

Commentary

Editor's notes

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS are extended to Mildred Bachman of Walnut Street, Forty Fort.

Mrs. Bachman is an avid reader of The Dallas Post and celebrated her special day on April 20.

Happy birthday to you, Mrs. Bachman - and many, many more.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Lynn Sheehan Jr., of Dallas, who recently received a promotion at Jamesway.

Lynn, a junior at Dallas High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sheehan Sr., of Huntsville Road.



DOTTY MARTIN

DAN KEPICK, an employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and an old high school friend of mine, would like to offer a brochure entitled "Travelers' Tips to readers of The Dallas Post."

The brochure cautions travelers on bringing food, plants, and animal products into the United States.

The brochure is available by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402.

HOW 'BOUT LAST WEDNESDAY'S WEATHER - wasn't that something?

My plans for late last Wednesday morning were to embark on a trip to Reston, Virginia, however, when it took me nearly an hour and a half to go no further than Nuangola, I knew a drastic change of plans was necessary.

Exiting Interstate 81 at the Nuangola exit, I was informed the only way back to Wilkes-Barre was via Route 309 because traffic on Interstate 81 going North had come to a dead stop due to both the wintery weather conditions and the ongoing road construction in that area.

The trip to Route 309 was a rather interesting one as we were forced to weave our way through dozens of cars that were either stuck on the ice or which had already fallen into a ditch because of the road conditions.

Once we got to Route 309, we were not much better off as trucks and cars were strewn all over the highway, going absolutely nowhere.

When we finally made our way back to Wilkes-Barre, it was amazing how much different the weather was than the weather we had just encountered on the hills of Nuangola and Mountaintop. The streets were nothing worse than wet and there was hardly an accumulation of snow.

I couldn't help but chuckle, though, when I saw a sign at a gas station, warning motorists that studded snow tires had to be removed by April 15. In light of the fact that our last winter hurrah fell on us on April 23, that law certainly made traveling that day rather treacherous.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, the weather at my home was so much different than the weather in Nuangola. I wasn't opposed to cooking my supper out on the grill that night.

Having cleared the snow from the driveway earlier in the day, I simply wheeled the grill out of the garage and enjoyed charbroiled steaks that evening. I don't care to hear what the neighbors were saying about that crazy act, but the steaks tasted good.

MY TRIP TO VIRGINIA on Thursday, less than 24 hours later, was a rather beautiful one. The sun

made an early debut that day and decided to stay out for the duration of the day, beaming on us all the way and sending the temperatures soaring.

If I had not experienced the horrible conditions just one day before, I don't think I would have believed the story had it been told to me by someone else.

TRAVELLING INTERSTATE 81 through Harrisburg late Thursday evening was an interesting experience.

At one point, we passed a guy driving a motorcycle. Over the gas tank on the motorcycle, he had placed a wooden platform. And, sitting on this platform, as proud as a peacock, was the cutest little miniature Schnauzer you ever did see.

Now, I've heard of dogs riding on motorcycles before, but in addition to the pride this particular canine displayed, he was a little more unique than any other motorcycle-riding dogs.

This little guy was even dressed for the past - he was wearing a bright red turtleneck and his very own pair of goggles. That's right, a pair of goggles. Why, anyone who has ever written a motorcycle knows darn well that your eyes water terribly with the wind.

This dog was smarter than I thought. But, talk about a picture. Had it been daylight, I would have taken a picture of this little fellow - just one more story no one will believe without proof.

SPEAKING OF UNBELIEVABLE STORIES, I have learned since the writing of last week's column that my informants on Pat Jones' age were terribly incorrect.

Pat did not celebrate her 42nd birthday last Saturday, but was rather ----- years old. Oops, almost forget - promised I wouldn't tell.

Hope you had a nice birthday, Pat - and I'm so sorry for any inconvenience you may have been caused by our leading people to believe you were noting your 42nd birthday.

MUCH THANKS to Mrs. Frank Kuehn of Fallbrook Avenue, Dallas, for supplying us with some old photos of the Back Mountain area.

As you know, we print one Remembering photo every week on our editorial page. Sometimes, though, it's difficult to find old photos from our area.

Mrs. Kuehn had given us several to use, however, and they will be appearing on the editorial page within the next few weeks. I'm sure Back Mountain residents will enjoy seeing them.

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to Donald S. Anthony of New Goss Manor, Dallas, on the death of his granddaughter, Ashley Nicole Anthony.

Ashley, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anthony Jr., of 1151 Virginia Ave., Altamonte Springs, Fla., died at birth April 16 at the Florida Hospital South, Orlando, Fla.

Mr. Anthony is Ashley's paternal grandfather.

WELCOME to the Back Mountain goes out to Fred and Jane Martin who are residing at 67 Sunset Drive, RD 4 Oakhill, Dallas.

Fred and Jane, who are no relation of mine but who are welcomed to our area just the same, are new subscribers to The Dallas Post.

Good luck to both of you in your new home and hope you enjoying reading The Post.

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



REMEMBERING

Fall Fair grounds

Shown here is an aerial view of the Luzerne County Fall Fair which was taken years ago when it was held at the Lehman Horse Show Grounds.

Only yesterday

Scouts honored for work during twin floods in area

50 YEARS AGO - MAY 1, 1936

Twenty five Boy Scouts from Trucksville and Shavertown were honored for their tireless work during the twin floods in Wyoming Valley. Without sleep, the Scouts worked for three days running errands, directing traffic helping refugees from flooded homes and delivering foodstuff by boats.

Each Scout was awarded a Certificate of Merit. Light spring rain helped forest fire wardens in their battle against the small blazes that caused trouble for area residents due to severe dryness. Seven fires reported by E.W. Whispell of Dallas Forest Fire Tower burned over 150 acres in the last 10 days.

Deaths - James B. Scott, Spanish War Vet. You could get - Butter 2 lbs. 69c; whole wheat bread 9c lg loaf; new potatoes 6 lb. 25c; home grown dandelion 5c lb.; cabbage 4c lb.; applesauce 3 cans 20c; onions 3 lb. 10c.

40 YEARS AGO - MAY 3, 1946

Former veterans of Jackson Township met and formed a Jackson Township Veteran's Club. Officers were Edward Kropp, president; George Gabel, vice president; Theodore Laskowski, secretary and John Bombick, treasurer.

Louise Kunkle was selected by students of Dallas Township High School as May Queen.

Elwood Renshaw, the only Back Mountain boy still listed in action, was presented dead according to the Adjutant General's office. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Renshaw.

Engaged - Lois Smith and Merton E. Hoffman; Marilyn Davis and Elmer Reese.

Deaths - D.J. Martin, Loyalville; Mrs. William Evans, Shavertown. You could get - Chickens 45c lb.; salami 39c lb.; tomatoes 29c cello pkg.; onions 3 lb. 23c; peas 3 lb. 29c; grapefruit 3 lb. 29c; rolled oats 11c pkg.; Beechnut strained foods 3 jars 23c.

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 4, 1956

Rev. G. Elson Ruff was main speaker at the rededication service held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. A dinner buffet for the congregation was included in this combination 31st anniversary-rededication service.

Theresa Rodriguez, school secretary at Lehman-Jackson-Ross School, was among the five finalists selected for State Dairy Queen. Runner-up to the winner of the title Miss Rodriguez was the daughter of Julio and Stella Rodriguez of Chase.

Engaged - Janice Ferguson to Herbert Dreher; Dorothy Jean Kolesar and Emerson Veitch.

Married - Norma Fay Carey and Dale M. Wright.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. William Watchlonis, 25 years.

Deaths - Claire Walker, Parrish St.; Josephine Donsavage, Meeker; Elizabeth Ohlman, Wilkes-Barre. You could get - Rib roast 49c lb.; hams 49c lb.; oranges 39c doz.; radishes 2 pkg. 19c; Mother's Day cards 5c; boxed stationary 50c; 5 lb. bag flour 53c; 3 lb. can Crisco 89c.

20 YEARS AGO - MAY 5, 1966

Mary Lou Casterline was named May Queen at Lake-Lehman High School; Vicky Genetts was maid of honor. Other court members were Karen Stoerle; Betty Zapatoski, Kay Keefer and Jeanne Kern.

Three Back Mountain dealers for Sun Oil Company were honored for a combined total of 50 years of service. Receiving the awards were Caddie LaBar, John Gorda and Rowland Ritts.

Engaged - Sharon Farver to John R. Davis. Married - Judith Wright and Harold Jones.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Anderson, 32 years; Mr. and Mrs. William Watchlonis, 36 years.

Deaths - Willard Sutton, Jr., Charles Wertman, George Crispell.

You could get - Boneless round steak 79c lb. chicken 49c lb.; oranges 69c doz.; pineapples 3-1; sharp cheese 69c lb.; eggs 2 doz. 85c; 2 lb. can Maxwell House coffee \$1.71.

10 YEARS AGO - MAY 6, 1976

An outdoor chicken barbecue on the grounds of College Misericordia was planned as part of the Back Mountain Council's weekend bicentennial celebration. Back Mountain Cultural Center, Dallas Junior Women's Club, Back Mountain Jaycees and Back Mountain Jay-C-Ettes were among the community organizations participating in this Bicentennial celebration.

Due to the growth and development of industry and residential areas in the Dallas Post Office delivery area, it was necessary for the Postal Service to restructure all the delivery routes. According to Postmaster Bernard Gawlas, two additional rural routes were established to accommodate new growth.

Married - Gwen Elizabeth Arnaud to Frederick George Neuman.

Deaths - Rev. Kenneth O'Neill, Dallas; Dr. Bruce R. Cardon, Noxen; Daniel P. Hughes, Dallas; Garfield T. Goodman, Sweet Valley; Everett Wilson, Dallas; Lillian S. Smith, Dallas.

You could get - Ground beef 98c lb.; small turkeys 59c lb.; breast of veal 98c lb.; stewed tomatoes 2 cans 79c; green beans 3 cans 89c; 6 pack coke 89c; iceberg lettuce 4 hds. \$1.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

A very timely display! We are now showing in our display case a collection of election buttons and souvenirs loaned to us by Barbara Lemmond, Anne Davies and Chris Phillips.

There is a very large pin, "I Like IKE" which Barbara received at a college rally in Albany; a miniature likeness of Senator Barry Goldwater which Chris had in her collection; and a gold ink pen, signed by Gerald Ford, which Barbara's mother has bought at the library auction a few years back.

There is a handsome jeweled Nixon pin; Governor William Scranton's Inauguration Day, Harrisburg, January 15, 1963 lapel button; nail files from Geiger, Wilson, Thaler and Crossin-Brominski; and an eraser from Frank Coslett. We have a very special button from Inauguration Day, January 20, 1981 - Reagan-Bush; and one from the vice presidential debate with Ferraro and Bush on October 11, 1984 in Philadelphia. There are elephant cuff links and a donkey tie tack; a Governor Thornburgh pin; and a Senator John Heinz for Pennsylvania button.

Of local interest is a button for Dallas Councilmen; Timothy Carroll, Donald Shaffer and Byron Grieves. There is also an interesting letter sent to the Honorable J. Bowden Northrup from the office of the Vice President Richard Nixon on November 29, 1956 thanking him for his assistance on a recent campaign visit to Wilkes-Barre.

The postage stamp on this first class letter mailed thirty years ago was 3 cents. Mr. Northrup was Luzerne County Commissioner at the time.

Primary Election Day 1986 will be held on Tuesday, May 20 and many of us will exercise one of America's greatest freedoms, the right to vote for the candidates of our choice.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will once again become a very real part of Election Day when Dallas Borough's South District will vote in the library building. Drop in and see this exciting election collection anytime before May 21 and plan to cast your vote for your choice of candidates on May 20.

The Book Club held its April meeting last week with 23 members present. After a short business meeting, Oec Austin, Blanche Thompson and Frances Linskill gave accounts of their recent traveling experiences. I reviewed the latest books purchased by the Book Club after borrowing Marilyn's glasses when mine became missing.

I am happy to say my glasses were found before the afternoon ended and I was able to see somewhat normally, once again.

The library has been very well used the past few evenings with most of the reading tables filled to capacity with students working on term papers. Some of the overflow crowd had to use the white wicker with oak top library table, which is on display as an auction item, when the chair and table space ran out. It is a real pleasure to see our new library used to capacity.

(Nancy Kozemchak is the assistant librarian 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.

MOTORISTS WHO USE A VEHICLE to vandalize property would lose their license for 90 days and be required to make restitution for damages under a bill which unanimously passed the House. Authored by Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor (R-Chester), the measure is designed to protect farmers and homeowners who would otherwise be left with repair bills for the vehicle damage. "Motor vehicle vandalism is a problem that many property owners in both rural and suburban parts of the state have encountered," Taylor said. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, ambulance and rescue workers would be protected from liability lawsuits under legislation introduced this week by Rep. Jon D. Fox (R-Montgomery). The measure is part of a four-bill package aimed at protecting volunteers against lawsuits, upgrading fire safety standards in child day-care facilities and helping investigators locate arsonists. Fox said volunteer fire companies throughout the state are having difficulty affording liability coverage, if it's available. Without exemption from liability many volunteer rescue squads and fire companies would be forced to cease operation, he said.

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

Opinion

Advisory Council is important to services coordination

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN
Special to The Dallas Post

Few people know of it, but the Luzerne County Human Services Advisory Council plays a significant role in helping to promote coordination of human services. Administering a current Human Services Development Fund of \$526,913 and helping to bring together the diverse and large human services program of Luzerne County are major activities of this organization.

Established several years ago, the Advisory Council consists of 25 persons who meet monthly. There are committees concerned with the administration of the special devel-

opment fund, legislative needs, research and planning process and much more.

These types of organizations filter county governments throughout Pennsylvania, and each has a slightly different way in accomplishing its mission. In Luzerne County, one of the most significant activities is the administration of state monies known as the Human Services Development Fund.

These discretionary monies may be utilized for a variety of purposes within the county based upon a call for proposals issued each year. In the most recent years, 12 projects were approved for funding.

These projects generally encourage creative programs designed to

establish ways and techniques to deliver human services and help meet the social service needs of the people of Luzerne County. For example, in fiscal year 1985, the following agencies were approved for Luzerne County funding under the Human Services Development Fund:

Victims Resource Center; Children's Service Center; Luzerne County Children and Youth; Catholic Social Services; Luzerne County Drug and Alcohol; Luzerne County Transportation; Luzerne County Transportation (2nd project); Hospice St. John; Family Services-Help Line; Commission on Economic Opportunity-Housing Services; Commission on Economic Opportunity-InHome; United Cerebral Palsy-Adult Day Care; United Cerebral Palsy-InHome Life Skills.

One of the most crucial activities in forthcoming years will be the preparation of a human services plan for Luzerne County. The plan will include an examination of each of the county administered human service functions. These functions include the following:

Children and Youth; Drug and Alcohol; Mental Health-Mental Retardation; Aging; Transportation; Juvenile Probation & Deten-

tion; Additionally, the County Board of Assistance will be considered in the Plan.

In addition to these functions, the human services plan should consider the interaction of governmental human service functions with those of the private sector, particularly those which constitute the two United Ways serving the county. These United Ways include Wyoming Valley and Hazleton.

Together, these United Ways constitute 58 member agencies, and in the most recent fiscal year, \$3,800,500 were raised by the two United Way agencies.

The goals of the Luzerne County Human Services Advisory Council have been outlined by the Board. These goals include the following:

1. To become knowledgeable in all areas of Human Services, both public and private, within the County and to maintain an overview of the entire system. Public sector services reviewed shall include, but not be limited to such programs as Children and Youth, Drug and Alcohol, Mental Health-Mental Retardation, Aging, Transportation and Juvenile Probation and Detention, as well as County Assistance Office.
2. To assess the Human Service

delivery system with Luzerne County, including both public and private sectors, with regard to needs and available resources, and to establish priorities based on this assessment.

3. To advise and make recommendations to the County Commissioners regarding the allocation and distribution of federal, state, and county resources to meet th Human Service needs of Luzerne County.

4. To promote a coordinated approach to Human Services delivery.

The Luzerne County Human Services Advisory Council, members of whom are appointed by the Luzerne County Commissioners, utilize the staff services of several individuals who work toward accomplishing the task of coordination. The staff and Advisory Council provide advice to Luzerne County Commissioner Jim Phillips in his capacity as Chairman of the Luzerne County Institution District.

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