

Commentary

Editor's notes

OUR READERS haven't been very successful in finding rear window signs in cars for us, however, bumper stickers run amuck in the Back Mountain.

One of my biggest suppliers of such sticker sayings is our own Howard Samuels, who really gets around. Howard delivers The Dallas Post to newstands throughout the Back Mountain every Wednesday and claims to do an awful lot of cruising the rest of the week.

Anyway, here are some of the bumper sticker sayings that have surfaced throughout our area in the past few weeks:

"A woman's place is in the mall."

"We're spending our children's inheritance."
 "I love my short-haired pointer."
 "Happiness is a cold wet nose."
 "I pause - for paws."
 "Let's go fishing - you and me."
 "Insanity is heredity - you can't get it from your kids."
 "The King is coming."
 "Recycling pays."
 "Spoiled rotten."
 "I 'brake' for Nittany Lions and 'back over' Pitt Panthers."
 "The only bear you'll ever pinch - Kodiak."
 "I owe, I owe - so off to work I go."

In light of the fact that all these sayings were neatly written on a piece of paper, I'm afraid Howard is going to have to share the credit with his lovely wife, Laura, because I have a feeling she's the only who wrote them up for me.

Thanks, Laura - and I'm so glad you're feeling better these days. It's nice to have you up and around again.



DOTTY MARTIN

My condolences to all of you in your recent loss.

THE 40TH ANNUAL Back Mountain Memorial Library auction begins tonight and continues through until Sunday evening.

This year's auction, featuring a brand new auction block, promises to be filled with fun things to do and neat things to purchase. And, rumor has it, members of this year's committee are expecting this to be the most successful library auction yet.

The library auction is always a good time and, with five days of scheduled events, there's no excuse for anyone to miss it. The Back Mountain Library provides so many of us with so many services, it's hard to imagine any Back Mountain residents who can't find time in a five-day period to visit the auction. Make it a point to get there. It's a fun time - and it certainly benefits a good cause.

THE DALLAS POST is certainly doing its part to assist the library in its fund-raising effort.

We will have a booth set up at the auction and will donate \$5.00 to the library for every one-year subscription purchased during the five days of the auction.

Be sure to stop in at our booth, say hello, subscribe to The Post for a year full of complete Back Mountain news and help the library's fund-raising drive - all at the same time.

THE ASSOCIATION OF NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA recently conducted a conference in San Francisco, California for weekly newspaper people. The Dallas Post was among those newspaper being critiqued by weekly newspaper editors across the country and members of our editorial staff found some of their comments rather interesting.

One of the comments that kept most of us in the office laughing almost an entire afternoon was a comment another editor had jotted down next to a headline in one of our editions. The story the headline referred to was about a two-car crash that had occurred in Dallas and, although the crash was rather brutal, the people involved were not hurt. Thus, the headline read - "Dallas man uninjured."

The editor's comment - "And so are 1,000s of others" - which makes all the sense in the world. I'm sure, without a doubt, there are thousands of uninjured people in Dallas every week.

However, just to be sure, we are going to conduct a very scientific survey. What I'd like you to do is call us if you live in Dallas and if you manage to stay uninjured for a one-week period. Then, we will run a special feature every week that will start out something like this: "The following list names all those Dallas residents who have managed to remain uninjured during the past week."

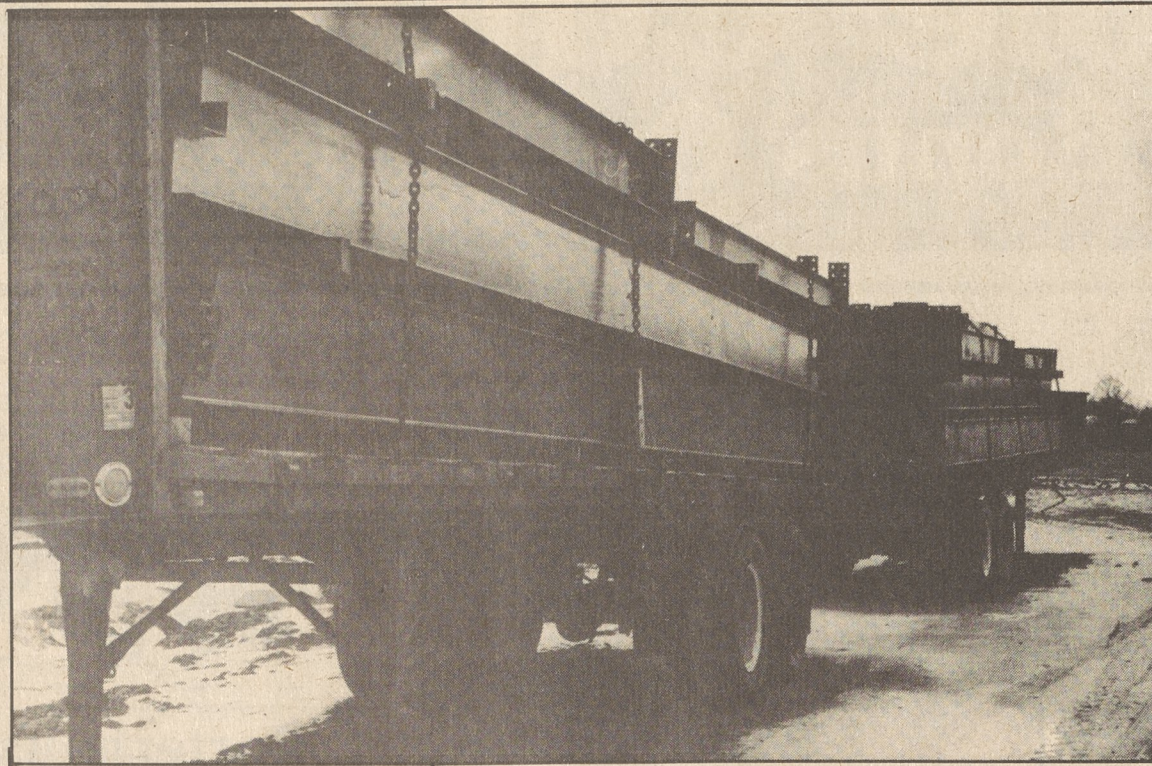
It's funny, how you write things such as headlines and don't realize how silly they sound until someone else reads them in a different context than you did when you wrote them.

I remember one time writing a headline on a story about a professor who was going to give a lecture at one of the local colleges.

The headline I wrote read, "Dr. Jones to speak." And, when the editor of another newspaper read it, he asked me what was so significant about Dr. Jones speaking. He read the headline to mean that Dr. Jones had never before spoken a word in his life and was, for the first time, preparing to utter a word.

Amazing - how two different people can read the same thing and come away with two completely different meanings.

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REMEMBERING

High School steel

Shown here is a photo of some of the steel beams that were used in construction of the current Dallas Senior High School. The beams in this photo are sitting on flatbed trailers waiting to be used to build the school.

Only yesterday Temperature hits all-time high during intense heat

50 YEARS AGO - JULY 10, 1936

A blazing sun in a cloudless sky sent the mercury to an all-time high in Dallas when the summer's most intense heat wave passed the dangerously high mark of 102 established in 1908. The thermometer registered 103 degrees. Although it was very hot, no cases of heat prostration were reported.

Five primary teachers were named to Dallas Borough School District for the coming school year. R.H. Rood, Helen Anderson, Louise Colwell, Charlotte Mack and Dorothy Gardner were accepted as elementary teachers.

Engaged - Amy Huston Barber and Philip Worden Straw.

Married - Bessie Metzger and Jack Senchak; Marie Eyt and Vane Race.

Deaths - Mrs. William B. Beigh, Broadway. You could get - Standing rib roast 23c lb.; sliced boiled ham 29c 1/2 lb.; watermelons 49c ea.; onions 3 lb. 10c; cantaloupes 2-25c; plums 3 lb. 25c; grape juice 19c qt.; Ivory soap 5c cake; Sparkle gelatine dessert 6 pkgs. 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - JULY 12, 1946

Operation at the Hay's Corners plant of the Housing Foundation of America were at a standstill. Work was suspended for an indefinite period due to a shortage of steel and steel cable.

Fighting mad after losing its last three games to Wyoming Valley teams by one point an alert Jackson club prepared to meet Wanamie on its home diamond on the Huntsville-Ceasetown Road.

Engaged - Bette Jones and Kenneth Gross; Dolores Updyke to George W. Hackling; Bina Clare Garrity and John H. Stenger III; Edna Drabick and Lynn Johnson.

Married - Mary E. Snyder and George E. Shaver, Jr.

Deaths - Mrs. Alice Roote, Lehman; Miss Mary McCollum, Dallas; Mary B. Polack, Dallas.

You could get - Peaches 3 lb. 29c; tomatoes 2 lb. 33c; cantaloupes 10c lb.; onions 4 lb. 19c; cod fillets 35c lb.; mixed nuts 4 1/2 oz. jar 34c; Hi-Ho crackers lb. pkg. 21c; Nabisco Graham Crackers 1 lb. pkg. 19c; spaghetti and meat sauce 10c bot.; wheat germ 29c pkg.

30 YEARS AGO - JULY 13, 1946

Joseph Lavelle, substitute mail carrier at Dallas Post Office, was awarded a Certificate of Merit Award from the United States Post Office Department. Lavelle saved a two month old child trapped in a burning car. The child was well on his way to recovery.

Despite rain, spirits were not dampened at the 10th Annual Library Auction held at Risley's barn. Harry Ohlman was serving as auction chairman for the eighth consecutive year.

A softball game for children ages 8 to 13 was featured in opening day ceremonies at Idetown Center playground, located near Oak Hill.

Engaged - Marcella Kocher and Albert Crispell; Lila Sue Tyson and George Kintz; Shirley Ferry and

Thomas Sayre; Grace Martin and Earl W. Beahm, Jr.; Edna Gosart and George Van Campen.

Married - Dolores Motto and John F. Vavrek; Joan Croman and P.F.C. David Moore; Diane Grace Colsten and Lawrence Ashton Menefee, Jr.; Jane Elizabeth Owens and Edward Stair.

Deaths - William Lance, Chase; Ralph Austin Davis, Harveys Lake; May Bronson, Lake Silkworth; Dora Major, Lehman; Robert Loomis, formerly of Alderson.

You could get - Boneless round roast 59c lb.; ground beef 3 lb. \$1; legs of lamb 59c lb.; watermelons \$1.19 ea.; bananas 2 lb. 25c; mayonnaise 55c jar; tuna fish 4 cans \$1; rye bread 2 loaves 29c; lemonade, frozen, 7 cans \$1; 12 oz. jar wheat germ 33c.

20 YEARS AGO - JULY 14, 1966

Two new directors were elected by the Dallas School Board at its reorganization meeting as directed under Act 299. Elected to new positions were Milton Evans, Kingston Township and Fred Dymond, Jr., Franklin Township.

Five more black bears were sighted throughout the Back Mountain area. Mrs. Joseph Zercoe, Marcytown reported seeing one in her back yard; Mrs. Lewis Crisman, Loyalville saw one coming down her garden path while the Marvin Hoppes family saw a mother bear and two cubs, also in the Loyalville area.

Engaged - Carol Sweitzer and Willard Bullock, Jr. Married - Nancy Marie Valentine and Patrick Stanley Byrne.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Templin, 20 years; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Archavage, 40 years; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Strohl, Noxen, 13 years; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quick, 24 years.

Deaths - Robert Allen, Noxen; John Bennett, Harveys Lake.

You can get - Chicken 29c lb.; franks 57c lb.; beef liver 39c lb.; potatoes 10 lb. bag 45c; blueberries 39c pt.; peaches 4 lb. 49c; Campbell's soup 6 cans \$1; Wish-Bone dressing 8 oz. bottle 39c; peanut butter 2 lb. 8 oz. jar 95c; Bumble Bee tuna 2 cans 79c.

10 YEARS AGO - JULY 15, 1976

An all-time grand total of \$30,000 was raised during the three days of the Annual Back Mountain Auction. Howard Strom was auction chairman.

A full day of games, contests and recreational activities was planned for Noxen's Bicentennial Day. David Harris was general chairman. Dr. F. Budd Schooley spoke on the history of Noxen.

Engaged - Donna Perry and Brent Long; Martina Waldron and Phillip J. Denmon.

Married - Megan Moore and Gary Ide.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. William Motyka, 30 years.

Deaths - Myron Jurysta, Dallas; Mrs. Miriam Freeman, Dallas; Walter Sayre, Shavertown; John Ide, formerly of Dallas; Howard Engleman, Noxen.

You could get - Boneless round roast \$1.39 lb.; rump roast \$1.49 lb.; beef liver 59c lb.; Bumble Bee tuna 2-\$1.09; kidney beans 4-51; Charmin toilet tissue, 4 roll pkg. 69c; tomatoes 49c lb.; cucumbers 2-25c.

Library news

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

ALA NYC '86! That's what it says on my new T-shirt and that's exactly where I was last Saturday.

The American Library Association annual conference was held at the new Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City from June 28 through July 3. The entire conference was coinciding with the Statue of Liberty centennial.

The Convention Center covers four blocks in New York and is the largest I have ever been in. There were 1700 exhibitors in the center including publishers, library supply houses, and many, many computer displays. I had collected a shopping bag full of catalogs, brochures, posters, buttons, pens, bookmarks and pamphlets; so many, in fact, that I had difficulty carrying it around New York.

Many of the authors were there to autograph their books and one special one in my life, Norman Bridwell, was there with his new book, "Clifford and the Grouchy Neighbors." I have purchased every Clifford book through the years for my son, Cliff, ever since he was a small boy. I purchased the new book, Mr. Bridwell autographed the book, "Best wishes to Cliff" and wanted especially to meet someone who has a son named Clifford. Then, surprise, Clifford, the big red dog, who is the main character in these books was there standing on two feet and I got my picture taken with him. I will present this book to my son when I see him next time.

A very exciting finish to this day was a gala champagne reception, "A Birthday Party for Ms. Liberty" which was held from 7-9 p.m. at the New York Public Library at 5th Ave. and 42nd Street. Three floors of the library were used with tables set up on each floor, red cloths, served by waiters and waitresses in black and white outfits; champagne served in plastic glasses and large glass bowls of beautiful strawberries.

The temperature in New York was 92 degrees and at least 100 at the library. I have never seen so many people in one area in my life, it was really jammed. There was air conditioning in two of the rooms, the art collection room was one of them and a beautiful Cosmopolitan Brass Quintet was playing there. There were bands and orchestras in many of the rooms including Herald trumpets in the second floor corridor. My favorite town to visit, my favorite subject, libraries. An exciting day!

My right hand at the library, Melanie, one of our library pages, and I painted for five hours in the new antiques room in preparation for the auction, which begins July 9 at 6 p.m. The room looks lovely, painted yellow and the 550 antiques which will be auctioned off have filled the room.

Support your library! Attend the auction!

(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 - Tax cuts, more aid to education, increased funds for economic development and more help for Pennsylvania's poor highlighted the 1986-87 state budget signed by Gov. Dick Thornburgh Tuesday. The \$9.71 billion spending plan was approved by the Legislature less than 24 hours after the budget deadline expired. The fiscal blueprint includes reductions in the rate of personal income tax from 2.2 to 2.1 percent, effective Jan. 1. In all, state taxes will be reduced by \$165 million. Local school districts will receive a total of \$2.2 billion in aid, including some \$40 million in one-time assistance. The budget includes a new \$25 million tax credit job creation program and increased funds for social services. Gov. Thornburgh termed the plan "the best Pennsylvania budget ever."

HEALTH CARE COSTS - Legislation which would form a panel to investigate the cost of health care for Pennsylvania's needy population was passed by the House and Senate this week and sent to the governor. The measure which finally passed the General Assembly after numerous amendments, contains many of the suggestions offered by Rep. Carmel Sirianni (R-Susquehanna). The bill, if signed by the governor, will establish an independent council responsible for collecting and publishing data on the cost and quality of health care services.

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

Opinion

Seat belt law must be passed - before it's too late

At 16, Jim B. had dreams of becoming a banker. He was one of Pennsylvania's best and brightest. In April, Jim was in an automobile accident and was thrust head-first into the windshield. If Jim ever comes out of a coma, he will live the rest of his life with significant disabilities. He wasn't wearing a safety belt.

Debbie S. was on her way home from college, before starting her first job as a journalist. She, too, was in an accident and went

through her car's windshield. Now, intellectually and physically handicapped, Debbie will never be a journalist. She wasn't wearing a safety belt.

They were some of Pennsylvania's best and brightest. They aren't any more.

A bill that would require Pennsylvania citizens to wear a safety belt as a driver or front-seat passenger of an automobile, truck or motor home has been pending before the State House Consumer Affairs Com-

mittee since November 1985. Senate Bill 483 was passed by the State Senate in October 1985. Now SB 483 needs the full vote of the State House of Representatives before becoming a state law. Pennsylvania can't afford to wait any longer for the passing of a safety belt law. Pennsylvania needs a safety belt law now.

There are 50,000 Pennsylvanians currently suffering from physical, intellectual, and behavioral impairments due to head injuries, with 2,500 more people likely to be added to that list every year. Of these people, 26,000 (50 percent) suffered head trauma as a result of automobile accidents.

As President of the Pennsylvania Association of the National Head Injury Foundation, I strongly urge immediate passage of Senate Bill 483. A recent survey by the Keystone Safety Belt Network found 73 percent of Pennsylvanians interviewed are in favor of a safety belt law. Pennsylvania must join the 25

states and the District of Columbia that already have passed safety belt laws.

Pennsylvania can't afford to lose the best and brightest, especially when that loss can be so simply avoided.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Center for Highway Safety, in 1985, 1,809 Pennsylvanians were killed in accidents involving cars, trucks and motorcycles - 57 more than 1984. In the first three months of this year, 363 Pennsylvanians died on our roads - 80 more than during the same period in 1985.

In 1985, 920 Pennsylvanians were killed in automobile accidents. Nearly 92 percent (847) were not wearing safety belts. Since safety belts were first installed in passenger cars in the mid-60's, we've seen a 40 percent nationwide drop in traffic deaths. Imagine how many more lives could have been saved if people had only buckled up!

PennDOT's Center for Highway Safety has determined that if every-

one in Pennsylvania used a safety belt right now, there would be 552 fewer deaths from automobile accidents, 1,486 fewer major injuries and 7,062 fewer moderate injuries a year. Also, if a safety belt were worn, there would be 12,581 more instances in which no injury would occur at all.

Motor vehicle accidents are the number one cause of on-the-job fatalities and lost work time due to injuries. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the cost to an employer for each employee fatality is about \$120,000. To offset this loss, a company would have to make an estimated \$2,400,000 in sales. Using the same study we can estimate that the overall economic cost to Pennsylvania of the 920 traffic fatalities in 1985 was more than \$368 million.

(The above commentary was provided by the Keystone Safety Belt Network. Anyone desiring further information about the Safety Belt Law should contact Julie McGreevy at 717-763-7159.)

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