

# —EDITORIAL— Over The Back Fence

by Max Smith



Please don't call after 11:30 o'clock Saturday night! For a couple of hours after that time, we're going to be watching television, participating in the rematch between UCLA and Notre Dame!

For East Coast basketball fans, it is an awkward hour but those who enjoy the hardwood sport after a long season of professional football, are going to be glued to the tube.

In sports, there is nothing to equal a winner. And, if that winner is something extra, with style and cunning, the American public climbs aboard the wagon and enjoys the trip along victory road.

But, like the New York Yankees of other years, there comes a time when the very best are toppled from their thrones to remind us once again that every man has feet of clay.

(And, for those who saw UCLA clipped, 71-70, Saturday afternoon at South Bend, Ind., we're not trying to make a pun with the world clay. Yet, it was a Notre Dame lad named Clay who broke the Californians' long long victory string with a last-second field goal.)

Saturday night the same two teams—rated No. 1 and No. 2 in the collegiate basketball world—again will clash. This time the game will be on the West coast.

It's tough to even have an idea this week which is the top ball club. But, sometime early Sunday morning, maybe, we'll know.

## WHAT One Person CAN DO

THOMAS DAVENPORT  
Blacksmith

Life in Brandon, Vermont, was good for Thomas Davenport. He had a loving wife and two fine sons. He made a comfortable living as village blacksmith. Then he heard rumors of a new gadget, a "galvanic battery." He had to see it.

In December, 1833, Thomas and his brother Oliver travelled 25 miles over frozen roads in a one-horse rig clanging with pots and buckets to Crown Point, New York. There they saw one of the first electromagnets in the world—powerful enough to hold a 150-pound anvil suspended above the ground.

"If you cut the wire," asked Thomas, "will the anvil fall?" The demonstrator assured him it would, but refused to let him cut the wire that was conducting the current.

Thomas Davenport had to have the magnet. So he sold the contents of his cart, swapped his horse for a nag, raising \$75 to buy it. Immediately, he performed his first experiment—he cut the wire. The anvil dropped. He held the ends of the wire together. The magnet regained its power.

Back in Brandon, folks thought Thomas and Emily, his wife, were crazy. But they worked night after night on the device. In seven months, they built the first

direct current motor in history. Scientists at Middlebury College, Vermont, told Thomas, "What you have invented is nothing less than a new form of mobile power!...One of the greatest inventions of the 19th century!" They were right. But others were to reap the fruits of Thomas Davenport's vision, sacrifice and hard work. He died at the age of 49 mentally and physically broken by his efforts to perfect his invention.

Ridicule and disbelief didn't keep Thomas Davenport from doing what he had to do. How do you react to "nay sayers?"

## Schoolmen Study Evaluation Visit

Donegal district schoolmen are beginning an in-depth review of a report received this week from the Middle State association detailing results of its November evaluation visit. A 17-member committee surveyed the school.

Report on the accreditation of Donegal high school for academic purposes is not anticipated until sometime in the Spring.

Preliminary readings of the report indicate a heavy emphasis has been placed on physical facilities of the school.

County Agricultural Agent

The recent period of snow and ice cover was appreciated by many local snowmobile owners; I have several letters from landowners informing me of this snowmobile activity and that these machines were operated on land without the owner's permission. Also, the question of the use of limited gasoline supplies for this type of recreation. In the first place, there is little doubt that the operator of a snowmobile should get permission from the landowner before running the machine on that land; this is only good community relations and do not see the need for trespassing on the land of others. It's doubtful if any damage is done to winter grains or sod crops by the use of these machines, but if the landowner does not want the snowmobiles on his land, that is his privilege. Secondly, the enjoyment of snowmobiles may not be the best use of gasoline, in times of shortages, but we are not aware that the use of gasoline for other types of recreation has been restricted. At this time, it is still a voluntary program to restrict gasoline use.

I've heard numerous remarks recently about the amount of snow this winter as compared to recent winters. This snow cover may be unpleasant and a hazard to street and highway travel, but it is usually a blessing to crops and plant life. The vegetation that is under the snow is protected from freezing temperatures and from drying winds. A winter with considerable snow cover is usually one good for winter grains, legume stands, and most of our evergreen shrubs. Snow cover is nature's way of protecting plant life from the dangers of extremely cold weather.

Cold drafts in farm buildings should be of some concern to the health of young animals such as pigs, calves, and lambs. In most cases a drafty pen or stall means scours and pneumonia and a sick animal. Producers should make every effort to have a dry, draft-free place for these young animals. It does not have to be extremely warm, but should be dry and draft-free. In too many cases the farmer, wearing winter clothing and heavy boots, may not realize the amount of draft when he makes his daily visit with his chores. However, a little time spent in the young animal area with less clothing and only shoes might reveal more air flow. Drafts are usually found underneath windows, near or between doors and cracks in buildings. Also, the milking herd of cows should be kept in stalls without a cold draft; this condition often brings on severe cases of mastitis. More mature animals housed in open barns or open feedlots will not be bothered with drafts because they are not as much a problem under this system of housing. Producers are urged to check on the draft conditions at this time of year.

The handling of livestock waste at this time of the year gets some non-farm attention when it is spread on the snow. The contrast in color attracts some concern about the run-off of the water and possible stream pollution. The use of barnyard manure for fertilizer is still a good farm practice; it is a part of farming and the maintaining of soil fertility. However, producers are urged to use care in spreading the material on frozen ground above streams and other water supplies. To spread manure on snow over unfrozen ground is not as dangerous as on frozen ground. Adequate storage facilities to permit waiting for open ground should be considered by most livestock and dairy producers.

## Deaths

MAUDE E. STAUFFER

Miss Maud E. Stauffer, 85, of Schock Presbyterian Home, died Monday night, Jan. 14, at Lancaster General Hospital after an illness of one day. She formerly lived in Lancaster.

She taught school in Lancaster city and county for 45 years. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster.

Born in Strasburg Twp., she was a daughter of the late Phares W. and Elizabeth Huber Stauffer.

She is survived by one brother, Clyde Stauffer, Lancaster; one sister, Mary, wife of Harry Snavely, Tucson, Ariz., and two nieces and one nephew.

Services were held Thursday afternoon, Jan. 17, from the Herr funeral home, Lampeter, and burial was made in the Strasburg Mennonite cemetery.

## School Authority

### Re-elects Officers

All officers of the Donegal School District Authority have been re-elected for the year 1974.

At an organization meeting held Thursday night, Jan. 17, Jay Houseal, Maytown, was named president and James Baker, Marietta, vice-president.

J. Robert Greider was made secretary; William E. Eby, assistant secretary, and Robert Kline, treasurer.

The authority is the body which holds legal ownership of the school buildings.

## SPUTNIK I

On Oct. 4, 1957, the Russians announced they had launched Sputnik I, the first space satellite.

## PROMOTED

John M. Hawthorne Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hawthorne Sr. of R.D.1, Mount Joy, has been promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Sergeant Hawthorne, a security police specialist at Woodbridge RAF Station, England, is assigned to a unit of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

The sergeant is a 1971 graduate of Donegal high school.

## ★ ENGAGEMENTS

### SHENK — ZURIN

Mr. and Mrs. Londa Zurin Jr. of Mount Joy R2, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Cheryl Ann Zurin, to Barry E. Shenk.

The bride-elect was graduated from Manheim Central high school. She is employed at the National Central Bank Administrative Center.

Mr. Shenk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Shenk of Manheim R2.

He was graduated from Elizabethtown high school. He is employed by R&H Development.

### SNAVELY — GAGER

Mr. and Mrs. Billy N. Gager, 907 Imperial Drive, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kathy Lee Gager, to Nelson Eugene Snavely.

The bride-elect was graduated from Hempfield high school. She is employed by the Metro, Park City.

Mr. Snavely is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Snavely of Mount Joy R1.

He was graduated from Hempfield high school. He is employed by Huber's.

## EGYPT INVADED

On Nov. 5, 1956, Britain and France began landing forces in Egypt.

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## On Dean's List

Miss C. Joan Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Little, 215 Park Avenue, Mount Joy, has been named to the Dean's List of Thompson College with a 4.0 average for the 1973 Winter term.

She is majoring in the executive secretarial program and will be graduated in June.