

# Only yesterday

50 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 18, 1936

Sacred Heart Monastery at Harveys Lake, twice destroyed by flames, would be restored. The announcement was made by the Very Rev. Lawrence S. Brigmanas, C.C.J., Supervisor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, founder of the monastery. The congregation was founded in 1926. The Monastery attracted thousands of religious folk seeking retreat and solace.

Plans were finalized for the donkey baseball game. Dan Richards was captain of the Dallas team while Ken Cobleigh of Shavertown led the Valley squad.

Flowers from the large gardens of Mrs. S. Sawyer on Church Street won 15 ribbons at the flower show in Plymouth.

Married - Ellen Keiper to William Barnard; Edna Billings and Chester Harris; Nettie Elizabeth Thomas and Clarence Adams; Charlotte London and William Joseph.

You could get - Sweet potatoes 5 lb. 13c; potatoes 35c peck; onions 5 lb. 10c; soap, Lux, 3 bars 17c; Land O Lakes cheese 25c lb.; vinegar 23c gal.; salmon 3 tall cans 29c; celery 2 bunches 15c; was paper 2 pkg. 13c; sandwich bread long loaf 9c; preserves 2 lb. jar 29c.

40 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 20, 1946

Plans were outlined for the anniversary meeting of Back Mountain Memorial Library. A suggestion of an auction sale of antiques, household articles, old furniture and machinery to be held in the spring for the benefit of the library was enthusiastically received. Contributions were under the direction of librarian Miriam Lathrop.

Crates of chickens were scattered over the highway when a truck driven by Russell Race, Centermoreland, driver for North Star Farms, Shavertown, was struck head on and completely demolished by a greyhound bus. Race narrowly escaped death in the accident. Although badly shaken and receiving a gash on his leg which required six stitches to close, he chased the chickens until he gathered them all safely without a single casualty and returned them to their crates.

Engaged - Hannah Mae Gibbon and Robert M. Patrick.

Married - Anne Cynthia Poad and William Nicoll; Alice Lorraine Davis and Ernest Reese.

Deaths - Ida S. Nuss, Lehman; William Jones, Noxen.

You could get - Stewing chickens 47c lb.; bologna 34c lb.; braunschweiger 1/4 lb. 10c; coffee 34c bag; Evergreen pine jelly soap 27c a jar; Realemon juice qt. bottle 28c; Nabisco grahams 12c pkg.; Baker's cocoa 8 oz. pkg. 10c; tomato juice 46 oz. can 25c.

30 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 21, 1956

Rev. Russell C. Lawry, pastor of Dallas Methodist

Church and his family, were honored at a reception at the church. Lawrence Updyke was chairman of the program and covered dish supper that was held to welcome Rev. Lawry into the area.

Clark Lewis, Dallas/Franklin/Monroe Township junior took second place in vocational agriculture student dairy cattle judging at Springfield, Mass. Two boys were chosen to represent their home state.

Engaged - Dianne Dobinick and Lewis George Saxon; Joan Kasper and Kenneth Malkemes.

Married - Louise Kann to Davis C. Williams.

Anniversaries - Rev. and Mrs. Henry Kraft, Noxen; Mr. and Mrs. William Sorber, Harveys Lake, 50 years.

Deaths - William Cobleigh, Dallas; Ilalou Robideaux, Milford, Conn.; Mrs. Florence Steele Myers, formerly of Harveys Lake.

You could get - Breyers ice cream 1/2 gal. 88c; boiled ham 95c lb.; frying chickens 39c lb.; ground beef 3 lb. \$1; bananas 2 lb. 25c; tomatoes 3 lb. 29c; carrots 2 bunches 19c; canned cream 6-76c; Velveeta cheese 2 lb. 75c; orange juice 6 cans 69c; Kleenex 2-49c.

20 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 22, 1966

Two Dallas young men were serving as Rotary Exchange Students in New Zealand. Marshall D. Rumbaugh and John Gager were staying on the northern part of the Island.

A freak wind raged through Dallas splitting a double oak tree in two near its base and depositing one half on the roof of the John Layau home 119 Lehman Avenue.

Engaged - Karen S. Badman and William H. Eckhart.

Married - Eileen Michele Crispell and Elvin T. Bean, Jr.; Donna Gregory and Robert Ken Andrews.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. John L. Parrish, 41 years; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Baker, Sr. 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Davis, 24 years; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Maransky, 30 years; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dunklee, 50 years.

Deaths - Laura Bartlett, Tunkhannock; Benjamin F. Merrel, Trucksville.

You could get - Chicken breasts 55c lb.; standing rib roast 69c lb.; pork loins 75c lb.; chuck roast 69c lb.; peaches 29c lb.; cantaloupes 39c ea.; MacIntosh apples 3 lb. 49c; egg noodles 33c lb. pkg.; Planters dry roasted peanuts 9 oz. jar 59c; Saltines 19c lb.

10 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 23, 1976

Kingston Township representatives met to discuss various recreational areas in Kingston Township. The meeting was an informative one to show area residents how much was available to them in their own immediate area. Town Meeting committee members were Kit Karuza, Marsha Landis and Virginia Perry.

Harveys Lake Council met to haggle over the site for a municipal park. The board felt strongly about



## May Day

Shown here are the May Queen and her Court on May Day 1960. From left, first row, train bearers Emilie Peters and Brock Phillips. Second row, senior girls, Grace Bachmann Lynda Carey, Sandra Chere, junior crown bearer; Judith Richards, queen; Sandra LEE and Charlene Mannear.

this matter. The purchase of a park and municipal building on a \$131,000 site at Sandy Beach was defeated 4-3 causing a schism in the council.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Reed, 25 years.

Deaths - Marvin Moss, Shavertown; Mary

McCusker, Dallas; Frank George Dougher, Jr., Idetown; Floyd Taylor, Harveys Lake.

You could get - Chicken 39c lb.; frankfurters 89c lb.; yogurt 8 oz. 3-89c; Birdseye Orange Plus 2-\$1.09; Crisco 3 lb. can \$1.49; MacIntosh apples 3 lb. 69c; tomatoes 39c lb.; cabbage 9c lb.

# Editor's notes

**THE 1986 LUZERNE COUNTY FAIR** is history now, but will certainly go down in the books as the biggest and best ever.

I have never before spent as much time at the fair as I did this year and have never enjoyed myself as much as I did this year.



**DOTTY MARTIN**

The new barns housing the horses and the arts and crafts displays are just beautiful, the grounds were so well cleared and leveled that it was much easier to walk around, every exhibitor space was filled with good quality foods and things to look at and buy and even the parking lot was easier to maneuver around in.

**MY COMPLIMENTS** to fair chairman Ray Hillman whom I saw spending a lot of time on his feet, walking from one end of the fair to the other, making sure things were going just right.

My hat is tipped also to fair association president Bob Cartier who even managed to find time to prop his video camera atop his shoulder Sunday evening during the Leahy performance to capture some precious moments on film.

These two men, along with the entire association board and all the volunteers, did one heckuva job this year. The only problem with their

accomplishments is that we now expect a repeat performance of those accomplishments next year.

**SPEAKING OF THE LEAHY FAMILY**, for those of you who did not make either of their two performances Sunday, you don't know what you missed.

These kids - and that's just what they are - 11 brothers and sisters from age 22 all the way down to age 7 - are so musically talented, they are almost too good to be true. Their singing and dancing show was so inspiring and uplifting, the family members made you feel really good about yourself and about their show.

All the way from Ontario, Canada, the family was presented with an American flag by Uncle Ted at the end of their second show. I have no idea how the fair board even heard of this group of youngsters, but I for one am sure glad they did. I thoroughly enjoyed both shows.

**CAROLYN BULFORD**, full-time secretary for the fair, was seen making her way through the crowd during the Leahy's performance.

Carolyn, who filled the media with press releases and public service announcements about the fair for months before the annual event, looked as if she was just about winding down during the last night of the fair.

And, when I ran into her the next

day at the post office, she admitted it had been a wearing ordeal. Your time and efforts have not been wasted, Carolyn - I've heard only good things about the fair this year.

**JEAN HILLARD**, a columnist for The Dallas Post as well as an active volunteer on the fair board, was also making her way through the crowd on the fair's grand finale.

Jean, who expected to be working late that evening with other fair volunteers, said she got out to the fair a little later than usual on the last evening, having managed to catch a little shut-eye during the afternoon hours.

**GEORGE MCCUTCHEON** of Dallas did a great job of pushing tickets at the Kiwanis Club exhibit while **HELENE DICKINSON**, also of Dallas, had a pleasant smile for everyone who visited the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital booth.

**JANE MORRIS**, a teacher at Lake-Lehman, was just great as she manned the microphone during Sunday's 4-H competition. An avid horse lover and the owner and trainer of several award-winning horses, Jane spent all day Sunday in the announcer's booth, coordinating efforts for the 4-H competition.

Hats off to both you and the gentleman who served as the judge of the competition that day (I don't know his name.) Both of you are to be commended for all the time you

put into helping with the 4-H events.

**FLOSSIE FINN**, girls' softball coach at Lake-Lehman High School, sure gave me an education during the 4-H competition.

Having wandered over to the horse ring during Sunday's events, I ran into Flossie who was cheering on daughter Beth (a championship competitor) while husband Jim supported son Chuck at a junior football game.

Knowing absolutely nothing about horses or equestrian competition, I welcomed Flossie's knowledge about the sport as she shared some pointers with me.

I was fascinated at the things she told me. Heck, I never knew the difference between Western competition and Eastern competition. Why, I didn't even know that a pony will never grow up to be a horse.

I thank you, Flossie, for sharing all that horse knowledge with me. It sure sheds a different light on how much time and effort these people involved with 4-H really put forth.

**FLOSSIE and CHERYL TRAVIS**, a former stellar athlete at Lake-Lehman High School, gave me a tour of the new horse barns built with the helping hands of the volunteers from the Red Rocks Job Corps.

The barns, which I understand were finished just in time for this year's fair, are a welcome sight to

the fair grounds and, once again, I commend all those involved with their construction.

**YES, THIS YEAR'S FAIR** certainly was a successful operation. The sad part about the whole thing is we have to wait an entire year for the next one. That may not seem like a very long time to those involved with the planning of the fair, but for those of us who look forward to just having a good time there, it seems like forever.

**A GREAT BIG HELLO** to one of the most special people in my life. My grandmother, Irma Martin, of New Castle, Delaware, is visiting my father and my stepmother in Forty Fort this week.

Preparing to celebrate her 88th birthday in January, Nana is just as keen and alert as you and I. And her sense of humor is something I really look forward to after a hard day at the office.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bob Roberts of the Lake-Lehman High School staff.

Bob, who has been a teacher at the senior high school for several years now, was recently promoted to administrative assistant.

I have accused Bob of doing nothing but walking the halls of the senior high school these days, but I know better. Bob Roberts is one of the most valued employees Lake-Lehman has and he deserved to be

commended on his recent promotion.

**HATS OFF** to the women from Centermoreland who manned this weekend's "Country Store" for the benefit of Janet and Carl Brown, also of Centermoreland.

As was told in last week's issue of The Dallas Post, Janet Brown recently underwent a kidney transplant at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville while her son, Carl, had rare reconstructive heart surgery at the University of Alabama.

Post-operative complications have put both Janet and Carl back in the hospital several times since their operations and medical bills continue to soar.

Some kind people from Centermoreland decided to hold a "Country Store" and spent Saturday and Sunday selling baked goods, fresh fruit, hot dogs and soda, and flea market items. While visiting the store Saturday afternoon, the women told me they had more donations of things than they ever dreamed and had sold more than they thought possible.

And, when all was said and done, the good women of Centermoreland had raised a whopping \$1700 for the benefit of the Brown family. God bless all of you!

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

# Library news

By **NANCY KOZEMCHAK**  
Library Correspondent

Have you done anything especially exciting or really memorable during the summer of 1986?

I am aware of two gentlemen from Dallas who have done something very worthwhile and quite commendable during the summer of '86. Ron Buckman of Franklin Street and Jim Davis of Davenport Street spent a lot of time during their summer at the Rice Cemetery on Huntsville Road in

Dallas.

They decided this cemetery needed some attention and between them they spent a few hundred

hours repairing tombstones, cutting trees, planting grass and beautifying this cemetery. There

were only 10 stones standing when they started and after their repairing, there are now 112

standing. There are 111 names on stones that are readable and over 180 field stone markers with no information on them. Evidently some one by the name of Snyder donated this 1 1/2 acres of ground as

a burial plot which was established before 1810.

With the help of Tom Reese, all of the Civil War graves now have flags on them. They typed up a list of the

names recorded on these tombstones and presented a copy of same to the library. This list is filed in our vertical file and is available

for reference only. These gentlemen would be happy for any further information regarding this cemetery. This is indeed a job well done and a great caring way to spend some of the Summer of '86.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has returned to regular hours after what seems to have

been the shortest summer on record. The library will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

I stopped at Fimo's Drug Store one day last week to pick up our newspapers and found a library book there to be returned. It seems someone left it there hoping it would be returned to the library. And it

was, thanks to the help at Fimo's. A new library book drop-off place, maybe?

I deliver books to the residents of the Meadows Apartments on the first Monday of each month and recently the manager of the apartments called and asked if we had anything on how to do the Hula dance. Tried to find something on Interlibrary loan and couldn't and then I checked our catalog and shelves more thoroughly and found a small book called, "Learn to dance the Hula."

Just perfect, called Barbara, she had someone pick the book up and evidently it was of some use because I saw a picture in the paper

of the residents who had dressed the part and had held a Hawaiian Luau. Is there some project the library and its books can help you with?

Are you looking for a small, inexpensive gift? Before disbanding, the Dallas Junior Woman's Club donated the remaining Cookbooks to the library. One of our patrons recently purchased three of these as going away gifts, at \$3.00 each. A nice memento from the Back Mountain area and the sale of the cookbooks benefits the library.

(Nancy Kozemchak is the assistant librarian at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Her column appears weekly.)

# Grossman on economics

By **HOWARD J. GROSSMAN**  
Special to The Dallas Post

Hidden in the recesses of Pennsylvania's recent history has been the Partners for the Americas Program. In 1965, Pennsylvania became one of the first States in the Union to participate in the Partners for the Americas Program and to establish a close relationship with a

major state in Brazil. Bahia is a huge coastal state in Brazil.

The Partners Program grew out of the Alliance for the Progress established under President John F. Kennedy. The Partners Program today is a major focal point for North American and South American cultural, educational, economic, environmental, physical, and social links designed to provide opportunities for two governmental

jurisdictions to learn to know one another and to aid one another as required.

The Partners for the Americas Program has an office in Washington, D.C. with a staff of over thirty persons. Specialists in various geographic sectors of South America, Central America, and the Caribbean provide resource assistance to the two Partners and are themselves linked to nationwide

Partners offices in countries such as Brazil.

Since 1965, the program has grown to accommodate 56 Partner relationships throughout the Americas. Pennsylvania in late 1985 was divided into two Partner relationships with Brazil. Eastern Pennsylvania continues its partnership with Bahia, and Western Pennsylvania has a partnership with Maranhao.

Northeastern Pennsylvania is participating in the Bahian-Pennsylvania Partners Program through the cooperation of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP), and the involvement of individuals connected with various institutions in the region.

For example, Wilkes College is involved through Dr. Mahmood Fahmy, and he and a representative

of EDCNP sit on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania-Bahian Partners Committee. The Committee is aided through the involvement of Executive Director Robert Miller of Bloomsburg.

(Howard Grossman, a Back Mountain resident, is the executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeast Pennsylvania. His column appears periodically in The Dallas Post.)

# Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

Dallas Ambulance is currently experiencing problems similar to those of many other volunteer organizations where people are too busy to give their time.

The ambulance serves the community 24 hours a day, every day of the year. There isn't a neighborhood in Dallas that hasn't benefitted from its skilled help. Through the year when you have needed us, we have

been there; now we need you to be here with us.

New members are desperately needed to continue the quality service you all deserve. Twelve volunteers cannot possibly serve the needs of 12,000 citizens. We will train you free of charge. You will be provided with most up-to-date instruction, using state of the art equipment under the guidance of highly experienced crew captains.

At present, the all-volunteer group is made up of people from all professions. Insurance agents, factory workers, secretaries, retired persons, factory supervisors, teachers, students, business owners and realtors all work together to help their neighbors. Dallas Ambulance answers about 500 calls a year and, with the current rapid growth in our area, this number will continue to rise. Providing free, experienced,

speedy services is a constant concern to the members and something the community counts on.

Information and/or applications can be obtained from Jack Wega, ambulance chief; Bob O'Konski, assistant chief; Robert Besecker, day time ambulance coordinator and fire chief, or by calling 675-3611.

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