

EDITORIALS

DARE makes sense for Dallas schools

Sending a DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer into local schools is a fine idea. Frank Ziegler's presentations will present the facts about drug and alcohol abuse to the Dallas School District's fifth-graders, a good age at which to speak frankly about the temptations they will soon confront, if they haven't come across them already.

The DARE program consists of 17 separate classes, which aren't limited to lectures about just saying "no." Among the topics are assertiveness, gangs and influences in the media. The goal, of course, is to show kids how to stay out of the destructive web spun by purveyors of intoxicants bent on recruiting a new class of users to milk for profits. But the structure of the program may do much more.

Bringing a uniformed police officer into the classroom, one who is there to instruct and not simply warn youngsters, will change the students' perception of the police from distant authority figures in cars to real people, even friends. As Kingston Township police chief James Balavage says, this is really an extension of the community policing concept that is proving so successful around the nation. In the context of a months-long program, the students will be able to ask questions about topics beyond drug use, and it's certain they'll find their inquiries accommodated.

The classes can't be successful in a vacuum, of course. Parents are the most powerful influences in most children's lives, and it is vital that they take responsibility for their offspring and talk with them openly about the risks they will face, and how to respond to them. As role models, it's even more important that parents do as they say. In living up to that charge, children can help parents face up to their own shortcomings.

It might seem that a weekly dose of reality from a cop wouldn't go far, given all the destructive influences kids are exposed to each day. But an hour or two with a strong but compassionate teacher can offset plenty of the bad stuff. And let's give the kids credit; most of them see through the ads and people who would lead them astray, and won't fall prey to them. For those who might, though, the DARE program could be a life saver.

Keeping an eye on government is as important as voting

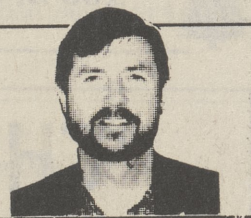
By the time you read this, the election will be over and the face of local government and school boards will be set for another two years. No matter what the outcome, we wish all success and good fortune to the winners, who hold some part of our future in their hands.

Those who voted are to be commended for taking their rights and responsibilities seriously. Those who didn't have precious little grounds on which to base complaints. Whichever group you're in, now is a good time to pledge that you will also take the time to attend at least one meeting of your town or school board this year, even if you have nothing to complain about or praise. Far too few citizens know even the most rudimentary facts about how their government operates, or who are the officials charged with minding the store. It is not unusual to find a handful of people in the audience for any particular meeting, although the number usually swells when there's a hot issue on the agenda.

Exercise your right to observe your government in action, and your obligation to keep an eye on it. It's often not exciting, just like the rest of life, but it's important to you, your family and your property.

Publisher's notebook

Ron Bartizek



The assassination of Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin may have been a shock to citizens of that nation, but it is unlikely to be the last such incident. There are segments of Israeli society which revel in violence, just as there are in our own, and nothing seems to moderate them.

I remember vividly November 22, 1963, the date President John F. Kennedy was gunned down in Dallas. I was in high school science class when word came over the PA system that JFK had been shot, and had died. I was stunned, but a classmate felt differently. He cheered the news, though his celebration was short-lived when the rest of us glared at him in shock. News reports have said similar celebrations took place in Israel after Rabin's death.

The Kennedy assassination was the first of three that shook American's faith in our nation to its roots. After Martin Luther King, Jr. and then Robert Kennedy were gunned down, it seemed the lunatic fringe might succeed in driving all reason from national life. It took several years to overcome that thought, and I'm not sure we will ever trust our fellow citizens as we once did.

Gaining one's way through violent means is a heritage common to Israel and the United States. There's no reason to think violence will subside any time soon in cultures that devote so much time and attention to war and other forms of mayhem.



Barn from Hillside Road, Trucksville. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.



60 Years Ago - Nov. 15, 1935 BORO SCHOOL BOARD SNEAKS IN OBJECTIVES

Faced with the certainty of a reorganization which will end its two year rule, the majority faction of the Dallas School Board this week launched a drive to accomplish major objectives before the balance of power swings over to its opponents. In one scoop, directors at a special meeting elevated a faculty member to supervising principalship, gave him a contract for two additional years, pushed plans for \$25,000 worth of construction, authorized purchase of a quantity of supplies and renewal for three years of a fire insurance policy which will not be due until December 11.

You could get - Round steak 29¢ lb.; ground beef, 2 lbs./33¢; eggs, 28¢ doz.; lard 2 lbs./29¢; prunes, 4 lbs. 19¢.

50 Years Ago - Nov. 16, 1945 BURGLARS HIT THREE MORE AREA SCHOOLS

Within a week to the day after they had broken into Lake Township High School, burglars last Thursday night ransacked Dallas Borough High School, Kingston Township High School and Trucksville Grade School. They obtained no loot of consequences in any of the buildings, but they did succeed in raising to 27 the number of rural schools that have been entered within the past two years.

Due to the strike of over-the-road truck drivers in the Scranton area, newsprint destined for use in this week's issue of *The Post* was delayed in shipment from Philadelphia. If your *Post* is late this week, that is the reason.

40 Years Ago - Nov. 11, 1955 DISAPPEARING CAR MYSTERY IS SOLVED

A tip leading to the apprehension of five teenage Dallas Borough boys on Halloween by Chief of Police Russell Honeywell has solved the theft of \$30 from Dallas Grade School and the mysterious repeated disappearance of an auto from L. L. Richardson's used car lot on Memorial Highway. The car had a habit of turning up abandoned in isolated sections of the Back Mountain region everytime it was stolen, but the money never got back to where it belonged until after the boys were taken into custody.

Ray Daring of Hislop's Market will build a sausage factory on a lot with 350 foot frontage recently purchased on Memorial Highway on the Howard Warden plot. Daring studied in Syracuse this summer, learning how to make high class sausage and all its kindred, including bologna and frankfurters.

30 Years Ago - Nov. 11, 1965 FIREFIGHTERS FIND MISSING CHILD

Dallas Borough Council passed on third and final reading a controversial ordinance imposing "inspection" fees on utility lines Tuesday evening. A possibility of a court fight by the utilities, while by no means certain, was anticipated.

Jeffrey Oncay, 2 of Outlet Road, Lehman Township, who wandered away from his home Saturday morning was found sleeping in the woods a few hours later about one quarter of a mile from his home. A group from Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Co. arrived to aid Lehman searchers and found the boy minutes after arriving. A crew from Lake Silkworth and Sweet Valley also responded.

20 Years Ago - Nov. 13, 1975 HARVEYS LAKE PASSES NEW PARKING REGS

Harveys Lake Borough Council passed two ordinances pertaining to parking and street excavation. The parking ordinance deals with the Shawanese section of the Lake and Old Harveys Lake Road. The ordinance stated that parking or permitting a vehicle to stand attended or unattended from Shawanese Post Office south on either side of the road will not be permitted. Council also passed an ordinance regulating the excavating of streets, avenues, or alleys, requiring payment therefore and a payment fee and prescribing penalties for violations of its provision.

As I was saying



Jack Hilsher

On October 1 the U.S. Postal Service held a "First Day" ceremony in Boca Raton, Florida to announce their issuance of a 20-stamp pane honoring American comic strip artists. "Classics" they called them.

This interesting event, largely unnoticed by the press, who were otherwise occupied with the "Farce of the Century," is worth some comment and consideration. Comics have been - still are - a significant and diverting daily ritual in all our lives. And may it always be thus; no computer screen or way stations on the info highway will ever replace the "funny papers."

It should be worthwhile to list the 20 classics honored, if only to check for your own favorites from your youth:

The Yellow Kid, Katzenjammer Kids, Little Nemo, Bringing Up Father, Krazy Kat, Rube Gold-

Remembering today's and yesterday's classic funnies

berg, Toonerville Folks, Gasline Alley, Barney Google, Little Orphan Annie, Popeye, Blondie, Dick Tracy, Alley Oop, Nancy, Flash Gordon, Li'l Abner, Terry and the Pirates, Prince Valiant and Brenda Starr.

Obviously they ignore current strips. Perhaps another group will be honored later, but who knows, considering this is the agency which honored Buddy Holly and skipped Glenn Miller. But don't those above named bring back memories? I used to look forward to Sundays when we visited an aunt because she received the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, which had Prince Valiant!

If a new batch is honored I'd head the list with Charles Schultz's "Peanuts." (Snoopy, Marcie and Woodstock deserve it.) Then I'd add "Redeye" with the Chief and Ma-Squaw; "For Better or For Worse," erratic but usually quite touching; "Calvin and Hobbes," which took me awhile but it grows on you; and yes, even Trudeau's "Doonesbury," sometimes straying over the taste line but surely one of our great satirists.

The rest you can skip. Some of

them I can't understand why they are printed. All except one, which you probably don't read, and you should start...Jeff MacNelly's "Shoe."

This strip, improbable though it sounds, features a cast of thoroughly disreputable birds dressed as humans, behaving and talking like humans, and for my money wins the comic Oscar.

I suppose, because there is a columnist who reminds me of you-know-who, and an editor, who reminds me of mine, that this strip verges on the personal for its appeal and perhaps its humor is not for everyone. But try it anyway. Here's a sample.

There are eight panels of a bird character at a bar, talking to a bird waitress, and this is his dialogue: "When I was in high school I wanted a car and my Dad said wait." "I wanted to quit school and my Mom said wait." "Later I wanted to get married and my girl said wait." "Then I was gonna join the Marines and they said wait." "So I applied for college and they said wait." "What did I end up doing?" "What else? I'm a waiter." "Mebbe you hadda be there. But at least, I hope you are smiling."



By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has lost another devoted 'friend of the library' with the passing of Homer B. Moyer on October 29. Mr. Moyer gave so much of his time and talent to the library, having served on the Board of Directors for 30 years, beginning his term in 1956.

He served as treasurer for 12 years; vice president for the next two years and president from 1971 through 1974 for four years. He stayed on the board for another 12 years and worked in many areas of finance and general activities.

He undertook as co-chairman with Nancy Eckert the major capital campaign called, 'The Next Chapter' in 1984. The campaign goal was set at \$450,000, the amount needed to convert the former Dallas High School on Huntsville Road into the library.

Library will miss a loyal firend, Homer Moyer

The total received was \$350,000 and the major renovations were made to the building to make it the tremendous library facility we enjoy today.

The new library building celebrated its tenth anniversary on March 4, 1995. We are forever grateful to the many people, who like Mr. Moyer, give so much of their time and talent to keep this library the great institution it is today.

The 'Friends of the Library' are sponsoring the fourth annual fresh citrus sale. Orders will be taken until November 21. Forms are available at the information desk in the library. The boxes sell for \$11.00 each and contain 2/5 bushel of ruby red grapefruit (18-20 count) or 2/5 bushel of naval oranges (24-32 count). All orders must be prepaid. Checks should be made payable to the Back Mountain Memorial Library and included with the order. The fruit will be ready for pick up at the library on December 17, 12-4 p.m. or December 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. The supplier guaran-

tees U.S. #1 grade or better. Delivered in refrigerated trucks.

New books at the library: Three new memory books were given in memory of Georgine Petroskas Shamis by Robert and Margo McGilvrey. "Our health, Our Lives" by Eileen Hoffman, M.D. shows a revolutionary approach to total health care for women. A book that can help rescue us in the present, and change health care in the future.

"Womens Bodies, Women's Wisdom" by Christiane Northrup, M.D. subtitled, 'creating physical and emotional health and healing.' Women are birthing a new vision of women's health; central to this is that we trust what we know in our bones, that our bodies are our allies.

"The Good Housekeeping Illustrated Guide to Women's Health" gives comprehensive information and advice about medical and lifestyle issues facing women today. The medical editor is Kathryn A. Cox, M.D. It includes a full-color atlas of the female body and its systems.

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