

Commentary

Editor's notes

HATS OFF to 10 Back Mountain parents who have been commended by Governor Dick Thornburgh for their efforts in their children's education.

Area parents who were among 1200 Pennsylvania parents honored are Gus Argentati, Carolyn Bulford, Debra Coon, Nancy Delinski, Jo Ann Freeman, Nancy Miller, Sandy Richardson, Lynn Romano and Bonnie Rosentel, all who worked with the Dallas Intermediate School; and John Frederick, who worked with the Lake-Lehman High School.

Now in its second year, the Parent Partner Recognition Program is one component of a statewide parent involvement campaign launched by Thornburgh under his education reform program.



DOTY MARTIN

The recognition program is jointly sponsored by the

Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Associations of Elementary and Secondary School Principals. Parents were selected for recognition by the principals of the schools their children attend based on "consistently active and positive contributions" they have made to their children's education.

GRAPEFRUIT SLUSHES were the main attraction at a recent neighborhood celebration honoring the 14th wedding anniversary of Pat and Rich Kerr.

The Kerrs, who noted the occasion with their Park Street neighbors and plenty of Pat's notorious grapefruit slushes, had their special day on June 17.

SORRY, RUTH!

Ruth Roan called our office one day last week and asked us to mention the fact that she is currently forming a mixed league. Our office manager Peggy Poynton took the message from Ruth and left a sheet of paper on my desk, informing me of the mixed league.

Mixed league to Peggy (and to Ruth, I later learned) meant a mixed bowling league, while mixed league to me (an avid softball player), meant softball league.

Therefore, in my column last week, I suggested that anyone interested in joining a mixed softball league, contact Ruth. Fact of the matter is, Ruth is not looking for softball players, but rather for bowlers.

So - anybody who wants to bowl in a mixed league, please contact Ruth Roan at 675-3865. At least if a few of you read this and contact her about it, I might be able to wipe the egg off my face where Ruth is concerned.

CHEERS to Judge Gifford

Cappellini and the \$31,000 worth of office furniture he will soon be receiving to furnish his new office in the Luzerne County Courthouse.

The poor judge, who has been functioning in his new position on borrowed furniture for several months now, has recently completed a purchase order for furniture that adds up to as much money as I paid for the house in which I live.

C'mon! Is it really necessary for a judge (or anyone for that matter) to request 34 items of furniture for his chambers? Does Cappellini really need a desk worth \$2,895, two \$549 filing cabinets, a \$2,265 breakfast and a \$189 waste basket?

That's right - a waste basket that costs \$189.

I wonder if all of these new furnishings will make Mr. Cappellini a better judge or whether he simply finds it necessary to be more comfortable when he goes to work? And, if that's the case - I invite Judge Cappellini to come and sit in my office for a few hours.

Not that my office is furnished badly, because it isn't. As a matter of fact, I find it to be rather comfortable, but I will assure you of one thing - I don't file my unwanted papers in a \$189 wastebasket!

IT'S BAZAAR TIME AGAIN - and Back Mountain residents are urged to support the bazaars being held around our area.

Whether the bazaar be for the benefit of a fire company, a church, or the local library, it's important that residents get out and support these fund-raisers.

Every one of them is for a good cause and every one of them is operated by a tireless, hardworking bunch of volunteers who have put a lot of time and effort into making the Back Mountain one of the best places to live.

I HEARD A RADIO COMMERCIAL the other day that just about knocked my socks off.

Seems there's a new travel agency in the Wyoming Valley area and, to promote itself, this new agency is offering \$100,000 worth of flight insurance with every airline ticket it sells.

Now, I have no statistics or how well or how poorly this promotion has affected this new travel agency's business, but I'll tell you one thing - a promotion like that makes me think twice about purchasing an airline ticket from them.

LAST WEEK I asked people to let me know what kinds of signs they've seen hanging on the rear windows of area vehicles and I've had some interesting remarks about those signs.

Seems the public is kind of split on the Pennsylvania State Police decision to begin cracking down on people who are riding around with signs stuck to their windows. The state troopers feel the signs are dangerous because they obstruct the driver's view while sign-lovers all over can't find anything wrong with the signs.

Anyway, without taking a stand on that issue (simply because I don't currently have a sign or my rear window but don't promise I never will, either), here's some of the more unusual sign sayings that have been brought to my attention: "Mom's Taxi" - seen on the rear window of a car being driven by a rather frazzled-looking young woman.

"Mother-in-law in trunk" - seen on the rear window of a car being driven by a man with an impish smirk on his face.

"Future Millionaire on Board" - seen on the side window of a black BMW driven by your typical YUPPIE, dressed in a gray three-piece suit with a burgundy valise sitting neatly on the passenger seat.

"Keeshond on Board" - seen on the rear window of a car being driven by a true-blue animal lover.

"Ex-husband in trunk" - seen on the rear window of a car being driven by an unforgiving ex-wife and being paid for with alimony checks.

If anyone else has a favorite sign to pass along to others, don't hesitate to let me know.

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



REMEMBERING

Chase Manor

Shown here is a photo of Chase Manor taken in 1915. The farm shown here, which is now Chase Manor, was owned by George Johnson who is shown on the left. Tom Johnson, center of photo, owned a farm on Mountain Road, and his son, Corey Johnson still lives on that farm today. Gordon Johnson, right of photo, is the owner of the black team of horses and his wife, is presently a resident of the Meadows Apartments in Dallas. (Much thanks to Glenn Johnson, son of Gordon Johnson, who supplied The Dallas Post with the information and photo of Chase Manor.)

Only yesterday

Lightning strikes; Whipple sawmill burns to ground

50 YEARS AGO - JUNE 26, 1936

The large sawmill of John E. Whipple of Dallas located at Hop Bottom was burned to the ground during a thunderstorm. Lightning struck the one story frame building and enveloped it in flames. The loss amounted to \$5,000.

The tenth anniversary of the installation of the Rev. G.E. Ruff as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown and the Lutheran Church at Laketon, was celebrated.

Charges against teachers of Kingston Township High School charging that they had been smoking on school premises were dropped due to lack of proof. A charge that some teachers were wearing too much make-up to classes were also dismissed.

Deaths - Mrs. Ottella Wenger, Hillside.

40 YEARS AGO - JUNE 28, 1946

Keeping pace with his rapidly expanding dairy business, Clyde Cooper, owner of Fernbrook Dairy, broke ground for a new plant on his Fernbrook property. Fernbrook Dairy served an area from Nanticoke to West Pittston, operating 10 milk routes and employing 20 persons.

H. Lewis Chambers and Edward Keller were named vocational agriculture instructors for the Veterans Training School at Dallas Township High School.

Chambers had been director of vocational agriculture in Mehoopany schools for the past four years while Keller, who resided in Ransom, was one of the leading practical farmers in this area.

Engaged - Loy Antrim and Willis E. Ide.

Deaths - Anne Roushey, Fernbrook; Simous F. Wagner, Huntsville; Ada Hite, Mt. Zion.

30 YEARS AGO - JUNE 29, 1956

Eight possible sites for construction of the new Dallas Area Senior High School were reviewed by members of the Building and Grounds Committee. James Hutchinson was committee chairman. Members included John Wardell, D.T. Scott, Dr. Robert Bodycomb, Francis Ambrose, Henry Hess, John Perry, Carl Turner, Elmer Daley. Principals Raymond Kuhner and James Martin, and secretary Eleanor Jones also inspected the properties.

Forty-two children enjoyed the Story Hour provided by the Back Mountain Library. Mrs. Janet Smith was story lady. Story Hours were held every Friday throughout July and August.

John Johnson and Mrs. Mary Shangraw were appointed supervisors of the Back Mountain Branch YMCA Day Camp for the summer.

20 YEARS AGO - JUNE 30, 1966

Dallas School Board set the salary of their superintendent at a maximum of \$18,500. Dr. Robert Mellman was school superintendent. In other business Arno Miller was named temporary professional employee to teach German. Also receiving contracts were Doris Wolfe, Samuel Barbose, Bonnie Austin, Anna Walker, Lois Krommes and Donald Hopkins.

The Library Auction Mustang which would be chanced off on the final night of the three-day auction made the rounds of service stations in the area. Ray Parsons was ticket sales chairman.

Engaged - Rosemary Roscavage to Walter Cybulski.

Married - Marguerite Raub and Leo W. Kalinsky.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Berton Riley, 51 years; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neiman, 20 years; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams, 14 years; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mohen, 26 years; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Traver, 35 years; and Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers, nine years.

Deaths - Nellie Lamoreaux, Pikes Creek; Grace Evans, Dallas; Olin Ide, Idetown; Mildred Heisler, Carverton; Urbane D. Dymond, Marsh Creek; Lillian Klamen, Tucson, Ariz.

10 YEARS AGO - JULY 1, 1976

In honor of the Bicentennial Year, a wagon train traveling from the state of Washington to Valley Forge passed through our area. The wagon train stopped at the Lehman horse show grounds for rest. The wagon train's oldest couple were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Erickson of Badger, who were 70 years old.

A two-and-a-half hour boat parade and a gigantic fireworks display highlighted the Bicentennial weekend at Harveys Lake.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church confirmed 10 young people. Michele Riegel, Robin Templin, Cynthia Brant, Sandra Weaver, Corinne Zimmerman, David Pettit, David Coyle III, Scott Holdredge, and Michael Confer were confirmed by Pastor Lynn Rothrock.

Engaged - Diane Chadwick and Job Coslett.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gosart, Sr., 60 years.

Deaths - Harry Hutchins, Hunlock Creek; Mrs. Arthur Houck, Shavertown; Alvin Brown, Dallas.

Library news

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The display case in the office area of the library is featuring some of the interesting smaller antique items which the committee has collected for the auction.

The 40th annual auction will be held on the new library auction grounds behind the library on Huntsville Road in Dallas on July 9 through the 13th. The antiques committee has been hard at work and have collected a large amount of varied antique items for the auction.

The antiques on display include, an orange brides basket, a quadruple plate bread basket, a cranberry glass compote, a limoge basket, a heart shaped candy dish with sterling silver base, an art glass fluted vase, an old beaded bag, a small bell, a hot water pitcher, an autograph book dated 1899 and an old pinball game.

These items will be on display until the start of the auction. Come in and look them over and decide which ones you would like to have for your own and then come to the auction and bid for them.

We were able to put one of our newest purchases to the test recently. The Garden Club of Wyoming Valley and the Library Book Club met for a combined meeting and wanted to have some slide pictures shown in the middle of the afternoon and were concerned with the room not being dark enough.

Our recent purchase of Levolor Riviera mini blinds for the windows on the front of the library proved their worth. We turned the lights off, closed the blinds and perfection! The program, including the pictures, was beautiful. The purchase of these blinds was made possible with funds donated during our recent capital campaign.

I visited the Shavertown United Methodist Church a few weeks ago for their Festival of Faith Celebration which included the Confirmation Service. It truly was a celebration, and allowed many segments of the church organization to participate in a glorious happening.

The special Festival Choir sang an "Anthem for Spring" with Charlotte Casterline as organist, that was just superb. The children's choir, the confirmands, the lay participants, the procession and everything else was perfect. Last, but not least, the balloon release on the lawn after the service was a perfect conclusion. A memorable service!

Summer is a wonderful time. There are so many things to do - tennis, golf, baseball, swimming, camping - and time to read! Your library can help you with any of these pleasures. You will find books to improve your game, books on camping and swimming, and books for pleasure reading. Your library can be your key to summer enjoyment! Try it today!

(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, 12th Legislative District.

TAX CUT - The House unanimously passed a measure this week which would reduce both personal and business taxes in Pennsylvania by an estimated \$185 million during 1986-87. The bill followed the recommendation of Gov. Dick Thornburgh and would cut personal taxes from 2.2 to 2.1 percent at the start of the new fiscal year and cut the rate of corporate income taxes from 9.5 to 8.5 percent, effective Jan. 1.

CONVENTION CENTER - The future of Philadelphia's proposed convention center received a significant boost when the House voted 105-93 to pass a bill which creates a governing board for the \$485 million project. The measure had been defeated twice in previous votes. Since the bill had already been approved by the Senate it was sent directly to the governor for his signature. When the governor signs the legislation, the nine-member board will be named to oversee construction and operation of the planned facility.

ALCOHOLISM INSURANCE - Gov. Thornburgh signed into law a bill which requires the treatment for alcoholism to be included in all group health insurance policies in the state. Developed by Rep. Mary Ann Artry (R-Delaware), the legislation provides coverage for both inpatient and outpatient services, as well as detoxification and rehabilitation centers.

(Rep. Frank Coslett serves the 12th Legislative District which encompasses parts of the Back Mountain. His column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

Letters

Prevention specialist warns against chewing

DEAR EDITOR:

Have you ever heard a youngster say, "Chewing won't hurt me, my dad's been doing it for years, and he's OK"? Well, maybe he is, but will the young person be so lucky? Or, will Dad be in the future?

Smokeless tobacco products, including snuff and chewing tobacco, are a growing concern in the health community because of their popularity among children and the health risks associated with their use.

Tobacco chewers place a golf-ball-size wad or "chaw" between their cheek and teeth. Snuff is placed between the lower lip and teeth where the carcinogens from the tobacco are in direct contact with the lining of the cheek. In both types of use, tobacco mixes with saliva

and the substance is absorbed through the lining of the mouth and enter the blood stream.

School personnel, recreation center staff, physicians, and others in the health field must be cognizant of this problem and be prepared to employ preventive measures. It is also important for tobacco-chewing adults to be aware of their influence on youngsters.

Smokeless tobacco users experience a temporary high or elevated feeling from the nicotine, but as with other stimulants, they feel more melancholy when the effects of the drug wear off than they did prior to drug use. Smokeless tobacco is addictive, and dangerous to health.

Researches are finding the consequences from chewing and or inhaling tobacco can be much more serious than the consequences from smoking it.

Nicotine is absorbed directly through the lining of the mouth and enters the blood stream quickly. It raises blood pressure and slows

one's reaction time. The increased risk for cancer of the cheek and gum is nearly fiftyfold among long-term chewers.

Coaches and sport figures should discourage use by enlightening the youngsters about the dangers of chewing and by setting a good example by not using themselves.

Presentations can be given to your team or group on this topic by calling: Lenore Rosencrans, Prevention Specialist, Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program, 826-8794.

LENORE ROSECRANS
PREVENTION SPECIALIST
DRUG & ALCOHOL PROGRAM

Ladies Auxiliary thankful for support

DEAR EDITOR:

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Shavertown Fire Department extends sincere appreciation to everyone in the community and surrounding areas for their most generous support of the Flea Market and Bake

Sale held recently at the Fire Hall.

Their donations, patronage and loyal support as usual were overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

The raffle winners were announced as follows: first prize-a

basket of groceries, Gladys Wood, Shavertown; second prize, a coffee mug set, Bud Joyce, Shavertown; third prize-a unique planter, Isabella Ferentz, Kingston.

LADIES AUXILIARY
SHAVERTOWN FIRE DEPT.

Now you, too, can be a BBB arbitrator

How would you like to be a volunteer judge with legally binding powers to settle disputes involving consumers and businesses?

You can be just that by becoming an arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Pennsylvania. The BBB will train volunteer arbitrators from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 1986 at the Sheraton Inn in Scranton. Persons

interested in attending this training session should call Bill Weil at 1-800-462-0425.

The majority of the BBB-handled arbitrations involve warranty disputes between consumers and automobile manufacturers. Complaints against General Motors, Volkswagen, Porsche, Audi, Nissan, Honda, Jaguar, AMC, Jeep, Renault, Volvo, Rolls-Royce, Saab

and Peugeot are currently among those arbitrated as part of the BBB's AutoLine Program.

The BBB's volunteer arbitrators settle marketplace complaints which might otherwise take months of court time, and lots of money, to settle. There are no special requirements to be an arbitrator, other than common sense and the ability to be objective in deciding issues.

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