

Egg hunt at Fernbrook Park shown in Post clippings

Edward Sidorek, 55, of Harris St., Dallas Township, shared these clippings of an Easter egg hunt held earlier this century at Fernbrook Park.

An article in The Dallas Post reported that about 2,000 children attended the event, sponsored by the Dallas Rotary Club. Music was furnished by the Shavertown boys' band, conducted by George Smith.

Sidorek found the clipping among those saved by his grandmother. "My grandmother saved everything," he said. His mother, Minnie Crispell, born in 1921, was in the crowd of children, though he didn't know which she was. Minnie Crispell lived in Lower Demunds Rd., not far from where Ed lives today.

Prize winners were: Clyde Veitch, Julia Skopic, Florence Craig, Ann Skopic, Beverly Besecker, Harry Jenkins, Louise Fine, Rhoda Veitch, John Owens, Wayne Harvey, Betty Niemeyer, B. Hufford, Clyde Brace, Wilfred Moore, Alfred Metzler, James Hayward, Eleanor Kunkle, L. Lloyd, Ray Jenkins, John Samble, Arthur Keefer, Hazel LaBar, Theodore Good, Willard Loudenbaugh, Richard Boward, Charlotte Parrish, Clark Hunt, Andrew Schnesky, Andrew Grapsky, John Owens.

CHILDREN OF DALLAS COUNTRYSIDE ATTEND EGG HUNT



A photo showed some of the children who attended an Easter egg hunt at Fernbrook Park. Ed Sidorek, who contributed the clippings, said his mother, Minnie Crispell, was in the crowd.

Lucky Boy at Egg Hunt



Jackie Owens of West Trucksville found the golden egg in the infant's division. He received a live rabbit as his reward.

DALLAS ROTARIANS WHO CONDUCTED EGG HUNT



Photo above shows the Rotary members who conducted the event. From left, first row; Earl H. Monk, Bert P. Stroh, Herman Van Campen, William B. Fine, Myron E. Steele, James F. Besecker. Back row; Nesbitt Garinger, Henry Sipple, G. Harold Wagner, Tom F. Higgins, Claude T. Isaacs, L.A. McHenry, Gustav A.A. Kuehn

Griffiths

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is really similar to the Back Mountain in places like Noxen and Orange. There are lush green trees, fields and flat-stone walls," Griffiths said.

And his kinsman were "very outgoing, humble, helpful and enjoy talking to people from outside the country."

As his brother-in-law drove, Griffiths navigated, which proved more challenging in Wales. Unlike the U.S. with its system of highways with names like I-70 and I-95, the Welsh navigate by towns, not numbers. "Wales has 'roundabouts,' where you drive around (in a circle) until you figure out which town you need to go to," explained Griffiths.

Griffiths said his goal this trip was to see as many castles as possible. And see many castles they did, including the Chepstow Castle in southern Wales, Harlech Castle, which is 700 years old, and Windsor Castle, the home of Queen Elizabeth II.

What struck him about Windsor Castle was "the grandeur of it." With gilded gold leaf accents and hand painted wallpaper shooting up some 30 ft. walls, it was testament to the impeccable craftsmanship and artistry of the past.

Although he appreciates the rich Rococo and Baroque decor of certain castles, Griffiths' main interest is in their history. "I like to know about the old armies and why some castles were built in Wales," he said. Some were built by King Edward I to suppress the Welsh, he learned.

Harlech Castle played a key role in the last major Welsh revolt against English rule from 1400 to 1414.

The Blenheim Palace is the one castle Griffiths couldn't seem to get in to. It wasn't a huge moat that kept him out; it was the off-season. On both of his visits he just missed the summer tourist season, which is the only time the castle gates open.

Blenheim Palace was built in Woodstock in 1705 for John, Duke of Marlborough, and his Duch-

ess, Sarah. Griffiths said one of the main reasons he wants to tour the palace is because Winston Churchill, his "buddy," took up residence there.

It wasn't only castles that occupied their time. Griffiths and Morgan went to a World War II museum in Portsmouth that was built right on the seawall overlooking the harbor. "The museum had the largest memorial quilt depicting the entire war," said Griffiths.

The two also went to the Royal Military Museum in London where an enormous collection of weapons from World War I to the present are displayed.

They visited some cathedrals, such as Winchester Cathedral, St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey in London.

More unexpected sites included a village in the Snadonia National Park dedicated to artisans who are masters of craft from stonework to pewter and woodwork.

No trip to England would be complete without paying homage to the great playwright, William Shakespeare. Griffiths took a tour of Stratford-upon-Avon, to see all the homes where Shakespeare lived and worked.

"My grandfather went there in World War I and brought back a wife."

Gil Griffiths
Dallas superintendent

They finished up their trip with three days in London, where they visited the Tower of London.

Griffiths said in another four years he will get back to Wales. "I don't think I've seen all of Wales. With 10 days you only get a little piece of history," he said. Why go to Wales again instead of France or China? "I have an interest in the history and culture of Wales." And there's plenty of it.

Author/gardener Sara Stein to speak April 19

The Back Mountain Regional Land Trust is being joined by 10 well-established organizations to bring Sara Stein to speak on Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Back Yards on Sun., April 19, at 2 p.m. at the Anthracite Heritage Museum in McDade Park, Keyser Avenue, Scranton. She will lecture with slides, answer questions and sign books, which will be available for purchase at the presentation.

Sara Stein is a brilliant observer and engaging writer whose books, *My Weeds*, *Noah's Garden*

and *Planting Noah's Garden* have won prestigious national awards, wide critical acclaim and legions of appreciative readers. Her writing grows out of her own experiences with gardens, lawns, patios, ponds, wetlands, trees, shrubs, wildlife, home owners - and the inter-relationships among them.

Stein and her husband, Marty, tamed and gardened their five acre property in Pound Ridge, NY, only to discover when they were done, that they had forfeited the company of the foxes, birds, butter-

flies and other wild creatures who have welcomed their arrival. Their adventures in "ungardening" have much for us to learn about ways each of us can make a difference and enhance the earth as a habitat for all creatures - right in our own back yards, whether large or small.

This message is so important that 10 regional organizations have joined the Back Mountain Regional Land Trust to make Sara Stein's visit possible: The Countryside Conservancy, The Garden Exchange, The Laurel Garden

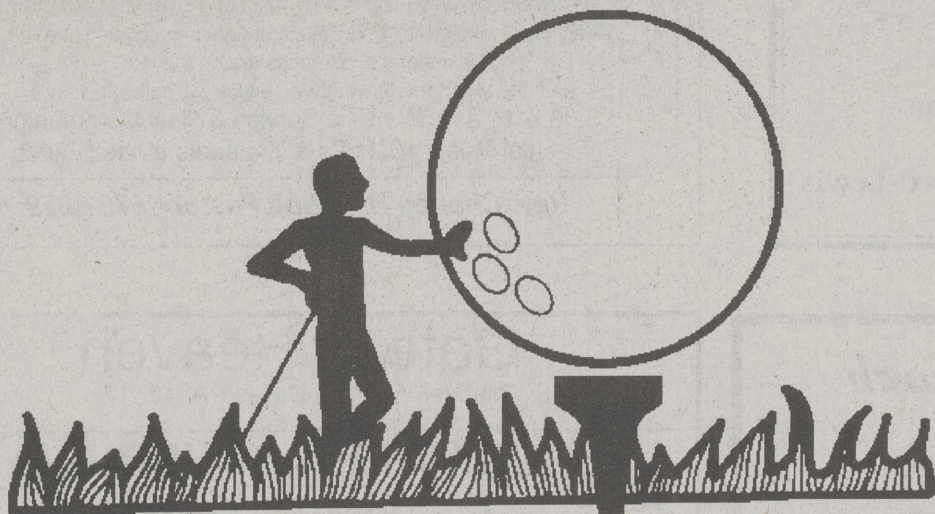
Club, The Back Mountain Bloomers, The Delaware Highlands Conservancy, The Lackawanna River Corridor Association, The Pennsylvania Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, Friends of the Fragile Earth of Church of the Epiphany, Lacawac Sanctuary and the Anthracite Heritage Museum.

Admission is free. Door prizes will be awarded.

For more information, please contact Linda at 675-2274.

Easter Sunrise Service April 12

The annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, will be held at the Lehman United Methodist Church, April 12 at 6:15 a.m. An organ prelude will be presented by Dorothy Dawe, church organist. The choir under the direction of Linda Pinen will present special music. The Rev. Richard Santella, the sermon. Fellowship breakfast to follow the service. All are invited.



Back Mountain Baseball Golf Tournament

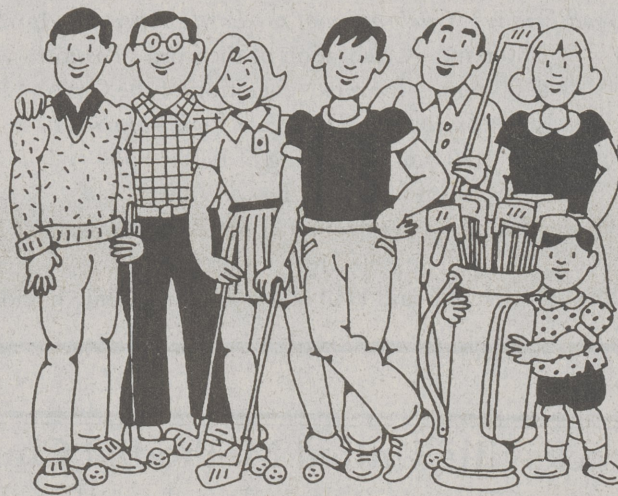
At Edgewood in the Pines • Sunday, April 26th
Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

Polish Your Clubs & Pack Your Balls
It's **GOLF** Time!
Here are the specifics

Teams will be made up of four golfers. The tournament is limited to 36 teams, based on **FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS!**

Tee, Hole and Equipment Sponsors Needed!
You can help even if you don't play.
Sponsor a tee for \$50, a hole for \$100, or buy an entire team's equipment package for \$200. All sponsors will be recognized on the signage at the tournament and in a thank you ad in The Dallas Post afterward.

Proceeds benefit Back Mountain Baseball Inc., which provides baseball and softball opportunities for more than 1,000 youngsters, ages 6-16.



Cost Per Team is **\$200.00**

This includes green fees, golf cart, beverage, food, fun & frolic!
Sign up as a single for \$50 and we'll place you in a foursome

Count me in! I/We will play in the Back Mt. Baseball Golf Tournament.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Partners: 1. _____

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I'll Sponsor a Tee @ \$50 Hole @ \$100 Equipment Package @ \$200

Amount Enclosed: For Players \$ _____ For Sponsor \$ _____

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