

Commentary

Editor's notes

FOR ALL YOU ANIMAL LOVERS who are wondering how Rubin is making out these days, here's an updated report.

I've come to the conclusion that this cat, which is now nine weeks old, has one purpose in life - to drive me crazy. I'm so used to having a dog in the house who greets me at the door, comes when she's called and is always around that I can't get used to this kitten hiding under and behind anything he can find.

And, he's so small, he can hide just about anywhere he wants. He doesn't come when he's called - I'm still not sure whether or not he knows his name. He doesn't even come out from hiding when I rattle a food can.



DOTY MARTIN

I am now thoroughly convinced that this little critter - wherever he is hiding - sits back and snickers at me making a fool out of myself trying to find him.

Why, the other night I got so disgusted trying to find him, I grabbed a flashlight and starting looking behind and underneath everything in the cellar - there he was curled up inside a winter tire. I guess after being stray seven out of nine weeks of his life, he felt right at home sleeping in an old tire.

Needless to say, Rubin has shucked the idea of confining himself to a box. The idea of confinement went right out the window when I returned home from work one day only to find out he had managed to jump out of the box. So - out went the box.

He now has the run of the house and I think the darn cat is smart enough to know that he shouldn't be overdoing it - after all, his crushed back legs are still recovering from the impact of the car that hit him two weeks ago.

But, he runs, he jumps, he rolls over and lays on his back and he is the cutest little ball of fur I've seen in a long time. Besides the fact that he is going to be the death of me yet, I think I'll keep him around for a while.

SPEAKING OF ANIMALS, Uncle Lambert lost his bird. And, I'm not kidding!

We had a phone call last week from a woman by the name of Martha Reese who told us about her Uncle Lambert's green bird that had flown away.

Lambert Swingle, who resides on Franklin Street in Dallas, has a pet bird that has managed to fly the coop.

All kidding aside, Lambert saw the bird fly away and feels it was being chased by other birds at the time.

Anyway, if anyone sees a green bird that looks quite lost, call Lambert at 675-1360. He'd be thrilled to get his pet back.

And, no, John, this is not "Hooter-ville" - this is serious stuff!

ALONG THE LINES OF LOST ITEMS, we now have in our possession a pair of white golfing shoes that some poor sole (no pun intended, of course) is without.

Seems an honest gentleman, who chose not to keep the shoes, saw these golfing spikes conveniently roll off the roof of a car as the car was making its way down the road one day last week.

You know the old trick of placing something on the roof of your car while you open the door and put other things in the car - and then pull away, completely forgetting there's something on the roof of the car.

We've all managed to pull this trick at least once in our lives and most of us, I'm sure, have not been

as lucky as the owner of these golf shoes to have some Good Samaritan attempt to find their owner.

So - if you're the guy (or gal) whose been golfing in bare feet all this week, give us a call. We just might have those shoes that belong to you.

WHAT A PLEASURE it was to meet Bill Moss last week.

Bill, a former resident of the Back Mountain, is the son of Mrs. Gert Moss who heads up the Ham 'N Yeggs Club for the benefit of the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Recently retired from the United States Navy, Bill stopped in to introduce himself, thank us for publishing his photo announcing his retirement and to pick up the photo to give to his mother - something I'm sure she'll treasure forever.

Thanks for stopping in, Bill. It sure was nice talking to you.

A GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Lynn Sheehan, Jr., who celebrated his 18th birthday this past Sunday, July 20.

Lynn is the son of Sandy and Lynn Sheehan of Huntsville Road, Dallas, and will be a senior at Dallas High School this year.

WHAT A SHAME it is to see Veronica Farinola and her family relocate to the Philadelphia area.

Veronica, an extremely active volunteer for the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society, will be sorely missed by that organization, not to mention the hundreds and hundreds of friends she's managed to make while living in the Back Mountain.

I know I'll never forget the day Veronica and her little girls showed up at my office with freshly-baked cupcakes to help me celebrate my birthday. Seems Veronica and her sidekick, Marilyn Maslow, had cooked up this scheme to help me celebrate my birthday and it sure was sweet of both of them - not to mention how delicious Veronica's cupcakes were.

Anyway, I hate to see you go, Veronica. But, I'm sure you will make as much of your life in her new neighborhood as you have made here. I know the Back Mountain and its people are better off having had you as one of our residents. And, be assured that if you and your family ever decide to return here to live (or even to visit), we'll all welcome you with open arms.

May God bless all of you - and bring you only good luck, happiness and the best of health in your new ventures.

IN THE PROCESS of getting good photographs of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction last weekend, we failed to find out just exactly who the clowns were at the Children's Auction.

And, although the photograph on the front page of last week's paper tells it all, we feel that Bill Runner (who was portrayed as the bum) and Jim Eason (the clown dressed in red) deserve the proper recognition for the time and effort they put into making the Children's Auction not only as much fun as it was, but as successful as it was.

Way to go, guys - a job well done!

A GREAT BIG WELCOME to Donna Gosart, who joined the staff of The Dallas Post as an advertising representative this week.

The former Donna Grula, Mrs. Gosart has 16 years of advertising experience with the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader. She is married to Don Gosart and the couple resides in Wilkes-Barre.

Welcome, Donna - it sure is good to have you on our side.

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



REMEMBERING

Main Street

Shown here is Dallas' dusty Main Street looking toward its junction with Huntsville Road. The second structure down on the right was Ryman's Store. Next to it, surrounded by a picturesque picket fence, was the Honeywell home.

Only yesterday

Zoning and Planning Committee instituted in Borough of Dallas

50 YEARS AGO - JULY 24, 1936

Dallas Borough instituted a Zoning and Planning Committee to enforce regulations for buildings in the borough. Appointed to the new committee were Joseph MacVeigh, Edwin Nelson, Corey Gordon, George Kirkendall, Fred Renard.

In a shuffling of the Dallas Borough School District's faculty, two teachers were dropped and three new teachers were appointed. New faculty members were Charlotte Hildebrandt, Betty Culbert and William Brickell.

Deaths - Fred Irving Rosengrant, Hayfield Farms caretaker; Atwell Ide, Idetown.

You could get - Salmon 3 tall cans 29c; milk 3 tall cans 22c; watermelons 45c ea.; tomatoes 2 lb. 15c; hamburger 21c lb.; veal roast 25c lb.; peaches 3 lb. 10c; butter, Land 'O Lakes tub, 2 lb. 75c; pretzels 19c lb.; strawberry preserves 2 lb. 29c; tea cookies 2 lb. 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - JULY 26, 1946

Playing top notch baseball, Dallas Legionnaires defeated Mehoopany 13 to 0 to enter a three-way tie for second place.

With an attendance exceeding anything in its previous history, Free Methodist Camp meeting opened at B.T. Roberts Grove in East Dallas. Rev. C. Adam Kress was in charge of camp arrangements.

A community ambulance to serve the entire Back Mountain Region was seriously discussed by members of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company. The group felt that a community ambulance was one of the next steps in the progressive program of community service.

Engaged - Frances Mary Rowlands and Irvin Miller; Janice Ruggles and Lawrence Drabick.

Married - Marjorie Mae Prynne and Frank Vollrath; Helen Halonen and William Templin; Marion Louise Stark and Thomas Templin; Elizabeth Sorber and Bernard Floyd Milbrodt; Marion Newton Powell and David Crawford Hall; Dorothy Merethew and Thomas Gay.

Deaths - Caroline Rineman, Dallas; Andrew Steltz, Pikes Creek.

You could get - Baking powder 12 oz. 14c; Morton's salt 2 pkg. 17c; Quaker puffed rice 13c pkg.; sauerkraut 2 cans 25c; peanut butter 39c lb jar; graham crackers 19c lb. pkg.; Lifebuoy soap 7c cake; Fair-lawn coffee 1 lb. bag 29c; mustard 9 oz. 12c.

30 YEARS AGO - JULY 27, 1956

Supervising principal Lester Squier announced that Lehman-Jackson-Ross Schools faced a possible loss of \$21,000 in state appropriations if it did not carry successfully to its consummation a further jointure with Lake and Noxen school districts. To date, Jackson Twp. directors were unable to obtain a majority vote concerning the Lake-Noxen jointure.

Dorothy Gilbert, home from her missionary duties in the Congo to study at Maternity Center, New York City, spoke and gave a slide presentation of her work at Wembo Nyama, at Carverton Methodist Church and Alderson Methodist Church. Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert, Dorothy would return to her mission post in the fall.

Engaged - Therese Rose Pavlick and John Roman.

Married - Frances Hildebrandt and Paul Cybulski; Elba Joan Siglin and Nile J. Sickler; Dolores Kosakowski and William Kovaleski, Jr.

Deaths - Fannie Hilbert Roberts, Baltimore, Md.; Samuel Sholtz, Harveys Lake.

You could get - Smoked picnic hams 29c lb.; smoked bacon 29c lb.; chicken fryer legs 63c lb.; watermelons 99c ea.; honeydews 49c ea.; cucumbers 6-25c; fresh roasted peanuts 39c pkg.; 75 ft. Reynolds Wrap 29c; Lipton's tea bags pkg. 48-65c; Velveeta cheese 2 lb. 79c.

20 YEARS AGO - JULY 28, 1966

Sister Mary Florita was named president of College Misericordia. She replaced Sister Miriam O'Donnell who had been named Assistant Mother Provincial of the Scranton Province.

Jeanne Kern, Lake-Lehman High School graduate, arrived in Sydney, Australia for her year as a Rotary Exchange Student. Locally, Yoicki Wakabayashi from Japan, a 16-year-old boy, had arrived to spend a year at Dallas High School.

Engaged - Bonnie Lee Updyke and Roy Barry Weldon.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Minor, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. George Trudgeon, 47 years; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gordon, 21 years; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Girvan, 57 years; Mr. and Mrs. James LaBar, 15 years; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hudak, 5 years.

Deaths - Mabel Yaple Itrich, Pasadena, Calif.; Dorothy Haddle, Kunkle; Mrs. Fanny Jane Jackson, Harveys Lake; John Nothoff, Shavertown; Elizabeth Sorber, Huntsville Road.

You could get - Swiss steaks 79c lb.; pork chops 89c lb.; seedless grapes 2 lb. 39c; Bartlett pears 3 lb. 49c; peaches 3 lb. 49c; mild cheese 65c lb.; Ocean Spray cranberry cocktail 49c qt.; sweet pickles 1 1/2 qt. jar 69c; Harris white crab meat 6 1/2 oz. can 65c.

10 YEARS AGO - JULY 29, 1976

Dallas Area Fall Fair Inc. gathered 200 persons to work on various committees for the Luzerne County Fair. Ray Hillman of Lake Silkworth was Fair Chairman.

Thomas R. Robinson of Dallas was re-elected for a third term as president of the Alcoholism Council of Luzerne County. Under his past tenure the Council had established two treatment facilities; the Wyoming Valley Center on Alcohol Abuse and Linc One, the council's detoxification unit.

Engaged - Elaine Kopeza and John Weaver; Dorothy Johnson and Jan S. Valick.

Married - Robin Eneboe and Robert Rogers; Cheryl Boeshore and Keith DeVincentis.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Bergstrasser, 40 years.

Deaths - George Steltz, Sweet Valley; Shirley Duffy, Shavertown; Oliver M. Pheby, Shavertown; Nancy Schmidle, Trucksville; Kathryn Davis, Dallas; Walter Wolfe, Meeker; Ella Hoover, Trucksville.

You could get - Ground 99c lb.; smoked bacon \$1.59 lb.; Shurfine frozen orange juice 4-\$1; green beans 4 cans \$1; corn 16 oz. cans 4-\$1; oranges 10-99c; tomatoes 3 cello pkgs. \$1; blueberries 59c. pt.

Library news

By **NANCY KOZEMCHAK**
Library Correspondent

Another Auction week has come and gone and the Back Mountain Memorial Library staff and board members are indeed grateful to the many volunteers who contributed their time and energy to make this 40th annual auction the best ever.

Which, indeed, it was; with the gross amount reaching \$71,000. After all the expenses are taken care of, the net profit should be around \$50,000, which is just about one third of the annual operating budget for 1986.

The antiques, new goods, used goods, odds and ends, books, and refreshment stands proved to be very popular as usual and the new features, such as baked goods, fruit stand, auction shirts, pizza, lemonade and children's activities were very well received. The ice cream truck and the funnel cakes had waiting lines most of the time.

The S-10 Blazer chances sold enough to reap a profit of \$2,800 for the library and was won by Francis McManus of RD 4, Dallas. The antique chance winners were: the oak table, Alice Niskey of Dallas and the antique lamp, Florence Koehl, also of Dallas.

The new auction block, antiques room and new goods room were just super and were admired by most of the auction goers. The auctioneers, the spotters, the block worker, the runners and the financiers were kept busy most of the time. A sincere thank you to the generous workers and supporters of the auction, which in turn helps to support the library. And now on to 1987 and No. 41.

The Dallas Soccer Club, with Sandy Richardson in charge, met in the reading room of the library with the parents for sign up, information, rules, insurance and notaries. There were about 50 people in all and the room seemed adequate for their needs and within an hour, they completed their business and were gone. We're glad we were able to be of service to another community service organization.

We have just received a beautiful 44 x 96 library table for the reference room with a practical construction top of durable plastic laminate in medium brown oak wood grain finish. This table was ordered from Texwood Furniture Corp. of Austin, Texas and is a memorial to Rosanne Bennett Harvey, given by her daughter, Polly Wielage.

While attending the American Library Association conference in New York City, I was asked to fill out a card at the local association booth with the name and address of our library and then they would send a donation in our name to the Statue of Liberty fund. I did and received a lovely large poster depicting the Statue on its pedestal surrounded by American flags and ships and people. This is a very meaningful poster and is hanging on the bulletin board in 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.

HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS - Lt. Gov. William Scranton this week called for the state Legislature to reconvene as soon as possible to free some \$28 million in funds allocated for Pennsylvania's human service programs. The money is included in the 1986-87 state budget, but a provision in the budget prohibits its distribution until Dec. 1. In order to release the money immediately and keep human service programs operating at full capacity, both chambers of the General Assembly must pass a measure freeing the funds which must then be signed by the governor. The Legislature is not scheduled to return to session until Sept. 22. Senate leaders have indicated a willingness to meet in a special session; however, House Democratic leaders have refused to agree to reconvene.

CAPITOL EXPANSION PROJECT - The actions of the Democratic-controlled House committee investigating the \$117 million expansion of the state Capitol came under attack by the panel's Republican chairman this week. Rep. Jeffrey E. Piccola (R-Dauphin) charged that the investigation is politically motivated and is going ahead without regard for House rules governing procedure. In a letter to the committee's Democratic chairman, Piccola said the "investigation continues only for partisan political advantage and to unfairly, through innuendo, question the integrity of public officials...who have performed in a manner above repute."

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

Letters

Great American Festival committee members grateful

DEAR EDITOR:

Thank you for the excellent promotional and news coverage that

The Dallas Post provided for The Great American Festival.

The tremendous community response and record crowds on the July 4 weekend were due in a large

part to the efforts of local media in disseminating Festival information

to the public:

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you

again for The Great American Festival - 1987.

KIM E. MICHELSTEIN
ACTING PRESIDENT
GREATER WILKES-BARRE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
and
RONALD D. ERTLEY

CHAIRMAN
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
and
GARY BOAM
VICE CHAIRMAN
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Lehman class of 1936 members loved reunion photograph

DEAR EDITOR:

What a pleasant surprise it was to open our June 25th edition of The Dallas Post and see a colored picture of our 50th Lehman High School Class Reunion on the front page.

We were all overjoyed at the excellent publicity it gave us. We were especially grateful to you for sending such a congenial photographer to take our pictures the evening of the reunion.

Because of your efforts, the mem-

bers will now have beautiful souvenir pictures of the special occasion since they are ordering pictures in

addition to the newspaper copies. Thank you again for your interest and kindness. It was deeply appre-

ciated by all of us.

GRATEFULLY,
LEHMAN CLASS OF 1936

Anniversary couple liked unique photo idea

DEAR EDITOR:

We were very pleased with the pictures that you published in the June 25 issue of The Dallas Post, concerning our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We had never seen the

"before" and "after" pictures used, and we thought it as an excellent idea.

We had many people mention about the unique way you published it and we know that many extra

papers were sold because of the pictures and the write up.

Thank you very much.
MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH A. ELLSWORTH
LEHMAN, PA.

Library thankful for auction coverage

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the library staff and board members, I want to thank you very much for the excellent

coverage and cooperation you gave to the 40th annual library auction.

I am sure this coverage, making the people aware of what we were

doing, helped to make the 1986 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction so successful.

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