

Commentary

Editor's notes

THE CASE OF THE MISSING GOLF SHOES has been solved - Finally!

Helen Thomas of Oak Hill says she has lost more things by placing them on top of her car and then driving away and forgetting they're there - and the golf shoes were no exception.

After finishing a round of golf at the Lehman Golf Course one day where she and her husband, Harold, are members, Helen placed the shoes on top of the car while she loaded her clubs in the trunk. And, you guessed it - she forgot about the shoes and drove away, only to have them land on the pavement as she sped away.

A kind sole (again, no pun intended) saw the shoes fall off her car and decided to bring them to our office in hopes that we might be able to locate their owner.

And locate her we did - we ran a classified ad in the Lost and Found section and I mentioned the dilemma in my column one week. And, lo and behold, one of Mrs. Thomas' friends saw the ad in our paper and called her to tell her about the shoes.

The friend should have been a little quicker, though, and Mrs. Thomas had already gone out and purchased a new pair of golf shoes. She admitted to us, however, that the new ones just didn't fit right and she was absolutely thrilled to get her old ones back.

Mrs. Thomas was just as lucky with an umbrella that she placed on top of her car and drove away without one day. Her neighbor happened to be driving behind her, saw the umbrella roll off the car, picked it up and simply drove up behind her as she pulled into her driveway that night.

She wasn't so fortunate, however, when she left a small purse on top of her car one day.

Mrs. Thomas would like to thank the gentleman who thought enough to attempt to return the golf shoes to their owner - she's absolutely thrilled to have them back and, something tells me, her golf game is going to improve now, too.

And - if you ever see something falling off the top of a car, keep Mrs. Thomas in mind. She claims she's notorious for doing things like that and feels the golf shoes won't be the last thing she'll leave on top of her car.

WHILE AT OUR OFFICE, Mrs. Thomas told us an interesting story about a golf trip she and her husband were enjoying in Clearwater, Florida.

While visiting Mrs. Thomas' sister, Lana Burnstock and her husband, Jack, in Clearwater, Florida, the foursome were enjoying a day on the golf course one day and managed to run into some former Back Mountain resident, Ann and John Walsh.

Not knowing that the Walshes were in Clearwater at the time and not even knowing they were golfers, the Thomas couple was flabbergasted to meet them on the golf course.

Sounds like it was a pretty happy reunion, though. Wonder how much golfing the group got in that day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out to Cornelia Davis of Murray Street in Forty Fort who will celebrate her special day on August 9.

Miss Davis, a lifelong resident of Forty Fort, is a former school teacher in the Dallas School District.

An avid reader of The Dallas Post and a personal friend of mine, Miss Davis deserves to have the happiest birthday a person can possibly have.

Cheers to you, Miss Davis!

ANOTHER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION in the Sheehan

Family as Lynn Sheehan, Sr. noted his birthday yesterday, August 5.

A resident of Huntsville Road, Dallas, Lynn is employed by AT&T Communications and is a member of the Dallas Fire and Ambulance, Inc.

Happy birthday, Lynn - how many more years before YOU hit the big 5-0?

BIRTHDAY WISHES to two of our own staff members as Jane Cummings celebrates her special day tomorrow, August 7, and John Hoinski notes his birthday on Sunday, August 10.

Jane, a resident of Dallas, is employed as an advertising representative for our sister publication, the Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal, while John, of Plains, is a staff writer for The Dallas Post.

Something tells me we'll be eating birthday cake in the office this week.

Happy birthday to both of you.

RUBIN (you remember that devilish little kitten that has managed to make his way into my home as well as into my heart) had his first check-up with the veterinarian since the day the doctor gave him a second chance at life.

And, Dr. Rubin (the cat's namesake, if you will) feels the feline is doing very well. The bones in his back legs that were crushed by that car a month ago are calcifying very well and the cat now allows nothing to stand in his way.

Rubin, for as small as he is - if he weighs three pounds now, he's pushing it - isn't even afraid of the dog, who tips the scale at around 40 pounds. As Sport (the dog) lays on the floor, sound asleep and minding her own business, this sneaky little cat crawls right up to her and prepares for attack. After analyzing the situation and making the sure the cat is totally unaware of his existence, he lashes out and punches the dog in the stomach - with a paw so small it probably wouldn't even knock out a fly.

But, by doing so, the cat feels like he's in control of the environment - an environment the dog has mastered for several years now.

The cat is learning how to make himself right at home these days. He's not afraid of us anymore and he's come to realize that when the blue bowl comes out of the cupboard, he's going to get fed.

He has also learned how to jump up on my bed and make his way to the window sill to watch the birds in the next door neighbor's yard. The only problem I have with this action is that I have a waterbed and I'm afraid some night I'm going to be sleeping with a slow leak and not know it until I wake up and find myself lying on a completely empty waterbed while the rest of my bedroom furniture is floating.

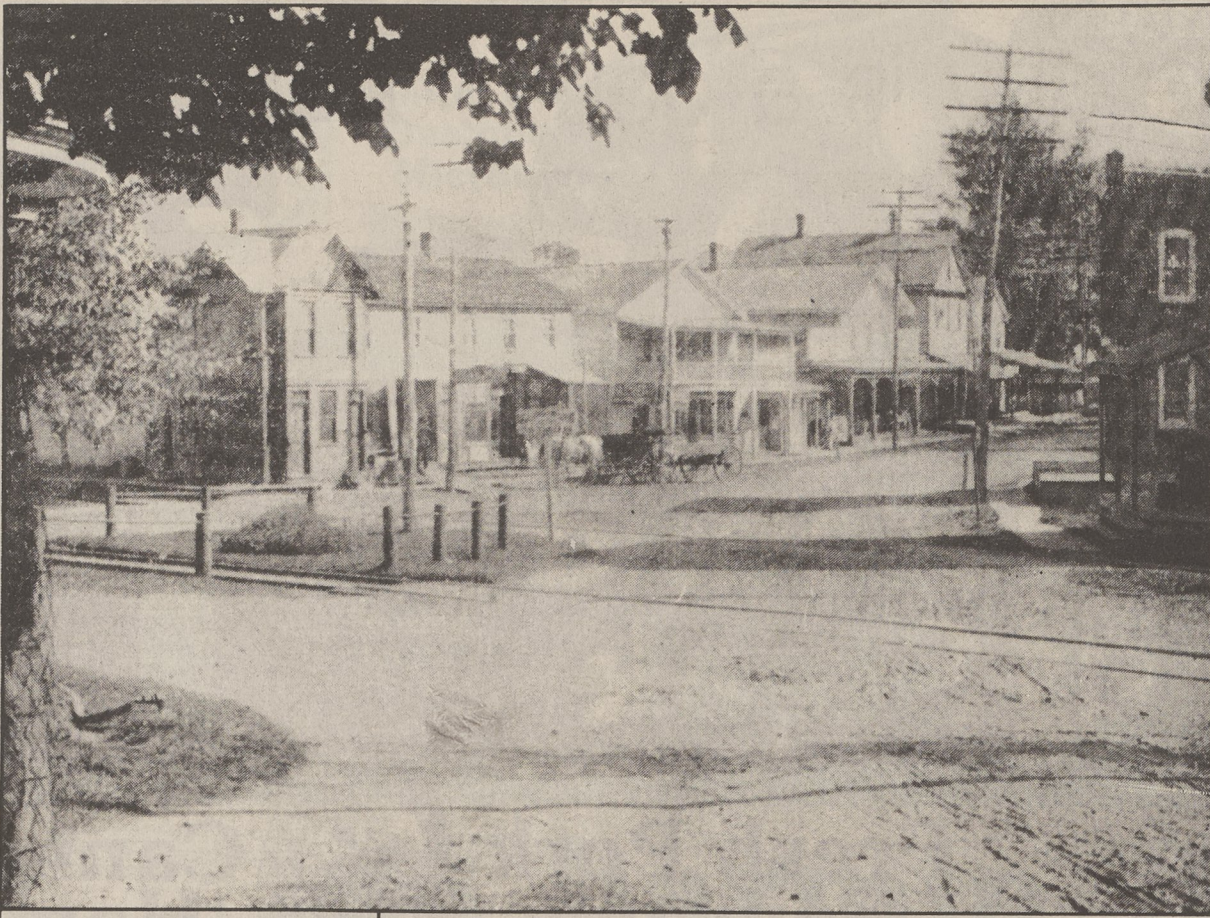
Rubin is also going to be taking organ lessons soon. My stepsister, Susan, awoke one day to find the cat sound asleep on the lower keyboard of the organ in the livingroom. So, what the heck, if he's going to lay there, he may as well learn how to play the darn thing.

Needless to say, things around the house have not been boring since Rubin came to stay. He keeps us on our toes and we never know what he's going to get into next.

The problem is that even before Rubin's arrival, my stepsister promised a friend of hers that we would dogsit her three-year-old Basset Hound while she and her family went to Florida for a week. So, you guessed it - Abby the basset hound will be staying with us next week - in addition to Rubin and Sport who still don't know whose supposed to be in charge.

If you see my office light on late into the night any day next week, you'll know the animals have taken over completely and I've completely lost my sanity.

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Remembering

Main Street

Shown here is an old view of Main Street, looking from Lake Street across the "Y" which shows how much central Dallas has changed. Parking places were plentiful and traffic jams were a long way off at the time of this photo.

Only yesterday

Women's group supports forbidding of liquor in some Back Mountain areas

50 YEARS AGO - AUG. 7, 1936

Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union encouraged the option of forbidding liquor in the municipalities of Dallas Borough and Kingston. The question would be placed on the ballot in November.

Noxen was one of the few communities in Pennsylvania and probably the only one in Northeastern Pennsylvania where Daylight saving time was being observed.

Ronald Doll, former principal of Dallas Borough School, joined the English Department of Dallas Township High School.

Engaged - Catherine McKown and S.H. Hemenway. Deaths - Josephine L. Venit, Demund's Road; Mrs. Elmer Parrish, Dallas; Christopher Peter Houghtaling, Dallas.

You could get - Red Salmon tall can 20c; tuna fish 2 cans 29c; lemons 29c doz.; onions 10 lb. bag 29c; 2 lb. jar peanut butter 25c; corn 25c doz. ears; tomatoes 2 lb. 13c; tub butter 2 lb. 77c; cheese 21c lb.; ground beef 2 lb. 33c; chuck roast 11c lb.

40 YEARS AGO - AUG. 9, 1946

Bulldozers of the Sordoni Construction Company began excavation for the foundation of Natona Mills, a subsidiary of Native Lace and Textiles Inc.

First National Bank of Dallas was awarded a bond issue in the amount of \$125,000. Proceeds were used to remodel Coughlin High School and to make extensive improvements to school property. The securities carried a 1 1/4 percent interest rate.

Engaged - Wanda Shabelski and Harry Phelps Carey; Frances Mary Rowlands and Irvin Miller; Laura Rothery and Richard Kutz; Bettie Welsh and P. William Hanna, Jr.; Margaret Louise Swartz and Elwood Earl Dungey.

Married - Janice Ruggles and Lawrence Drabick; Irene Banks and Arthur G. Parrish; Delores Updyke and George Hackling.

You could get - Peaches 3 lb. 29c; green beans 2 lb. 19c; tomatoes 19c lb.; cod fillet 35c lb.; 1 lb. jar peanut butter 30c; Nabisco Premium crackers 11c pkg.; red plums 19c lb.; cider vinegar 17c qt.; Hire's Root Beer Extracts 24c bottle.

30 YEARS AGO - AUG. 10, 1956

Demolition of the double-planked nine room house formerly occupied by the McGarry family was started. John Parrish of Carverton had the demolition contract. This would be the site of the new addition to Gate of Heaven School. Rev. Francis A. Kane was church pastor.

A Barn Clearance sale was held at Riskey's Barn to sell the remaining items not sold at this year's annual Library Auction. Harry Ohlman served as auctioneer.

Engaged - Alice Lucille Ochs and Gerald Carl Gruver.

Married - Lois Anne Klein and Bernhard C. Siepmann; Dorothy Kolesar and Emerson Veitch.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. John Breza, 50 years.

Deaths - Fred Doberstein, Sweet Valley; Amos Daniel Bonhan, Oakdale; Frances Dunn, Bloomingdale.

You could get - Standing rib roast 49c lb.; fryers 39c lb.; boiled ham 98c lb.; seedless grapes 19c lb.; Bartlett pears 2 lb. 29c; yams 2 lb. 25c; sweet corn 49c doz.; lemons 39c doz.; Keeble's Chocolate Fudge Sandwich 45c lb. pkg.

20 YEARS AGO - AUG. 11, 1966

Milton Evans, newly appointed school director was sworn into office at a meeting of the Dallas School Board. In other business, teachers appointed were Mrs. Janet Harris, Charles Preece, Eugene Howantiz, Albert Henning, Philip Zachary and Mrs. Joseph Gries.

Two cows belonging to Franklin Patton, Noxen, were struck by lightning. The animals were valued at over \$500.

Married - Ruthellen Hammond and Theodore T. Rebnack; Pamela Ann Mosher and Paul V. Sherman.

Engaged - Sheila Ann Rinehimer and Robert A. Steele.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tinsley, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hudak, 21 years; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Saunders, 8 years; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hunter, 14 years; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scutt, 11 years; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Swelgin, 16 years.

Deaths - Howard H. Woolbert, Trucksville; Marie J. Rydd, Kunkle; Otis Allen, Harveys Lake.

You could get - Smoked hams 49c lb.; boneless chuck 59c lb.; sea scallops 5 lb. box \$2.85; seedless grapes 19c lb.; cantaloupes 39c ea.; Bartlett pears 3 lb. 49c; cottage cheese 1 lb. 29c; Dial soap 2 bars 33c; Chase & Sanborne coffee 81c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - AUG. 12, 1976

A bid of \$102,000 was submitted for the Shavertown Elementary School building. William Powell, Hickory Hills, Dallas, submitted the bid.

Jonathan R. Davis Volunteer Fire Company Horse Show featured 51 classes. Mr. George Taylor of Debbie Sue Manor, Idetown presented a special display of beautifully restored carriages. One sleigh dated back to 1790.

Engaged - Patricia Lee Parrish and Clark George Sweiter.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Sherry Nulton, 25 years.

Deaths - Theodore Hall, Pittsfield, Mass.; Gertrude Weaver, Shavertown; Albert Hontz, Scranton; Joseph James, Hunlock Creek; Charles Yakus, Trucksville.

You could get - Prok chops \$1.49 lb.; bacon \$1.39 lb.; kidney beans 4-81; toilet tissue 4 roll pkg. 79c; cantaloup 2-99c; carrots 2 lb. 35c; men's sport coats \$12.

Library news

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

"The last bears of summer" is what our display case in the office area seems to be filled with. Dawn Hand of Lehman Avenue, Dallas, has loaned us her Care Bears for the month of August which, sad to say, is the last official month of summer. I understand there are only 16 different Care Bears manufactured and Dawn owns one of each and has allowed us to borrow all 16 of them.

On a small pedestal in the center of the case is Grams Bear and by her side are girl Baby Hugs a Lot and boy Baby Tugs a Lot. Other bears on display include Champ Bear, Funshine Bear, Birthday Bear, Grumpy Bear, Love a Lot Bear, Friend Bear, Good Luck Bear, Tenderheart Bear, Bedtime Bear, Wish Bear (a favorite), Share Bear (with an ice cream soda belly), Secret Bear (the only talking one who says, "Do you have a secret? I promise I won't tell") and her very first Care Bear, Cheer Bear who has been with her for five years. This bear has been washed three times, mother tells me it should be washed and dried in a pillow case.

You can tell a real care bear by the hearts on the feet, a nose which is a heart and a heart on the lower back. Also, the belly design designates the name of the bear.

Dawn is 10 years old and will enter sixth grade at the Dallas Junior High building in the Fall. Included with the display is a new poetry book titled Month by Month written by Bobbi Katz about Care Bears.

In conjunction with this Care Bear display, we are sponsoring a contest. Vote for your favorite Care Bear. There will be applications available at the display and a can to drop your choice in. The display will be at the library until August 27 and the contest will run until then.

Each contestant may choose one favorite bear and we need the person's name, address and phone number. The Bear that receives the most votes will be the winner and entrants who voted for him will receive a special prize. The contest will be open to children in the Back Mountain area up to 12 years of age.

I have returned to my desk after a week's vacation. A very relaxing week; coffee and enjoyment in the mornings, sunshine and swimming in the afternoons and some catching up at the library in the evenings.

I managed to read a book during the week, the first complete book I've read this year, which is nothing to brag about. I have a candy dish filled with hard candy on my desk and the one night when I dropped in, I thought someone was enjoying the candy.

The next night, the dish was almost empty and a note was in the dish. "Kevin was here. (2 days in a row)." Kevin is a neat little boy who has been visiting us at the library for a few years and asks for me by saying, "Where's the Candy Lady?" His visits are the highlight of many of our days.

I have some adult visitors who also enjoy the candy and most of them look for their favorites such as John likes the peppermints, Glenn has to have root beer and Bob prefer the anise. Then we have Mrs. Crump who likes butterscotch. These visitors add the fun and pleasure which make a hectic day seem more enjoyable.

(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.

SPECIAL SESSION - The House and Senate met in special sessions this week to act on legislation to release \$28 million in funding for human service programs across the Commonwealth. The bill repeals language in the state budget which blocked the release of the money until De. 1. However, before the House approved the measure Democrats added an additional \$7.2 million in social service expenditures. The Senate then passed the legislation and sent it to the governor for his signature. The governor is expected to blue line or veto the added money before signing the bill.

MUNICIPAL SURVEY - A survey of Pennsylvania municipalities which have sewer connection bans in effect was started this week by Rep. Joseph A. Lashinger Jr. (R-Montgomery). The survey will determine the economic impact these sewer bans are having on the state and on municipalities. Specifically, Lashinger said he wants to determine how many housing, commercial and industrial projects remain unbuild.

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

Letters

Soccer fan takes offense to columnist's ideas of sport

DEAR EDITOR:

I can't resist any longer! Your sports columnist Rick Rogers whose column appears weekly prompts this letter.

The July 2 edition - the column about soccer shows how he completely underestimates the impact this sport is having in the Back Mountain, in the Northeast Pennsylvania area and the United States in general.

Having spent most of my 46 years

in or around football - my fath with Wilkes-Barre High School 1924, myself with Wyoming Seminary 1957, my son with Back Mountain Dallas Cowboys 1979, a Green Bay Packer fan since 1951, and a Dallas Mountaineer Booster Club member at time of Charter, I am now an avid soccer fan.

Soccer provides more opportunities for more young people, male and female, than any other sport. There are more young people

involved in soccer than in Back Mountain Baseball/Softball, Back Mountain Mini Football and they are actively involved in a sport which provides challenges, conditioning, tactics, defense, offense, inherent sportsmanship - like behavior from players and coaches, action and, heaven forbid, - injuries.

The soccer program is in every school district except Wilkes-Barre where it rumored that the "footballers" fear its impact on their teams - what a shame to deprive young people the opportunity to participate for such a poor reason, if it is true.

The Dallas Mountaineer Soccer team recently returned from a trip to California where they had the opportunity to play against some of the finest California Soccer athletes. Playing against the best that California has, certainly places this team in the forefront for this season and the next several seasons.

Dallas archival Wyoming Semi-

nary, two years ago traveled to China (Dallas had been scheduled to go to Scotland, but world tensions forced a change of plans) and played against teams from the People Republic of China. What an experience for young men and women when their high school sport can provide them with these types of friendship building experiences. While in California, the Dallas team attended the World Cup All Star UNICEF game in the Rose Bowl - an emotional and positive experience.

Soccer is here to stay in the Back Mountain, in Northeast Pennsylvania, and in the United States. It does not take thousands of dollars to run a program, it has all the action and violent intensity permitted - yellow or red cards can mean game suspension.

Having attended both Dallas Mountaineer Soccer and Football games last season, I would judge the spectator attendance to be about

the same. Except, of course, the Band and Cheerleaders, which have their own followings, don't come out to the soccer matches.

In closing, it is with great pleasure that I thank my son, John III, the "Goalkeeper" for introducing me to soccer and making me a spectator. I know his grandfather who at one time played semi-professional football with the Wilkes-Barre Heights Indians would be one of Johnny's biggest fans at soccer just as he would have followed his other grandson, Lynn with the Mountaineer Football team. Football, by the way, was strong in my family that my father had me convinced until I was 10 years old that all balls had a point at each end.

Rick Rogers - Soccer is and will be an American Spectator sport. Come see the legendary Dallas Mountaineers - you'll see why!

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