

# Rambling Around Better Leighton Never

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Right now we seem to be subjected to a saturation campaign of nauseous commercials for body deodorants, sometimes two particularly disgusting ones for the same product being encountered within five minutes on radio stations close together on the dial and they have several others at frequent intervals. Perfume commercials and advertisements were never as offensive, that I recall.

Apparently there is, or the manufacturers of some deodorants would like to see, a falling off in the common use of hot water and soap. We see a few commercials where pretty girls and others use certain soaps, none of which are offensive to watch. Most of the bigger soap companies now seem to be spending their money on advertising detergents and other cleaners and various washing powders and other compounds. Even the mouth wash manufacturers seem to have let up a little.

There is an old saying that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". Jewish authorities show the idea, not in the same words, in The Talmud. The Romans had elaborate hot and cold water baths. Francis Bacon (1561-1626) wrote, "Cleanliness of body was ever deemed to proceed from a due reverence to God". In a sermon on dress, John Wesley (1703-1791) said, "Slovenliness is no part of religion; neither this (1 Peter 3:3-4) nor any text of Scripture, condemns neatness of apparel. Certainly this is a duty, not a sin; 'cleanliness is, indeed, next to Godliness.'"

In the period covered by Bacon and Wesley there seems to have been a falling backward in the matter of baths and cleanliness. In "The Birth of New England", Thurlow Stanley Widger says, "Although water was a necessity for cooking and washing, it wasn't even considered essential for bathing because from many parts of England from which most of these colonists came, baths as we know them, were taboo and faces were sometimes washed only once a year".

Somewhere, it may have been in one of Harvey Allen's frontier stories, I have read of the filthy conditions of places and peoples in the frontier forts, particularly Fort Pitt, in which the writer said the Scotch troops on duty were dirtier than even in their homeland. And in histories of Methodist Circuit preachers, in this general area, we are told that the preachers were many times very uncomfortable due to households of dirty people in which they had to stay for a night.

Another view comes from St. Augustine, about 400 AD, quoted by Ann Fremantle, in "A Treasury of Early Christianity", following a discussion of The Lords Supper:

"If you ask me whence originated the custom of using the bath on that day, nothing occurs to me, when I think of it, as more likely than that it was to avoid the offense to decency, which must have been given at the baptismal font, if the bodies of those to whom that rite was to be administered were not washed on some preceding day from the uncleanness consequent upon their strict abstinence from ablutions during Lent; and that this particular day was chosen for the purpose because of its being the anniversary of the institution of the Supper. And this being granted to those who were about to receive baptism, many others desired to join them in the luxury of a bath, and in relaxation of their fast."

Evidently putting off taking a bath had some religious significance for some in the early centuries.

One of our young novelists some years ago got off to a poor start in describing his heroine in which he referred to, "The delicious smell of young womanhood". Recently in an adjoining column a local writer used an adjective, "Ambrosial," which, among other things, means "captivating to the sense of taste or smell".

Still, we do not like those commercials.

## Knights Subdue

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ers while netting 22 yards.

Lake-Lehman rushed for 149 yards compared to 16 for Northwest.

### Fanfare

... Larry Lettie turned in a good job at the quarterback post as Rogers played little after the Knights built up a 19-0 lead.

Lake-Lehman band put on a fine pre-game show but the fans had to sit through a rather long half-time glumly when the Northwest Band did not show up for the game ... maybe band director, John Milauskas will have to drill his charges to put on a pre-game and halftime show.

Telephone companies are talking faster than brush-salesmen trying to get people to accept the new All-Number calling system.

I read several months ago where a California resident was fighting All-Number calling with organized resistance, claiming that our lives are numerical enough as it is. I think this is pushing things too far.

Telephone companies provide unflinching service to mankind. If, in order to expand such service, they have to go all-number, the telephone owner should accept it dutifully.

But when the telephone company comes on with a tack like: Let's get rid of this greasy kid-stuff, and switch to all-number dialing—I take offense.

One of the funniest things since Ted won in Massachusetts is the explanation that All Number Calling is scientifically proven easier than the old rustic method of the Exchange. Supposedly, there's no longer any "switching of attention".

And no longer do I have to gnash my teeth in frustration every time I get a zero mixed up with a letter "O", or a letter "I" confused with a "1".

But probably the most widely used method of remembering things is by association. Like we used to remember the order of suburban train stops by making up a saying out of the first letter of each town.

So, it's the same with exchanges. Dallas, Shavertown is ORchard, see? And Centermoreland is FEDeral, see? And Sweet Valley is GREENleaf, see? That's the way it is. I mean, was.

So what we were really doing was making it more difficult for ourselves by "switching" our "attention"? By golly, maybe they're right. I just thought it was easier to think of Dallas as ORchard.

Come on, you guys. Tell me the truth. I can take it. This all-number stuff is necessary, but it isn't easier. I'm a big boy now. Some things in life just have to be accepted as necessary. Just give me a piece of lead to bite down on while I'm dialing "67" instead of "OR".

### On The Road

Situations—I'm-glad-I-didn't-run-up-against department: A little whild back around 2:15 in the morning, I might have been driving toward the Lake from Dallas. Much to my surprise, that particular night, I would have been confronted by six drag-racing south-bound cars stretched neck-and-neck across the road.

Six-count 'em-six. I wonder where I would've turned to get out of the way. How much time would I have had to wonder where to turn?

They were nailed by Dallas police, and taken into custody by State Police. One of the boys was not old enough to get his license yet, but he was keeping in practice till the time came.

## Lake-Lehman High School

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### TEAM WINS

Last Saturday Lake-Lehman football team downed Northwest High School 39-0. This was Lake-Lehman's third win this season of the four games already played.

### CONFERENCE HELD

Last Thursday and Friday a Conference on Smoking and the Health of Youth was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Harrisburg.

Luzerne County was represented by Mrs. Jean Moledor, school nurse at Lake-Lehman Jointure, Patricia Zbick, senior student at Lake-Lehman High School, Edwin Cobleigh, supervisor of social studies at GAR High School and Key Club advisor and Frank Champi, junior student at GAR.

The conference was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Department of Public Instruction, Pennsylvania Medical Society, Pennsylvania Division-American Cancer Society, Pennsylvania Heart Association and Pennsylvania Tuberculosis and Health Society.

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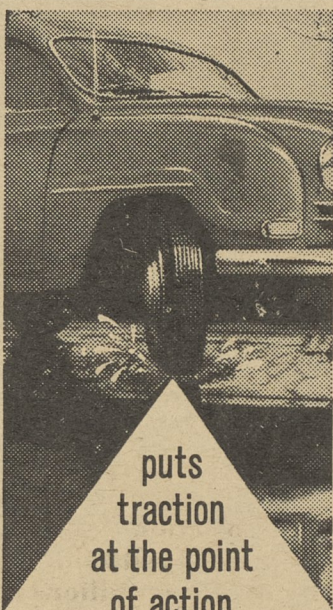
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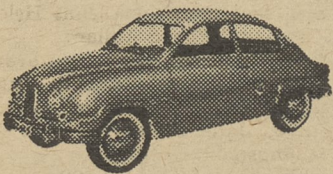
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