

# Chatterbox

## Here's what you can do with your children this summer

As the temperature continues to climb, thoughts invariably turn to the activities of the upcoming summer. If you're a parent, you might be wondering what you can do with your children this summer to keep them busy and productive.

The Dallas Recreation Center is full of good ideas. Recreation Director, Jay Pope, will be starting his fifth year with the highly successful program which happens to be the longest running program in the area. "We are the longest running in terms of the hours we are open in the day and also for the length of time we are open during the season," he pointed out.

The facility, which is located on Burndale Avenue, is open from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. every day. Depending upon the school calendar, the park will be open either the week before school lets out or the week immediately thereafter.

Pope attributes the success of the program to the cooperation of his staff and the general attitude each member brings to the job with him. "We try to choose staff members who love working with kids. The kids are here all day and soon sense that they are with someone who cares about them. They are very appreciative of the work the staff puts into each day and the rapport established between the kids and the staff over the summer is what makes this job worthwhile," he said. "The children are made to feel that they are in good hands. Parents are trusting us with their children. We have to be responsible people."

During the past few years, the program has been continually growing and this year the recreation area will be expanded. With the help of the Dallas Lions, the program has been able to purchase an adjacent lot and the area is in the process of being cleaned up.

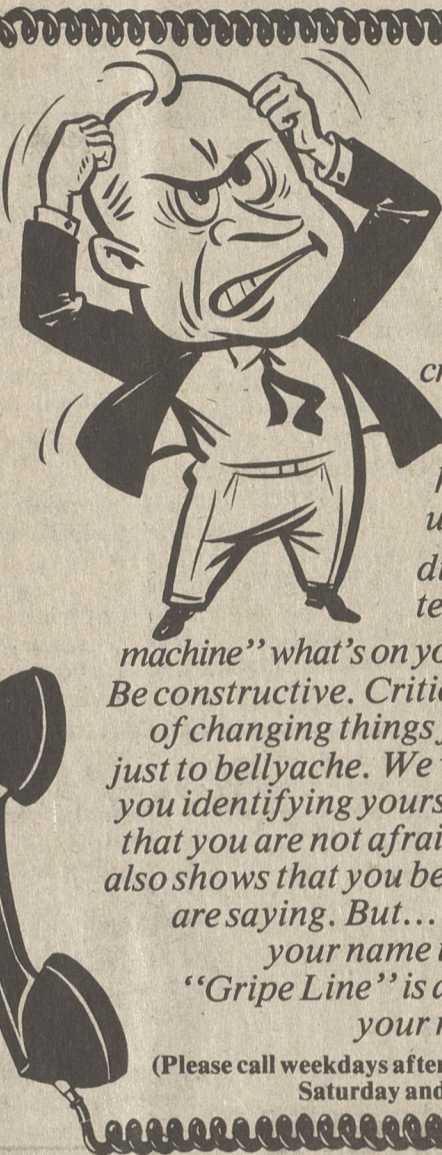
"We're still uncertain as to what

we are going to do with the area," said Pope. "Last year we had plans to install some picnic tables in the area."

Drew Fitch of the Lions says that his organization has committed itself to giving the money for the land. "We're ready with the money as soon as they decide what to do with it," said Fitch.

The summer program averages

between 50-60 children a day and special events offered during the summer draw larger numbers of children. "Last year we had some very successful specialty nights which we hope to repeat this year," said Pope. A Western hayride, a square dance, and a Monte Carlo night are some events that made the summer much more pleasant for Dallas children last summer.



**'Gripe Line!'**

Got a gripe, complaint or criticism? Want to get it off your chest? All you have to do is pick up the phone and dial 675-5211 and tell our "listening machine" what's on your mind. Be nice. Be constructive. Criticize with the goal of changing things for the better not just to bellyache. We would appreciate you identifying yourself since it shows that you are not afraid to "gripe" and also shows that you believe in what you are saying. But... we will withhold your name if you desire. The "Gripe Line" is an easy way to get your message across...

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## Little League season sneaks up

BY REV. DANNY WHITE

Well, the Little League season is back upon us. The hurried suppers, the who's going to pick up Billy (or Billie) after practice, and the Saturday games have arrived in grand style.

The cracking sounds of bat hitting ball abound as the future big leaguers prepare for opening day this Saturday, May 1. The Little League program is by far the largest program for boys and girls in the Back Mountain communities.

How can you conquer the next three months before they conquer you? Here are a few suggestions.

For the coach, a crash course in parent-child relations is needed from the local college's psychology department. If the Ron Guidry of your team wants to pitch instead of take third base, you better be pre-

pared to explain to Mom why the little person's future career would best be found at third rather than the mound. Even worse is when the opposing team has the Ron Guidry. He sets your team down 1-2-3. Suddenly it's the fifth inning, and all your substitutes have not batted. How do you explain to Dad that his Pete Rose didn't get to bat? Just be sure to start Pete, Jr. as lead-off hitter next game. Instead of that psychology course, we might better call in Henry Kissinger for a course in international diplomacy.

For the Mom, check out a book on baseball at the public library. Be prepared to have supper at 4 o'clock for those 5 o'clock practices. Brush up on your math so you can help your star through long hours of homework after long hours of practice. Finally, forget about that

weekend trip to Ohio to see your folks until after the season.

For Dad, buy a bottle of Ben-Gay. You'll need it for those aches and pains fielding those ground balls off of junior's bat in the front yard. Count to ten before you yell at the umpire during the game. Above all, remember that the world series is played in New York and not in the Back Mountain.

For the hundreds of boys and girls in Little League hardball and softball, play hard, play to win, learn how to lose gracefully, but never accept defeat. Remember too that even Mike Schmidt has struck out with the bases loaded.

For Dick Kidler and the other commissioners in various leagues throughout the community, "May God be with you." Play ball!

## Only Yesterday

### Woman burned by cleaning a paintbrush

50 Years Ago - April 22, 1932

Wardan Kunkle sought Election as county committeeman from the north district of Dallas Borough. President of the Dallas Borough Council, Kunkle was one of the four founding members of the Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company.

Ann Dorrance and William Evans were the popular candidates for Republican committeemen on the state level.

Married--Ruth E. O'Brien to Bryce Sutliff.

Anniversaries--Mr. and Mrs. John Eck, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rau, both of Shavertown, 25 years.

Deaths--Tilden A. Dotter, Dallas.

You could get--Sugar 10 lb. 42c.

rice 3 lb. 10c; picnic hams 9c lb.; peanut butter 10c lb.; giner ale 2 bot. 25; break crumbs 5c pkg.

40 Years Ago - April 24, 1942

Seeking to increase and modernize their fire-fighting equipment, members of the Shavertown Fire Company launched a campaign to raise \$1,000 from the citizens of their community. With the funds from the drive the firemen hoped to purchase a booster tank for their truck, new hose and rubber fire capes for the volunteers.

Jane Lohmann was named postmaster of the Trucksville Post Office. An employee since 1925, Mrs. Lohmann was entering her 18th year of service. She replaced Nicholas Staub, who resigned.

Married--Ruth Boyer Howell to R. Newton Davenport; Aileen Connor to Lauren Dymond; Dorothy Goeringer to John Edward Garrity; Genevieve York to John B. Wolfe.

Deaths--Benjamin Jones, Harveys Lake. You could get--Chuck roast 23c lb.; hamburger 25c lb.; chicken 31c lb.; fresh strawberries, 2 baskets 29c; spinach, 5c lb.; rock lobster tails 39c lb.; American cheese 2 lb. loaf 61c.

30 Years Ago - April 25, 1952

Captain Lauris D. Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graves, Church Street, Dallas, returned from frontline action in Korea after having received the Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster for heroism in

action. A surgeon, Graves moved wounded men to safety in the face of lethal artillery and mortar barrage.

Mrs. Ray Henney, Kunkle, was painfully burned about the face, neck, chest and lower arms when static electricity generated by cleaning of a paintbrush in her garage exploded in a can of anti-freeze.

Married--Virginia Ruth Jimison to Elmer Williams; Marie Christine Adamovich to Airman First Class Anthony J. A'Brunzo. Deaths--Frank Milbrodt, Harveys Lake; Ermine Price Kutner, Harveys Lake summer resident; O.L. Travis, Goss Manor; Naomi Scholz, Outlet; Elmer Harrison, Hunlock Creek.

You could get--Oven dressed roasters 65c lb.; cucumbers 2 for 13c; asparagus 2 lb. 33c; haddock fillets 49c lb.; ground beef 59c lb.

20 Years Ago - April 26, 1962

Ray Roushey, professional engineer and former Noxen resident, provided liaison among interested groups for a drive to establish new industry at Noxen.

Fire destroyed the Beaumont barn owned by Albert Kliamovich. A three-year old bull and several cows were destroyed by the inferno.

Fred Hennebaul, Lehman wrestler injured in January, was able to spend gradually increasing periods of time in a wheelchair.

Engaged--Shirley Mason to Robert Bodycomb.

## Soon they will come and eat... and eat... and eat...

Courtesy of THE PROGRESS, Clearfield, Curwensville, Philipsburg, Moshannon Valley, Pa., Tuesday, February 9, 1982.

The attack of the gypsy moth on plants and trees come when the moth is in its caterpillar stage, a time when it lives to eat.

The caterpillars, or larvae, usually begin to come out of the egg clusters in late April or early May. They are seen as tiny, hairy creatures, buff-colored when they first emerge but turning black four hours after.

The eggs in an individual cluster will hatch completely over a period of three to five days but in an infested area eggs may hatch for two to three weeks.

The newly-hatched caterpillars will stay on the egg cluster for several days if the temperatures are below 40 degrees or in case of rain.

When conditions are right, they start to move, spinning silk threads after them and climbing up trees. After getting to the tops, they swing down on the silk threads and can be blown by the wind for miles before they land.

This spread of the caterpillars occurs before they begin to eat. The insect can go through several wind-blown dispersals before it finally makes itself at home on acceptable food plants.

First stage caterpillars usually have two or three feeding periods during the day, chewing small holes inside leaves. When they are not eating, they rest on a mat of silk they have made on the underside of a leaf.

Second and third-stage caterpillars feed at the leaf margins and usually stay in the treetops, lying on the undersides of branches and twigs when they are not eating.

In the fourth stage (male larvae have five stages and females, six), the caterpillars' behavior changes. They feed during the night and crawl down the trees at dawn to find protective shelter for the day. At dusk, they climb back into the trees and begin to feed.

The movement of the moth caterpillar up and down the tree is apparently in some sort of reaction to the light intensity. To be sure, during this stage defoliation of trees can be severe enough to be noticed.

When not eating in this stage, the caterpillars like to rest under bark flaps or elsewhere on the trees, but will also come down and hide under leaf litter, dead stumps and other nearby objects. Where there is a high density of caterpillars, they will not rest but will stay on the leaves and feed continuously day and night.

Usually the caterpillars stop feeding in late June or early July, attach themselves to strands of silk and transform into pupa. They remain in this stage about two weeks.

In the pupa stage, the gypsy moth is very vulnerable since the pupae are immobile and defenseless before predators and parasites.

For trees and plants, the time of gypsy moth feeding is over. When the gypsy moths emerge from the pupa cases, they do not eat; their one purpose is to mate so the female can lay egg clusters. The clusters

may be seen from July to May, when the life cycle of the moth erupts again as the eggs hatch into millions of tiny caterpillars searching for food.

## Library News

BY NANCY S. KOZEMCHAK

Madonna means any young woman with a baby; so says Jerry Sutton of Lehman who begins her lectures on the subject with this opening phrase. Jerry has about 150 madonnas in her collection and has loaned us 50 of them for our display case for the next four weeks. We chose the month of May for this collection because May is Mary's month in the Roman Catholic Church and also because of Mother's Day. Jerry is not Roman Catholic but has always loved madonnas and most of her friends were from a Roman Catholic church when she was growing up. She has been collecting these for about 30 years. She noticed one in a store window and fell in love with it and finally bought it and this started her collection. This first piece is pink and has the star of David in the halo. Several have been given to her as gifts and she buys them when traveling or at flea

markets. There are some from Israel, Korea, Japan, Italy, Newfoundland, and a special old German creche. They are made of ceramic, wood, clay, corn husks and wax. There is a rocking madonna of terra cotta, an African of the Ubangi tribe, and her favorite; a blue one from Mercy Hospital which is Victorian and was given to her when she was ill. This makes a very different display and is worth a trip to the library to see.

We have two rotating collections in the library on loan from Osterhout; one on houseplants and flower and vegetable gardening and the other, an adult paperback mixed bag collection, which will be at the library until July 25.

There are tickets available at the library for the Dollhouse Exhibit scheduled for Sunday, May 2, and for the Library Auction Kick-Off Dinner on Friday, May 7.

The Collectors Group will meet in the library annex, Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

## Post welcomes new reporter

MaryAnn Kelly has been appointed as a reporter to The Dallas Post, it was announced this week by Rick Shannon, associate publisher of Pennaprint, Inc. Mrs. Kelly's responsibilities as reporter will include coverage of local municipal meetings and events, news features and general news assignments.

Prior to joining The Post MaryAnn was employed as a writer for Suburban News and Mountaintop Star, and was previously employed by the Dallas School District as a substitute and home-

bound instructor in English and reading. She was also a homebound instructor for Wilkes-Barre Area School District. In the past, MaryAnn also was employed as a case manager for Project Reach Out For Life and Triangle Publications--TV GUIDE Magazine.

A graduate of College Misericordia with a B.A. in English with secondary education certification, Mrs. Kelly resides with her husband, Lewis, and daughters in Shavertown.

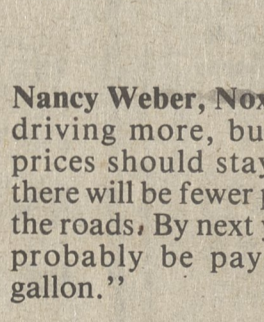
## Askin' & Tellin'

Question: Have lower gas prices affected your driving habits and do you think prices will remain at current levels? Here is what your neighbors think:

**Connie Honeywell, Noxen:** "I drive about the same. I've been conserving and will continue to do so, even though I think we'll see even lower prices before the summer is over."



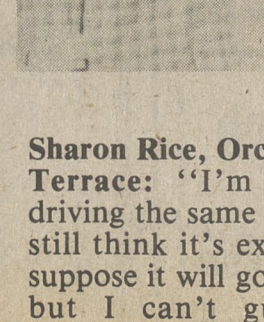
**Ron Brown, Kingston:** "I'm still not driving as much as I used to. I conserve on gas because it's so expensive. I think prices will go lower this summer, and then get right back to where they were."



**Nancy Weber, Noxen:** "I'm driving more, but I think prices should stay high so there will be fewer people on the roads. By next year we'll probably be paying \$2 a gallon."



**Robert Van Gorder, Dallas:** "My driving habits haven't changed because gas is still expensive. There is plenty of gas but I don't think the price will stay down throughout the summer."



**Sharon Rice, Orchard View Terrace:** "I'm probably driving the same as I was. I still think it's expensive. I suppose it will go up again, but I can't guess how much."

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