

On the West Side Here and There

Boy Scout Troop 144 and Cub Scout Troop 144 long with the Luzerne Court-dale Pringle Lions Club have announced that they will not be picking up any newspapers as they have been doing for the past several years. There is no market for them and they ask the residents to either burn them or put them out for garbage picking. They would also like to have the people refrain from dumping the papers off at the Swoyersville Little League Field and parking lot near Bargains Galore in Luzerne.

Bill Coniglio, representative of Cub Scout 144, announced that if the market on papers improves they will begin picking up the paper again, but they want to let the public know, so until then dispose of them

properly.

No. 1 Hose Company President Frank Galetti, would like to thank everyone who helped and attend the recent Bazaar sponsored by the No. 1 Hose Company in Swoyersville. The first two nights were beautiful but Sunday night, the rain came down in barrels.

Luzerne Volunteer Fire Company also would like to thank everyone who attended and helped at their recent bazaar.

Andy Lavix had a setback recently but is a fighter and although on disability can be seen taking his daily walk for exercise. Andy is well versed in politics and sports and keeps the conversation going at Paul George's Barber

Shop on Shoemaker Street. Andy is well known in Swoyersville and Forty Fort and has a good word for everyone.

The youngsters around the Kossack Street area got together and built a nice baseball field where the impounding area is located by the tracks and where the former Lagoski-Gavlick Field was located in 1974. The youngsters did a terrific job and can be seen playing there just about every day. Good going guys. That's what the older folks in town did in their days and they appreciated it more by doing it themselves.

Luzerne Senior Citizens Trip Chairman Helen Amos announced that a bus trip will be held to

Wildwood, N.J. from Sept. 20 to 24. Contact her for more information at 288-1440.

Rose and Mike Uter of Parry Street, Luzerne, recently returned home after a week's cruise celebrating their 25th anniversary. They both enjoyed themselves and to make the trip brighter, Mike sat down to play Bingo on the ship and won a tidy sum. Mike is co-owner and operator of Uter's Cleaners of main Street, Luzerne. Rose is manager of the Luzerne Bank Swoyersville Branch.

Ray Podskoch Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Podskoch Sr., Main Street, Swoyersville returned home this past weekend after spending a week's

with Joe Gula

vacation with his uncle, Andy Spirko of Pittsville, Pa. Ray had a ball for himself but was happy to be home. He will be a freshman at Bishop O'Reilly this coming September. Ray Jr. is also the organist at the Holy Trinity Church.

John Cicero, former chairman of the Republican Party of Swoyersville, said that he will take it easy this coming election. John lost a close election for State Senate Seat on the Republican Ticket and now is getting calls that they didn't vote for him. John is hard worker and will be missed from the political scene.

The Swoyersville Senior Citizens held their annual summer picnic last Sacred Heart Grove in Dallas and everyone had a good time. The Great Lefty and his accordion was there to furnish music for singing and dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly did a fine job with their committee in arranging the affair. Clara Belle Reggie is president.

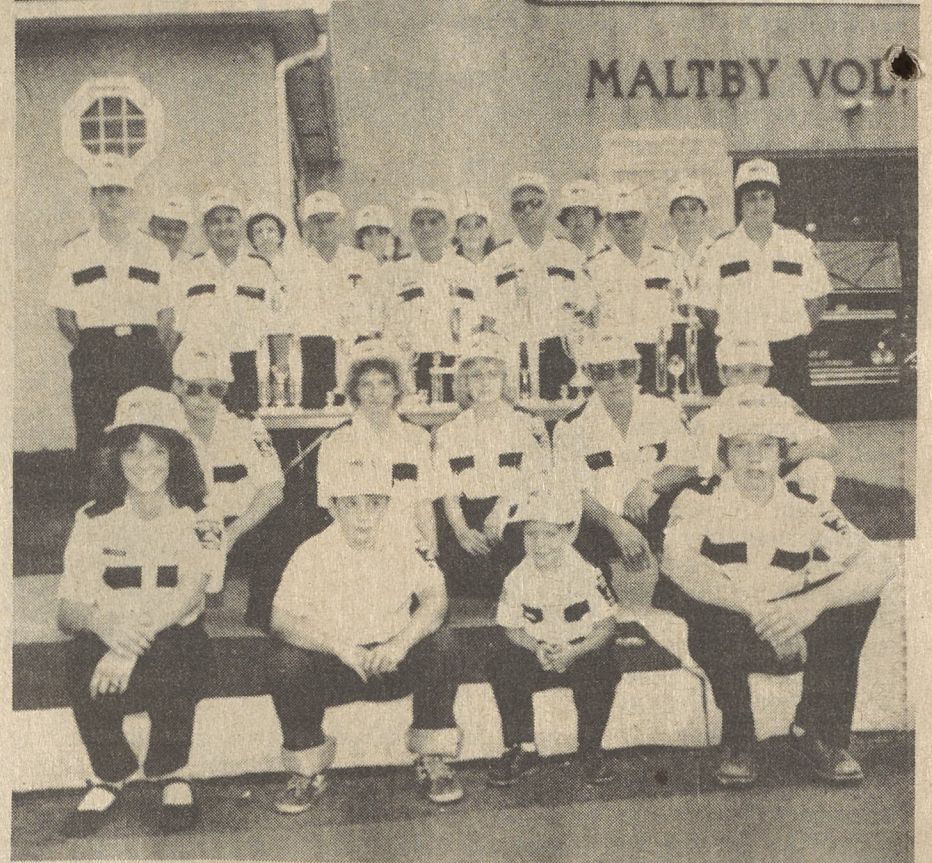
The Swoyersville Girl's Softball League will hold their annual banquet on Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Andre Lawrence American Legion Post 644 Home on Shoemaker Street, beginning at 6. All graduates and players and coaches will be honored along with the championship teams.

Congratulations to John Demko and the Swoyersville American Legion team for the stellar performance throughout the whole year and by getting the furtherest in Legion play than any other team. John is a hard worker and deserves a lot of praise for getting all the equipment for the young men and taking care of Roosevelt Field. You are going to have to go a long way to find a hard worker like Demko when it comes to sports. John is quite the polka fan as he and his wife make their rounds to most of the bazaars listening to the different polka bands. John is also a collector of good polka band records.

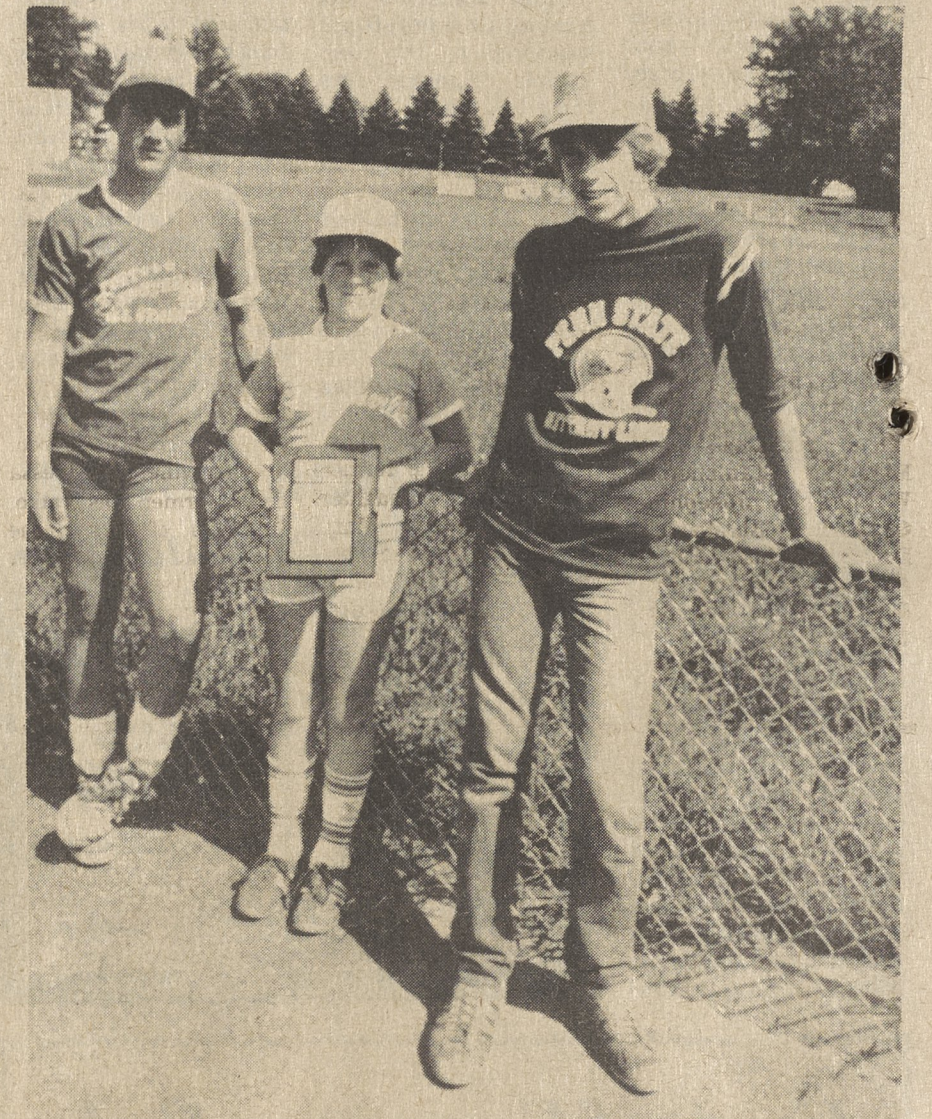
Denny Hlavac' Barilla's Girls' Softball team of the Tracelling Women's Softball League, took the championship of the American Division and the Forty Fort team won in the National Division. This is the second straight year for Barilla's to take the championship.

Magistrate and Mrs. Andrew Barrilla took a week off last week to spend at the shore. Both are sporting a good tan.

Shanky's Softball team ended 12th in the recent State Tourney held at York. Out of four valley teams, they ended up the best. The team is sponsored by shanky Damchak, Jr. of Hughes Street., Swoyersville. The team took the championship at Coal Street, Wilkes-Barre, but were hammered in a recent playoff as most of the team failed to show up. The team on the whole has a respectable won and lost record.



The Northeastern Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's Federation will hold their Annual Convention on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10 and 11 at the Maltby Hose House and Grounds on Owen St., Swoyersville. A Bazaar will be held Friday beginning 7 p.m. with music provided by the Back Mountain String Band. The affair will begin on Saturday at noon. The annual parade will begin at 2 p.m. on Dennison go up to Main Street over to Hughes Street over Laverick Avenue and up Owen Street to the Maltby Hose House grounds. Music will be provided by the Henry Charles Orchestra. Foods and refreshments will be available and the public invited. Trophies in the photo will be on display at Joe Ranielli's Maltby Drug Store, Hughes Street. Members of the Maltby Volunteer Fire Company are front row, left to right, Lisa Sentigar, Joey Chajko Jr., mascot; Bill Puchalski, mascot; John Konopka; kneeling, Bill Gregory, Ron Koval, Pam Chronowski, Joe Randazzo, Robbie Koval. Third row, Ray Koval, Mike Beny, Pete Mucha, Mike Sentigar, president and fire chief; Peter Madaya, Joseph Chajko Sr., James Urban; fourth row, George Lutz, Pat Sentigar, Jeanina Beny, Donna Chajko, Jeff Dorman, John Baker.



HOMERUN CONTEST—The three youngsters who will participate in the Homerun Hitting Contest sponsored by the Phillies at the Vets Stadium on Sept. 5 are, left to right, Joe Perzia, Linda Schwenk and Joe Rhiel.

Youngsters to compete in contest

Three local youngsters from Swoyersville qualified for the Philadelphia Phillies Home Run Hitting Contest and will participate in the regional finals at Veterans Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 5 before a Phillie game.

The three youngsters who qualified at the Kingston Recreational Field sponsored by the Phillies are Joe Perzia,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perzia of 9 Fredrick St., Swoyersville, representing the Fort Swoyer Teeners League in the 13-15 year old class. Joseph Rhiel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Rhiel of 226 Kossack St., Swoyersville, representing the Swoyersville Major Little League in age bracket 10-12, and Linda Schwenk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Schwenk of 63

Watkins St., Swoyersville, representing the Swoyersville Girls Softball League in the 8-9 age bracket.

We wish the three of these fine youngsters well in this contest and remember give it your all, swing with authority and everyone is behind you, win or lose. It's a big honor to just appear at the Vets stadium.



SECOND HALF WINNERS—Members of the Lehman Funeral Home team, second half winners in the league are first row, left to right, Christine Meyers, Jennifer Roberts, Lynn Roberts, Carol Meyers, Kristen Matinas, Jill Coniglio; second row, Fran Meyers, assistant manager; Judy Vojtek, Corinne Coniglio, Laura Douglas, Kerry Hlavac, Julie Hlavac, Stephanie Salus, Ruth Roberts, manager.

Swoyersville still faces problems

As Swoyersville continues its improvements throughout the community under county, state and federal auspices PennDOT has lent some attention to a few long standing problems. Borough officials met last week with Department of Transportation officials regarding water ponding on Slocum Street, near the Pride Boxspring Mfg. plant. It seems that when the street was reconstructed via the Disaster Project, Conrail approvals for right-of-way requests were not forthcoming. Subsequently two french drains were connected by a 2" pipe

which, due to heavy traffic volume, has cracked and blocked.

Through the combined efforts of Pride Boxspring, PennDOT, Conrail and the municipality PennDOT will replace the broken pipe and extend the drainage line to swale which feeds an inlet leading to the Borough's Slocum St. Storm Pump Station. Commenting on the added demand placed on the station, Councilman Bill Ichman remarked that "the amount of water that will be carried to our pump station will be negligible as far as overall pumping capacity is concerned."

He added that the repair will also enhance the shipping and receiving area of Pride Boxspring which is now a subsidiary of Luggatt and Platt. It was also learned that the parent firm, Leggatt and Platt, is considering stepping up the operations at the local plant. Both local and state officials agreed that the needed repair could ultimately result, indirectly, in mere jobs at the local manufacturer.

While the Slocum St. project is not yet underway, PennDOT crews have been busy installing "gabion-baskets" in the creek bed along Main St. near the Harry E. Breaker. Long a problem area due to erosion, the gabion baskets will act as a retaining wall to stifle erosion which has resulted in the slippage of guard-rail posts in that vicinity. Ed Shamus, of PennDOT, explained that the idea of gabion baskets is a recently applied

method stemming from the days of the Romans. Borough officials conveyed information on the technique from information supplied by Shamus.

The "basket" is constructed of wire and is laid along areas where washouts are continued maintenance problems. Since unattached stone slips over a period of time, these baskets are filled with gabion stone to form a wall of sorts. The "wall" is placed in layers with the basket portion expected to deteriorate after 40 or 50 years. By that time, PennDOT spokesmen say, enough granular material fills in to compact the stone, essentially, creating a wall. The use of this innovative idea is expected to pay dividends to the borough by reduced situation in the Shoemaker St. ponding area which is fed by the stream on Main St.

Junior Gridders travel to Wyoming

Swoyersville Junior Sailor Football Team will travel to Wyoming Tenth Street Stadium to meet Wyoming West,

Wyoming, Scranton, August 29 at 2:30 p.m. B and C teams will begin at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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