

Editor's notes

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES are extended to my crazy stepsister, Susan Dadurka of Forty Fort.

Susan, who doesn't really enjoy it, celebrates her birthday on Christmas Day.

She does, however, think it's simply marvelous that everybody decorates their houses for her birthday, but has a problem with getting lost in the rush of the Christmas hoopla.

Happy birthday, anyway, Sue - I didn't forget about it!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS are also extended to Mrs. Donald Holdredge of 64 Norton Street in Dallas.

Mrs. Holdredge is celebrating her birthday today, December 22. Her son, David, is a carrier for The Dallas Post.

GET WELL WISHES are extended to Peggy Searles of Mount Olivet Road.

Peggy, a seventh grade student at the Dallas Junior High School, has been sick with the

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chicken pox.

HAVE YOU SEEN a shivering, red-nosed female standing near local store entrances, camera in hand?

She is none other than Jane Renn, The Dallas Post photographer, who, when standing out in the cold, is attempting to do our weekly opinion poll.

In our opinion poll, a rather new feature of The Dallas Post, we try to ask interesting or amusing questions. Answering them, we assure you, will not land you in jail.

Jane, however, has run into some difficulty getting people to talk to her. She doesn't bite and

she takes really good pictures of people. Those who think they may not look good enough to have their photos taken are, most often, badly mistaken.

Jane would like all the good people of the Back Mountain to know you would make her life a lot easier and a lot warmer if you would take a moment to answer the questions if she approaches you.

Stand up and be counted - your opinion is as good as anyone else's!

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT to the children of the Dallas Elementary School, they did help make Jane's job easier this week.

Although the weekly opinion poll is usually a very time-consuming project, the one we offer today proved to be a breeze.

Jane's assignment was to find six children who would tell her what they wanted from Santa Claus.

Finding six children was not

the hard part. The problem was in picking only six of the hundreds of kids who wanted to have their pictures taken for the newspaper.

After having so much difficulty getting people to publicly state their opinions on almost anything, Jane was thrilled with the overwhelming response she received from the children. If nothing else, it made her job easier this week.

BACK TO BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

A super-duper special birthday greeting goes out to my dear friend, Anna Kalna, of Shoemaker Avenue in Swoyersville.

Anna, who celebrated her birthday on Saturday, December 20, is an avid reader of this column and I want her to know I wish her the happiest birthday ever.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES also are extended to Wanda Harker, of Tripp Street

in Forty Fort.

"Harker," as her neighbors call her, will celebrate her special day on December 29.

Happy birthday to you, Harker, from me and from Sport.

JEERS to the people who shot Bill Murray's cow and bull.

Murray, a farmer from Franklin Township, discovered a fatally-wounded bull and an injured cow on his 100-acre farm near the Memorial Shrine Cemetery on Tuesday. The cow had to be destroyed because of the injuries inflicted on it from a gunshot wound.

Now, you tell me! Who in their right mind would drive past a farmer's field and shoot two animals who are standing there minding their own business? Sure doesn't appear as if the Christmas spirit is alive and well in their hearts, does it?

OUR ANNUAL IMAGINARY CHRISTMAS GIFTS appear in today's paper and, once again,

I'd like to remind all of our readers that these gifts are all in good fun.

This feature of The Dallas Post has become more and more popular since we started it three years ago and everybody who participates in it seems to have a good time with it.

The list of imaginary Christmas gifts that we publish gets longer every year and, I might add, funnier, too. Remember - it's all in good fun and done simply in the spirit of Christmas.

TO RICH AND PAT JONES of Haddonfield Hills, Dallas - my thoughts and prayers and with you both!

TO MY FAMILY, friends, fellow employees and readers of The Dallas Post - I'd like to wish you the merriest of all Christmas seasons.

(Dotty Martin is the Editor of The Dallas Post. Her column appears regularly.)

Tech

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needs to be repaired. Then the students work on it with the equipment we have here at the school. After it is completed a project authorization sheet is filled out, which is like a bill for certain items they have to pay for.

"But they do a lot of things for the school too," Feeney added. "They made a cushion to put on the walls behind the baskets in the gym. They help prepare meals for the school lunches and they refinished a couch that is in the lobby. Those are only a few of the things they did."

"And they are very careful with the equipment, because they know if they abuse it, they will be removed from the program."

Feeney says the school has purchased \$135,000 worth of new hi-tech equipment for the machine shop and another \$35,000 for an electronics class to help keep their curriculum up to date.

"We have to stay abreast with the times," said Feeney. "That's why we are a little more expensive, but the quality education is there, and these kids are learning a trade."

That is exactly the reason Goldsmith chose to attend Tech.

"I wanted to learn a trade and I didn't want to go to college," she said.

Another Back Mountain student, Kevin Hunter of Harveys Lake said. "I wanted to get a trade and still get the academics."

"I think you'll find that kids today are making more selfish decisions for themselves,"

Feeney stated. "And I mean that in a positive way. They realize they are going to have to

make a living for themselves someday and they are making those decisions a little earlier based on what they want to do."

Merry Christmas

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