

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On Sept. 2, 1666, the Great Fire of London breaks out in the house of King Charles II's baker. When the fire finally was extinguished four days later, it had engulfed 13,000 houses and nearly 90 churches. An estimated 100,000 people were left homeless. Miraculously, only 16 people were known to have died.
- On Sept. 3, 1777, the American flag is flown in battle for the first time, during a Revolutionary War skirmish at Cooch's Bridge in Maryland. According to legend, Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross designed the new canton for the Stars and Stripes, which consisted of a circle of 13 stars and a blue background, at the request of Gen. George Washington. Historians have been unable to conclusively prove or disprove this legend.
- On Aug. 31, 1899, a Stanley Steamer, driven by F.O. Stanley, becomes the first car to reach the 6,288-foot summit of Mount Washington, N.H. The steam-powered cars not only climbed mountains, but often beat larger, gasoline-powered cars in races.
- On Aug. 29, 1949, at a remote test site at Semipalatinsk in Kazakhstan, the USSR successfully detonates its first atomic bomb, code name "First Lightning." According to legend, the Soviet physicists who worked on the bomb would have been executed by the Soviet government if the bomb had failed to detonate.
- On Sept. 1, 1959, Elizabeth Taylor signs with 20th Century Fox to make "Cleopatra" for a salary of \$1 million. By the time she was 10, Taylor had signed with MGM and made her first picture, "There's One Born Every Minute."
- On Aug. 30, 1980, Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again" enters the charts. The song would eventually reach No. 1 and become an American classic.
- On Aug. 28, 1996, after four years of separation, Charles, Prince of Wales and heir to the British throne, and his wife, Princess Diana, formally divorce.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

The History Channel

- We all know that when Apollo 11 landed on the moon in 1969, the first person to set foot on the lunar surface was Neil Armstrong, followed shortly thereafter by Buzz Aldrin. Ever wonder why Armstrong went first, and therefore went down in history as the first man on the moon? Reportedly, it was because he was the closest one to the door.
- Wine seems to be the "in" beverage these days. If you're among the hordes racing to the wine shops and spending ever-increasing amounts of money in search of the perfect bottle, consider this: In 1985, a single bottle of wine was sold for \$160,000. And nobody even got to enjoy it - less than a year after it was purchased, the cork slipped down the bottle's neck and into the wine, ruining it.
- It's reported that in parts of England, some people still believe that swallowing a spider will cure a cold. I think I'd rather suffer through the cold.
- Business Week magazine had its first cover featuring a woman back in 1954; Brownie Wise was the lucky lady. Don't remember her? Well, if you grew up in the '60s or '70s, you probably felt her influence, even if you don't recognize her name. She's the one who came up with the idea of the Tupperware party.
- Those who study such things report that Earth is gaining weight - six tons every day, in fact. The weight gain is evidently due to the accumulation of dust and debris as the planet travels through space. It begs the question: How do they weigh the Earth to begin with?
- Coca-Cola was originally green.

Thought for the Day: "Our bombs are smarter than the average high-school student. At least they can find Afghanistan."

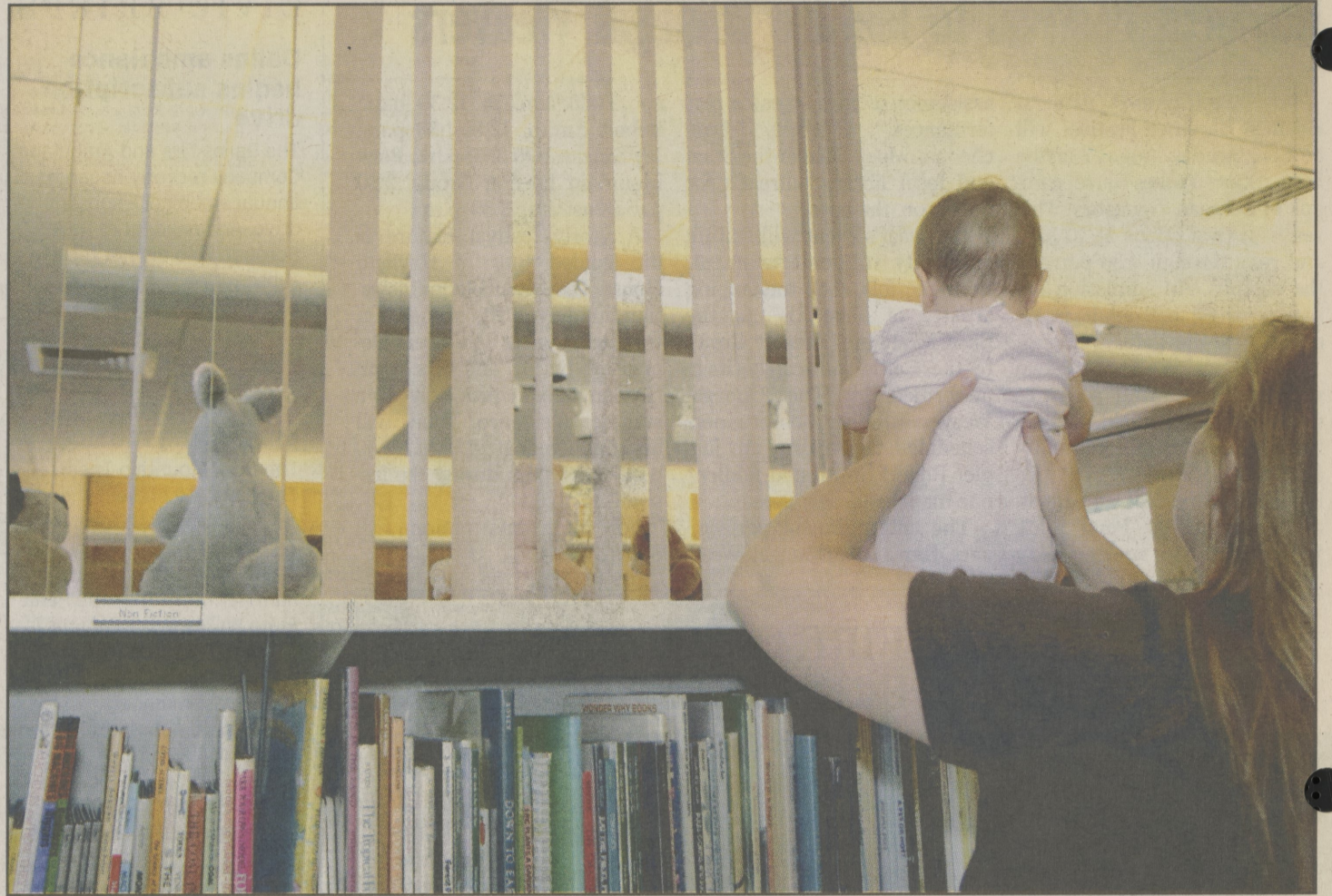
- A. Whitney Brown

AMERICAN LEGION
INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Dallas American Legion Post 672 recently held its installation of officers. The officers for the year are: Clarence J. Michael, commander; John Emil Sr., senior vice commander; Richard Tyrant, adjutant; James Baloga, finance officer; Ted Diamond, second vice commander; Steve Batory, service officer; Joseph Dwinchick, chaplain; Ted Wright, historian; Robert Hines and Chester Kunigonis, sergeant at arms. Members of the executive committee are Ed Buckley, Charles Kishbaugh, Joe Kelley and John Zarno. The next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 at the Post Home on Route 415. All members are invited. The legion is also observing MIA Month. Above, Michael presents Emil Sr. with a plaque in honor of his service as commander during the past three years.

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A good seat can be hard to find. That's what prompted this boost up to the nose-bleed section usually reserved for the hushed, plush animals. They gathered for the final program of the Back Mountain Memorial Library's summer reading program.

Registration approaching for Storytimes at library

It's time to register for fall Storytimes at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, parents and caregivers may call the library at 675-1182 to register their children.

Groups for 3-5-year-olds will meet from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays; and from 10-11 a.m. Thursdays. Toddlers will meet from 11-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays. The toddler program could move to 10 a.m. when the Family Place program concludes.

Storytimes will begin the week of Oct. 1 and run until the

week of Dec. 3. Janet Bauman, children's librarian, is in need of a person who would like to conduct an evening storytime. Interested persons are asked to call the library as soon as possible.

Parents and caregivers may also register for Family Place: A Parent/Child Workshop. Family Place will be held from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24. This program, geared toward children ages 1-3 years of age, consists of a play group coupled with visits from resource professionals dedicated to child development issues.

After about 45 minutes, the play group is followed by a short "circle time" with finger plays, songs and a short story. It is a wonderful opportunity for new parents to meet and talk, have questions answered about child development and just have fun with their toddler.

A limited number of "Kindergarten, Here I Come!" calendars are available for parents and caregivers of children who will attend kindergarten in 2007. Stop by the library or call to reserve one.

The participants of the Young Adult Book Discussion will read and discuss their last book of the summer, *Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28.

The Slightly Read Bookshop will resume its regular hours beginning Wednesday, Sept. 6. The bookshop hours are 1-7 p.m. Mondays; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

70 YEARS AGO
Aug. 28, 1936LOCAL SCHOOLS
READY FOR OPENINGONLY
YESTERDAY

School bells will ring for tens of thousands of youngsters, and young men and women in this area next week as local school districts begin their 1936-37 term.

Already faculty members are reporting, many of them returning from summer sessions at colleges throughout the east, and last-minute repair work and cleaning at buildings is being rushed preparatory to the arrival of the first day of school.

The following schools will open on the following days: Dallas Township, Sept. 1; Lehman Township, Sept. 8; Monroe Township, Aug. 31; Lake Township, Sept. 1; Dallas Borough, Sept. 2; and Kingston Township, Sept. 8.

A group of Dallas Township Republicans this week tried to disprove the old political adage "To the victors belong the spoils" by stopping a Fernbrook WPA project, which was employing far more Democrats than Republicans. A number of conflicting stories were told concerning what happened on Monday on Terrace Street in the Fernbrook section of Dallas Township, but all sides agreed that the Democrats were still administering the project when the smoke cleared.

The difficulty began when Republicans began complaining that there were twice as many Democrats as Republicans working being employed on the road-building project.

60 YEARS AGO
Aug. 30, 1946LEHMAN SCHOOLS
FILLED TO LIMIT

For the first time in the history of the township, enrollment is expected to exceed 500 when Lehman schools open on Wednesday. Schools will open at

8:45 a.m. and close at 2:30 p.m. The cafeteria will be open the first day.

Supervising principal Howard Hendricks has announced that 33 beginners, the largest number on record, will enter the first grade. "Other elementary grades are completely filled to the limit permissible if our traditional high standards are to prevail," he said.

Hendricks said Lehman has found it necessary to turn away tuition pupils seeking to be enrolled in the elementary school; but that tuition students who have attended Lehman in previous years will be permitted to continue in attendance.

The future of Jive Junction, a Dallas teenage center, hangs in the balance after a meeting last Sunday afternoon between members of the Adult Committee of the Center and representatives of Oneida Lodge I.O.O.F.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear reports on last year's activities, learn present and future plans of the organization and determine whether the building might be put to better community use if it were turned back into the Odd Fellows and then let out to other community functions.

Representing the teenagers were Mrs. Harry Ohlman, president of the adult committee; Gerald Dettmore, treasurer; Henry Peterson, Mar. Steven Sedler, Lawrence Peirce and David Joseph.

50 YEARS AGO
Aug. 31, 1956STREET NAMES
CAN BE CONFUSING

With the rapid expansion of the Back Mountain area, confusion arises in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Trucksville and Shavertown over the duplication of street names. Postal authorities, as well as businessmen, physicians, ambulance drivers and firemen find this a distinct handicap in quickly locating a home.

For example, there is a Sunset Street in Goss Manor and a Sunset Avenue in Dallas Borough; a Ridge Street in Kingston Township, Fernbrook and

Dallas Borough; a Shaver Avenue in Fernbrook and Shavertown; and an Orchard Street in Trucksville, Shavertown and Dallas Borough.

The Rev. Paul Clemow, Dallas, will mount the pulpit this Sunday, serving Maple Grove, Loyalville and Meeker United Methodist churches as supply pastor.

The Rev. Harold C. Buckingham, Wilkes-Barre district superintendent, announced the appointment on Monday.

The previous supply pastor, the Rev. Arthur Williams, who succeeded the Rev. Albert Hillard, is taking a leave of absence.

40 YEARS AGO
Aug. 25, 1966NOXEN FIRE CO.
AUCTION A SUCCESS

The Noxen Fire Company's annual auction enriched the coffers of the volunteer company by \$1,300 last weekend. Much merchandise went over the block and odds and ends tables were filled once again. Customers kept the refreshment booth busy and the Bowman's Creek Lions Club, who manned it, sent out several times for more supplies.

Items went for very low prices. A Wedgewood plate went for 80 cents and was bid on by Ernest Gay, who also purchased several pieces of pressed glass. Charles Womer bought a 21-inch used TV set in excellent condition for \$15.50, while men's new shirts went for \$1.50 and \$2.

The new Dallas Post Office will be formally dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m., according to word received by postmaster Buckley.

No details have yet been received as to what dignitaries will attend or what social functions will revolve about dedication proceedings.

Ground was broken for the office on Lake Street on Dec. 12, 1964, with Congressman Daniel J. Flood turning over the first shovel of dirt. Personnel of the office moved to their new location on Memorial Highway,

where the old Lehigh Valley Freight Station used to stand.

30 YEARS AGO
Aug. 25, 1966DALLAS EMPLOYEES
VOTE TO BE
ORGANIZED

An overwhelming majority of the 82 eligible non-professional employees of the Dallas School District voted in favor of becoming organized and recognized by the Pennsylvania State Labor Relations Board at an election held at the Dallas Junior High School.

The employees voted 49-24 with nine abstaining from voting in favor of becoming the Dallas School Service Personnel Association.

All secretarial, clerical, custodial, maintenance, housekeeping and cafeteria employees - with exception of a few designated as management level - will be represented by the association.

20 YEARS AGO
Aug. 27, 1966LATE BUS RUNS
DENIED AT
LAKE-LEHMAN

Lake-Lehman students who participate in after-school activities are still going to have to find their own transportation home, despite arguments presented to the school board by taxpayers, teachers and students at its monthly meeting.

The board stood firm by its recent decision to eliminate the post-practice bus runs in order to save approximately \$18,000. The post-practice bus runs had been in existence over a period of many years.

The runs have allowed students participating in extra-curricular activities to have a means of transportation home at night.

The inaugural Luzerne County Fair Open Horseshoe Pitching Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at the fairgrounds. Class A and B players will compete for money and prizes.

National Horseshoe Pitching Association rules will be followed during the tournament.