

Only yesterday

Area residents drive to Ontario to see Dionne Quintuplets

FIFTY YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 25, 1936
Area residents Emma Shaver, Mrs. Lott Thompson, Thomas Knorr and Mrs. Hattie Stevens drove 1,280 miles to see the famed Dionne Quintuplets. The quintuplets lived in Callender, Ontario.
Determined to become one of this area's biggest farmers, as well as one of the state's best known Senators, A.J. Sordoni added nother 25-acre farms to his growing estate in Lake Township. The former Vincent Sheminski property was added to the Senator's holdings which numbers 1,500 acres.
Married - Marion Virginia Mills and Walter S. Steelman, Jr.
Deaths - Mrs. Elizabeth Fegley, Trucksville.
You could get - pork shoulders, 21 center per pound; fresh pork sausage 29 cents per pound; stewing chickens, 25 cents per pound; butter, 2 pounds for 75 cents; eggs, 29 cents per dozen; bacon, two pound package for 35 cents; 2-20 ounce packages rolled oats, 13 cents; 10 pounds sweet potatoes, 25 cents; cabbage, 3 cents per head; apples, 5 pounds for 23 cents; oranges, 27 cents per dozen.

FORTY YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 27, 1946
Two new instructors were appointed to complete the faculty at Lehman High School. Edward F. Hendericks would teach math and science and Virginia King taught senior high social studies and would serve as librarian.
Work on the Natona Mills plant along Memorial Highway was moving along at a rapid pace with favorable weather aiding the contractor. Sordoni Construction Co. had 60 men on the plant construction site.
Engaged - Bettie Welsh and P. William Hanna, Miss Marjorie Phipps and Stanley Shewan.
Deaths - Harry Swithers, Trucksville; W.G. Allen, West Nanticoke; Albert Culvert, Baldwin St., Dallas.
You could get - cauliflower, 15 cents per pound head; bartlett pears, two pounds for 25 cents; mackerel, 19 cents per pound; peanut butter, 31 cents per pound jar; graham crackers, 21 cents per pound; golden pitted dates, 23 cents package; dill pickles, 30 cents per jar; 10 pound bag Gold Medal flour, 67

cents; Oxydol, two medium packages, 19 cents.
THIRTY YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 28, 1956
Dr. L.E. Jordan, Trucksville, entering 33 specimens in the American Dahlia Association Show at Essex House, New York, captured 22 prize ribbons.
A memorable centennial anniversary celebration was held at Lehman Methodist Church. In honor of the occasion, Mrs. John Conyngham, gave a \$1500 new organ in memory of her husband. Also attending were five former ministers, Rev. Lynn Brown, Rev. Frank K. Abbott, Rev. James Burleigh, Rev. C. Duane Butler, Rev. S.E. Hunt and Rev. O'Neill.
Engaged - Marjorie E. DeWitt and George Swales.
Married - Betty Marie Montross and Robert Statnick.
Deaths - George L. Dodson, Shavertown; Clarence Neely, Lake Silkworth; Jacob Traver, Ruggles; Ernest Besecker, Old Forge.
You could get - fryers, 37 cents per pound; veal chops, 63 cents per pound; haddock fillet, 29 cents per pound; Star Kist-tuna, 3-6 1-2 ounce cans, 79 cents; McIntosh apples, 4 pound bag, 49 cents; 20 ounce jar of peanut butter, 37 cents; sharp cheese, 59 cents per pound; package of 48 Lipton tea bags, 65 cents; 25 foot roll Reynolds wrap, 29 cents.

TWENTY YEARS AGO - September 29, 1966
Virginia K. Glenn and James J. Knecht, senior at Dallas Senior High School, were named semi-finalists in the 1966-67 Merit Scholarship competition.
The Linear Plant in Fernbrook which suspended operations July 31, was in a state of lockout. Labor management negotiations were nil, prospect of reopening the plant absolute zero according to Atty. George Spohrer, counsel for management.
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Charles McAvoy, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Duncklee, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Barber, 25 years.
Married - Staff Sgt. James Keiper and Renate Kaub.
Deaths - Berton M. Riley, Shavertown; Emma Brodmarkle, Plymouth; Ruth Swingle, Shavertown; John T. Mooney, Harveys Lake.



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You could get - boneless chuck roast, 69 cents per pound, liverwurst, 39 cents per pound; peaces, 2 pounds for 49 cents; Realemon, pint bottle, 37 cents; 12 ounce can Hawaiian Punch, 10 cents; Hunts's tomato paste, 6-6 ounce cans, 79; corned beef brisket, 65 cents per pound; 2 pound marshmallow creme, 49 cents.

community located on Sutton Road. The project would offer 86 country homesites.

Married - Susan George and Joseph Kane, Lucy Fleming and Michael Messersmith.
Deaths - Florence Underwood, Shavertown; Lillian Yenches, Shavertown; Abigail Langley, Shavertown; Edwin L. Miller, Lake Silkworth; Charles W. Gosart Sr.
You could get - western round steak, \$1.39 per pound, bottom round roast, \$1.29 per pound; liverwurst, 89 cents per pound; 64 ounce Kraft orange juice, 79 cents; Yogurt, three cups, 89 cents; potatoes, four cans, \$1; Rich's frozen bread dough, 5 loaf package, 99 cents; lettuce, 39 cents per head; Pascal celery, 35 cents per bunch.

TEN YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 30, 1976
The majority four of Harveys Lake Borough Council reaffirmed their decision against any borough development of property at Sandy Beach. This was done despite strong pleas from Mayou William Connolly to give the proposal serious study.
Ground was broken at Sutton Hills, a new residential

Editor's notes

A TRIP TO LAKE-LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL is always a pleasant experience and this week proved no different.



Having the opportunity to visit the Home of the Black Knights for the purpose of selecting 1986-87 school correspondents for The Dallas Post, I arrived at the high school bright and early last Friday morning - only to be greeted by the ever-smiling face of newly-appointed administrative assistant, Bob Roberts.
It sure was a busy day at Lake-Lehman as the juniors were celebrating Ring Day and the football and field hockey teams were both gearing up for big games that weekend.

THE CHEERLEADERS at Lake-Lehman are on the ball as they make up a box of "goodies" for all the senior football players every week. Inside the box, which is decorated with school colors and words of encouragement, are all kinds of edible goodies for the players to enjoy prior to the game.
I was also told that the field hockey team does pretty much the same thing as the sophomore and junior members of the hockey team make up "encouragement packages" for the senior members of the team before every game.

SCHOOL SPIRIT was written all over the place as football players were seen in the halls wearing their football jerseys, cheerleaders were also decked out in their uniforms

and there were plenty of decorated lockers visible from every hallway.
LAKE-LEHMAN BAND DIRECTOR John Miliauskas doesn't miss any opportunity to practice his band, either as the Marching Black Knights were out on the front lawn of the school as early as 8:30 that Friday morning.
And, even though the weather wasn't the greatest that day, the band members were giving it their all during an early morning practice - and sounded pretty darn good, too.

GET WELL WISHES go out to Diane Malonis of Park Street in Dallas who is currently recuperating at home from eye surgery.

Diane, who is employed as a nurse at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, underwent eye surgery at a hospital in Massachusetts last month and is now in the recovery process - a period that's driving her crazy because her activity, is rather limited.
Fortunately for Diane, her twin daughters, Heather and Missy, and her son, Christopher, are helping out around the house. And, of course, husband Luke has been a strong supporter while Diane is a little under the weather.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS are extended to June Supey of Highland Avenue in Trucksville who celebrated her special day on Saturday, September 20.
June, who is a registered nurse, is employed as the Medical Coordinator at Health America, Moosic. I wonder what her two crazy sons, Eric and Greg, did to

help Mom celebrate her birthday.
OUR OFFICE MANAGER Peggy Poynton, saw a rather humorous sight while visiting a local bank one day last week.
Most of you may remember the gasoline that promoted itself by saying, "Put a tiger in your tank." Well, when pulling into the bank parking lot, lo and behold, Peggy noticed a stuffed tiger tail hanging from the gasoline tank of a nearby car.
Now, that's enough to put a smile on your face.

SPEAKING OF SMILES, I was reading a national newspaper the other day and came across a line that said, "Humor eases tension."
As a chronic sufferer of stress and its related problems, I decided to read further. The article simply stated that if you are nervous about making a speech, you should imagine the members of the audience are wearing nothing but their underwear. And, if it's a business speech you're making and you're speaking to a group of bosses, simply pretend the elastic is loose.

ISN'T IT INTERESTING to note how the Smurl family of West Pittston has dropped out of the news media? I haven't read anything about the Surls or their ghost-ridden home in several weeks. Seems to me maybe the media finally decided it was being taken advantage of.
The Smurls have not dropped out of conversations of area residents, though, as I just heard what we've all been waiting for - a joke about the whole situation. Are you ready? What did the ghost say to the

demon? Give up? Wipe that Smurl off your face!

BEST OF LUCK to Johnny George, former owner of the Hoagie Bar, who has retired after 22 years in the restaurant business.

I can't help but remember when Johnny served as the very first GoalPOST Petie, the anonymous member of The Dallas Post prognosticators during the football season.
Even though the program was brand new and Johnny had no idea what he was getting himself into, he was so agreeable and so easy to work with during the entire season. And, because of his cooperation, the GoalPOST Petie program is still alive and well and into its third year already.
Much thanks to you for that, Johnny, and best of luck to you in your retirement. You're one person who deserves to relax!

BOB MINES of Minotti's Hoagies has been seen welding a paint brush at the Hoagie Bar as Minotti's recently purchased the building. Rumors are running rampant about what the Mines family is going to do with the building but nobody will say for sure.
One thing is certain, though, the hoagie shop is not moving out of the 309-415 Plaza and I know several members of The Dallas Post staff are thrilled about that.

BEST OF LUCK also to Billy Goldsworthy, Barry Finn and Jimmy Shephard, new owners of Bonomo's Bowling Lanes.
I've known Bill since high school and can remember bowling in the same league with him at a bowling

alley in Exeter. Yes, Bill and Jimmy have been big bowling fans for as long as I can remember - it only makes sense that they would now own their very own bowling lanes. I don't know how much into bowling Barry Finn is, but I don't see any reason why a weatherman can't own a bowling alley.
Good luck to all three of you - I hope things pay off for you.

IT IS WITH MUCH REGRET that I say good-bye to Veronica Farinola and her family as they depart from the Back Mountain area.

Veronica, who moved with her husband and their three children to this area just a few short years ago, will always have a very special place in my heart as she is one person who gives so much of herself to others.
An active volunteer with the American Cancer Society, I can still remember seeing Veronica's Jeep going up the Dallas Highway all decorated in yellow ribbons for the ACS's Daffodil Days. And I'll never forget the day she and her three lovely daughters brought me freshly-baked, right out of the oven, cupcakes on my birthday.
Veronica and her family have relocated to the Philadelphia area because of her husband's job demands, but I think a part of her will always remain in the Back Mountain. And, I know a part of the Back Mountain will always remain in Veronica's heart.
Good luck to you and your family as you make new friends and begin new projects, Veronica - we sure are going to miss your cheerful smile around here.
A GREAT BIG HELLO to my

good friend, Barb Long McHale, formerly of Trucksville, now residing in Manalapan, New Jersey.
Barb, a college classmate of mine and a big lover of cats, called the other day to find out how Rubin (our cat) is doing. Barb had heard the story about Rubin being hit by a car because her mother and grandmother relayed the story to her after reading it in my column. So Barb, who has had several cats of her own throughout her lifetime, called me to hear some cat stories.
Anyway, for those of you who have been asking - Rubin is doing just fine. He had a traumatic experience last week in that we sent him to have his front paws de-clawed. Since he is a house cat and has no desire to go outside and since he thought it was fun to pull down my bedroom curtains and drag the diningroom tablecloth into the livingroom, we decided he should be de-clawed.
He walked around for a few days as if he was walking on eggs, however, even de-clawing didn't seem to slow him down. He continues to eat like a horse and is now about five times as big as he was when we first found him; he continues to annoy the dog; and he thinks a good time is jumping on the bed and biting your feet while you're sleeping.
I can live with his eating habits and I think the dog is even starting to like the attention he gives her, but I sure am open for suggestions about his biting my feet while I'm sleeping. Do I dare have his teeth pulled next?

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Entertainment

Another year of strategic planning in programming is in operation since the new fall TV season officially began on Monday, September 22. Many questions will be answered as time eventually dictates winners and outcomes.



Can the return of Patrick Duffy boost the slipping ratings of "Dallas"? Is it possible for "Miami Vice" with its stars, cars and clothes to win its time slot when it goes head to head against "Dallas"? Can ABC's "The Colby's" survive now that it is pitted against CBS' "Knots

Landing"?
One thing's for certain the trend of nighttime soaps has finally passed. Sitcoms still seem to be a prominent form of entertainment as 11 new comedies have joined the 17 already existing ones. Many new series have storylines revolving around an older central character: Lucille Ball - "Life with Lucy," Andy Griffith - "Matlock," Sherman Hemsley - "Amen," to name a few. This year, 24 new series will vie for permanent spots in the lineups of the three major networks.
Television critics have already predicted what shows they believe will be hits, the first being NBC's "Amen" (Saturdays, 9:30 p.m.). Another NBC series highly rated is "L.A. Law" (Fridays, 10 p.m.),

developed by Steven Bochco ("Hill Street Blues") and Terry Louse Fisher ("Cagney & Lacey"). It has a large ensemble cast headed by Harry Hamlin.
CBS's "Designing Women" (Mondays, 9:30 p.m.) is one of the season's better sitcoms as the network continues its "Ladies Night." This comedy is about four women and their decorating business and stars Dixie Carter, Delta Burke, Annie Potts and Jean Smart.
CBS's "Kay O'Brien, Surgeon" (Thursday, 10 p.m.) comes from Orion Television ("Cagney & Lacey") and could prove to be a winner. It stars Patricia Kalember as a second-year female surgical resident in a New York City

hospital.
Nine new shows on NBC include "Ally," "Matlock," "Crime Story," "1986," "You, Again?," "L.A. Law," "Amen," "Our Home," and "Easy Street." Premiering on the CBS network are "My Sister Sam," "The Wizard," "Designing Women," "Together We Stand," "Better Days," "Kay O'Brien, Surgeon" and "Downtown." ABC is debuting eight: "Jack and Mike," "Head of the Class," "Sidekicks," "Sledge Hammer," "Starman," "Life with Lucy," "Ellen Burstyn," and "Heart of the City."
Viewers of pay TV will see more original programming on cable stations this year. HBO is featuring "Yuri Nosenko, KGB" and "Control." Showtime has "Hard

Knocks," "Life and Times of Mr. Bill," "Hoowever," and "Just for Laughs." Cinemax is offering "Martin Mull's White America" and "The Real Buddy Holly Story." WTBS is providing "The New Leave it to Beaver" for its viewers; USA Network, "Sanchez of Bel Air," and "Love Me, Love Me Not;" Arts & Entertainment, "Quest for Beauty;" Lorimar - Telepictures, "One Big Family" starring Danny Thomas and "Superior Court."
However, the most challenging situation of all regarding the networks is the debut of the Fox Broadcasting Company with its premier of "the Joan Rivers Show." FBC also plans to supply original primetime programming in the near

future as "9 to 5," "Dream Girl, USA," "Down & Out in Beverly Hills," "Jump Street Chapel," and "Duet."
Should any of the new fall series succumb to poor ratings, the networks will be ready to introduce new shows in the form of mid-season replacements. ABC and CBS would not confirm their replacements, but NBC has slated "Stingray," "Fast Copy," Remington Steele, "The Bronx Zoo," "The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd," "The Tortellis," and "Rags to Riches."
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Letters

DEAR EDITOR:
As a member of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of

Emergency Physicians, I have seen far too many unnecessary injuries and deaths simply because automo-

bile drivers and passengers failed to buckle their safety belts.
Many paramedics and ambulance drivers - emergency care's "first providers" - also report they have yet to unbuckle a fatality in an automobile accident. Various studies of emergency department admissions also show more serious injuries and higher medical costs for patients not wearing safety belts.
Pennsylvania observes Emergency Medical Services Week beginning September 21, proclaimed by Gov. Thornburgh to honor the 30,000 dedicated volunteers and professionals who, each year, 24-hours-a-day, provide emergency medical serv-

ices to thousands of Pennsylvanians. Coincidentally, during the same week, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives reconvenes, and one of the primary items on its agenda is expected to be a final vote on safety-belt use legislation.
The Pennsylvania Senate approved a strong and enforceable safety-belt bill in October, 1985. The House Consumer Affairs Committee this past June reported out a bill that is much weaker than the Senate version - one which contains confusing language and a fine of only \$5. The bill as it now stands is neither strong nor enforceable and presents several questions to those of us untrained in the law.

Under the present House version, could passengers be cited? Is a \$5 fine sufficient to encourage safety-belt use? Also, as the bill now stands, a safety-belt violation could only be issued as a second offense on a citation and upheld only after a conviction for a first violation such as speeding. Does that mean that a driver who is found not guilty of the first violation would automatically be declared not guilty of the safety-belt violation? Also, it appears that a driver who pays a fine for the first violation is admitting guilt. If not, what happens to the second violation - the safety-belt violation? And finally, one questions whether the current version would work in the

real world. Would it be strong and enforceable enough to help reduce injuries and deaths on Pennsylvania highways?
As I said earlier, I am not a legal expert, but I do know that 26 other states and the District of Columbia with safety-belt laws have seen a reduction in serious injuries and deaths. Those with the longest experience with safety-belt laws, report between 10 per cent and 26 per cent decrease in traffic fatalities.
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