

# Chatterbox

## Comment

### Reality of Drug Use Hits Home

Well, last week it was vandalism at the community library, and this week it is drugs in the junior high school. Actually, it's drugs in the intermediate school as well. We're talking 11-year olds. This news is really frightening!

This is the kind of thing that many families leave the city to avoid. It's what we say, "can't happen here." Well, not only can it happen, it has!

Isn't it time, we, as parents, teachers and responsible adults, stopped hiding our heads in the sand? If the problem exists—and looking around our schools, it is truly hard to believe, we have to face it.

If youngsters in their early teens are able to buy drugs, isn't it time we took our responsibility seriously and stopped denying that our children could be susceptible.

They are all in danger. If some succumb to the temptation, then we must admit, each and every one of our children is under the same sort of temptation. And we can't protect our youngsters by denying the problem. It takes a special kind of courage to bring drug use by youngsters into the open, because many parents and officials opt to keep it hush-hush.

Even assuming the recent reports of drug-buying in the Dallas junior high and intermediate schools are isolated incidents, it's enough to drive home the message that "it" can happen here."

Further, that the problem is first discovered in Dallas does not mean it ends there. Let's not sit back and say "Oh those poor children," and let it rest. We don't need drugs to pollute our children, before they

even have a chance to live. Perhaps we need to give the young ones a little more of our time and a lot more of our ears. They may be telling us some surprising things.



### A Little Fact; A Little Fancy

from Mak

Mother's Day photos are beginning to come into the Dallas Post office. Although the deadline seems a long way off, (April 12) it is to your advantage to get a photo of your mother in early, to insure space in our May 4 edition.

In case you've missed our ad, we are planning a special treat for all mothers in the Back Mountain. All we need is a photo of your mother and some basic information, like her name, address, children's names and grandchildren's names.

All photos will be kept absolutely secret until the date of publication. Also, pictures are returnable. Simply send one to our office or bring it in person. It's a Mother's Day gift, she will keep forever.

Of course, Jackson Twp. and the shenanigans that go on over there are not exactly news. But, I found it interesting that the supervisors have instructed Solicitor Blythe Evans to draw up an ordinance banning all dumping in the community, shortly after the township auditors indicated their intention to delve into spending practices from 1982. Naturally John Manzoni, an auditor, has sludge from DAMA sprayed on his family's farm regularly.

Or did the auditors decide to look closely at the supervisor's spending because they so vehemently opposed the sludge being brought into the township? It's the old story of which came first, the chicken or the egg. This political football is more exciting than the USFL.

One more question about Jackson Twp.—Are part-time police there "on duty" or "on call?"

The proposed state budget, like its recent predecessors, is a massive spending plan. Most people have become accustomed to reading about outlays of billions of tax dollars and, in the process, lose track of how much money that is.

Consider that:  
—About one billion seconds ago, the first atomic bomb was exploded.  
—One billion minutes ago, Christ was still on earth.  
—One billion hours ago, men were still living in caves.

Yet, in 1983-84, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will spend more than one billion dollars every month.

Although I noted last week that the Mother's March is presently in progress at Harveys Lake, I thought I'd give credit where credit is due all the way down the line. Designated co-chairpersons for this year's Mother's March are Dorothy Boice, Kelly DiVeronic, Miriam Mitchell and Maria Schlik. Of course, Michelle Boice is chairing the 1983 fund raising drive. Good luck ladies!

The latest on the date change for this year's primary election is that it could be held on the Monday before its scheduled date. The State Senate voted to move the spring election date up one day, to May 16, due to the Jewish holiday, Shavuot.

From Sen. Frank O'Connell's office comes news that the Governor's Traffic Safety Council has released a helpful brochure dealing with teenage drinking and driving.

"How to Deal with Teenage Drinking and Driving—A Parent's Guide," addresses topics such as parental roles, communications between parents and children and setting examples.

O'Connell is plugging the pamphlet because of the seriousness of the problem. In Pennsylvania, more than 20 percent of all alcohol-related highway accidents involve teenagers.

Copies of the publication may be obtained from the Governor's Traffic Safety Council, Transportation and Safety Building, Harrisburg, or at O'Connell's District Office in Kingston.

Fact: In 1982, Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) paid one million Americans \$99 million for voluntarily returning 10.9 billion aluminum beverage cans. Alcoa began consumer recycling in 1970 when the company collected three million pounds of used cans. Since then, Alcoa has collected 1.8 billion pounds of cans. Northeastern Pennsylvania has only six recycling centers.

## Guest Editorial

### Let's Hold onto Area's Youth

The Dallas Post welcomes the following contribution from Arnie Garinger. We believe his ideas have relevance to our community and we are happy to share them with our readers.

Arnie is well-known in the Back Mountain for his involvement with area youth. He has been employed at College Misericordia since 1969, serving as student teacher advisor, placement officer and counselor. He is also a long-term member of the Lake-Lehman School Board.

BY ARNIE GARINGER  
The odds must be 2-1 that anyone who grew up in Luzerne County, and had any aspirations for a better life, or a need to educate themselves and to climb the ladder of success, was told at least once by a self-appointed mentor "Well, you have to get out of the valley."

If one travels to Northern Delaware, Philadelphia or New Jersey and chats with successful people, it

is amazing how many of them are originally from Edwarsville, West Pittston, Duryea or Loyalville. It is more amazing how many of them indicate a real desire to "come home" if they could find a job.

A study of dormitory students in local colleges would probably show a surprising number of out-of-town students whose families have roots in the valley.

If the above is true, then the valley must be a special place. It appears to have safer streets on which to walk; it appears to have more God-fearing citizens per square mile than other areas; it appears to contain a higher percentage of real families who stay together and support and love each other; it appears to raise a breed of people who grow up learning what work is and who are used to happily doing their fair share; it seems to possess Americans who are proud of their flag and have tears during a

particularly stirring rendition of the National Anthem.

An outsider might then ask "Well, if the valley has so many wonderful attributes what doesn't it have?"

It appears to this writer that our area has little interest in real progress. There is a real reluctance to change of any kind. Since logic and history prove change is inevitable, it appears a reluctance to change often causes things to go backwards. No positive change ever takes place without leadership. The more good leaders a community has, the better the community.

It is entirely possible that the old adage "get out of the valley if you want to make something of yourself" is robbing us of potential leaders?

If we always send the best away, might we not be perpetrating mediocrity?

## Only Yesterday

50 Years Ago - March 17, 1933

Heavy deposits locally indicated confidence in methods employed to meet the banking crisis. Resumption of business was marked by a return of confidence.

Dogs killed five sheep on the W.T. Payne farm in Dallas Township. A continuing problem throughout the area, damages were estimated at \$500.

Deaths--Bena Kittle, Sweet Valley; Norma Naugle, Sweet Valley.

You could get--Bacon 12c lb.; eggs 17c doz.; spinach lg. can 17c; raisins 2 pkg. 15c; rolled oats lg. pkg. 13c; sugar 10 lb. 43c; butter 21c lb.

40 Years Ago - March 19, 1943

Edward Hartman, Trucksville, joined the army remount service attached to the United States Cavalry. Hartman had been chairman of the Back Mountain Memorial Day Horse Show at Lehman for two years.

Establishment of an air raid control center took one step closer to reality when Commonwealth Telephone Company announced that it would maintain a 24-hour alert to handle the first incoming call during an air raid.

Birthdays--Jessie Schoonover, 79 years old.

Deaths--Delbert Martin, Conyngham Ave., Wilkes-Barre; Maude Raub, Dallas.

You could get--Cod 32c lb.; whiting 15c lb.; oranges 33c doz.; grapefruit 8c ea.; carrots 2 lg. bnchs. 17c; fig bars 12c lb.; eggs 42c doz.

30 Years Ago - March 20, 1953

Charles S. Nuss headed the seventh annual library auction, an executive of Hospital Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Nuss was vice-president of the library association. Assisting Nuss was H.W. "Chick" Smith; Atty. Mitchell Jenkins was program chairman and toastmaster for the kick-off dinner.

Engaged--Beryl Colwell to

Sheldon Fahringer; Sophie Kasco to John Mekula.

Married--Pamela Lazarus to David Decker; Janice Rose to Willard Durbin.

Deaths--Frances Fisher Still, Dallas; Samuel Shaw, Sweet Valley.

You could get--Porterhouse, sirloin or rib steaks 69c lb.; chickens 49c lb.; veal roast 79c lb.; tomatoes, cello pkg. 25c; 2 lg. hds. lettuce 25c.

20 Years Ago - March 21, 1963

Lt. Col. Ross P. Hanna, 45, was killed in a collision with a tractor-trailer. A commander at Red Rock Air Force Base, Hanna received a hero's tribute when laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

Dallas ambulance crew acquired a hydraulic cot for the ambulance. Engaged--Martha Marian Mascali to Charles D. Woolbert.

Birthdays--Minnie Sites, 80 years old.

Anniversaries--Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newman, East Dallas, 47 years; Mr. and Mrs. Justin Holdredge, Trucksville, 50 years. Deaths--J.E. Williams, Dallas; John Kochan, Harveys Lake; Helen Thompson, Dallas.

You could get--Beef liver 27c lb.; sliced bacon 2 lb. 89c; picnic hams 29c lb.; cheddar cheese 2 lb. 69c; broccoli 25c lg. bnch.

10 Years Ago - March 15, 1973

Lake-Lehman School Board revealed plans for a \$2.7 million elementary school. The new school,

which would be built on a 20-plus acre surplus behind the senior high school would include 31 classrooms and would eventually house 1,000 elementary youngsters.

Dallas Patrolman Sev Newberry reported to the Borough police station to discover a large plate glass window smashed.

Engaged--Joan Ellen Lawson to Richard L. Bigelow.

Married--Diana Konek and Robert LaBarre.

Anniversaries--Mr. and Mrs. Royal Breakstone, Trucksville, 25 years;

You could get--Loin end pork roast 79c lb.; rib pork roast 69c lb.; vegetable soup 6 cans 89c; Kraft's orange juice 1/2 gal. 69c; lettuce 25c hd.

## Confidence Marks Business Return

### Library News

BY NANCY KOZEMCHAK

We have a very interesting new book at the library, thanks to Jerry Fritzes. It is called "Incredible Bloopers and Blunders" and is a historical look at the royal screw-ups of the Back Mountain Library auctioneers.

The book was designed by Jim Costanzo and was presented at the auctioneers mid-winter picnic on Feb. 11. The auctioneer's signatures appear on the first page.

To see it is to believe it and Jerry welcomes anyone to stop at the library to view it. You won't need too much time and hopefully some aspiring future auctioneer can study it and benefit by it. Jerry plans to auction the book over the block in July and have it remain a continuing auction item, to be resold each year.

National Library Week is April 17-23 this year and a new innovation for all libraries is a national library symbol.

The symbol was selected by a task force of the American Library Association, acting on a recommendation from the 1979 White House Conference on Library and

Information Services. It was selected for use nationally because it triggers instant recognition of a library through a graphic representation that people readily associate with libraries—the book and the reader—and is similar to the

style of international symbols already in widespread use. We have a large sticker on the front door of the library and each of the staff members is wearing a lapel button. The goal for the use of this symbol is that now no matter where you are,

if you need a library, just follow this sign!

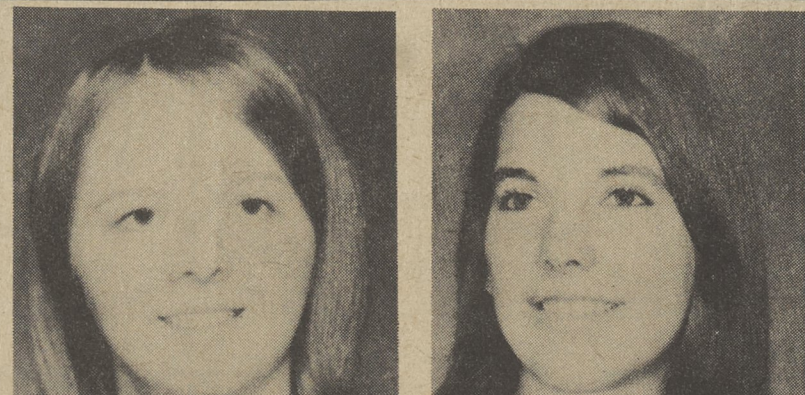
The Book Club will meet, after a winter recess, on Monday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the library annex. Mrs. Florence Crump, president, is hoping to attend the meeting after

having had a peaceful winter break of her own. Florence Koehl and Orceil Davis will be in charge of refreshments and Janice Jenkins is organizing the meeting and program. Guests are welcome.

## Auction Blunders Book Displayed at Library



Academic "Rita" Reserved ... head band librarian ... fun-loving ... has been a F.T.A. member for four years ... future is undecided.



General "Jiggs" Flag twirler ... vivacious and talkative ... the match-maker ... loves spaghetti ... beauty school. Academic "Colleen" Always a smile on her face ... co-captain of cheerleaders ... enjoys all sports ... can be seen with a certain alumni wrestler.

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