

Commentary

Editor's notes

BEST WISHES are extended to JoAnn and Bill Sarley, of Midland Drive in Dallas, who celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on May 20.

JoAnn called our office the other day to inform us of the celebration after having read "Only Yesterday," our weekly remembering column. Seems last week in the 20 years ago section in that column, we reminded area residents of the engagement announcement of JoAnn and Bill.

So, happy anniversary to both of you!

BARBARA STRAZDUS of Ransom Road, Dallas, found herself in a rather preposterous position this past weekend.

Barbara, an avid bowler, was honored with an award for her perfect attendance during the bowling season.

Seems the award - the award for perfect attendance - was to be presented to Barbara at the league's banquet held this past Saturday.

Only problem - Barbara wasn't at the banquet. My sources tell me she received the award anyway since it was a perfect attendance award for attendance during the season and not after.

Congratulations, anyway, Barbara!

A GREAT BIG HELLO goes out to "Pug" Bertl of Franklin Street in Dallas.

"Pug," as her friends know her, works at the Acme in Shavertown and, from what I understand, her husband has accused her of buying The Dallas Post just to read this column.

You made my day, Pug, when I heard that. Thanks for the support.

I CELEBRATED my three-year anniversary with The Dallas Post last Friday.

I can't believe it - sometimes it seems like only yesterday when I started here and other times, it feels like I don't know what it was like to work anywhere else.

I guess I must like it here!

A DALLAS WOMAN became rather frustrated with her family the other day when she arrived home from work. Seems the kids somehow managed to lock themselves out of the house and, while waiting for Mom to return home from work, walked around to the back of the house where the family has a screened-in porch.

The family dog, a Golden Retriever, was on the back porch and became rather excited when seeing the children. The problem, however, started when the children could not get in the house to greet the dog and calm her down.

The dog, in a real fit of excitement, began running all over the porch and doing anything to attract the attention of the children, not realizing the kids were not ignoring her but were simply unable to get in the house.

During this period of excitement, the dog started picking up things from the porch in her mouth. One of the things she picked up - and eventually ate - was a solar calculator.

Well, Mom - who had had a rather frustrating day at the office to begin

with - was in a fit of rage upon learning what had happened prior to her arrival.

Seems this fit of rage continued on into the night and the kids went to bed, knowing Mom was not very happy with them on this particular day.

The next day, when Mom and Dad started the day with their usual 2-mile jog, they discussed the previous day's happenings. Seems Dad, being a rather easy-going individual, felt Mom was not being fair to the children. After all, kids are supposed to be allowed to forget their house keys once in a while, aren't they?

Anyway, Dad had a unique way of looking at things. He said, "Just think about it. We no longer have a Golden Retriever. We now have a Golden Business Machine." Pretty easy-going guy, wouldn't you say?

WE HAD A GARAGE SALE the past two Saturdays. Garage sales blow my mind. People who go to garage sales blow my mind. The funny part about it is that when I'm not having a garage sale, I will very often stop at a garage sale - and see what kind of junk I can pick up.

We've been saving everything we would have normally thrown out for the past six months and were putting it in the "garage sale pile" in the cellar. So, last Saturday we had a garage sale. And, although we were not completely inundated with customers, we came away a few dollars richer.

There was enough "stuff" left that I thought it would be worth our while to have a garage sale again this past Saturday and it was. It was worth it to see the same people come around the second Saturday in a row and make deals on everything that didn't sell the first time around.

The funny thing about it is that all I wanted to do was get rid of the stuff so I didn't have to bag it and send it off to Goodwill or some place like that. But, garage sales are a good time. It gives you an opportunity to see people you haven't seen in a while, an opportunity to meet new people and an opportunity to watch your junk become someone else's treasures.

SPEAKING OF GOODWILL, I learned another important lesson this past weekend - it is almost impossible to give things away these days.

Some clothes and some odds and ends were left over after the garage sale, so I packed up everything real nice and took it over to the Goodwill store in Wilkes-Barre - only to have them turn me away.

I couldn't believe it! Here I was, willing to give away furniture, odds and ends, small appliances and clothes - things that weren't in excellent condition, but were certainly in good enough condition for somebody who doesn't have much.

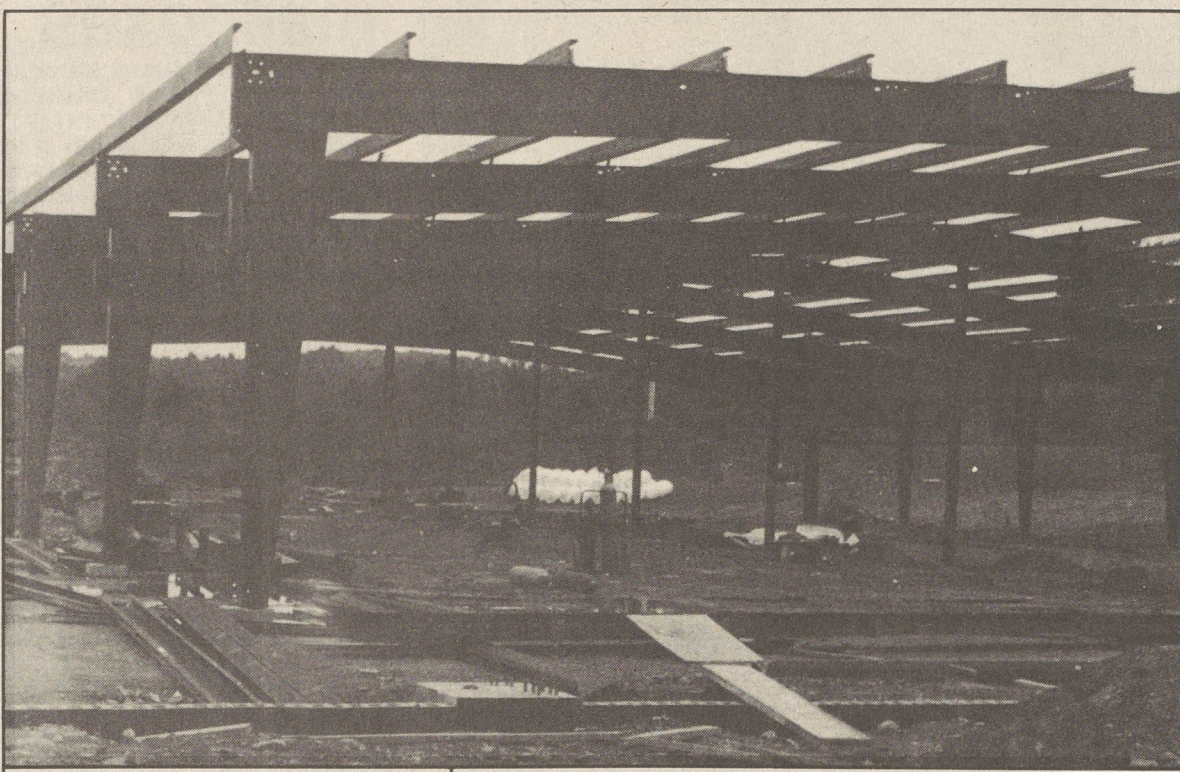
After being turned away from there - because there wasn't enough room in the store - I went to Volunteers of America, also in Wilkes-Barre. They accepted my truckload of "stuff," but the woman in charge there proceeded to show me this huge warehouse that was packed to the ceiling with all kinds of things.

The woman said to me - and I'd almost have to agree with her - that there just may be a lesson to learn from all this. And that lesson is: "It is better to have too little, than not enough."

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DOTY MARTIN



REMEMBERING

Encon plant

Shown here is the steelwork for a portion of the Encon Plant during construction of the building which is located in the Fernbrook section of the Back Mountain.

Only yesterday

Workmen labor to complete township high school annex

50 YEARS AGO - MAY 22, 1936

Laboring at top speed, workmen at the new \$40,000 annex to Dallas Township High School, expected to have the stage and auditorium complete in time for graduation. There were 16 seniors graduating.

Thousands of dollars worth of apples were lost due to a late frost. The frost swept through area orchards, leaving only a few bushels of undamaged fruit for fall. Some farmers reported a loss of 90 per cent of their crops.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Diltz, 50 years. Deaths - Glendon Johnson, Noxon. You could get - Pork shoulders 18c lb.; round steak 29c lb.; boneless rump roast 29c lb.; Little Neck clams 100-27c; doz. eggs 25c; Bisquick big pkg. 27c; rice 5c lb.; corned beef hash 2 cans 25c; 8 O'Clock coffee 18c lb.; cheese 21c lb.

40 YEARS AGO - MAY 24, 1946

Franklin Township honored its war dead with a memorial service. Wyoming High School Band led by William J. Donlin, Jr. furnished the music. Speaker was Rev. Roswell Lyons, Superintendent of Wilkes-Barre District of the Methodist Church.

Four area school districts voted to increase millage for the coming school year. Lehman Schools raised its millage to 30; Lake to 22 mills, Kingston Township 35 mills and Dallas Borough 30 mills.

Engaged - Pauline Shaver and Edwin T. Roth; Grace Evans and Harold R. Neil. Married - Shirley Carolyn Hobby and Jack H. Horner; Marian Fritze and Stuard Davis; Verna Grose and Wayne I. Harvey.

You could get - Ducklings 33c lb.; chickens 41c lb.; cod filets 33c lb.; Windex 14c bottle; Palmolive soap 3 reg. bars 20c; rice 2 lb. 23c; streusel cake 23c; graham crackers 2 lb. pkg. 33c; lemons 29c doz.; pineapples 23c ea.

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 25, 1956

Eleanor Rodriguez was named May Queen at Lehman-Jackson-Ross School. Members of her court were June Covert, Alice Gardecki, Margaret Maransky, Nancy Spencer and Mildred Wagner.

Joseph Mundy, Pioneer Avenue, was named president of the Back Mountain Democrats. Mundy represented local Democrats in all political activities with the exception of the County Convention.

Engaged - Frances Hildebrandt and Matthew Cybulski; Arlene Joann Florentine and Donald Boline; Marie Mizdail and Edward Markowski; Jacqueline

Harrison and James Jones.

Married - Jean Cunnigham and Frank L. McGarry. Deaths - Ida Lord, Sweet Valley; Joseph Bernoski, Jackson Twp.; Edward Munson, Sweet Valley.

20 YEARS AGO - MAY 19, 1966

T. Newell Wood defeated his chief opponent incumbent Harold E. Flack in the contest of state senator.

Back Mountain Y.M.C.A. was closed with the Shavertown building vacated. A survey to determine the necessity of a Back Mountain Branch had been poorly responded to by area residents.

Engaged - Rita Marie Zbick and Airman 3rd Class Anthony Stefanowicz.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Parsons, 55 years; Mr. and Mrs. George Price, 48 years; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Natitus, 26 years.

Married - Sheldon James Frantz and Joanne Marie Kennedy. Deaths - William E. Story, Centermoreland; Susanna Patrick, Carverton; Verna Rood, Broadway; Emma Manning, Chase; Ernest W. Bell, Shavertown; Edna Dew May, Lake Silkworth.

You could get - Sirloin steaks 89c lb.; bacon 79c lb.; lg. shrimp 99c lb.; Calif. oranges 4 lb. 59c; strawberries 39c pt.; 3 lb. bag Rome apples 49c; Camay soap 2 bars 33c; Joy detergent 1 pt. 6 oz. bot. 59c; 14 oz. pkg. Wise potato chips 59c.

10 YEARS AGO - MAY 20, 1976

Lehman Township Bicentennial Committee included a grand ball at Penn State's Hayfield House as part of the observance of the Bicentennial weekend. Mrs. Gordon Dawe was chairman of the committee.

In order to avoid the possibility of a 12 mill tax increase, Dallas School Board President Ernest Ashbridge asked for a salary moratorium on administrative salaries.

Engaged - Mona Lee Rice and David Arthur Hoadley.

Married - Ethel May and Thomas Gyskiewicz. Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Francis Manzoni, Follies Road.

Deaths - C. Archie Baker, Trucksville; Clark D. Patton, Sr., Noxon; Robert O. Clayton, Idetown.

You could get - Boneless cross cut beef roast \$1.39 lb.; chuck roast 89c lb.; beef liver 59c lb.; Hawaiian punch 2 cans \$1; Pillsbury Bundt Cake mix 79c; lettuce 3 hds. \$1; bananas 19c lb.; sweet corn 6 ears-65c; liverwurst 79c lb.

Opinion

Citizens association concerned with river basin

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN
Special to The Dallas Post

Since the June flood of 1972, a reorganized citizens association has concerned itself with the future of the Susquehanna River Basin.

The Susquehanna River Tri-State Association is a citizen non-profit corporation designed to promote effective water resource management in the three-State Susquehanna River Basin.

As the largest River Basin east of the Mississippi, the Susquehanna River spills across much of Pennsylvania, plus portions of New York and Maryland. Emptying into the Chesapeake Bay, the Susquehanna River affects a wide range of population with the Bay being a ne casue for concern in terms of pollution.

In fact, the Chesapeake Bay Commission has been formed to concentrate on activities designed to cor-

rect pollution problems which lie upstream, but which eventually empty into the Bay. The new Commission works closely with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and the citizen-based Tri-State Association.

While the Susquehanna River Basin Commission represents the formal governmental multi-state interstate compact organization, the Tri-State Association concerns itself with promoting effective and wise use of the Basin and educating the public within the Basin as to actions which can improve the quality and quantity of River Basin water.

The Association is currently based in Wilkes-Barre, and includes a full-time Executive Director and a Board, representative of the Tri-State region. Recent activities include the development of a series of maps to help promote canoeing and responsible resource protection of the River Basin.

Eventually, these maps will cover the entire River Basin, but are now designed to cover a portion of the Basin under a demonstration project. The Association, over the years, has encouraged the expansion of flood protection measures and land use controls designed to prevent flooding.

For example, it has supported the Wyoming Valley Flood Control Project as a measure designed to forestall a replication of the 1972 Flood Agnes disaster. It has encouraged the establishment of the Conawesque and Tioga Hammond Dams in Upper Pennsylvania as additional measures to prevent flooding.

It has urged municipalities within the Susquehanna River Basin to adopt flood control ordinances and other land use controls to prevent

development in flood prone areas. It has provided assistance to other organizations within Northeastern Pennsylvania concerned with land development and growth, and has worked closely with such groups as the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP), county conservation districts, the Pocono Northeast Resource, Conservation and Development Council, and many others.

Other 1986 project activities carried out by the Association include the following:

- High quality (slide-audio) documentary on the Susquehanna River;
- Educational workshops on issues of critical importance;
- Canoe trips on the River;
- Annual conference regarding Basin wide concerns.

The Tri-State Association has contributed greatly and will continue to

do so in the future to improving the overall quality of life in the River Basin.

An important part of that River Basin is centered in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Therefore, the region and other parts of the River Basin should support the Association and help it to carry out its responsibilities.

For those who wish to communicate with the Association, contact may be made with its Executive Director, William Toothill, c/o Susquehanna River Tri-State Association, 441 Stark Learning Center, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. (717) 824-5193.

(Howard J. Grossman, a Back Mountain resident, is the Executive Director of the Economic Development Council of Northeast Pennsylvania. His column appears periodically in The Dallas Post.)

Twp. supports justice reform bill

Kingston Township supports a bill now before the state legislature that would reform Pennsylvania's civil justice system and thereby address many of the problems that have contributed to skyrocketing liability insurance rates for townships and other local governments in Pennsylvania.

House Bill 2426, which is now before the House Judiciary Committee, attempts to strike a fairer

balance between a person's right to be compensated for injuries and the protection of municipalities from capricious claims, huge jury awards, and increasing insurance rates.

Kingston Township, as well as many other townships in Pennsylvania, has experienced a tremendous increase in its liability insurance rates-great difficulty in renewing its liability insurance

policy) this year and therefore is most supportive of this reform measure, which is a good step in the right direction in averting the current municipal liability insurance crisis.

Among other things, H.B. 2426 would:

- Limit attorney contingency fees. Currently, there is no limit.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Crewing down the river! On a Saturday afternoon! Blue sky, bright sun, favorite people, summer weather, what more could one ask for? The Schuylkill River in Philadelphia was the river and the favorite people were my son, Cliff and his wife, Barbara. I drove down to visit with them for the weekend.

Cliff is a rower, having been captain of the crew team at the University of Chicago while studying for his masters. He has a rowing machine in his basement and practices on the Schuylkill River in his own one man crew shell. It just so happens Saturday was the day for the 1986 Dad Vail Regatta, the world's largest inter-collegiate rowing regatta. A lovely day, watching an exciting sport.

A real surprise - I wanted to take a picture of Cliff's boat house and found out it is one of the boat houses that are lit up at night along the Schuylkill. He belongs to Vesper and rows for them in competition.

Another highlight, Connecticut College, where Cliff graduated from, came in first place in the Men's lightweight four with coxswain and we were there to cheer them on. We had dinner Saturday evening at Dickens Inn in the Society Hill section of Philly, styled after a 19th century English inn, which includes pictures of many of the characters from Charles Dickens novels.

We browsed through Head House Square with its cobblestone streets and strolled down the famous South Street. Visited St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill for Sunday services, which is always so inspiring, and a real library tie-in, the altar flowers were in memory of Edgar Allen Poe. The Rev. Charles Carter, Rector of St. Paul's, made an interesting statement during his sermon; "St. Paul's has 1400 ministers supported by 2 full time clergy."

Son, Glen, called from Texas when I returned home Sunday night and that completed a perfect No. 10 weekend and Mother's Day, 1986.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has an on-going Shut-in service available to patrons who are unable to get into the library. Sharon Mayernick, our new volunteer coordinator, would like to remind the public of this service. Available are books, records, tapes and large print books plus special requests. These are delivered to the patrons by volunteers and are signed out for a three week period. The program is open to elderly people or people with physical limitations. Just contact the library with names and addresses.

Our large American flag donated by Ernie Ashbridge, board president, and our Pennsylvania flag donated by Frank Harrison have become tattered and worn. We will replace the American flag with one donated to the auction by Frank O'Connell which he then purchased and donated back to the library, and the Pennsylvania flag with one donated by Senator Charles Lemmond. These flags fly from a large pole on the Huntsville Road side of the library.

(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.

RABIES BATTLE - An epidemic of rabies among the wildlife population of central Pennsylvania has prompted the departments of health and agriculture to combine forces in combating the outbreak. At a Capitol Hill press conference this week, Rep. Bruce Smith (R-York) joined state officials in announcing creation of a 24-hour rabies information referral hotline and establishment of low-cost anti-rabies clinics.

FLOOD CONTROL - Gov. Thornburgh announced implementation of a \$30.6 million flood control program throughout Pennsylvania. The funds will be used for flood protection projects, including construction of dams, levees, culverts and other control structures. The \$30.6 million is in addition to Thornburgh's proposed "bonus budget" which would increase state allocations in 1986-87 from the requested \$450,000 to \$1.2 million for local stream improvement projects.

SPORTS PROTECTION - Gov. Thornburgh signed into law this week legislation to provide additional liability protection to volunteers in organized youth sports programs. Sponsored by Rep. Robert J. Flick (R-Chester), the bill protects coaches, instructors, referees, umpires and other volunteers involved in legitimate youth sports programs from many so-called frivolous suits.

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