

MOMENTS IN TIME

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• On Feb. 14, 278 A.D., Valentine, a holy priest in Rome is executed for continuing to perform marriages for young lovers in secret after Emperor Claudius the Cruel banned all marriages and engagements. Legend has it that while in jail, Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter and signed it "From Your Valentine."

• On Feb. 15, 1903, toy-store owner and inventor Morris Michtom places two stuffed bears in his shop window, advertising them as "Teddy" bears. Michtom had earlier received permission from President Theodore Roosevelt to use his nickname. Stuffed bears soon became a national childhood institution.

• On Feb. 11, 1916, Emma Goldman, a crusader for women's rights and social justice, is arrested in New York City for lecturing and distributing materials about birth control. Goldman, nicknamed "Red Emma," was later convicted and spent time in jail.

• On Feb. 12, 1924, American composer George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" is performed for the first time as part of a concert in New York City. Gershwin's other works include "An American in Paris," written in 1928 and used as a ballet for Gene Kelly in the 1951 movie of the same name.

• On Feb. 13, 1958, the first Ford Thunderbird with four seats is introduced. The four-passenger "square bird" converted the top-of-the-line Ford from a sports car to a luxury car. Thirty-eight thousand cars were initially sold, making the T-Bird one of only two American cars to increase sales between 1957 and 1958.

• On Feb. 9, 1971, pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame. He earned his nickname as a boy when he earned money carrying passengers' bags at train stations.

• On Feb. 10, 1996, after three hours, world chess champion Gary Kasparov loses the first game of a six-game match against Deep Blue, an IBM computer capable of evaluating 200 million moves per second. Kasparov was ultimately victorious, however, as he bested Deep Blue in the match with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize.



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St. Francis Cabrini Church in Caverton, above, will consolidate with St. Therese in Shavertown, but will remain open for one Mass per weekend and occasional weddings and funerals.

Back Mountain churches to consolidate, link together

Several changes have been announced regarding Back Mountain Roman Catholic churches.

St. Frances Cabrini, in Carverton, will consolidate with St. Therese, in Shavertown, but St. Francis will remain "as an additional worship" site for one Mass per weekend and occasional weddings and funerals. Gate of Heaven will link with Our Lady of Victory at Harveys Lake, sharing one pastor. Blessed Sacrament in Centermoreland will close by July and consolidate at Gate of Heaven. Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Lake Silkworth will partner with the consolidated parish at Gate of Heaven.

In January 2008, Luzerne County Roman Catholic churches were grouped into 19 clusters to evaluate what to do in response to shrinking attendance and monetary woes. News for each cluster was publicized by Bishop Joseph Martino of the Scranton Diocese via a recording following Masses last weekend.

Recordings were individualized by cluster so that parishioners only heard news regarding their church and several others nearby. Back Mountain churches made up Cluster One.

There are 90 Roman Catholic churches in Luzerne County, half of which are expected to close within two years.



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Our Lady of Victory Church in Harveys Lake, above, will link with Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas, sharing one pastor. Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Lake Silkworth will also partner with Gate of Heaven.

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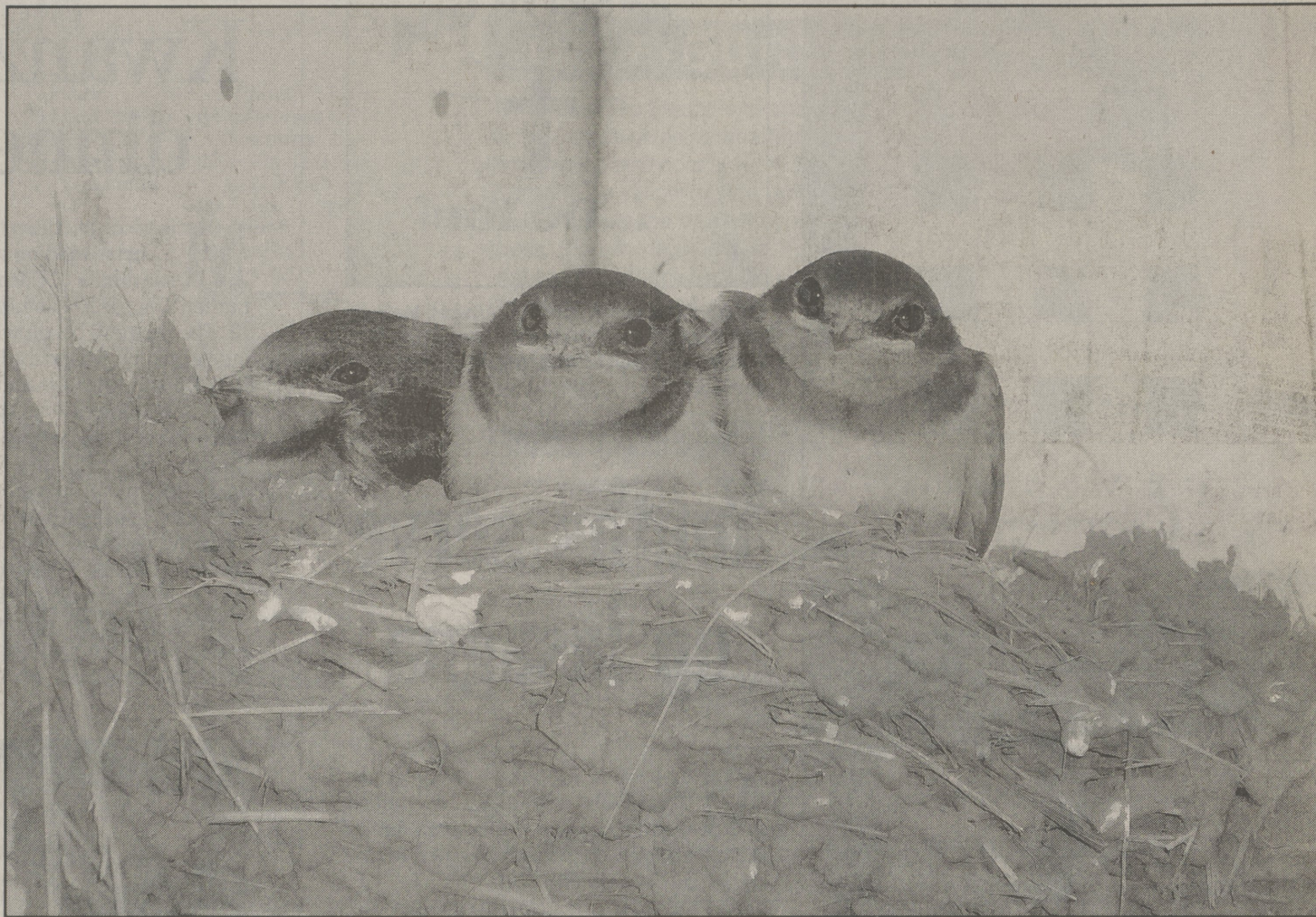
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THIS WEEK IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN



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Denise Moore, of Huntsville, found a pair of barn swallows that had made a beautiful nest in the corner of her porch ceiling. The Moore family knew there were four eggs in the nest and eagerly awaited their hatching. The little ones are precious, aren't they?

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1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

LaBar's Sunoco Station, in business for more than 43 years, sold its last gasoline this week and locked its pumps waiting for the Sun Oil Company to take out the underground tanks and gas pumps.



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would have to take out the old tanks and put in new ones made of fiberglass, as well as put in special equipment alongside them.

"In addition to all that, we would be required to carry \$1 million liability insurance. We just couldn't afford the expense. It's too bad, our boys have worked here since they were youngsters."

In a few days the Sunoco sign will be gone but the LaBar building and sign will remain. The sporting goods store will continue in business and Woody LaBar will continue to do automotive repairs.

The National Honor Society and Student Council of Dallas Senior High School recently held their annual food drive for the benefit of the Back Mountain Food Bank. Students from all homerooms contributed food items or money. The winning homerooms that contributed the most were treated to continental breakfast by the National Honor Society. Students who helped to plan the event included Laurie Lehman, Lori Ankenbrand, Jamie Strange, Julianne Orlowski, Sandra Corcoran, Rachel Holthaus, Pamela Baseski and John McKeever.

1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

There are no state funds for new highway construction at this time, but the Cross-Valley Expressway linking the Back Mountain with River Street in Wilkes-Barre will be completed, PennDOT district engineer Jack Finn said at the Dallas Kiwanis Club town meeting. The district engineer said, "There is no concrete plan for anything but maintenance in the Back Mountain area. There is no plan for major highway improvements because PennDOT is just not in the position financially." Only highways already in the building phase before July 1, 1997, such as the Cross-Valley Expressway, will be completed.

According to Finn, PennDOT is in a critical situation from a fiscal standpoint. PennDOT obtains its funds from the motor license fund and the state gasoline tax. For the past five years, PennDOT's yearly revenue has amounted to \$900 million. He pointed out that although this figure has remained fairly stable, costs of road maintenance have continued to rise.

At the local Arthur Treacher's restaurant on Memorial Highway, Dallas, the all-you-can-eat fish and chips Sunday dinner was \$2.49.

Red Ambrose, retiring president of the Fall Fair committee, passed the gavel to newly-elected Ray Hillman. Other officers of the committee are: Alan Landis, vice president; Kay Whitehead, secretary; Tom Reese, secretary; Bob Baird, treasurer; and Charles Kishbaugh, assistant treasurer.

1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

The Back Mountain Municipal Authority last Thursday announced that a sanitary sewage system for Dallas Borough, Dal-

las and Kingston Townships would be in operation by August 1970, if approved by the three communities. The cost to property owners will be \$3 per front foot, \$100 for connection and approximately \$128 a year for rental.

Four Dallas area scouts will be honored at a dinner in the meeting room of the Dallas Methodist Church this week in recognition of their having achieved scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. John Juris, Scoutmaster, announced that the young men are Edward Boltz III, Timothy Kaye, Raymond Jacobs and Douglas Wasserrott, all students at Dallas Junior High School.

1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

David N. Schooley, Harris Hill Road, became Potentate of Irem Temple, as 1,000 members from sixteen counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania balloted for office for 1959.

Mr. Schooley, financial vice president of Fowler, Dick and Walker, was elected without opposition. He was chief rabban last year.

Doris Day and Richard Widmark were featured in "The Tunnel of Love" at the Himmler Theater, Dallas.

1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

Four year old Nesbitt Garinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Garinger and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt Garinger of Dallas, won fourth national award and first local award in the fourteenth National Children's Photography Contest held recently.

Young Nesbitt competed with thousands of photographs taken of children all of the United States.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, included

"Two Guys from Texas" starring Dennis Morgan, Guy Carson and Dorothy Malone; "Key Largo" starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall; and "When My Baby Smiles At Me" starring Betty Grable, Dan Dailey and Jack Oakie. At the Himmler Theater in Dallas, Jane Wyman and Lew Ayres were featured in "Johnny Belinda."

1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Charles Whitesell was re-elected president of the Dallas Junior Women's Club at its annual meeting on Wednesday night. Other officers named are: Mrs. Herbert Lundy, first vice president; Mrs. Charles W. Lee, second vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Oliver, secretary; Mrs. Peyton Lee, treasurer; and Mrs. Owen Jones, corresponding secretary.

A sixty per cent reduction in the per capita tax was approved by Dallas Borough School Board at its meeting in the high school Wednesday. More than 790 taxpayers will save as a result of the decision. The per capita tax, which is levied upon every adult resident of the borough, has stood at \$5 for a number of years. The Board's move Wednesday will reduce the per capita levy to \$2, effective next July.

Movies playing at the Himmler Theater in Dallas included "The Stranger From Arizona" starring Buck Jones; "Garden of the Moon" starring Jay O'Brien; "Girls' School" starring Anne Shirley; and "Sweethearts," the last chapter of Wild Bill Hickok, starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy.

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"WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VALENTINE'S DAY MEMORY?"



"I was pregnant and my husband sent me a barber-shop quartet in tuxedos holding roses to sing to me at work."

Christine Beyer
Dallas



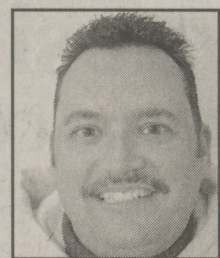
"To have had a husband who always sent me flowers."

Marilyn Gregorski
Dallas



"Spending this Valentine's Day with my CPA doing taxes."

Diane Kleynowski
Trucksville



"Getting valentines from my significant other and three children every year."

George Rando
Swoyersville



"Giving valentines out in grammar school."

Amanda Rando
Dallas



"Always getting a valentine and a nice dinner from my husband."

Dawn Pugliese
Dallas