

# Chatterbox

## Spring Doesn't Have to Bring Trash

Now that the blanket of snow is gone from the countryside (although we really were not blessed with an overabundance of white this year), it appears the signs of spring are very much in evidence.

I have noticed, to date, empty beer and soda bottles, McDonald's and Burger King wrappings, metal scraps, hubcaps (they're a popular item), and discarded mattresses, box springs and appliances along the roadway.

Being an occasional runner, I get a special treat because I can see deeper into the wooded roadside than persons driving by in automobiles. I believe all you runners out there will agree with my assessment of the situation; it's disgraceful.

There is nothing like a good healthy walk or run through our charming and beautiful countryside to cure one of any sort of littering for life. Papers are the least of the offenders, as rubber tires, empty whiskey bottles and other motley trash lies under cover of scrubby trees and high growing weeds.

Certainly this condition does not exist along every road I run on, but there is enough of it to substantially dim the joy and happiness one can derive from the great outdoors.

On the other hand, there are yearly attempts by boy scouts and citizens' groups to rid the blight from our highways and byways. The first of these will take place on April 9, when Harveys Lake will get a spring cleaning. Area scouts and the Bass Masters are planning their annual cleanup campaign to ready the lake for greeting the influx of fishermen and summer visitors.

Others planning the same sort of cleanup are welcome to notify the Post because we truly are concerned about the state of our community.

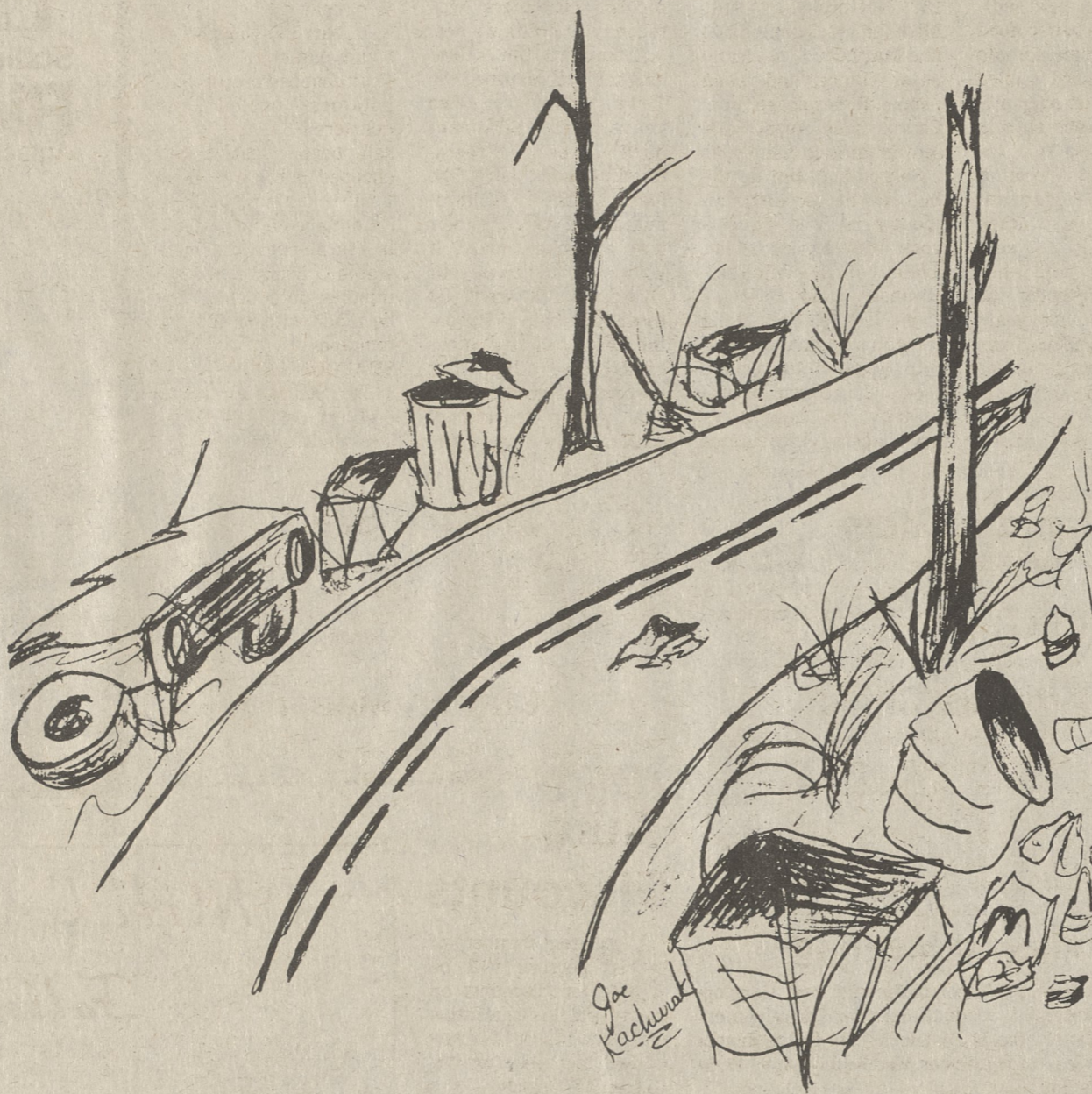
The rest of us can do our part as well. Needless to say, there is precious little need to throw our trash along the highways in the first place. But, since many believe this

is the way to dispose of whatever we no longer have use for, let's keep an eye open for some of the litterbugs' favorite haunts, and notify our local

road departments. Perhaps they can be of service.

I'm really looking forward to the coming of the spring and sunshine

(lots and lots of sunshine) and enjoying the outdoors as it was meant to be, free of man-made ornamentation.



## Roadside Rubble!

### Only Yesterday

## Koslofsky at Carnegie Hall

50 Years Ago - April 7, 1933

Strict observance of quarantine resulted in few new cases of Scarlet Fever. Public health officials had feared an epidemic.

Frederick Eck, Shavertown; Michael Kuchta, Harveys Lake and Kenneth Woolbert, Trucksville were named judges for the annual Dallas Rotary Club Easter Egg Hunt, which was held at Fernbrook Park.

Deaths--Henry E. Shoemaker, Kunkle; Margaret Healy, Arch-bald.

You could get--Sardines 6 cans 19c; eggs 17c doz.; hot cross buns 10c doz.; sugar 10 lb. 41c; Palmolive soap 5 cakes 25c; large can pineapple 17c.

40 Years Ago - April 9, 1943

Helen Koslofsky, Harveys Lake soprano, scored a marked success in her performance at Carnegie Hall and was invited to sing in New York Town Hall. She appeared in a joint recital with Mr. Collineege of Metropolitan Opera Company who played in the Broadway hit "My

Sister Eileen."

Back Mountain firemen were praised for efficient work in saving the hamlet of Sweet Valley from destruction. Despite their efforts, four buildings burned, five families were homeless, 3,000 chickens were destroyed at a loss of \$20,000.

Married--Norma Knecht to Hiram Clark.

Birthdays--Margaret Long, 87 years old; Alex Wilson, 86.

Deaths--Joseph Balavage, Loyalville; James T. Brooks, Lansford; Eilaura Edwards, Sweet Valley; Hiram Taylor, Carverton; Lawrence Swortwood, Sutton Creek.

You could get--Whiting 15c lb.; sea trout 15c lb.; sausage 35c lb.; pt. Clorox 10c; Pepsi 24 bottles \$1; 28 oz. jar apple-butter 13c.

30 Years Ago - April 3, 1953

The First National Bank of Dallas was purchased by Miner's National Bank, Wilkes-Barre, W.B. Jeter was president of First National Bank of Dallas at the time of the purchase. A.C. Devens was vice president and the largest single shareholder.

Charles Long's annual auction of farm machinery drew farmers and dealers from Harrisburg, Lan-

caster, Williamsport and Binghamton as well as many Back Mountain folks. This was the most successful auction ever.

Engaged--Louise Kunkle and Goodwin Hilbert; Grace Marie Laux and Robert Gardner.

Married--Carolyn Thomas to Fred Brokenshire; Virginia Davis to Louis Froehlich.

Deaths--Mrs. A.C. Reed, Johnson City.

You could get--Smoked hams 59c lb.; turkeys 63c lb.; leg o lamb 59c lb.; oranges 35c doz.; strawberries 12 oz. pkg. 25c; ice cream 98c 1/2 gal.

20 Years Ago - April 4, 1963

Couple's Club of Dallas Methodist Church sponsored a Sunrise Service at the Dallas Outdoor Theatre. Charles Nicol was featured soloist while Boy Scout Troop 281 served as ushers. Rev. Benjamin Jacobson, pastor of the First Welsh Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre delivered the Easter message.

William G. Lloyd, Shrine Acres, assumed duties as president of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club.

Engaged--Joan Susan Gaydos to Frank J. Roginski; Barbara Jean Tag to Kenneth E. Weaver, Jr.

Anniversaries--Mr. and Mrs.

William Vivian, Centermoreland, 49 years; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wandell, Sweet Valley, 25 years.

Deaths--Egidius Derk, Chase; Frank Michnavich, Pikes Creek.

You could get--Pork loins 23c lb.; smoked kielbasi rings 69c lb.; canned hams 5 lb. can \$3.59; shrimp 79c lb.; cod fillet 43c lb.

10 Years Ago - April 5, 1973

Greenstreet News, publishers of the Dallas Post, Abington Journal and the Mountaintop Eagle, was cited for dedication and unselfishness during the June 1972 flood emergency by the Professional News Media Association.

Engaged--Margaret Mary Wojtowicz to George Thomas; Antoinette Petcavage to John J. Straigis; Sharon Leinthal to John Link.

Married--Jeanne Marie Barber to Ronald Orkvis.

Deaths--Dorothy Louise Heslop, formerly of Shavertown; Chester Popieter, Harveys Lake; Rachel Westover, New York City.

You could get--Chicken thighs 69c lb.; sirloin steak \$1.39 lb.; boneless bottom round roast \$1.39 lb.; celery 23c bnch.; Maxwell House coffee 69c lb.

## Beware of Bogus Buyers

Dear Editor:

This letter is being written in order to advise people of the dangers of selling unwanted items from one's home and doing it with only one member of the family being at home.

We recently placed an ad in the paper for such goods. On Wednesday a woman asked to see the items. She was accompanied by an older woman who, we learned, was her mother. While the daughter kept my wife occupied, the mother proceeded to go through parts of the house and take anything of value she could find. Between the two of them, they took jewelry, silver and even an antique table. The daughter paid my wife a small amount of money for items she had actually purchased and left.

When I returned home from work, I immediately saw that the table was gone. We had no way of contacting the woman since she had left no name or address. The next day I contacted an antique dealer in our area who in turn phoned my wife, who gave him a description of the woman and what she had taken. He informed her that these two made a practice of pulling such acts, particularly among the

elderly. He also said that the woman had contacted him for an appraisal of the items she had taken from us.

On Friday night I phoned the woman demanding the return of the table, not knowing at the time of the other things she had taken. After some heated discussion she agreed to bring the table back. After she had gone we began to find that much more had been stolen too. Saturday morning we once again phoned the woman and demanded the return of everything she had taken by a specified time or a warrant would be issued for her arrest. Needless to say, nothing happened.

During all this time, the antique dealer we had contacted originally gave us invaluable help by telling us the different courses of action we could follow and that we should not give up fighting to get everything back, since no one else had done anything to do so in a similar happening. He was very instrumental on Monday in finally gaining the return of all the goods taken. My wife had gone to the magistrate and had the warrant signed and it was to be served. The antique dealer contacted the chief of the Dallas police and gave him an itemized list of everything. The chief in turn con-

tacted the woman and advised her that in order to prevent her arrest, it would be best to do as was suggested and return all the items she had taken.

We were lucky in this circumstance and life is once again back to normal. However there are many others who have been taken over by this pair--especially those up in years and who don't know who to turn to. First, call a reputable antique dealer. They want to help because such actions by these people give them a bad image, which they don't deserve. Second, contact the local authorities. They want to stop such actions as much as you do.

As a sidelight, the woman's appearance belies her actions. She is in her 40's, is about 5'6" tall, is of a heavy build, has black hair, wears glasses, and talks constantly about her family and her problems or anything else that comes into her head. Most importantly, her hands are always busy going into drawers or jewelry cases while your back is turned. When you see her coming--beware!

If you would like any other information we would be only too glad to do all we can to stop this pair.

Stetson A. Swan  
Dallas



A Little Fact;  
A Little Fancy

from Mak

Do you realize, there are now more people involved in studying the Jackson Twp. police force situation than there are residents on any given stretch of road in the community?

Ostensibly Police Chief Donald Jones was given two months to study the matter. And Jackson Twp.'s Taxpayer Association president Stanley Gierczynski informed the supervisors that his group undertook a study of its own. The Planning Commission also offered assistance in a letter read at the March municipal meeting, and the supervisors accepted.

It is to be presumed the governing body itself is also giving the matter at least some thought. And all of this for a town that has gotten along forever with a part-time force.

And, the subject of all the discussion, a full-time person is looked upon by some as merely a token gesture. "A head in a car," is how Chief Jones described it. "A physical presence to deter anyone with thoughts of a less than up-standing nature."

These same people insist Jackson Twp. is crime free anyway.

I took one of my infrequent cold weather rides out to Harveys Lake last week. Correction, I drove "around" the lake.

Although the sun was shining brightly, the water looked cold and uninviting. But the landscape is awesome, as it is during any given season or time of the year.

While there, I again noticed the plastic jugs hanging from poles in the triangle at Sunset. I had noticed them in past trips over the last year and queried certain individuals from the area about them. No one appeared to know what the purpose of hanging plastic milk containers on poles could be.

Thanks to Gloria Evans, all knowing and ever on the ball--you all know her as the sanitary authority's secretary, she collects the bills. Anyway, Gloria explained the jugs are a time-worn tradition for joggers. The jugs hold fresh water, changed daily, for joggers who regularly run the lake. Along with the Sunset location, they are also placed near Javers' store and several other spots along the roadway. While they are most visible to passersby at Sunset, the joggers know where they are and appreciate the friendly and refreshing contribution from their neighbors. During the winter months the jugs are replaced during the day should they freeze from the cold.

I must admit, I am totally impressed with the community spirit which that gets something like this going, and keeps it up.

And, what about the addition to Joe's Grotto Restaurant? I am hoping it is going to be ready for the start of summer. It really looks impressive. From outside appearances, one might think the restaurant is undergoing a sizeable expansion. Someone told me a menu expansion is also planned to go along with the new dining room. Most people in the know say it should really be quite lovely when completed. Put the Grotto on your list of places to go this summer. I am.

While at the lake, I stopped at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School. The place is really alive with the results of the students' artwork. The walls on the first floor are literally covered with drawings, handicrafts and original designs. The work is the product of the school's recent Big Art Event, during which local artists came out to demonstrate their talents and give some creative hints to the children. It was a first for the area, and from the looks of the building, it really went over well. By the way, it is truly wonderful to see the talents displayed by our youngsters.

Our local schools are very familiar with balloon launches, and a note from a former Noxen resident informs us that we may be the recipients of some balloons from Weston Central School in Weston, W.Va.

The school children will be launching 5,000 balloons on April 8 at 1:30 p.m. Since this is a PTA fundraising event, as well as a science project for the children, it is hoped that any balloons which might come to the area will be recognized. All that is necessary is for the finder to return the attached card by June 1. Eunice Lattimer, formerly of Noxen and president of the Weston Central PTA, asked that we be on the lookout in case any of the balloons come our way. Will do.

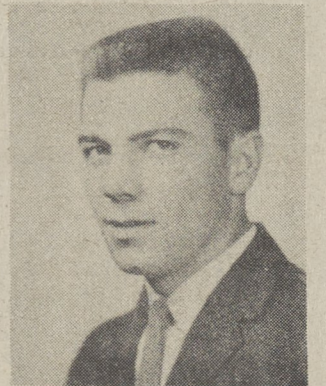
Mrs. Lattimer is the daughter of Richard Traver of Noxen. Her husband, Dr. Paul Lattimer, is the son of Jean Lattimer of Towanda, formerly of Beaumont.

The Cancer Society's Daffodil Days were a tremendous success, according to Marilyn Maslow who coordinated the overall event in all communities. Mrs. Maslow says that a total of 50,000 cheerful spring flowers were sold throughout the Wyoming Valley and netted the Cancer Society \$12,000. The sale was a successful sellout by Thursday night at the end of the second day of the planned four day sale. Mrs. Maslow commends all the volunteers for their work.

## Memory Lane

Our last Memory Lane featured 1970 Lake-Lehman School notables, Charlene Cigarski Cook and Sharon Lynn Leinthal Link. Did you recognize their young faces? Or, did you have to dig out a dusty old copy

of "The Roundtable?" Here are a few more vaguely familiar faces to try and guess. We will reveal their true identities in this column, next week.



Always peppy, never quiet, Anywhere, he's a riot.

General "Fliss" Petite young miss...lends helping hand in any worthy cause...never moody...A certain redhead, has her eye.



Calls drills with lots of steam. As Keyette Drill Captain she was on the beam.



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