

Commentary

Editor's notes

THE STAFF OF OUR SISTER PAPER, the Abington Journal, sure was busy this weekend and late into Monday night as people in the the Nicholson area tried to track down a tiger on the loose.

The Journal staff, a rather dedicated group of young people, managed to put together a pretty unique story on the tiger chase as the typesetter in the office found a very different angle on the story. As the author of a weekly remembering column in that paper, Debbie Stanley noticed that 20 years ago people in the same area were stalking a mountain lion which was leaving, in its path, dead sheep, rabbits, etc.

As reporter Jane Rosenbarger hunted the tiger, along with State Police and county game wardens Monday night, the story managed to unfold and the Journal provided its readers with a rather interesting story.

The funny thing about it is that Journal editor, Becky Whitman, is on vacation this week and missed the whole thing. Somehow, though, news of the tiger made its way to wherever Becky is vacationing and she called her office just to make sure her staff was on top of things. Being informed the staff was searching for the tiger right along with the authorities, Becky felt safe, knowing the Journal would have the story. Sure she felt safe - she was out of the area and out of danger of the tiger. She had nothing to worry about.

But, what about the people who were told to stay indoors - in the event this tiger decided to take charge? And, how about the poor Girl Scouts who were away at camp and had to huddle together in one building so as not to be outside in tents in case the tiger decided to pay them a visit?

Anyway, a tip of the hat to the Journal staff - to Debbie Stanley for making a great substitute editor, to Jane Rosenbarger for working late into the night to get the story, and to Becky Whitman for not being able to leave her job even when she's on a much-deserved vacation.

It sure makes my job easier knowing we have people like these people on our side.

AND, SPEAKING OF Jane Rosenbarger, she is the same Jane Renn I wrote about not too long ago. Jane, who recently took charge of our darkroom work, was Jane Renn when she came to work for us a few months ago. She is now Jane Rosenbarger, having married her high school sweetheart, Don Rosenbarger, a few weeks ago.

Jane and Don, who are both originally from Kentucky, made the trip home and have a beautiful garden wedding from what we've been told - and the pictures prove it.

Jane must have done something right since her wedding ceremony was scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and, after a torrential downpour at 5:15 p.m., the skies cleared up and the sun came out just in time for everything to go as planned. I think somebody up there likes you, Jane.

Anyway, congratulations to Jane and Don and the best of luck to both of you as you begin your new life together.

WHILE WE'RE TOOTING OUR OWN HORN, I'd also like to wish a big happy birthday to Wendy Martin, a member of The Dallas Post staff.

Wendy, a member of our telephone sales department, celebrated her special day on July 24. Wendy lives at Harveys Lake with her husband and her daughter and no, she and I are not related. Happy birthday, Wendy!

WHILE WE'RE HANDING OUT BIRTHDAY WISHES, a great big one goes out to Raymond Strazdus

who celebrated his birthday on July 26.

Raymond lives at RD 3 Dallas with his wife, Barbara and his children, Ray Jr., Greg and Paul.

AND, A GREAT BIG HAPPY 50TH to Richard Strazdus, who celebrated his birthday on July 27.

Richard, whose wife's name is also Barbara, resides at RD 3 Dallas with his wife and children, Steve and Heidi.

Rumor has it Richard tried to escort in the big 5-0 in a rather quite manner so no one would know, but I found out and am doing everything in my power by writing about it to tell everybody that Richard Strazdus is 50 years old. Can you believe it?

Hope you had a good one, Richard!

A GREAT BIG WELCOME to our new next door neighbors, AAA.

The travel agency, which has relocated to the former Kasarda's Florist location in the 309-415 Plaza, is now open for business in the plaza, effective Monday of this week.

In order to acquaint people to their new location, the agency is offering some special discounts to anyone who enrolls with them at their new location.

AAA moved from a trailer on Route 415, Dallas, where they have been housed for approximately one year. Why not stop in and say hello to our new neighbors? I'm sure you'll find their new office to be rather nice and you'll probably find the savings on memberships to be even more to your liking.

ALSO IN THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY COLUMN is Mike Danowski, another member of The Dallas Post family, who celebrated his birthday on July 25.

Mike, a resident of Wilkes-Barre, is an account executive for The Dallas Post.

AN OLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY INVITATION was brought to my attention some time ago and I thought some of my readers might enjoy reading it.

It is an invitation for an Open House celebration in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of a couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Anstett who resided on Old River Road in Wilkes-Barre.

The invitation reads like this: On February Twenty-Seven We reach that blissful part of Heaven

When we must mark by friendly rites

The tie that blesses and unites. The time: 8:30 on the line. The year is Nineteen Forty-Nine. The place: our lovable abode, 274 Old River Road.

The fact of which you're conscious, very.

Is, we reside in old Wilkes-Barre.

We'll be, each one, a right good feller

And gather round in the rathskeller

With punch and pie and pun and pone

Right there where all's our very own.

We'll turn the time into a fun-day. A holiday for sure, it's Sunday.

Come share our bliss and our delight

The precious moments of that night.

There'll be a buffet lunch, good cheer

And all that goes with pop and beer.

We'll talk, we'll laugh, we'll reminisce

On what is that and what is this.

On what is good and what is prime.

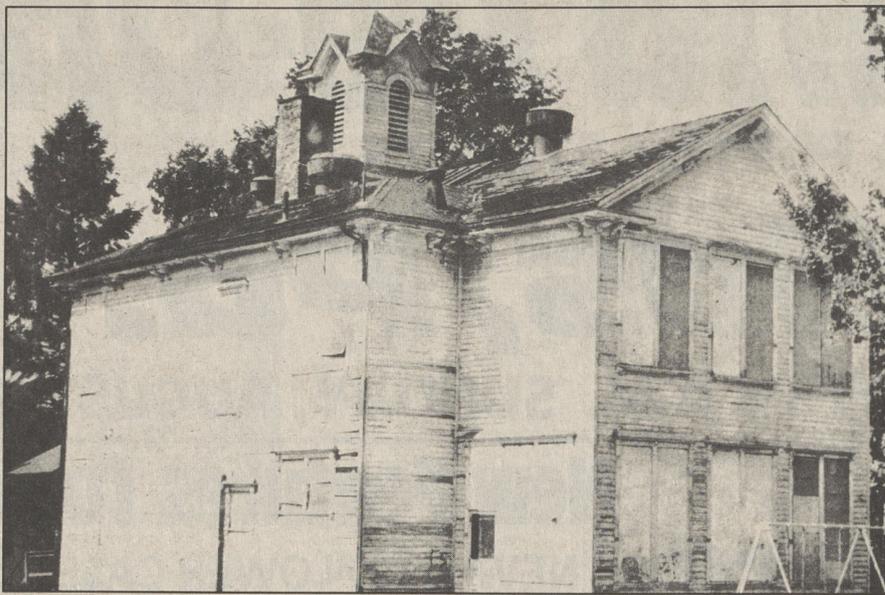
We'll have one heck of a good time.

Take off your gloves. Come on, shake mitts

With YOU KNOW WHO - it's MARGE AND FRITZ.

Rather clever, wouldn't you agree?

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



REMEMBERING

Former school

Shown here is the former Dallas school. This building housed students of all ages and all grades until another building was constructed for students of high school age. At that time, this building became the grade school of the Dallas School District.

Only yesterday

Kiwanis Club carnival raises \$500 for benefit of children

50 YEARS AGO - JULY 31, 1936

The Kiwanis Club of Mt. Greenwood sponsored a gala carnival on the athletic field of Kingston Township High School to raise \$500 which was used to finance the club's work in behalf of underprivileged children in this area. Maurice Chait was committee chairman; Dave Joseph was co-chairman.

Donald Kester, a faculty member and athletic coach at Dallas Township High School left his position to join a school in Belleville. Kester was a vocational teacher.

Many area parents entered their babies in the Dallas Post's most beautiful baby contest. To date 60 babies were entered. Leading the contest were Jane Whipple, Eugene Brobst and Richard Lavelle.

Engaged - D. Virginia Fuller and Bruce Renard.

Married - Doris Hoyt and Russell Newell; Jeanne Appleton and John Stephanson.

Deaths - Jane A. Brundle, Trucksville; Robert D. Major, Lehman.

You could get - Chickens 29c lb.; chuck roast 18c lb.; shoulder lamb 25c lb.; sweet potatoes 4 lb. 25c; celery hearts 2 bunches 15c; butter 2 lb. 75c; Hires Root Beer 3 lg. bottles 25c; ginger snaps 2 lb. 19c; sugar 10 lb. 49c; tuna fish 2 cans 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - AUG. 2, 1946

Dr. Z.L. Smith donated a plot of ground between the hard-top road and the old dirt road in front of the Jackson Methodist Church to the church. The land was to be cleared and improved for lawn socials and other activities. Plans were also made to build a new foundation with a basement to be used for Sunday School classes and social affairs. A kitchen and heating plant would also be added. Mrs. Mary Ashton was Building Committee Treasurer.

A large barn on the farm of W.L. Lemon at Carverton burned to the ground during a violent storm after it was struck by a bolt of lightning. An automobile and a crop of hay were destroyed.

Dallas Borough Board of Health heard complaints against open sewage running in the streets. Problem areas were located on Huntsville Road, Lehman Avenue and Main and Orchard Streets.

Engaged - Irene Messick to Arthur Parrish; Virginia Harding to Martin Beberus.

You could get - Plums 19c lb.; tomatoes 19c lb.; carrots 2 bunches 17c; tea packs 48-37c; eggs 58c doz.; butter 73c lb.; orange juice 46 oz. can 43c; Knox gelatin 19c pkg.; peanut butter 30c lb.; scrub brushes 15c ea.

30 YEARS AGO - AUG. 3, 1956

Richard J. Griffith, Main Street, Trucksville was appointed new Trucksville Postmaster. Griffith filled the vacancy left by the death of former postmaster William Evans.

The grounds for the former Frank McGarry home were being prepared for the addition of a \$200,000 structure to Gate of Heaven School, Machell Avenue. Plans included eight class rooms, an auditorium and gymnasium, and a modern kitchen. Rev. Francis A. Kane was pastor of the church and school.

Engaged - Loraine Keller and Frank Prutzman; Eleanor Louise Ide and Wilson L. Cease; Hildegard Ickinger to Clifford Wolfe.

Married - Audrey Harris and Michael Joseph Tomshaw; Barbara Lewin and Lance Walker.

Deaths - David Ide, Idetown; Edward Weis, Machell Avenue.

You could get - Veal chops 59c lb.; smoked ham hocks 23c lb.; ducklings 49c lb.; seedless grapes 19c lb.; Bartlett pears 19c lb.; whole wheat bread 2 lg. loaves 29c; 2 cans Spam 69c.

20 YEARS AGO - AUG. 4, 1966

Mrs. Martin Davern, four year employee at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, was named librarian by the board of directors. Mrs. Davern filled the vacancy left by the retirement of Mrs. Richard Dale.

Despite the driest June on record, followed by a sizzling July, Dallas and its surround areas suffered no water shortage.

Dot Gilbert, missionary in the Congo, reported in a letter to her father, Rev. Charles Gilbert, the unrest in Stanleyville did not affect her. However, marshall law was in effect in many areas.

Engaged - Beverly Jean Bonning and John Bunney; Donna Gregory and Robert Andrews; Marie Kominski and Albert Cigarski.

Married - Emma Eliabeth Engler and Lincoln McCausland Lang.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. George Dendler, 62 years; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ratcliffe, 26 years; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bennett, 51 years.

Deaths - Michael Barney, Harveys Lake; Amelia N. Booth, West Wyoming; Nellie Kessler, Orange; Virgie Wolfe, Loyalville.

You could get - Chickens 29c lb.; clams 4c ea.; pork loins 79c ea.; potatoes, 20 lb. bag 99c; cherries 49c lb.; tomatoes 19c cello pkg.; Eight O'Clock Coffee, 3 lb. \$1.79; Ragu spaghetti sauce 75c qt. Cascade 1 lb. 4 oz. pkg. 45c; Spic and Span lb. 27c.

10 YEARS AGO - AUG. 5, 1976

Two American Legion delegates from Dallas were feeling fine when they were contacted following their attendance of a convention at Philadelphia. Ed Buckley and Thomas E. Reese escaped the mysterious illness that caused deaths among Legionnaires attending the convention. State health officials had not identified the disease.

Sister Stella Maria Ozimkowski, RSM, was named administrator of Mercy Center Kindergarten and Pre-School Center.

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Library news

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

There are two very prestigious women in the Back Mountain Area who deserve a rousing standing ovation from the staff and board of directors of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. These women are, needless to say, Florence Crump and Gertrude Moss.

Mrs. Crump's Book Booth has been a part of the library auction for the 40 years it has been in existence and not too many years ago, a large wooden sign was made stating that fact. This sign is still used each year in the book booth. Books and everything about them hold a high priority in this lady's life and the library itself is probably one of her most favorite subjects.

She was the children's librarian when my children were growing up and she was just great with them and all the children who came into the library. She, also, is the person who said to me 19 years ago, we need someone to work at the library in the children's department, are you interested? I wasn't at first, she convinced me to give it a try, I did and I'm still interested after all this time.

She has been president of the library Book Club for many years and is still its strong pillar. She has been attending library board meetings for the past twenty years, at least. Her home on Yeager Avenue reflects her great interest in books, books, books! Almost every inch of space houses a particular book that she just cannot discard because she may be looking for it tomorrow. I cherish my friendship with this super lady.

Mrs. Moss lives on Carverton Road in Trucksville and took over the Library Auction 'Ham 'n Yeggs Club' when her husband, Bill, passed away.

Mrs. T.N.B. Hicks and Bill Moss founded this club many years ago as an added money-making project of the auction when each bidder was asked to contribute a \$10.00 donation and buy a ham which was given by a local grocer. Through the years, the ham idea gave way to an annual letter being sent to a special list of names, wherein a request for a \$25.00 donation was made.

Mrs. Moss is a very gracious lady and each year for the last six years, I have taken the letter written by the auction chairman along with envelopes to her home where she addresses these envelopes, mails them and keeps accurate records of everything she does. The 1986 Ham 'n Yeggs netted for the library close to \$3,000, which is a part of the auction profit. I look forward to my visits with this grand lady each year.

Whether you're an active participant or an appreciative spectator, you'll enjoy summer sports more if you read up on the techniques in books from the library. Give us a try!

(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 FUNDING - Speculation that the General Assembly could be recalled into special session to free some \$28 million in funding for Pennsylvania's human service programs continued in Harrisburg this week. The money, included in the 1986-87 state budget, is to be used on the county level primarily for programs for the mentally and physically disabled and the needy. However, a provision in the budget, prohibits the distribution of the money until Dec. 1. In order to release the money sooner and keep human service programs operating at full efficiency, both the House and Senate must convene in special sessions and pass a measure freeing the funds. That legislation must then be signed by the governor. The Legislature is not scheduled to return to session until Sept. 22.

EDUCATION FUNDING - Another effort may be made this fall to redistribute \$130 million in educational subsidies currently allotted to the city of Philadelphia, according to Rep. Stephen F. Freind (R-Delaware). During recent budget deliberations, Freind introduced an unsuccessful measure to remove the funds from Philadelphia's allocation and redistribute the funds to the state's 500 other school districts. The measure is needed, Freind contends, to restore equity to education funding. He said Philadelphia has been receiving additional funding for the past two years under a special plan designed to provide only temporary assistance.

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

Opinion

Insurance industry still raging over rates

The controversy between women's rights advocates and the insurance industry about the rating of auto insurance is not over yet. The arguments revolve around whether or not rates should be equal for both men and women drivers, mostly between the ages of 18 and 25.

Traditionally, these rates have been much higher for young men

causing some young men and women's rights advocates to cry discrimination. Insurers, however, point to statistics they say prove young male drivers have a significantly higher number of accidents. In many states, the issue is still up for grabs.

In the midst of all this, the rate-paying public is left greatly con-

fused or mostly unaware of how the final outcome will affect their pocketbooks.

The Pennsylvania-based Harleysville Insurance Companies believe it's time the public was given a fair, easy-to-understand and impartial explanation of what this tug-of-war really means to them.

Young drivers and their parents (who often pay for the coverage) are the ones who will be affected and the ones who ought to be heard from the loudest. But they can't have their say if they aren't fully informed on the pros and cons of the whole issue.

There have been, and continue to be, hearings on the subject in many state legislatures. Insurance industry advocates at these hearings contend that unisex rating would force some consumers to subsidize the insurance costs of others. In

plain language, rates for young male drivers would go down and rates for young women would go up to make up the difference in the risk for insurers.

The insurance companies say you can't argue with statistics. They point to statistics, carefully compiled over a number of years, and argue they prove conclusively that young men have many more accidents than their female counterparts. Removing gender as a rate basis, they say, would be patently unfair and wholly contrary to the basic concept of insurance: the spreading of cost over a specific risk factor common to many insureds.

Of course, the companies look at many factors when setting rates. Where the driver lives (is the traffic heavier there), vehicle type, mileage, age, individual driving experi-

ence, marital status (married drivers have a better safety record, they say) and other more technical factors are all taken into consideration when issuing new or renewing existing coverage. The elimination of any one of these factors, companies assert, would restrict competitive rate-setting among insurers to the obvious detriment of the buying public.

Worse yet, they submit, would be a longer-range effect on young male drivers. Since the leveling effect of unisex rating would make them much higher risks, auto insurance might become difficult for them to obtain. Unisex, the insurers insist, would be a no-win for everybody concerned.

So how can you argue with all those big guns? Women's rights advocates have brought up their own artillery.

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