

Commentary

Editor's notes

A RATHER UNUSUAL THING happened to me this past weekend. And, in addition to being unusual, it was also a very beautiful experience - but one I hope I never have to experience again.

My one and only, dearly beloved, baby brother got married this weekend - which is why I don't want the experience to repeat itself. I want my brother to be happy in his



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marriage - happy enough to stay in it for a long, long time.

IT'S FUNNY, THOUGH, the kinds of things that go through your head as you sit in a church and watch your only sibling get married.

My goodness, I thought, as my brother took the hands of his soon-to-be new wife. Where did all the time go? Why haven't we spent more time together? How come we could never quite understand each other?

Larry and I had a wonderful childhood - one that is filled with such beautiful memories we have it all on videocassette so we can enjoy those memories for the rest of our lives.

But, as I stood there as a witness to my only brother becoming a husband, I could hardly believe the time had come for him to take on such a big responsibility. Why, I can still remember laughing at Larry 2 1/2 years ago when he told me he was engaged. He had told me then, too, that they had set a date - 2 1/2 years away. I thought it was hysterical because, knowing my brother, I was sure he was just setting a date to keep Camille happy. But, here it is - done and over with - and my brother is now a husband and I now have a sister-in-law.

BUT, WASN'T IT ONLY YESTERDAY that we argued in the bathroom of our very first house and I pulled a metal cabinet down on top of him? Wasn't it just yesterday that he lost a ball that belonged to me and I thought I'd never forgive him? Wasn't it just yesterday that he got lost in the woods because he and his "Army friends" had moved out? And, wasn't it just yesterday that we had a race to see who could get out of the car in the house first when Larry didn't shut the back door of the car all the way and the door slammed into the garage as my father pulled the car inside?

It seems not very long ago that I was giving my brother a ride to the local pool hall and bumming cigarettes off him as payment. And, it seems like such a short time ago, he got his first car - complete with push button transmission. The only problem was that Larry bought the car before he was old enough to drive, so I used to drive he and his friends to school every day in his very own car - that was good enough for Larry - at least until he got his own driver's license.

I CAN STILL REMEMBER him going to his very first prom and it seems like it was just last week that he fell off a bar stool in his fraternity house - not because he was drunk, but because he had broken his leg in three places while playing rugby and the cast had gotten in his way.

I remember him graduating from college and getting his very first job - and then he got a nicer car than the push-button Rambler he used to run all over town in.

And, then he got a better job and moved from a three-room apartment to a rented house. And,

before I knew it, he was quitting his job, starting his own business, buying a house on a lake, purchasing a boat and travelling all over the world.

YES, MY BABY BROTHER certainly has grown up - and is now embarking on a completely new adventure - married life. I certainly hope he is as happy with this new phase of his life as he seems to be with all the other phases of life he has gone through.

Watching a younger sibling become married is an experience filled with mixed emotions - emotions I wasn't sure I even felt about my brother were written all over my face on his wedding day.

He certainly got married in style and as he and his bride are basking in the Caribbean sun during the first week of their new life together, I can't help but remember the proud look on my father's face as he watched his only son take a bride.

THERE STOOD DAD - all dressed up in a black tuxedo for the first time in his life, his face beaming at his son's accomplishments. And, as our Mother watched from her special place in Heaven, Larry and I both shared the same feeling - knowing that she was also beaming with the pride only a Mother can feel.

I may have been lost in the crowd that day, with all the fuss and confusion, but I can tell you one thing - as I watched my brother become a husband right before my eyes, it wasn't real difficult for me to forgive him for the time we fought in the bathroom, or the time he lost my ball, or the time he scared the daylight out of all of his my getting lost in the woods.

Rather, it was much easier for me to remember the good times and to wish my brother the same kinds of good times in his marriage. God bless you, my brother! And may success and happiness shine upon you and your bride forever and ever.

SPEAKING OF CELEBRATIONS, it's been a rather happy week in the Harry Lefko family.

Last week, Harry and his wife, Rhoda, celebrated their wedding anniversary and, then on June 4, Mrs. Lefko noted a birthday. And, now Rhoda is preparing to retire from her job at Wyoming Seminary after 14 years of service to that school.

To top it all off, daughter, Cindy recently received a promotion at the Child Development Council in Wilkes-Barre.

There certainly must be plenty of dancin' going on in that family these days.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS are also extended to Jack Fowler of Dallas who is having his big day today.

Jack is a member of the Dall Borough Police Department and his smiling face is always a joy to see around town.

Happy birthday, Jack - hope it's a good one.

A GREAT BIG HELLO to Mrs. Marie Levitski of Crisman Street in Forty Fort who took a ride out to our office the other day to renew her subscription to The Dallas Post.

Mrs. Levitski made the trip to Dallas to claim the silver tray that we give to all those who renew their subscriptions at our office.

Thanks for being a faithful reader of ours, Mrs. Levitski - and say hello to your daughters, Marie and Janet, for me.

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REMEMBERING

Old Post Office

Shown here is a photo of the former Dallas Post Office which is located in the vicinity of the Dallas intersection.

Only yesterday Dallas Township team breaks tie for first place

50 YEARS AGO - JUNE 12, 1936

In one of the smoothest exhibitions of baseball skill ever seen in the Back Mountain, Dallas Township Baseball team broke the tie for first place in the Back Mountain Scholastic League with a 2-1 victory over Kingston Township.

Troop 16 of the Dallas District Girl Scouts spent several days at Wildwood, the new scout home at Harveys Lake. Miss Emily Goldsmith was troop captain.

Engaged - Mary Edith Smith and Harry K. Heberling.
Married - Ada Garinger and Peter Kuchta; Lillian Belford and Arthur Davies.

Deaths - Vincent Frederick Bagriell, Trucksville; Mrs. John Kennan, Trucksville.

You could get - Watermelons 35c; tomatoes 3 lb. 25c; cantaloupes 2-25c; qt. jar salad dressing 29c; macaroni 2 pkg. 9c; peanut butter 2 lb. 25c; 100 Little Neck clams 29c; Hires Root Beer extracts 19c bottle; lemons 39c doz.

40 YEARS AGO - JUNE 14, 1946

A contract was signed between Dallas Township School District and the U.S. Veterans Administration for the opening of a Veterans Agricultural Training School in the Dallas Township School in September.

One-room Orange schoolhouse closed the year with four eighth graders passing their high school exams; Gladys Bell, Joyce Carey, Judy Cardinale and Burton Sickler.

With its modern school library, neat classroom and cheerful lighting, Orange was considered one of the best schools of its kind in the area. Mrs. Forrest Kunkle was teacher.

Caddie LaBar, Dallas High School Athletic Coach and former captain of special services in the Army Air Corps, finalized plans to break ground for a service station and automobile body shop along Harveys Lake Highway.

Engaged - Mary E. Snyder and George Shaver.
Married - Maude Jones and Max F. Johnson; Margaret Dinges and William H. Baker, Jr.; Margaret Henry and Howard Wallace; Marie Hudak and Michael Silic.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Line, 50 years.
Deaths - Samuel Van Horn, Bloomsburg native; Rev. Fred M. Sellers, Staten Island, N.Y.

You could get - Frying chicken 45c lb.; pollock fillets 25c lb.; pork sausage 41c lb.; evaporated milk 4 tall cans 38c; Palmolive soap 2 bath size bars 19c; Crisco 3 lb. 68c; Octagon cleanser 3 cans 13c; tomatoes 19c lb.; carrots 2 bunches 17c.

30 YEARS AGO - JUNE 15, 1956

Norti Berti, chairman of Dallas Community Ambulance Drive reported that filled coin card collection to date amounted to \$3,000. The coin cards were a new way to raise ambulance funds.

Forty one seniors from Lake-Noxen High School graduated with exercises being held on the school lawn. Two seniors, Jeanette Ide and Judy Searfoss, ties for highest honors while Charlene Kocher was salutatorian.

William Munkatchy, Noxen farmer and owner of a picnic grove on Bowmans Creek near Noxen Methodist Church, was pinned under his tractor and narrowly

escaped being burned when spilled gasoline caught the tractor on fire. Munkatchy fell into the muddy ground under the tractor which afforded him some protection from the flames.

Engaged - Naomi Hons to Robert Hagg.
Married - Janice Bolquarten and Herbert Dreher.
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hinkle, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lines, 60 years.

You could get - Franks 3 lb. \$1; ground beef 3 lb. \$1; broccoli spears 2 pkg. 49c; sugar 10 lb. \$1.10; canned milk 6-73c; 2 lb. peaches 49c; large canteloupes 29c; kidney beans 10 cans \$1; giant pkg. Oxydol 77c; frozen orange juice 6-6 oz. cans \$1.

20 YEARS AGO - JUNE 16, 1966

Edwin Johnson, Lake-Lehman High School guidance counselor resigned his position to accept a position as instructor of education at Wilkes College. Paul Turkson, shop instructor, also resigned. Appointed to the staff were Lois Ann Marmo, elementary; Martha Grace Phillips, home economics and John Oliver, health.

Dallas Borough Council purchased a corner lot on Pinecrest avenue and Huntsville Road. The lot, which was purchased from a California resident for the sum of \$1500 would possible be used for a new municipal building or voting site.

Engaged - Paulette D. Kocher and Thomas Sterling Ash; Doris Olenick Nafus to Herbert Sorenson.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gosart, Sr. 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Sheehan, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. George Shaver, Sr. 49 years.

Married - John W. Dymond and Retha Mae Humberston.

Deaths - Frank A. Wolfe, Sr. Hunlock Creek; Walter Wolfe, Dover; John A. Nekrasz, Dallas.

You could get - Turkeys 39c lb.; standing rib roast 69c lb.; franks 59c lb.; corned beef brisket 69c lb.; lobster tails \$1.89 lb.; cantaloupes 3-31; peaches 3 lb. 43c; tomatoes 29c lb.; green beans 2 lb. 35c; Ivory Snow 2 lb. pkg. 83c; Joy Detergent qt. 82c.

10 YEARS AGO - JUNE 17, 1976

Preparations were being finalized for the annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. As in the past 29 years it was noted that tradition would prevail; Mrs. Herman Thomas would purchase the first item; and Mrs. T.M.B. Hicks was the first person to join the Ham 'n Yegg Club.

A Bicentennial parade and flag raising ceremony was held in Centermoreland. Edward A. Dorrance of Orange was committee chairman. Principal address was given by Willard Baker, chairman of the board of Wyoming County Commissioners.

The Back Mountain Baseball Clinic for boys and girls grades 7-12 was held at Dallas Senior High School. Joe Farrell was director.

Deaths - David W. Spry, Mechanicsburg; Mrs. Carl Verbetich, Dallas; M. Gertrude Andrus, Harveys Lake; Warren Corcoran, Dallas; Edwin V. Jones, Dallas.

You could get - Pork chops \$1.59 lb.; pork loins \$1.29 lb.; frankfurters 99c lb.; Keebler 12 oz. pkg. Vanilla wafers 55c; Minute Maid Orange Juice 64 oz. carton 79c; Haddock 16 oz. \$1.59 lb.; Blue Bonnet margarine 59c lb.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Summer Seashell Selection! The Back Mountain Memorial Library will have on display in its upright showcase an interesting collection of seashells borrowed from Paul Deebie of Shavertown.

Paul, who is 13 years old and in the seventh grade at Dallas Junior High, has been interested in shells for over four years. He has found some of them on the beaches in Florida himself and the rest have been given to him as gifts. All of the shells on display have come from Florida. Paul owns many books about shells and uses the books to identify the shells.

One of the greatest things about this display is that they are all identified in the case and labeled as such. There is a large sharks teeth shell which is Paul's favorite a nice sized sea horse, which is second favorite. There is one special black olive, which is a very rare find.

Included in the display are these shells: conch, boring turnet or auger, sand dollars, giant turban, tiger cowry, giant eastern murex, sea biscuit, old maid curls or Florida worm curls, oyster, pear whelk, nutmeg bubble shell, calico, snail, roostertail conch, scallops, candy stripe, coral, clams, turkey wing, cones, crab claw, horse conch, channelled turban, to name a few.

This is a fascinating hobby, according to Paul and I think I agree with him. This is summer and the ocean and the seashore and the shells are an important ingredient for summer fun.

If you can't get to the seashore to enjoy these things this summer, come to the library! This display will be at the library until August 30th.

Mrs. Moss called me the other day to tell me that after mailing the Ham 'n Yeggs letters out to the community, the first \$25.00 check to come in was from Robert and Ruth Voelker of Shavertown. This money becomes a part of the 86 auction proceeds.

This year is the 40th year of the library auction and it will be the 2nd year for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Biathlon Relay. Two person or single athlete event will be held in conjunction with the auction on Saturday morning July 12 beginning at 8 a.m. The Times Leader and Falcone Beverage are sponsoring the relay with all proceeds to benefit the library. Applications are available at the library.

Summer hours are in effect at the library. Changes are that the library will close at 5:30 on Monday and Wednesday evenings and will be open on Saturdays from 10 to 2 p.m. Other hours will remain the same.

The auction committee will meet at the library on Tuesday, June 24 at 7:30 in the reference room. All committee members are urged to attend.

(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.

STATE BUDGET - A 1986-87 budget proposal offered by House Democrats this week is similar to the one proposed by Republican Gov. Dick Thornburgh in February and has led to speculation that an early budget resolution is possible this year. The budget for the current fiscal year runs out at midnight June 30. The \$9.71 billion proposal unveiled by Democrats includes the cuts in personal and business taxes recommended by Thornburgh. However, it estimates that the surplus from the current fiscal year will be \$261 million - \$31 million more than administration estimates. Significant differences in the two proposals include Democratic recommendations to set minimum teachers salary at \$18,500, establish a \$25 million job-creation tax credit plan and allocate \$25 million to the so-called "Sunny Day Fund." Budget debate is expected to begin in the House next week.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT - The factors taken into consideration when deciding whether to impose the death penalty would be expanded under legislation approved by the House this week. Sponsored by Rep. Dennis O'Brien (R-Phila.), the bill would expand from 10 to 12 the number of aggravating circumstances to be considered when deciding to send a convicted murderer to the electric chair. The new circumstances would be whether the individual was previously convicted in another case of murder or voluntary manslaughter. O'Brien said the measure would prevent a two-time murderer from escaping the death penalty. The bill has been sent to the Senate for consideration.

Letters

River watch director urges citizens to join in clean-up

DEAR EDITOR:

We as Americans take a lot for granted as individuals, industries, business, and government.

Just think awhile - Aren't you glad that you are an American, living in a country that can satisfy your needs? What other country can compare to ours - very few - none compares to meet my needs.

In this country you can enjoy life because you are a free human being. You have plenty to eat, you can buy anything you want, and if you don't have the money, you can purchase it on credit. This country and land has a lot to offer, but it can give up only so much for so long, then we must give back something in return to keep it in a

healthful and beautiful state.

We Americans are spoiled, thoughtless and greedy. All we think about is ourselves with money being the main object. We will do anything for money with disregard to our environment. One portion of the land is the same to us as the next and we take from the land whatever we need and when we've conquered it, getting what we want, we move on and the earth is not our land, but our enemy.

We are notorious for throwing away things, we just throw and we don't care where it lands or how it makes the area look. When you're traveling, take note - look around. Take a good look at our highways, shopping malls, rivers, lakes, parks,

cities, construction sites, and our own back yards. What do you see in your community, state, or country?

Water: Polluted by industrial chemical waste, individuals illegal dumping along our shores, raw sewage and encroachment of our waterways.

Land: Illegal dumpsites, litter of all types, bottles, cans, papers, tires, household garbage, and debris of all kinds.

Air: Polluted atmosphere, acid rain caused by sulphur and nitrogen oxides from fossil fuel burning plants.

Some unpleasant sights. Americans have become slobs. For example, look at our nation's water system. "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink." It does us not good to have an abundant supply of water if it is polluted and unfit to drink. Every year billions of tons of soil are washed into our streams, lakes, and rivers. Also are untold amounts of untreated sewage, industrial waste, pesticides and fertilizers. What does this do? It pollutes our waterways, kills wildlife, closes beaches, and contaminates our surface and underground drinking water. Resulting in humans becoming affected.

A large percentage of our nation's drinking water comes from underground sources, and if these underground sources become contaminated, it becomes costly to clean up and it may be impossible to clean up.

Water is so much a part of our lives that it is impossible to live without it. Water is everywhere. It seems endless but of course, good water is becoming a limited resource. Our water supply meets many demands. It is used for drinking and other home uses, for wildlife habitat, for irrigating crops, and watering livestock, for fish, for industry, for hydroelectric power, and for recreation. Many problems inevitably arise for so many needs of water.

Water is a commodity and a vital resource. It is a part of life. If man is to survive, he must stop polluting the waters and land. "We don't miss the water until the well runs dry or if it is polluted."

You as an American must protect your land and waters. God gave it to us free and clean. What must we do?

On State Level:
1. Better enforcement of existing state laws.

2. Higher level of funding for Dept. of Environmental Resources.

3. Assignment of DER Personnel to the problems and enforce the Law without any interference from Federal, State, and Local government.

4. Protection of our watersheds and waterways.

On County Level:
1. Involvement of County Commissioners Government to enforce state and local laws.

2. Establishment of County wide waste disposal recycling group.

On Local Level:
1. Involvement of all citizens to report and take action against illegal activities by notifying local and state law makers.

2. More severe penalties for pollution and illegal dumpers.

3. Stricter enforcement of the dumping laws by our courts, magistrates, maximum fines without interference from state, county, and local governments.

4. Involvement of all local police departments without any political interference.

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