

STEELERS MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY



Just in time for the football season, Michael Murphy of Shavertown is displaying his prized Pittsburgh Steelers memorabilia for patrons to enjoy when they visit the library during the month of September. The Lehman-Jackson Elementary School students and his entire family have been collecting Steelers memorabilia for several years. Most of the items were purchased in Pittsburgh. Some of the highlights of the colorful collection include a Jerome Bettis 1993 rookie card, a Super Bowl XL 40th anniversary program, an autographed training camp football, and a Wheaties cereal box with "Mean" Joe Green on the cover. In addition, there are football trading cards, Terrible Towels going back to the 1980s, postcards, Sports Illustrated magazines and numerous throw-back memorabilia. Young Michael knows his football stats on the Steelers and many other teams, as well. His favorite player is quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and he hopes to follow in his footsteps as a quarterback some day so he keeps busy throwing the pigskin. He is also interested in soccer, basketball and NASCAR. The family recently returned from the Pittsburgh Steelers' training camp and Michael's mother, Debby, remarked that the Steelers are exceptional role models for children and they are very appreciative of all their fans. Michael and his family hope you enjoy the display.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Sept. 25, 1913, 24-year-old Charlie Chaplin signs with Keystone, a production company known for its silent comedies. Chaplin will make more than a dozen movies in the next year alone, including "Making a Living," in which he played a mustachioed villain with a monocle.
- On Sept. 29, 1907, Gene Autry, perhaps the greatest singing cowboy of all time, is born in Tioga, Texas. Autry's lasting fame came from his career as the film industry's favorite singing cowboy. His first movie, "In Old Santa Fe," was eventually followed by nearly 100 films. Autry died in 1998 at the age of 91.
- On Sept. 27, 1939, 140,000 Polish troops are taken prisoner by the German invaders as Warsaw surrenders to the superior mechanized forces of Hitler's army. The Poles fought bravely, but were able to hold on for only 26 days.
- On Oct. 1, 1940, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, America's first toll superhighway, officially opens for service. The Pennsylvania Turnpike was constructed at great expense, leveling any terrain obstructions that hindered efficient travel.
- On Sept. 30, 1954, the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear submarine, is commissioned by the U.S. Navy.
- On Sept. 26, 1982, the first episode airs of the television show "Knight Rider," starring David Hasselhoff as private eye Michael Knight. However, the real star of the show was "KITT," his talking car. KITT, a modified Pontiac Firebird complete with artificial intelligence and glowing red lights, assisted Michael in his detective work.
- On Sept. 28, 1991, legendary jazz trumpeter Miles Davis dies in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 65. The son of a St. Louis dentist, Davis began playing trumpet at age 13 and later moved to New York, where he became roommates with saxophone great Charlie Parker. Davis' hits include the classic album "Round Midnight."

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VICE PRESIDENT VISITS THE BACK MOUNTAIN



Vice President Dick Cheney speaks during a fund-raising event for Congressman Don Sherwood, right, in Center Moreland last week.



Vice President Dick Cheney waves to a group of supporters during a visit to the Flack family residence in Center Moreland.



A fire truck from the Northmoreland Volunteer Fire Co. was on hand for the visit from Vice President Dick Cheney.



Taking a moment for a quick photo before Vice President Dick Cheney's visit, from left, are Hal Flack, Jean Flack, Congressman Don Sherwood and Harry Flack. The Flack family hosted the visit.



Special Agent 'Jake,' a chocolate Labrador that has been trained to smell explosives, was part of the large security force for the Vice President's visit.

70 Years Ago
Sept. 25, 1936

LOCAL OPTION ON ELECTION BALLOT

Spirited contests over local option will dominate the fall election in four local communities - Lake Township, Dallas Township, Kingston Township and Dallas Borough.

It was made clear this week that the question on which local voters will act will not effect licenses to sell beer. Only hard liquor will be barred if the movement for local option is effective.

Petitions requesting that the question be placed on the ballot have been accepted and Harry McGee, secretary to Luzerne County Commissioners, announced this week that arrangements have been made to include the question on the ballot in the four towns.

ONLY YESTERDAY

At the same time, McGee announced that voting machines will be used in local communities. Because of the large number of independent parties, it had been feared that the voting machines could not accommodate the heavy ballot and that paper ballots would have to be used.

Tried on a charge of involuntary manslaughter in striking and fatally injuring Barton Fink, 9, of Hunlock Creek on October 25, 1935, Ghwen Gooch of Hunlock Creek was freed by a jury verdict of not guilty on Wednesday afternoon.

Gooch denied driving recklessly at the time of the accident, charging that the boy darted in front of his car and was struck before the machine could be stopped. Gooch was represented by attorney Ray Livingston, while attorney A.J. Zawoiski represented the Commonwealth. The trial began on Tuesday and concluded on Wednesday in front of Judge John S. Fine.

60 Years Ago
Sept. 27, 1946

FUGITIVES ELUDE STATE POLICE IN BACK MT.

State police combed the wood and fields in the vicinity of Demunds and East Dallas late Saturday afternoon and night, and again Sunday, in search of two young men wanted by Connecticut and New York state police officials. The fugitives escaped from authorities in a Plymouth truck stolen from Lewis Bell of Mt. Zion. The truck was later found abandoned in Jeffersonville, N.Y.

Twenty-five state police troopers from

Wyoming barracks and six members of the Connecticut State Police took part in the all-night search, which was hampered by heavy fog. The wanted men are brothers Austin Findlay, 21, and Bernard Findlay, 27, natives of Vermont. They escaped from in front of the sheriff's office in Genesee, N.Y. on Sept. 16, as they were being turned over to Connecticut State Police on charges of burglary and the theft of six cars.

Two new instructors have been appointed to complete the faculty at Lehman High School. Edward F. Hendericks of Wilkes-Barre will teach mathematics and science, replacing Miss June Owens, who resigned. Virginia King, daughter of school director Kenneth King of Loyallville, will teach social studies at the Senior High School and be the librarian. Miss King replaces Delilah Kistler, who resigned.

Hendericks, who is no relation to the supervising principal, will also be the assistant track coach. The two new instructors have outstanding records and were selected from among 25 applicants for the positions at a meeting of the School Board on September 20.

50 Years Ago
Sept. 28, 1956

NEW DALLAS PASTOR RECEIVES TELEVISION SET

The big dining room at Dallas Methodist Church buzzed Wednesday evening with an enthusiastic family crowd of 250 gathered to welcome the new minister, the Rev. Russell Lawry, and his family at a covered-dish supper. The high spot of the evening was the presentation of a large television set, the secret of its purchase jealously guarded until then moment of its unveiling by Niles White.

Harold Buckingham spoke about the future of the church, from both a spiritual and physical point of view. He emphasized the thought that it is the people and not the structure that makes a church a living, breathing entity and a power for good in the community. Louise Colwell was the toastmistress and Lawrence Updyke was the general chairman.

Two registered Holstein breeders copped high honors at the third annual Pennsylvania State Black and White Show in Harrisburg on Friday. Hillside Farms of Trucksville, owned by William Conyngham, took first place in the 2-year-old cow class with the entry of Hillside Onyx Jessie.

Ralph Sands of Wyoming had top placings in four classes. Sandsdale Sovereign Cochran was the winning entry in the junior bull calf class. In the 4-year-old and older bull class, Sand's entry Springbank Piebe Sovereign placed second. An entry of George Major of Dallas finished eighth in the junior heifer calf class.

Conyngham, chairman of the State Black and White Show, reports this was the most successful show ever held.

40 Years ago
Sept. 22, 1966

HEADLINE GOES IN THIS SPOT

The George Mortimer family is planning a jaunt from its home on Holly Street in Trucksville to Phoenix, Ariz., using a converted school bus as a camper and a station wagon as a convoy. They estimate the trip will take five or six days.

The couple has five children ages 10 and under. Mrs. Mortimer feels no anxiety about the older ones switching schools or making new friends. The bus has been equipped with bunks, cooking equipment, a refrigerator and other necessities.

Until the family finds a suitable home in Phoenix, the camper will station itself in a trailer park to allow plenty of time for thorough evaluation of school districts and housing.

Man of the Year status was long overdue for the founder and third commander of the Daddow Isaacs Post American Legion in Dallas. Paul Shaver is the American Legion in Dallas. Commanders have come and gone, but Paul goes on forever, marshalling the Memorial Day parade, arranging the children's Christmas party, standing as a symbol of the organization in Dallas.

Local residents who have received the honor include the late Howard Risley, editor of the Dallas Post, and Miss Miriam Lathrop, the first librarian of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Last year, the Rev. Francis A. Kane, pastor of Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas, was the recipient of the Man of the Year.

The unanimous decision was made to confer the honor on Paul Shaver on Saturday night at the American Legion in Dallas.

30 Years Ago
Sept. 23, 1976

DALLAS COUNCIL MUM ABOUT CHIEF

The Dallas council declined to recognize questions from the floor at the borough council meeting Tuesday night, following the presentation of a letter of resignation from police chief Ray Titus. Titus submitted his resignation in writing effective Sept. 16, stating it was due to "personal reasons."

Edward Silverman asked the council if they didn't think residents of the borough were entitled to an explanation of the chief's resignation. The council refused to answer questions from the floor.