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EDITORIAL

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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

 On Oct. 19, 1781, British General Lord Cornwallis surrenders 7,087 officers and men, 900 seamen, 144 cannons, 15 galleys, a frigate and 30 transport ships to a larger French-American force. Pleading illness, Lord Cornwallis did not attend the surrender ceremony.

• On Oct. 22, 1797, the first parachute jump of note is made by Andre-Jacques Garnerin from a hydrogen balloon 3,200 feet above Paris. He landed shaken but unhurt a half-mile from the balloon's takeoff point.

• On Oct. 18, 1922, "Robin Hood," starring Douglas Fairbanks, opens at Grauman's Egyptian Theater in Hollywood. As a publicity stunt two weeks before the premiere, Fairbanks and several others shot arrows from atop a hotel and accidentally injured a man through an open window (the man agreed not to press charges).

• On Oct. 20, 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee of the U.S. Congress opens its investigation into communist infiltration of the American movie industry. Protesting witnesses, called the "Hollywood Ten," were found in contempt of Congress and went on to serve jail terms.

• On Oct. 21, 1967, violence erupts as more than 100,000 protesters march on the Pentagon to ask for an end to the Vietnam conflict. By the time order was restored, 683 people, including novelist Norman Mailer and two UPI reporters, had been arrested.

• On Oct. 23, 1971, Walt Disney World opens in Orlando, Fla. Disney World would later include EPCOT Center, based on Walt Disney's vision of a Utopian planned community. (EPCOT stands for Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow.)

• On Oct. 17, 1994, taxicab driver Jeremy Levine returns to London from a round-trip journey to Cape Town, South Africa. Passengers Mark Aylett and Carlos Aresse paid 40,000 pounds, or approximately \$65,000, for the 21,691-mile trip.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

 Before he became famous for writing such masterworks of science fiction as "The Time Machine," "The Invisible Man," "The Island of Dr. Moreau" and "The War of the Worlds," H.G. Wells wrote textbooks on biology.

• It has been estimated that it can take up to 50,000 years for a plastic container to decompose.

• This sounds like it could be an observation made by any of a number of modern authors: "Our ignorance of history causes us to slander our own times." You might be surprised to learn, then, that it was 17th-century French novelist Gustave Flaubert who is credited with that quote.

• For the first six or so months after birth, a baby can breathe and swallow at the same time. If you're old enough to be able to read this, you can't do it - go ahead and try.

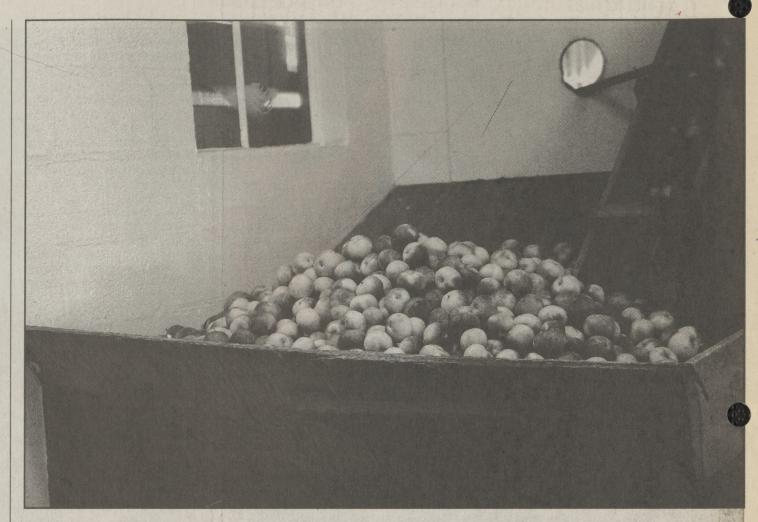
• Renowned novelist William Faulkner was a high-school dropout. He later decided to take a few courses at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, but he didn't fare well there, either - he made a D in English.

 Those who study such matters say that California by itself constitutes the fifth-largest economy in the world.

• The next time you're out on a date, be careful about how you treat the wait staff. In a recent survey of singles, 43 percent of respondents said they pay close attention to a date's behavior toward servers.

• At an auction in New York, a man got what he thought was a bargain on a used car. He got a bit more than he bargained for, though; when he opened the trunk, he found a dead body. Investigation showed that the car had been sitting on the lot for three months.

AMERICAN LEGION DONATES **TO LIBRARY**



What's in store for these apples? The might find themselves baking inside a pie. Maybe they'll be crushed and made into homemade applesauce. Or perhaps they'll be processed into a delicious apple cider, which tastes great on a chilly autumn afternoon.

LIBRARY NEWS

The following new books have been added to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

EXPRESS (1 Week Loan)

"Angels in the Gloom" by Anne Perry

"Perfect Nightmare" by John Saul

"Lipstick Jungle" by Candace Bushnell "The Lincoln Lawyer" by Mi-

chael Connelly

"Cinnamon Kiss" by Walter Mosley

"Iron Orchid" by Stuart Woods "13 Steps Down" by Ruth Rendell

FICTION

"Angels in the Gloom" by Anne Perry "Anansi Boys" by Neil Gaiman

"Perfect Nightmare" by John

"Lipstick Jungle" by Candace Bushnell "The Cinderella Hour" by Kathe-

rine Stone "Fury" by Robert Tanenbaum "The Last Days of Dogtown" by

Saul

Anita Diamant "Slow Man" by J.M. Coetzee "Dinner with a Perfect Stranger'

by David Gregory "Fan-Tan" by Marlon Brando "Wickett's Remedy" by Myla Goldberg "Iron Orchid" by Stuart Woods "Blue Smoke" by Nora Roberts

"The Lincoln Lawyer" by Michael Connelly "Flashback" by Gary Braver

"Cinnamon Kiss" by Walter Mosley "Poison Study" by Maria V. Snyder

"The Widow of the South" by **Robert Hicks**

"The Zahir" by Paulo Coelho

"Half Broken Things" by Morag Joss

"The Foretelling" by Alice Hoffman

"A Breath of Snow and Ashes" by Diana Gabaldon

NONFICTION

"Bait and Switch" by Barbara Ehrenreich "100 People Who Are Screwing

Up America" by Bernard Goldberq

"Approval Addiction" by Joyce Meyer

"And One More Thing Before "Approval Addiction" by Joyce

Meyer "And One More Thing Before

You Go " by Maria Shriver

MYSTERY

"Belle Ruin" by Martha Grimes "Demon of the Air" by Simon Levack "13 Steps Down" by Ruth Rendell

"A Thousand Years of Good Prayers" by Yiyun Li

BOOKS ON CD

"The Daughter of Time" by Josephine Tey "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon

YOUNG ADULT

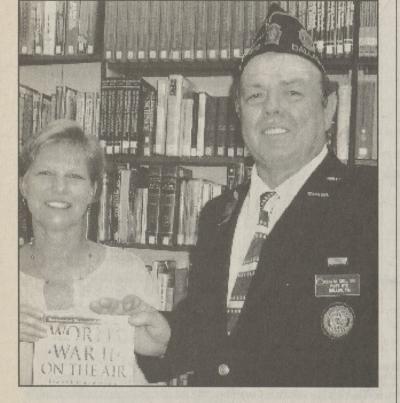
"Under the Persimmon Tree" by **Suzanne Fisher Staples** "America's Battle Against Terrorism" edited by Andrea C. 16H Nakava "Capital Punishment" edited by Mary E. Williams "Drug Legalization" edited by Karen F. Balkin "Iraq" edited by Andrea C. Na kava "Homeland Security" by Andrea C. Nakaya

SPECIAL DONATIONS

"Royal Russia: the private albums of the Russian Imperial Family" by Carol Townend, presented by Mrs. Catherine Gourlev

70 YEARS AGO

Barbara Ann Katacinski, 4, is retary, has done "an extraordin-



The Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 American Legion of Dallas recently made a monetary donation to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The Legion has been making the donations, which is used for the purchase of books on military topics, for years. Accepting the donation from Commander John Emil Sr. is library director Martha Butler.



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LEHMAN FARMER HAS BUMPER CROP

For the third consecutive year, George L. Rice of Lehman has established his right to membership in Pennsylvania's exclusive 400-bushel Potato Club. Mr. Rice, with the assistance of his son, reports a yield of 454 bushels to an acre

this year. In

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The construction of an addition to Dallas Borough High School was one step nearer to realization this week as directors prepared to submit plans for the annex to Works Progress Administration officials. The directors will then learn if the project can be financed with federal funds.

L.V. Lacey, the architect, showed a plan for a building which would contain four more classrooms and which would cost about \$25,000.

60 YEARS AGO Oct.19, 1945

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP GROWS

Revitalized by new blood and sparked by the admission of eight new members, 22 members of the Daddow-Isaac Post American Legion held their semi-monthly meeting at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The group discussed plans for a new Legion Home location.

The first step in the campaign to raise funds will be a community square and round dance at the Dallas Borough High School auditorium on November 2.

in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital with a broken pelvis and body bruises she received when she was knocked down by a truck Wednesday afternoon in front of the Shavertown Fire House. The truck was driven by a rug salesman from Wilkes-Barre.

The youngster was playing in the yard of the Fire House while her mother, the former Marion Heale, was helping prepare for a witnessed the accident and neither the driver nor other children who were playing nearby were able to explain how it happened.

50 YEARS AGO Oct.14, 1955

HUNTSVILLE **CHRISTIAN**

NOTES ANNIVERSARY

The presence at the Huntsville Christian Church of the Rev. Edward J. Bruce of Pittsburgh next Sunday morning will lend significance to the celebration of the 112th anniversary of the church and the dedication of the new educational building. An invitation is extended to all to attend the worship service at 9:30 a.m. and the Bible school at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday will also mark the fourth anniversary of the first use of the parsonage. The Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Frick will be at home to friends and members of the church from 3 to 6 in the afternoon.

40 YEARS AGO Oct.14, 1965

COUNCIL'SECRETARY SUBMITS RESIGNATION

Dallas Borough council secretary Robert Brown announced that he has accepted a position as assistant vice president of the First National Bank of Sayre, and that he must resign a council secretary in the near future. Council President Harold Brobst said that Brown, in his 10 years as sec-

ary job," far above the demands of his salaried position.

William A. Austin of Monroe Township was officially designated as elementary principal of Dallas-Franklin-Monroe the Township jointure at last Tuesday night's school board meeting. Fred Case was appointed as head teacher at Beaumont.

Mrs. Stella Lancio, head of the party at the Fire House. No one main building cafeteria, will assume administrative duties over the Monroe Township cafeteria.

> The Lehman-Jackson Little League team was honored for winning the Back Mountain championship by receiving trophies at the Lehman-Jackson-Ross PTA meeting. The team has won the championship five times in the last six years.

> > **30 YEARS AGO** Oct. 9, 1975

FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT OK'D

William Sherksnas announced approval by the General State Authority of a \$185,000 flood control project for the Warden Place section of Harveys Lake at Harveys Lake Borough Council meeting Thursday.

Sherksnas said the GSA had appointed GEO technical services, consulting engineers and geologists to begin the preliminary work on the project, Dates announced in connection with the project include the preliminary design date, Oct 28; the preparation and drawing deadlines, Jan 28, 1765 and May 29, 1975 was set as the date when final bidding documents are to be ready.

More than 400 parents visited the College Misericordia campus over the weekend in participate in a series of activities conducted by the students of the honor of fall parents weekend. Some parents arrived on campus Saturday for an informal meeting with college personnel and a buffet dinner with the students.

Saturday evening, hundred parents participated the dance held in the Redwood Room of Merrick Hall.

Invitations for the seventh annual Starlight Ball have been mailed, according to the woman's auxiliary of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. The all-patron event will be held on Saturday evening, Nov. 8 at Gus Genetti Hotel.

Mrs. Albert Schiowitz, chairman of the ball, and Mrs. Julian S. Long, co-chairman, have indicated that proceeds will be used to help fulfill the auxiliary's commitment to the General Hospital's \$8 million expansion program.

> **20 YEARS AGO** Oct. 9, 1985

DALLAS BAND WINS COMPETITIONB-

The Dallas High Sch marching band was victorio in the 15th annual "Battle of the Bands" competition sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium

The band won first place honors in Group II competition as well as specialty trophies for music and band front. Mark Steinkirchner was selected as "Soloist of the Show," Mark is a senior and plays trumpet.

This fall, the nearly 1.5 million students across the United States who take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test will have a special opportunity to familiarize themselves with the testing format also used on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

On the PSAT-NMSQT, the junior students taking the test at Dallas Senior High School on Oct. 19 can "preview" the ex process for the SAT-the prer uisite for many college-bound students, said Patricia Russin of the school guidance staff.