

ONLY YESTERDAY



**60 Years Ago - Oct. 23, 1936
LONDON TO GIVE F.D.R.
GOOD RUN IN ELECTION**

Voters residing in small towns and rural America have registered a straw vote for President. The majority are favoring Republican Gov. Alf M. Landon over Democratic candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt. Getting down to cases, the battle fronts will very definitely be in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois and Missouri. Franklin D. Roosevelt will most likely be re-elected to the presidency according to results of a poll taken among 5,145 newspaper editors by Liberty Magazine.

The Dallas Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a Bingo Party at Suburban Inn Oct. 23. Proceeds of their party will go into the general fund to furnish milk and soup to the undernourished children and also to supply Thanksgiving baskets which it has been the custom of the club to give each year.

**50 Years Ago - Oct. 25, 1946
SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES
FINALLY ARRIVE**

Two hundred fifty safe deposit boxes on order for almost two years have been received and installed by First National Bank. Shortly after their arrival here from a plant in Ohio, a representative came from New York City and spent three days installing them. A long list of customers who waited to rent the boxes almost exhausted

LIBRARY NEWS



By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is featuring a collage of library auction photographs in the reference room at the library. This group of photos is from the first library auction which was held on June 14, 1947. The idea of an auction was suggested by Ruth LeGrand and Alice Howell and supported by Howard Risley, who offered his barn on Lehman Avenue, for the site and served as chairman for the first three years of the auction.

Attics and cellars were emptied, barns and garages were cleaned...and the result from the first auction was a net of \$3,000 for the library! It was a common thing in the beginning to auction

the supply as soon as they were installed.

A former Marine Corps gunner, David Jenkins, Davenport Street, general manager of Standard Equipment Co., Wilkes-Barre, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Clyde N. Lapp at a meeting of the Dallas Borough School Board Friday evening. He will serve until December 1947. In other business Joe LaValle and Ken Grose representing the American Legion asked permission for use of the gym one night a week for basketball games at which admission would be charged. The board took the matter under advisement.

**40 Years Ago - Oct. 19, 1956
SALK POLIO VACCINE
AVAILABLE FOR KIDS**

Borough President Joe MacVeigh issued a stern warning to all hunters this week that discharge of firearms will not be permitted in Dallas Borough. There's a State law which prohibits the discharge of firearms within the proximity of homes as well as a Borough Ordinance which outlaws the use of guns within the borough limits.

According to action taken at a recent meeting of Luzerne County Medical Association, Salk vaccine preventative against polio will be given by private physicians and not as a service of the public schools. There is enough vaccine for any child who wishes it and quantities on hand are increasing to a notable extent. No child will be deprived of protection.

You could get - Legs O' Lamb, 59¢ lb.; cut-up fryer breasts, 65¢ lb.; pears, 3 lbs. 39¢; onions, 5 lbs. 19¢; Raisin bread, 19¢ loaf; Cherry pies, 49¢ ea.

**30 Years Ago - Oct. 20, 1966
TWO AREA POST
OFFICES DEDICATED**

Not once in a blue moon do two

past offices within seven miles of each other schedule dedications on the same day. Dallas and Harveys Lake are making news. Both structures modern to the last detail have been put into service within the past several months. Both will be dedicated with due ceremony on Saturday. The Harveys Lake dedication will occur at 11 a.m. Dallas dedication will be at 2 p.m.

Zip-Code forms have been distributed in the Back Mountain. Local post offices ask residents fill out the addresses most frequently used and send back cards as soon as possible. Postmasters also ask that when a resident mails a letter, he put on the return address his own Zip-Code number.

**20 Years Ago - Oct. 21, 1976
DAMA CRACKS DOWN ON
SEWER SCOFFLAWS**

DAMA at its Oct. 14 meeting moved to take "stringent" action against any property owners in the Back Mountain area who have not paid their sewer assessments in full upon receipt of Oct. 1 billing. Since Oct. 1 billing was delayed the authority determined that it would take no legal action against property owners providing their bills are paid by Oct. 29. Unless assessments are paid in full DAMA will not have the funds needed to pay off the assessment bonds sold to finance construction of the Back Mountain sewer system when final bond payments become due.

Police Committee Chairman Willard Newberry reported to Dallas councilmen Tuesday that the borough police had reached an agreement on their contract for the coming year. Police accepted a wage increase of \$500 per year over this year's salary and an additional \$150 for holiday work. They will work 40 hours per week and receive time and a half for overtime.

Old auction photos are on display at the BMT library

off livestock and families often went home with a new cat or dog.

The first picture is a group of people at the bidding in front of the Risley barn, which served as the block from 1947 through 1971. The second photo is a large group of people mostly standing during the bidding. A picture of Harry Ohlman, 1951 chairman taking bids with Nort Bert and Herman Thomas helping with a lamb. An early 1950's picture shows Harry demonstrating an exercise bike. Children gathered around Herman Thomas and a baby lamb waiting for auction. A bathing suit was modeled by a slim beauty as Bob Bachman was the auctioneer. The winner of the bid gave the acquired bathing suit to the model.

New books at the library: "On With The Story" by John Barth uses the venerable literary device

of the bedtime story, which links fictions as different as The Arabian Nights and Charlotte's Web. It weaves stories from an ongoing, high spirited but deadly serious nocturnal game of tale-telling by a more or less desperate loving couple vacationing at their 'last resort'. The novel explores love in modern life and postmodern literature.

"Pushing the Bear" by Diane Glancy is a novel of the trail of tears. It takes place in 1838 when 13,000 Cherokee-forced off their lands in North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee—walked 900 miles through four winter months on what is known as the Trail of Tears. They were uprooted from their homes, betrayed by the government that they had treated with respect and struggled to understand how to make a new life.

LETTERS

Thanks to person who returned lost wallet

Editor:

This is in heartfelt thanks to the person who found the wallet I had lost at Boscov's in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday, October 6 and took the time and effort to mail it to me with contents fully intact.

Your incredible act of kindness and honesty has saved me countless future hours, days, and weeks of agonizing over its whereabouts and of attempting to replace its lost contents.

You were quite literally an answer to prayer. Though you chose

to remain anonymous, God does know your identity. Be assured you are and will remain in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless and Keep You Always. You truly walk in His Service.

Diana Lynn Tabbit
Dallas

As I was saying



Jack Hilsher

Another casualty of our changing civilization went Chapter 11 recently. Smith Corona Corporation, last of the American typewriter makers, is probably stone cold by now. You could call them the latest casualty of computers and you'd be right. But that is sad, not the sort of progress we need.

When I was 12 and tender, my parents gave me an upright L.C. Smith. Heavy, noisy, cumbersome to use...I loved it. Since then I've had uncounted, and largely unremembered, instruments from portables to electrics to a word processor, but I still miss that old upright.

It always sounded right, as though your words meant something to it. "Clack-clack-clack," it went. It understood your thoughts, accepted them, and decisively recorded them on paper.

My word processor does not do that. It goes "sneek-sneek-sneek," sneakily, sort of, as though it was reluctantly doing your bidding but didn't think much of what you were saying. It never makes a mistake on its own, like my up-

Glorious memories of the friendly manual typewriter

right did. It never tilts a letter, or darkens a word, and you never get your fingers inky when changing a ribbon. It's not the same.

At one time L.C. Smith had a workforce of 4,200 in upstate New York, and shared a \$1.6 billion market with Royal, Remington, and Underwood. Today the only manual manufacturer is Olivetti, an Italian company which makes machines in Mexico and sells them to the military for use in places without electricity.

You can pick up hardly-used portables in flea markets for a few bucks, and even that superbly-designed IBM Selectric for a few dollars more. All are a far cry from the first machines in the late 1800's, when a man named Christopher Sholes finally (after 51 others had tried and failed) made one which could write faster than a clerk could in longhand with a pen.

Sholes was called "the 52nd man to invent the typewriter," and had tried but discarded many different models. (Think of the number of times he and others used the Ulysses S. Grant campaign slogan, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party.")

Remington bought his patent and continued to use his inefficient scattering of letters on the keyboard. Other keyboard arrangements never caught on. Mark Twain said, "The little joker

piles an awful lot of words on one page," and his "Life on the Mississippi" was probably the first typed manuscript in American publishing.

Typewriters took a good while to catch on, especially since few persons knew how to operate them. In 1881 the YMCA in New York caused a furor by offering a training course in typing and one critic said, "This was an obvious error in judgment by the well-meaning but misguided ladies of the Y.W.C.A."

Women who until then had worked at low-paying jobs in factories, schools or stores rushed to learn the trade, which offered a substantially higher salary and promised entry into the glamorous world of business. By the year 1900, 60,000 female "typewriters" (the word "typist" came later and "secretaries" were all men) were working at their machines in offices across the nation.

Newspapers switched to word processors long ago, and then to personal computers. Yet there are still some repair shops in business still accepting and fixing manual typewriters. One shop owner in New York said, "There will always be manuals, and not just in museums. There are people who are not comfortable with computers."

I'm one. Wish I had my L.C. Smith back.

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