

# In our town

## ONLY YESTERDAY

### 50 YEARS AGO - OCT. 9, 1936

Miss Eureka Nitzkowski, head of the Home Economics Department of the Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association, was guest speaker at Camp Wildwood, Harveys Lake. Mrs. Harvey Kitchen was program chairman.

Huntsville Christian Church celebrated the 93rd anniversary of its founding. Rev. C.H. Frick was church pastor. Absent was Peter Culp, who had died in February. Frick, a pioneer resident and Civil War Veteran, had attended the church dedication as an infant in 1843. Culp had much historical knowledge of the Huntsville Christian Church.

You could get - Tub butter 2 lb. 73c; Mason fruit jars 59c qts.; rice 4 lb. 25c; 2 lb. graham crackers 25c; rolled oats 45 oz. pkg. 17c; clam chowder 10c can; apples 3 lb. 14c; celery 2 bunches 15c; chuck roast 19c lb.; stewing chickens 23c lb.; pork loins 25c lb.; eggs 37c doz.; sliced bacon 35c lb.; tokay grapes 3 lb. 25c.

### 40 YEARS AGO - OCT. 11, 1946

Plans for the seventh annual Halloween party and parade were underway. The parade was sponsored jointly by Dallas Borough and Township PTA's; Dallas Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, Dallas Women's Club and the Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company.

Back Mountain Memorial Library celebrated its first anniversary. Speaker for the evening was John B. Kennedy, superintendent of Kingston Borough Schools. Paul Warriner was president of the library association; Miss Miriam Lathrop was librarian.

Married - Martha Mae Hadsel and Thomas E. Reese; Bettie C. Welsh and P. William Hanna, Jr.; Beverly Veitch and George Moore.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Wardan, 51 years.

Deaths - Margaret Reese, Luzerne; John Carter, Hayfield Farm; Clyde N. Lapp, Dallas.

You could get - Cod filets 35c lb.; spaghetti 13c lb. pkg.; Ma Skettino sauce 15c bottle; green split peas 16 oz. pkg. 15c; pretzels 19c pkg.; carrots 2 lb. 11c; cabbage 3c lb.; apples 4 lb. 29c; Shick Razor with 20 blades \$1.25; hunting licenses \$2.

### 30 YEARS AGO - OCT. 12, 1956

The Linear Corporation of Philadelphia, a firm with 600 employees and a \$2 million payroll, leased the idle Fernbrook Park Mills plant in Dallas Township. The corporation, which made precision moulded seals used in hydraulic and pneumatic systems, would begin production in 1957.

Lehman and Ross Townships signed articles agreeing to a jointure with Lake-Noxen Schools. However, Jackson Township school board remained neutral.

Engaged - P.F.C. Iris May and S.F.C. Ellis J. Weeks.

Married - Bina Dendler and John Holdrede.

Deaths - Maude Reese, Lehman; J. Willis Hawley, Noxen; Henry Rolison, Fernbrook; Lucy Coolbaugh, Orange.

You could get - Rib steak 89c lb.; turkeys 49c lb.; cheese 49c lb.; veal chops 69c lb.; potatoes 50 lb. bag 99c; McIntosh apples 4 lb. bag 49c; LaChoy bean sprouts lb. can 15c; Wise potato chips 5 1/4 oz. bag 33c; Karo syrup 1 1/2 lb. jar 24c; Louella evap. milk 6 cans 76c; cranberry sauce 2 cans 29c.

### 20 YEARS AGO - OCT. 13, 1966

Dallas Post Office prepared for its dedication.

Edward Buckley was Postmaster.

Pennsylvania Newswomen held a one-day seminar at Hayfield House. Main speaker was Howard N. King, vice president of Maple Press Company.

Dr. Lester Jordan, Trucksville, returned from a five-man Rotary Club fishing trip to Cabonage, Canada with a 44-inch northern pike. The fish topped the scales at 22 pounds, cinching the title of Admiral for 1966 for Dr. Jordan.

Engaged - Carol Chase to Fred Conrad; Carol Sibert to Robert Leroy Wandel.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kytte, 59 years; Mr. and Mrs. Allan W. Sanford, 45 years; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crispell, 41 years.

Deaths - Clarence Rinken, Idetown; Ada Casterline, Noxen; Mrs. Ted Poad, Shavertown; Gwendolyn L. Saxe, Bethel Hill; Donald Meeker, Kunkle; Emily Goldsmith, Dallas.

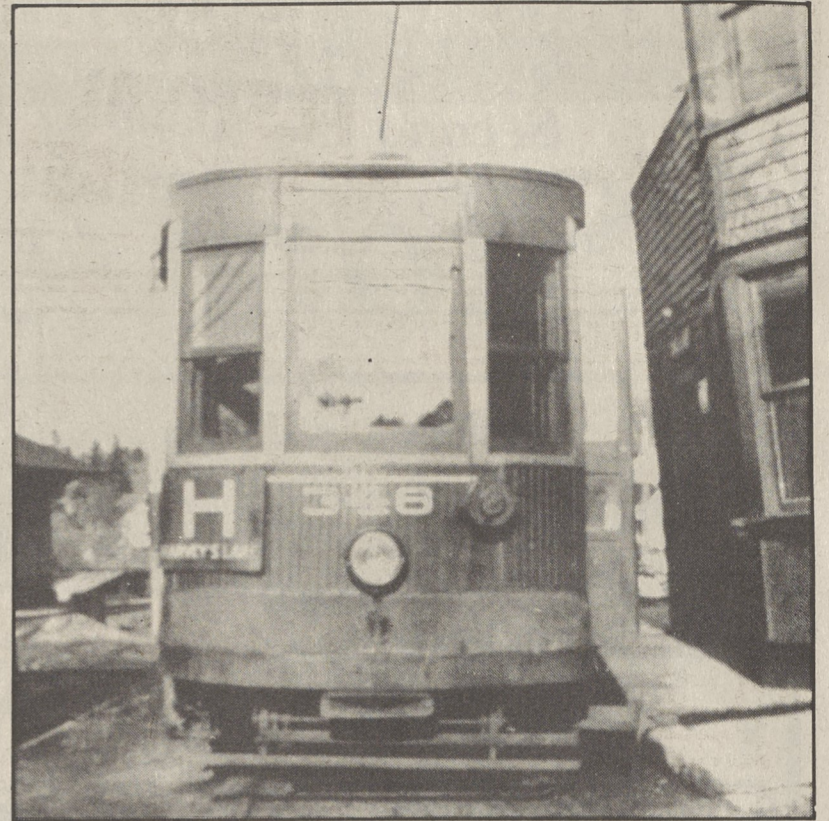
You could get - Boneless round roast 89c lb.; cube steaks 99c lb.; scallops 69c lb.; apples 3 lb. 39c; bananas 10c lb.; cranberries lb. pkg. 35c; cottage cheese 29c lb.; A&P coffee 79c lb.; Ivory liquid detergent 1 pt. 6 oz. bot. 59c; orange juice 4-6 oz. cans 75c; Velveeta 2 lb. pkg. \$1.15.

### 10 YEARS AGO - OCT. 14, 1976

Members of the Dallas School board granted an extension of time for survey and conveyance of title on the Shavertown Elementary School. This recommendation was made by Richard Hislop, property committee chairman.

A delegation of Back Mountain fire company executives recommended the passage of municipal ordinances requiring the installation of smoke or fire alarms in the home during a meeting of the Dallas Rotary Club.

Engaged - Bertha Supulski and Joseph Quadri.



**Old trolley car**

Shown here is the former trolley car which used to make its way through downtown Dallas at one time.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

**A GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY** goes out to Mr. William Kubis of Dallas who celebrated his 79th birthday on October 5.

Mr. Kubis, who is known around town as Dallas No. 1 Fan, celebrated his birthday in style this year as lots and lots of people wished him well on his special day.

Mr. Kubis' photo appeared in The Times Leader along with other area residents celebrating birthdays and his name was mentioned during a weather broadcast on WNEP-TV-Channel 16. So, his birthday certainly didn't go unnoticed this year.

Happy birthday, Mr. Kubis - and many happy returns!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Susan Pearn of Murray Street, Forty Fort. Susan, whose parents, Shirley and Dave Pearn, are avid readers of this column, recently became engaged.

And, shame on me, Susan, for failing to remember your fiancée's name - but best of



**DOTTY MARTIN**

luck to both of you just the same.

**WELCOME HOME** to Jim Drury, proprietor of Drury's Delicatessen of Harveys Lake.

Jim recently spent a few days as a medical patient in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, but is now home

recuperating and slowly getting back on his feet. Hope you're feeling better by the time you read this, Jim!

**BELATED ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS** are sent out to my father and my stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. David Martin of Forty Fort, who celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on Thursday, October 2.

Rumor has it a trip in their new van will mark the occasion.

**SINCERE SYMPATHY** is extended to my good friend and neighbor Wanda Harker of Murray Street, Forty Fort, on the recent death of her dog.

Only dog lovers can appreciate the loss one feels when a pet dies and, as a dog lover, I sympathize with the void Mrs. Harker is feeling.

Keep your chin up, my friend. "Ming" had a good

life with you and the loss will get easier with time.

**THE WOMEN** of the Kunkle United Methodist Church did a great job making Welsh cookies last week.

Employees of The Dallas Post put in several orders and, as we sat around eating the cookies last week, we were grateful to the women and all the hours they put in making them. Then, when we stepped on our scales this week, we weren't so grateful anymore.

Oh well, at least the cookie sales were for a good cause as the proceeds benefitted the church.

**SIS AND JACK BIRNSTOCK** of Clearwater, Florida, are visiting family members and friends in the Back Mountain area this week.

The Birnstocks are staying with their daughter, Jo Carol Buckley, her husband, James and their family of

Dallas. While here, they will be visiting their other daughters, Jane Cummings and Janet Molesky, both of Dallas, as well as Mrs. Birnstock's father, Ralph Elston of Kunkle.

Welcome to the Birnstocks - it's nice to have you here.

**JAMIE OPALICKI** of Dallas recently competed in and did rather well in a moto-cross competition held at Evansville.

The son of John Opalicki and Jane Cummings, both of Dallas, Jamie placed second in the first moto-cross and fifth in the second moto-cross of the day.

Jamie, age 18, has been riding moto-cross for three years. Way to go, Jamie!

**FINALLY** - a hats off cheer to both Back Mountain High School bands.

The Lake-Lehman Band, under the direction of John Miliauskas, went national again last week when they appeared on the "Today"

show with weatherman Willard Scott. Scott, in town as part of The Times Leader's Lecture Series at the new F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, did the nation's weather from Public Square one day last week.

As part of the early-morning program, the Black Nights Band helped Scott celebrate Wilkes-Barre and what it's all about.

I must admit, though, the Lake-Lehman band members look much better in one of those hats than does Willard Scott.

And, the marching Mountaineers of Dallas High School, under the leadership of new director Steve Saive, took three awards during Sunday night's Battle of Champions Band Tournament at Meyers High School.

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

## BACK MOUNTAIN ON THE MOVE

**FALL, A BEAUTIFUL TIME OF YEAR**, every leaf shows its colors of red, bronze, yellow, brown and copper. The beauty of nature's forests and mountains are the stepping stones to winter. Most of us think of the ocean and beaches as part of summer never looking beyond the hot sunny part of it all.

**THE GREGORSKI FAMILY** of Orchard View Terrace, Dallas, spent four days last week at Long Beach Island, New Jersey walking the sandy beaches and enjoying the sound of the rustling waters as fall sends it in. No swimming of course, but Marilyn reports it was one of the most beautiful, relaxing vacations their family has enjoyed. Marilyn serves as recreational director at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas.

**MARY RICE**, a former Dallas resident now living in Kingston, also enjoyed a fall vacation. Mary and friends enjoyed a week at beautiful Williamsburg, Virginia. She also reports fall as a beautiful time of year for a relaxing vacation.



**JEAN HILLARD**

Mary serves as General Chairman for the Wilkes-Barre Italian Festival committee and she's now in high gear preparing for their annual Columbus Day weekend to be held on Public Square. A Back Mountain invitation is extended to all of you to attend this fun event on October 11, 12 and 13. Saturday, Sunday and Monday will be filled with free entertainment on the square. Lots of good food and a good time for all.

Mary Rice has a full fall schedule as after that her next project is chairman of a "dinner theatre" evening for the Dallas Area Federated Woman's Club.

She may have moved to Kingston but she still belongs to the Back Mountain. Mary has

scheduled an evening at Gus Genetti's in Hazleton to dine at 7:00 then show time at 9:00 will present "The Chorus Line."

The date is Friday, Oct. 24 and the cost is \$18.50 per person. Reservation deadline is October 10. Sound like a fun evening? Call Mary Rice at 283-2810 and join the crowd for a fun evening. The public, as well as club members, is invited.

**THERE ARE LOTS OF EXCITING CHANGES** going on in the Back Mountain. Sally Steinkirchner, mother of seven children, has decided it was her turn for an education. Sally has stopped all other unimportant time consuming events and enrolled as a full time student at Wilkes College majoring in accounting.

Sally is a very intelligent individual and I now she'll do well. Good luck Sally.

**HAPPY 84TH BIRTHDAY WISHES** go to Millie Kear, a resident of Country Club Apartments, Dallas. Mrs. Kear celebrates her special day today, October 8. I hope your day is filled with health, happiness and love

Mrs. Kear.

**MATT MAGEE**, son of Jack and Doris Magee of Harveys Lake, had a happy McDonald's birthday with his friends that they will all remember for a long time.

It started off with the power being off at 2:00, the "scheduled show time." That was all worked out and the kids were just settling down when fire engines started howling into the Gulf gas station next door.

Once again all the kids were up to the windows all excited there was a fire. That was under control, the kids all "almost calm" once again and now it's party time. The schedule was put into action, the party was underway when a waitress runs thru with a fire extinguisher in her hand, all the kids up and watching her, oh no, back to the Gulf gas station. It seems a recreation vehicle was in trouble this time, fears and anxieties were building again.

I'm told there was a party finally, everyone had a good time, none of the fires were serious, and if you want to have an exciting birthday, see Matt Magee, he has a

unique recipe for one. Happy belated birthday Matt!

Matt's Daddy is manager of Stapinski's Drug Store in Dallas. He is, by nature, a calm person, but a few more birthdays could change that, too.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES** go to two local politicians and their anniversaries were on the same day also. I know they think alike on many issues but I didn't know it went back to their wedding dates!

Senator and Mrs. Cahrls Lemmond, Jr., Lehman Ave., Dallas, celebrated their 29th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 5. The Lemmonds are parents of four children and he serves as our own State Senator.

Tom and Martha Reese of Franklin Street, Dallas, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 5. They are the parents of three children and have four grandchildren. Tom is well known as the "tax collector" and Martha is employed at Weis Markets.

Happy anniversary wishes to both these couples. May your future years be filled with health, happiness and

politics!

**A LONG TIME TEACHER** at the Dallas School District, Mrs. Katherin Scott passed away in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital last Saturday. Mrs. Scott had all four of our children in grade school, she was a well known teacher.

Our sympathy is extended to her family and loved ones at this time.

**I END MY COLUMN THIS WEEK** with a very special Happy Birthday wish to a very special person. Mr. Bill Kubis of New Goos Manor who celebrated his 79th birthday on Sunday, Oct. 5. Mr. Kubis promises to devote his next 79 years to all the kids and sports in Dallas School District, should he live so long.

The Number One fan name has been given to him in various sports over the years. He has jackets from almost every sport reading No. 1 fan. Mr. Kubis is well known for his poems.

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

## LETTERS

**DEAR EDITOR:** "It was our only pumpkin."

My seven-year old daughter wasn't crying as we stood looking at the empty

spot where the pumpkin used to lie. Her eyes were moist, but she wasn't crying.

Not much grew in the garden this year. Only the cucumbers did well and the one pumpkin. But what a pumpkin it was!

"Our pumpkin is bigger than any of those," my daughter would say as we passed Rave's on our way up the mountain. She couldn't wait to carve it. Several times I reminded her that it would keep on the vine until Halloween was closer.

"We don't want it to rot too early," I'd say.

The pumpkin became very noticeable in August. It grew and grew until it looked like a golden mountain among the vines and weeds surrounding it. Two college girls, I suppose from Misericordia, stopped and admired it.

"That really is a gigantic pumpkin," they said. Children were talking about the pumpkin as they walked down Laing Street to get the school bus. The teachers at the day-care center in the Methodist Church said that the kids were always asking, "When

will they pick the pumpkin?" Now, it was gone.

Stolen. I know that this shouldn't color my view of the whole community. Dallas is still a nice place to live. Yet, I find myself less tolerant of the beer bottles thrown along Lake Street each Friday and Saturday night, the frequent fights outside the downtown pub, and the trash that disgraces Church Street and the Acme and Rea & Derick parking lots.

Somewhere, a large, beautiful pumpkin is an impressive Fall decoration. I hope

it provides as much joy in the next month as it has all summer for our family.

It was our only pumpkin...  
**BILL HAKKARINEN**  
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