

# In our town

## Only yesterday

**50 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 11, 1936**  
A donkey baseball game was being planned by the American Legion. Arthur Brown, commander of the local post, expected the game to be played in the Dallas Township Athletic field. Local business men were asked to play baseball on donkey-back.

Arthur Dungey, Dallas Borough Tax Collector, urged local taxpayers to take advantage of the installment plan of tax payments which had been authorized for personal and property taxes.

Engaged - D. Virginia Fuller and Bruce E. Renard; Nettie Elizabeth Thomas and Clarence Emil Adams; Edna Billings and Chester Harris.

Deaths - Mrs. Fred Honeywell, Kunkle.  
You could get - Chickens 25c lb.; shoulder lamb 21c lb.; ground beef 2 lb. 33c; salmon tall can 19c; 7 lb. Freestone peaches 25c; onions 10 lb. 19c; white or red grapes 3 lb. 25c; bananas 5c lb.; bread 8c loaf; cigarettes \$1.39 carton; 24 lb. bag flour 85c.

**40 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 13, 1946**  
Beaumont won the bi-county baseball pennant in loosely played 5 to 4 contest on Dallas Township field. The champions would meet Jackson Township Team of the Valley League in a three-game series.

Charles Nuss was elected captain of the \$7,500 fund drive of the Lehman Volunteer Fire Company. Proceeds of the drive would be added to the \$5,000 donated by Mrs. John Conyngham for the erection of a modern building in which to keep the department's fire equipment.

Married - Audrey Scoble and John William House.

You could get - Large eggs 62c doz.; cod filets 35c lb.; bartlett pears 2 lb. 29c; carrots 2 lb. bunches 17c; Hi Ho delicious crackers 23c lb. pkg.; Ivory soap 3 lg. bars 29c; Brer Rabbit molasses 32 oz. jar 34c; peaches 3 lb. 25c; soy sauce 3 oz. bottle 9c.

**30 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 14, 1956**  
Champion Kashdow's White Rock of Colyn Hill, a bull terrier owned by Mrs. Z. Platt Bennett was named best of the show at Mason-Dixon Kennel Club Show in Hagerstown, Md.

A tentative site for the new Dallas Area High School was chosen. The site was situated near Route 309 and was approximately 45 acres in size. Building and Grounds Committee members were James Hutchison, chairman; John Wardell, D.T. Scott, Dr. Robert

Bodycomb, Thomas Moore, Francis Ambrose, Henry Hess, John Perry, Carl Turner and Elmer Daley.

Deaths - Alice Sweezy, Kunkle; Kenneth L. Terry, Berwick; Evaline Johnson, Trucksville; Sheldon Gearhart, Forty Fort.

You could get - Sirloin steaks 89c lb.; veal chops 63c lb.; haddock fillet 29c lb.; honeydew melons 49c ea.; tokay grapes 2 lb. 25c; sweet potatoes 4 lb. 25c; green peppers 6-15c; Muenster cheese 8 oz. pkg. 35c; cracked wheat bread 2 lg. loaves 29c.

**20 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 15, 1966**  
One hundred and twenty five members gathered at Hayfield House as Rev. Gerald Sudick, pastor, officiated at first services of the new Eastern Orthodox Church in the Back Mountain. St. Andrew's Eastern Orthodox Church was the first of its faith to establish a church in the past 50 years. It embraced members of Greek, Syrian, Russian and Romanian heritage.

Four new elementary teachers were added to the Dallas School faculty. Mrs. Janet Phillips, Mrs. Judith roeder, Mrs. Barbara Oney, and Mrs. Elizabeth Ferrell were appointed to the staff. In the secondary department, Thaddeus Stemplowski was hired to teach chemistry and Beulah Rothstein was assigned as school psychologist and guidance counselor.

Deaths - Edna Wolfe Birth, Bloomingdale; Bertha Lamoreaux Anderson, Shavertown; Clarence Myers, Dallas.

You could get - Fresh hams 59c lb.; chuck roast 69c lb.; New York strip steak \$1.69 lb.; bananas 2 lb. 25c; apples 3 lb. bag 59c; Cheer detergent 3 lb. 6 oz. box 81c; Eight O'Clock coffee 69c lb.; chicken breasts 55c lb.; elbow macaroni 2 lb. pkg. 39c; shrimp \$1.39 lb.

**10 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 16, 1976**  
A Firemen's Olympic competition was held at the Luzerne County Fair Grounds. The contest was sponsored by the Dallas Area Fall Fair Association. Kunkle won the pumping competition.

Dominic Fathery, Chase, was appointed to the position of Jackson Township supervisor. Fathery served the unexpired term of the late Andrew Stofko.

Robert Parker, Westminster Drive, Dallas, was appointed to the Dallas Area Municipal Authority Board. He replaced the late J. Traver Nobel.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Elston, Kunkle, 51 years.



### 1961 School Board

Shown here are members of the 1961 Board of Education of the Dallas School District. From left, seated, Jonathan C. Valentine, solicitor; Francis L. Ambrose, vice-president; Charles H. Mannear, president; Dr. Robert A. Mellman, superintendent; Mrs. Harriet Stahl, secretary; Dr. Robert M. Bodycomb. Second row, William R. Wright, Lewis W. LeGrand, William E. Davis, Harry C. Sickler, James L. Mitchell, Walter S. Phillips, Walter H.R. Mohr, L.L. Richardson. Third row, William H. Clewell, Alton B. Whittaker, Philip Cheney, Henry E. Hess, Donald W. Hislop, Jack H. Stanley, Earl W. Phillips, William A. Austin, elementary supervisor. Absent at the time of the photo was James D. Hutchinson.

Deaths - John Seman, Dallas; Louis Elchuck, Shavertown; Helen Mastrangelo, Harveys Lake; Welton Batey, Shavertown; Charles Sieber, Shavertown; Maude Thomas, Noxen; Herbert J. Major, Dallas; Emily Scott, Dallas; Edna Stredny, Shavertown.

You could get - Chuck roast 69c lb.; beef liver 49c lb.; turkeys, 10-14 lb. 48c lb.; Royal Crown Cola 64 oz. bottle 69c; wax beans 4-16 oz. cans \$1; 1/2 gal. Kraft's orange juice 79c; Maxwell House coffee \$1.89 lb.; Heinz white vinegar 79c gal.

## Editor's notes

HELLO, AGAIN! I'm back.

Contrary to popular belief, I have not been fired. Neither have I chosen to leave the country nor I am being held by the Soviets as an American spy. I was simply on vacation. I'd like to think it was a well-deserved vacation, however, I know there are several people I work with who will tell you I'm always on vacation.

Anyway, I'm back - rested, refreshed and ready to conquer the world once again. So, get ready for some new and fascinating things in The Dallas Post in the months to come.



MARTIN

I SPENT MY VACATION at beautiful Niagara Falls, Canada. Not having been to the Falls since I was a child and unable to remember what the whole scenario had to offer, I wandered up North for a few days.

Getting started was a problem as we were about 20 minutes from home when we realized we had forgotten the camera. If I was simply going to the beach for a few

days, I would had let it go, but how the heck can you go to Niagara Falls without a camera? So, we turned around, got the camera and started once again.

Since I usually do travel South to the beach in the summer, it seemed rather weird going North and travelling through so much country this time. I felt lost most of the time and when I reached behind me to get the map from the back seat and realized I had left it home on my desk, I was a little skeptical about what the rest of the week was going to be like.

Everything turned out rather well, however, as we did the whole tourist bit once we go to Niagara Falls - bus rides, the Maid of the Mist tour, dinner in the revolving tower, all kinds of food, tons of shopping - carrying the camera on my shoulder the whole time I was there.

Niagara Falls is certainly a beautiful picture and the Canadian side is even prettier than the American side. It was a nice quiet, relaxing week and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it.

SOME OF MY READERS have made me feel rather good about my column when they called me in

disgust, having spent some time looking for column in the paper and not being able to find it.

I thank you for being so faithful, I'm sorry you were disappointed when the column wasn't in the paper and I hope you'll allow me this vacation.

WHILE ON VACATION, I turned on the television in my hotel room one morning and tuned into a Buffalo, N.Y. television station - only to be haunted with the face of Janet Smurl, the woman who claims her family has been terrorized by demons in their home in West Pittston for the past 14 months.

If anyone felt haunted at that point, it was me and not Mrs. Smurl. I couldn't believe I was more than six hours driving time away from this ghost fiasco and still had to listen to it.

Oh, yes, I've driven past the Smurl house, too - not once, but twice. Once I was in that area and curiosity got the best of me and the second time I was with my brother and sister-in-law from New Jersey who had read about the Smurls in the New York Post. Frankly, though, I think the whole story lacks some credibility.

Without coming down too hard on

the Smurls, I fail to understand why, after living in the house for 14 years, they are being bothered now. And neither can I understand why this demonologist from New England will not release these so-called tapes he has of the Smurls being terrorized by ghosts.

I picked up this week's issue of the National Enquirer in the supermarket the other and looked at the photos of the Smurl family that appear on page three of that issue. I cannot believe these people would actually allow their young daughter to lie at the bottom of a staircase to re-enact the scene when she was hurled down the steps by the demon. What effect will this have on the child in years to come?

No, I'm afraid Jack and Janet Smurl are going to have to provide more solid proof if they expect me to believe their story. Right now I'm trying to figure out why they're doing all this.

SPEAKING OF FIASCOS, former Dallas Post staff writer Judie Mathers had a fiasco in her new hometown a few weeks ago.

Seems Judie, being a lover of animals, decided to adopt a wild Mustang from the deserts of Wyoming (that's a wild horse from the

state of Wyoming for those of you who may not be either horse lovers or geography lovers.)

So Judie and her husband, Hap, took this horse to a ranch where they were going to have the horse broken in. After spending some time at the obedience school if you will, the horse was ready to come home, or so everybody thought.

Seems the horse managed to break loose during the trip home from the ranch and started scampering all about town - in an area that Judie describes as being comparable to Public Square in Wilkes-Barre.

I guess the local police got involved, the town folk were there and Judie and Hap and the horse trainers spent several hours chasing this horse through town before the wild thing finally tired enough for them to catch him.

It's a darn good thing something like that didn't happen while you were living in Dallas, Judie. Why, you might be reading about it in the local newspaper.

JUST TO GET something off my chest - I disagree with the renaming of the Paramount Civic Center to the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts.

## Back Mountain on the move

CONGRATULATIONS TO Amy Gardner and Richard Crake who were married on Saturday at the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Amy is a registered pharmacist at Stapinski's in Dallas and Rick is employed at Insalaco's, Kingston. Rick and Amy were both residents of Midway Manor, Shavertown.

Following a honeymoon at Hilton Head, South Carolina, they will reside in the Country Club Apartments, Dallas. Several area residents joined Amy and Rick in wishing them well at their wedding and celebrating the occasion at the Sheraton Crossgates,



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Wilkes-Barre, for the reception. Dancing to the "Zodiac" made it a

memorable evening. Good luck Amy and Rick, it was your special day but we all really enjoyed it!

Laura Hayes, Orchard View Terrace, and Billy Arnold, Jackson Street, Dallas also were married on Saturday. Their wedding was at the Shavertown Methodist Church and the reception followed at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas. Laura and Bill are honeymooning in California and will reside in Kingston. Congratulations and best wishes!

THE LUZERNE COUNTY FALL FAIR was probably the biggest and most talked about event anywhere in Northeastern Pennsylvania this past week. Opening night on Wednesday with Boxcar Willie proved to be above and beyond even the greatest expectations of the chairman and board of directors for the fair.

A shocking record attendance was the best publicity the fair could have for the remaining four days of

the fair. Thursday Shot Gun Red also was a tremendous success, and so it went the rest of the week. Rainy days didn't stop anyone as crowds came for the evenings.

Ray Hillman, general chairman of the fair deserves a gold medal. He did an outstanding job in seeing that all his goals were accomplished by opening day. The people who volunteered their time, too numerous to mention, also deserve much credit.

The one person we must not forget is Ray's wife, Sue Hillman. Sue, the entire community (especially the fair board) joins me in saying "thanks" for sharing your husband with the community for the past several months. We all know being "the wife" was a trying experience. You too deserve a gold medal, but aren't you proud of him?

HELEN AND SHEILA KULICK of Dallas spent Labor Day weekend visiting Helen's son in Washington. The ladies toured the museums, the city memorials and several points

of interest while there. Helen said a highlight of their trip was getting a glimpse of President Ronald Reagan.

DAVE AND DEBBIE KATYL, sons Joshua and Daniel, and Debbie's brother, Mike Lozier, who is living with them, spent Labor Day weekend in Maryland. They visited Earl Lozier and his family while their parents joined them all there from Florida.

ED AND THERESA THOMPSON of Haddonfield Hills had their annual Labor Day get together at their home. A highlight this Labor Day was having their granddaughter there, also. Daughter Debbie, and husband, Mike and baby got to spend some time here. Two doctors, Dr. Deb and Dr. Mike, makes for a hard schedule to get away for family gatherings.

HAPPY 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES go to Rev.

Robert and Ann Smith of Sweet Valley. We wish this couple 25 more healthy and happy years together.

BEST WISHES go to George Maculloch as he opens yet another area of business. George is the new owner of Lehman Sunoco Station, Lehman. The gas station, operated by Ross Williams for the past 20 or so years has always been a popular landmark. Stop by and say "hi" to the Maculloch brothers (George's two brothers will keep the gas flowing) and fill up your tank.

We wish Ross Williams a happy and healthy retirement as he steps down from the working world also.

NEXT TO ROTH JEWELERS, across from Disque Funeral Home is a car wash in the making. Is the Back Mountain on the move? We sure are, getting bigger and better all the time.

SPEAKING OF "ON THE MOVE", our family is also joining those ranks. Kids grown, house too

Sure, it was awful nice of Mr. Kirby to donate \$300,000 to the project but the gentleman doesn't even live here anymore - and hasn't lived here since he was a young boy. He lives in New Jersey now.

It just seems to me that if the Paramount had to be renamed at all, it should have been called the Albert Boscov Center for the Performing Arts.

HATS OFF to the Dallas High School cheerleaders who undertook a rather unique project prior to the start of the 1986 football season.

The girls decorated pillowcases with each of the football players names on them. With phrases like "Go Mounts" and "Good Luck" on these pillowcases, the cheerleaders delivered them to the players' home when they knew the guys weren't home.

Then - the night before the big opening game, the players, upon pulling back the blankets on their beds, were thrilled with the show of support. Great idea, girls! And, from what I hear, the guys loved it, too.

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TODAY IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY for a very special person in our house. The last and youngest of our four children, Lori, celebrates her 17th birthday today.

Happy birthday, Lori! Then on the 15th our third, Keith, also a very special person, celebrates his special day, his 19th birthday.

Happy birthday Keith! (Jean Hillard, a Back Mountain resident, is a columnist for The Dallas Post. Her column appears weekly.)

## Around town

I MUST ADMIT that I am glad that the first day of nursery school is over. You just can't imagine how anxious a nursery school teacher

can be about that first day of school. After all, three year olds are still very young, and they are not acquainted with their teacher, so

naturally many are frightened and crying.

This year's first day, however, actually went very well. Only a few children cried and we were soon able to make them feel welcome. I really thought I had everything together. When I got home I realized that I had worn my new slacks backwards with the pockets in the back.

Thus went the first day of school.

JEAN AND GLENN EYET, Ransom Road, Dallas, recently held a surprise birthday party honoring their fathers, Glenn Eyet, Sr. and Bill Kingsbury, Sr. Glenn celebrates his birthday September 9 while Bill will celebrate his birthday September 13.

Family and friends enjoyed the delicious buffet and wonderful hospitality.

BEST WISHES TO Mr. and Mrs. William Sherksnas Sr., Harveys Lake who observed their 50th wedding anniversary Friday.

The couple was married on Sept. 5, 1936 by the late Msgr. J. K. Miliauskas in Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Wilkes-Barre. Maid of honor was Victoria Sheporaitis Przybylowski and best man was Frank Zybelski.

Mrs. Sherksnas is the daughter of the late Charles and Agnes Tamulis Sheporaitis, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Sherksnas is the son of the late Walter and Frances Sidlauckas Sherksnas, Wanamie.

He is a retired painting and paper-hanging contractor.

The couple has two children, Betty Sherksnas Ambrose of Nuanogola and William of Dorrance. They also have eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated at St. Ann's Church in Luzerne on Saturday.

LIVING IN THE COUNTRY has always been synonymous with being a good neighbor. The residents of the Centermoreland area have proven what fine neigh-



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bors they are in forming the Centermoreland Civic Group to assist Janet and Carl Brown who recently had extensive surgery. Mrs. Brown received a kidney transplant while her son, Carl, had extensive heart reconstruction surgery. Unforeseen complications have made them both return to the hospital.

To help relieve some of the financial burden, a "Country Store" will be held Sept. 13 and 14 at the Northmoreland Township Fire Company building with vegetables and baked goods being sold.

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