

Commentary

EDITOR'S NOTES

THE REV. JACK PRATER FAMILY has been enjoying some special occasions these days.

This past Saturday, the couple's son, John Mark Prater and Susan Marie Catina, of Forty Fort, were married in the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

An interesting note about this wedding is that all those who showed up with rice with which to shower the newlyweds got a surprise when pink and white balloons were used instead.



DOTTY MARTIN

That's right, members of the wedding party released pink and white balloons in honor of the bride and groom instead of throwing rice — a rather unique way of introducing newlyweds to the world.

Other occasions in the Prater family are that the couple's other son, Scott W. Prater, who served as best man for his brother during Saturday's wedding ceremony, will, along with his wife, be celebrating his one-year anniversary soon. And, the couple's daughter, Debbie, will be married in November.

Congratulations to Rev. Prater, his wife, Ingrid and all other members of the Prater family upon their joyous celebrations.

And, in all fairness to the parents of Saturday's bride, hats off to Frank and Jean Catina of Forty Fort.

SPEAKING OF WEDDINGS, congratulations and best wishes are extended to Molly Reilly, also of Forty Fort, who was married on June 7.

Molly, who is employed as a real estate agent in Dallas, married Stanley Price of Swoyersville and the couple enjoyed a wedding trip to Niagara Falls.

ALONG THE LINES of anniversaries, congratulations to our own Charlot Denmon and her husband, Andy, who will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary this weekend.

Can you imagine that - 45 years with the same person? Anyway, congratulations to both of you - that's certainly a milestone in one's life worth celebrating.

ANOTHER CELEBRATION in the Fowler family as Ann Marie Fowler noted her birthday yesterday, June 17.

Mrs. Fowler, the former Ann Marie Evans, recently received a Bachelor's Degree from College Misericordia, while husband Jack recently celebrated his birthday and also completed a crime prevention workshop at Luzerne County Community College.

Much to celebrate in the Fowler family these days.

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY to visit with Ralph "Rusty" Seltzer at a graduation party this past weekend.

Rusty, most of our readers will remember, is the Kingston

Township policeman who was run down by a juvenile driver last year. But, by looking at

Rusty, you'd never, ever know he had any physical impairments whatsoever. After months of healing and physical therapy, Rusty is just as good as new these days.

And, as he was accompanied by his wife, the former Carol Kuzma and their son, Ryan (who looks an awful lot like his Daddy), it's obvious Rusty holds no grudges and is just as happy-go-lucky as ever before.

One of the things he seems to be rather sold on, however, is the idea of a regionalized police force. As a supporter of such a system myself, I only hope it won't take many more incidents like the one which involved Rusty and the one which involved two other area policemen a few weeks ago before the higher-ups find time to take a serious look at that idea.

A BACK MOUNTAIN RESIDENT by the name of Ruth is seeking any individuals interested in joining a fun-filled, mixed softball league this fall.

Ruth called our office and asked if we might help her find such individuals. If there is anyone out there who is interested in having some fun playing softball, please call Ruth at 675-3865.

THESE CAR SIGNS - you know, the ones you see suctioned-cupped to the rear window in a lot of cars these days - seem to have gotten a little out of hand, haven't they?

The first ones I ever saw said, "Baby on Board" or "Child on Board." I thought the signs were kind of cute, but I often wondered if they were put on the windows in hopes of preventing an accident.

I can see it now - a rear-end accident is about to happen, but because the sign in the window says, "Baby on Board," the driver of the car about to do the hitting gives that little extra effort to prevent the accident because of the sign. Something tells me things wouldn't work quite that way.

Anyway, as time has passed since these first signs were introduced, the rear windows of automobile are getting even more ridiculous. I have seen some really weird signs in the past few weeks and intend to start making a list of some of the messages they are delivering.

In the meantime, I would like to ask my readers to share with me and with the rest of our readers, any strange signs you have seen in the windows of cars lately.

You can either call me at our office (675-5211) or drop me a line with the saying printed on a piece of paper. I have a feeling that together, we'll be able to come up with a pretty humorous list of things people are saying from the confines of their automobiles.

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



Remembering

Main Street

Shown here is a scene of Main Street in Dallas, a scene which was photographed many, many winters ago.

Only yesterday

Lightning strikes tree, then spreads into balls of fire

50 YEARS AGO - JUNE 19, 1936

During a freak storm that hit Centerville and lightning struck a cherry tree in the rear of the home of Rev. Fedor Ether, then apparently spread into three balls of fire.

One of the fire balls broke two windows in the home of E.E. Montross five hundred feet away. The other broke two windows in the home of Joe Statnich an equal distance from the Ether home but in the opposite direction from the Montross home.

Richard Edgar Crompton and Marian Frances Jones, two eighth graders at Kingston Township, were awarded American Legion Awards for outstanding qualities of honor, courage, scholarship, service and leadership.

Married - Irene Clark and Alpha Dymond; Celia Mae Whitesell and Joseph Arvin Ellsworth.

Deaths - Alonzo Keller, Dallas; Urinalla Durland, Trucksville.

You could get - New potatoes 6 lb. 29c; watermelons 29c ea.; milk 4 tall cans 25c; butter 2 lb. 25c; prunes 4 lb. 25c; chuck roast 17c lb.; franks 23c lb.; pork loins 23c lb.; whole milk cheese 21c lb.; 8 O'Clock coffee 15c lb.

40 YEARS AGO - JUNE 21, 1946

Construction began on a new Colonial style home for Lehman Fire Company. The building was erected on a plot of land donated by Dr. H.A. Brown located across from the Curtis property in Lehman. The new building would have a 20 x 30 truck room and a 25 x 30 kitchen and recreation area.

Friends and area businessmen gathered at informal ceremonies on Main Street in Dallas to honor Chief of Police Walter Covert on his 75th birthday. Covert was honored with a money gift from the community.

Engaged - Isabel Hunt and Ensign Edwin Creager; Bina Clare Garrity and John Stenger.

Married - Margaret Dinges and William H. Baker, Jr.; Mabel Ahrends and Sherman H. Harter.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin K. Elston, 50 years.

Deaths - Lawrence W. Lansberry, Lehman Township.

You could get - Green beans 2 lb. 19c; peaches 2 lb. 29c; ripe tomatoes 2 lb. 33c; large Northwestern cherries 39c lb.; creamed cottage cheese 19c lb.; cod fillets 33c lb.; Ivory toilet soap 4 med. bars 23c; Oxydol lg. pkg. 23c.

30 YEARS AGO - JUNE 22, 1956

Dallas Methodist Church welcomed its new minister Rev. Russell C. Lawry. Rev. Lawry and his family moved to our area from a pastorate in Oneonta, N.Y. Rev. William Heapes and his family, formerly of Dallas Methodist, assumed pastorate at Oneonta, N.Y.

Because of a severe hailstorm following deep freeze weather for 35 days local strawberry crops on the farms of Albert Norris and Fred Updyke were badly damaged.

Engaged - Carlene Kocher to James O. McCaffrey; Alice Daw and Thomas F. Hefferman.

Married - Ann L. Engelman and John J. Hansen; Annabel Briggs to Edward John Charney.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Elston, 60 years; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goddard, 25 years.

Deaths - Leighton Scott, Easton; Lenora Warden,

Trucksville; Samuel Meeker, Hunlock Creek; Charlotte Benedict, Lehman; David Lahr, Trucksville.

You could get - Fryers 35c lb.; chuck roast 29c lb.; cantaloupes 2-49c; cucumbers 5-25; bananas 2 lb. 29c; cranberry sauce 2-16 oz. cans 37c; frozen lemonade 7-6 oz. cans \$1; Rival dog food 6-16 oz. cans 69c; Beechnut baby foods, strained, 6-59c; Oreos 35c pkg.

20 YEARS AGO - JUNE 23, 1966

Four area high school students were selected by Dallas Rotary Club for the Leadership Training Program at Camp Brooklyn. Representing Dallas High School were Jeffrey Morris and Greg Hicks. David Klingerman and Edward Dubil represented Lake-Lehman.

Kingston Township supervisor Edward Hall suggested having someone man the phones at the township building during more day time hours. Complaints had been made concerning not being able to reach the police department when necessary.

Engaged - Ann Marie Howatch and Robert M. Sorochak.

Married - Ellen Elizabeth Knies and John Norman Landis III; Shirley Ann Yalick and Charles Kishbaugh, Jr.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sweppenheiser, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. John Bebey, 26 years; Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Wahlgren, 26 years; Mr. and Mrs. William P. Steinhauers, 29 years; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gunton, 36 years; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kishbaugh, Sr., 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner, 20 years.

Deaths - Raymond W. McClary, Dallas; Albert J. Yench, Shavertown; Annie Gattler, Shavertown; Frank T. Kreigh, Shavertown.

You could get - Boneless chuck roast 59c lb.; canned hams 79c lb.; bananas 2 lb. 25c; mustard 2 lb. jar 27c; Kosher Gherkins qt. bottle 39c; 20 lb bag of Charcoal Briquets 99c; Hunt's tomato sauce 2 cans 43c; Mayonnaise qt. jar 55c; Nabisco Shredded Wheat 37c pkg.

10 YEARS AGO - JUNE 24, 1976

Dallas School Board plan to adopt a \$5.3 million budget for the 1976-1977 school year met with opposition from the Back Mountain Protective Association. The budget would result in a 5 mill increase for area residents.

Harveys Lake Bicentennial Committee planned a "Memory Ball" featuring a pictorial history of the borough. Chairman of the Memory Ball Committee was Sandra Serhan; committee members were Claire Chollak; Mary Lou Casterline, Betty Sherknsas, Tina Crake.

Engaged - Susan George to Joseph Kane; Sally Harter and Thomas John Graham; Janine Malkames and William Patrick Andrew, Jr.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. John Crispell, 35 years; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cartier, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. William Dymond, Orange, 25 years.

Deaths - Kenneth Brace, Rockville, Md.; Donald D. Trethaway, Dallas; Emory Straley, Beaumont; Walter Sterling Davis, Dallas.

You could get - Sirloin steak \$1.69 lb.; skinless haddock \$1.39 lb.; macaroni 2-89c; Lipton Ice team mix 36 oz. can \$1.99; sweet corn 10 ears 99c; nectarines 39c lb.; Kraft American singles 12 oz. 89c; Kraft orange juice 89c ½ gal.

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The Garden Club of Wyoming Valley held its June meeting at the Back Mountain Memorial Library and invited members of the library Book Club to join them. About 30 women assembled on a Wednesday afternoon and enjoyed an informative and very interesting program given by Miss Cummings, who is employed by Hillside Farms in the gardening department.

Her program covered the many kinds of wildflowers and then showed some beautiful slide pictures including the meadow buttercup, columbine, foxglove, mandrake and honeysuckle. She had packets of mixed wildflower seeds to pass around and some small plants to show.

Mrs. Robinson, program chairman of the Garden Club, had asked me a month ago if they would be able to meet here in June and, of course, I agreed and then they invited the Book Club to come also and that was great. A super group of people. A lovely tea table, complete with silver service was set up in the reference room and Mrs. Anstett, president of the Garden Club and Mrs. Crump, president of the Book Club, poured.

Believe it or not, we are almost there. Wednesday, July 9th through Sunday, July 13 are the dates of the 40th annual library auction. A new auction block, antiques room and new goods room are nearly completed at the rear of the library, the odds and ends donations are arriving every day, books, books and books are being donated, new goods committee are dropping off their items and the antiques committee is hard at work getting their antique items numbered and ready for the auction block.

Betty Ashbridge, antiques committee, has set up a great display in Besecker's window in the center of Dallas. The antiques tiffany lamp is in the center of the window, with a copper vase, brass tray, an antique dress and an antique picture to complete the window decor. A beautifully jelly cupboard has just been put on display in the lobby of the library donated by Magistrate and Mrs. Earl Gregory.

Also on display at the library is a white wicker library table, a china closet filled with antiques, an antique sideboard and a wicker baby carriage.

The entire auction committee will meet at 7:30 at the library on Tuesday, June 24 in the reference room.

Bumped into good friend, Ernie, the other day visiting at home on leave from Florida and he was wearing a unique tee shirt. Flamingos and palm trees running around on the front of the shirt and on the back, The Flamingo Cafe of Tallahassee, Florida. Typical Ernie - a fun-time guy.

(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 - Over a two-day period this week, House members added some 200 amendments to a measure which appeared to be the budget bill. After the amending process was completed, however, House leaders revealed that an entirely different bill - one already approved by the House and sent to the Senate - would be used as the basis for the 1986-87 budget. In its amendment process, the House added almost \$800 million to the original \$9.2 billion budget bill. Now that the measure is stalled in committee, the actual budget is expected to be shaped by a House-Senate conference committee.

INTERSTATE BANKING - By an overwhelming vote, House members approved a Senate bill which would, for the first time, establish interstate banking in Pennsylvania. Under terms of the measure, banks from seven-state region could operate in the commonwealth if Pennsylvania banks could also cross state lines. States included in the legislation are Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and the District of Columbia. The bill has been returned to the Senate for concurrence on House amendments.

JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS - Statewide judicial campaigns would be partially financed with public funds under a measure which passed the House. The bill would require candidates to acquire \$25,000 from private sources to qualify for public matching funds of up to \$50,000 for a primary and \$100,000 for a general election.

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

Little Miss Pageant slated

The Official America's Little Miss Pageant announces their 1987 Photo Contest.

Show off your little girl! They are looking for beautiful twinkling stars to fill their pageant sky.

Girls between 3 through 12 years old may compete for the ultimate award, wearing the crown of The Official America's Little Miss 1987 with over \$2,000 in cash and prizes awarded at the finals.

Whether she can sing, dance or just smile and look pretty, that's all that is needed. Each photo will be judged on beauty, pose, and cover girl potential.

For a free official entry form and additional information please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: The Official America's Little Miss Pageant, 54 Ridge Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

Letters

Prison inmate longs to receive correspondence

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm an inmate at the Indiana State Prison. I don't have anyone writing or visiting me! It seems as though the friends I once had only lasted as long as I could pay for the tab.

I've been incarcerated since September of 1983. In the last three years, I've written to different people, anyone who I felt might remember some bond of friendship. But night after night passes without any response. I've been forgotten and it hurts!

I'm a white male and 26 years

old. I am single, 5 ft. 11" and weigh 190 pounds. I have light brown hair and blue eyes. I enjoy all types of music, and I play (rhythm guitar). I'm active in sports, and I take every opportunity to better myself.

Quite frankly this place is terrible, and seeing other men around me getting mail day after day depresses me more, and really sends me to some low points at times. I'm lonely, and it would mean a lot to me if I had someone to correspond with.

I hope you can find it in your heart to publish this in your paper,

perhaps sparking an interest in someone. Maybe someone out there feels the same way I do. I regret I can't afford to pay for this (advertisement) because I only make \$10 a

month while working here.

Thanks for any consideration that you're able to give me. If you can publish this, I promise to answer everyone who respond to my plea.

Thanks for listening, and have a nice day.

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Mother recognizes picture of float

DEAR EDITOR:

Last week I was very much surprised when my daughter came home from work with a picture of our float which we had entered in the Sweet Valley Memorial Say Parade. A co-worker from Dallas recognized her and took the picture into work.

This was a family project and we

all had a lot of fun. We had everything on it from a hornets nest to a 400 lb. concrete holstein cow.

Since I was told lately "You give credit where credit is due" I must give some credit to our good friends Kim and Larry Culver for the use of their toy John Deere tractor and milk bucket.

Your paper brought back memo-

ries since I was born and raised in Jackson Twp. and my parents subscribed to The Dallas Post.

Thanks again, good luck with your paper and we "might" see you at the Sweet Valley Parade again next year.

PEGGY "ELENCHIK" HARRISON
SHICKSHINNY

School PR chairman grateful to Post

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Dallas Intermediate School P.T.O., I would like to thank you (Dotty Martin) and extend my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and kindnesses given our organization during this past

school year.

You and your staff certainly gave us that little extra necessary attention and consideration in the printing and covering of our P.T.O. sponsored events.

Seeing our work given notice and

attention in your paper made our voluntary responsibilities worthwhile.

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