137-56 margin, supporters of the measure succeeded in garnering the necessary two-thirds majority for the override attempt. If the governor's veto stands, insurance companies will be required to implement so-called unisex insurance rates on June 1.

THE FUTURE of Philadelphia's proposed convention center suffered a second major setback in less than a month when the House defeated a measure which would have created a governing board for the \$455 million project. By a 108-90 margin, the House voted not to support the bill which would have created a nine-member board to oversee construction and operation of the center. The House had defeated the same bill in mid-March. Plans for minority participation in the construction and indecision over who would pay for construction costs overruns were the focus of debate on the bill.

THE LIFE of a gun license in Pennsylvania would be extended from one to five years if legislation which passed the General Assembly this week is signed by Gov. Thornburgh. Sponsored by Rep. Lynn Herman (R-Centre), the bill would not only lengthen the life of the license but would also increase the fee for a gun permit from \$5.50 to \$7.50. Herman said under existing procedures, it is not cost effective for the state to issue a gun license for a one-year period.

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

are fun to be with. They make Girl Scouting fun.

April 22 is Girl Scout Leader's Day. We take great pride in recognizing the accomplishments of Girl Scout leaders and assistant leaders of 410 Troops in Penn's Woods Girls Scout Council - both men and women - of diverse backgrounds. Many of these leaders grew up as Girl Scouts and their daughters are second and third generation Girl Scouts. While it's true that not

everyone can be "a first", every Girl Scout leader can be, and is, unique.

These special people reach out to girls and help them reach farther still - to pursue their dreams, discover new horizons and take that extra step to be the best they can

be. But Girl Scout leaders are most appreciated for being outstanding role models to young girls.

Parents appreciate story

DEAR EDITOR:

We are writing to tell you how pleased we were with the article that one of your reporters, John Hoinski, wrote about our son, Eddie. John showed much understanding of and compassion towards Eddie's problem.

We also have a lot of praise for the young photographer, Eddie Campbell, who came to our house to take Eddie's picture. He was very fussy about where the picture should be taken and took great pains to be sure conditions were just right.

You are very fortunate to have two such aspiring young men to work for your paper.

We promise to keep you informed concerning Eddie's progress with the Boy Scouts. Scout's honor!

BONNIE AND ED TURCHIN
CEASETOWN, JACKSON TOWNSHIP

P.S. The reason we agree to do interviews concerning Eddie is that we hope if some other family might be going through a serious medical problem with a child, Eddie might be an inspiration to them to not give up hope.