

# Chatterbox

## Askin' & Tellin'

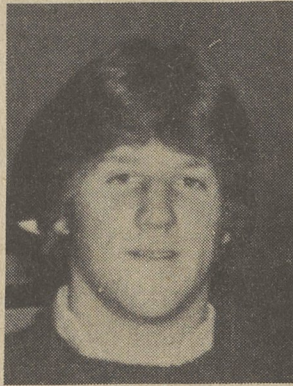
Spring is Sprung, and with it a person's fancy turns to thoughts of:



Karl Germick, Forty Fort: "Think romantic notions."



Kim Kochanski, Dallas: "Enjoy the weather and go hiking."



Steve Thomas, Dallas: "Play baseball."



Debbie Schray, Shavertown: "Skip school." (Debbie attends Luzerne County Community College.)

### Only Yesterday

## Chamberlain Resigns Director's Post

50 Years Ago - April 14, 1933

County Agent J.D. Hutchison organized 4-H Potato Clubs at Lehman, Jackson, Lake and Carverton communities. The purpose of the club was to interest farm girls and boys between the ages of 12 and 18 in a home project and to teach the value of using disease free seed potatoes.

The first annual dog show held by the Wyoming Valley Kennel Club and the Kingston American Legion was held.

You could get-Hams 12c lb.; Eight O'Clock coffee 19c lb.; eggs 14c doz.; jelly eggs 3 lb. 25c; sliced bacon 17c lb.; tall cans salmon 3-25c.

40 Years Ago - April 16, 1943

A colorful parade and impressive program marked the dedication of the Trucksville Roll of those serving their country. Gold Star parents participated in the program.

Dallas Township kicked off a Spring Drive to collect 235,000 pounds of scrap. Earl Layou was drive chairman.

Married--Mrs. Blain Nelson Robbins and Staff Sgt. Howell Rees.

Deaths--Mrs. Olive Scott, Lehman; Anna Sutton, Beaumont; John Siepler, Binghampton; Poris Bealer, Sweet Valley.

You could get--Strawberries 23c pt.; oranges 35c doz.; fresh spinach 10c lb.; rice 2lb. 19c; cheese 37c lb.; Windex 2-6 oz. bottles 25c.

30 Years Ago - April 10, 1953

Floyd W. Chamberlain, long-time school director, tendered his resignation to president of the Dallas Township School Board Thomas Moore. Chamberlain said that his new position as Executive Vice-President of the Susquehanna Savings and Loan Association made it impossible to continue the position.

R.E. Neal, Goss Manor, led the 1953 financial effort of the Back Mountain Branch Town and Country YMCA.

Engaged--Charlotte Marie Wilcox to Paul A. Wagner; Dorothy Ann Edwards to Donald Searfoss.

Married--Ruth Zimmerman to James Patton; Margaret Coughlin to Willard Powell; Beryl Colwell and Stanley Fahringer; Ann Harris Jennings and Dean Paul Pierson.

Deaths--Alvah Evans, Carverton; Charles Moore, Dallas; Leroy Garinger, Idetown; Walter Dewees, Dallas; Dan Davenport, Sweet Valley.

You could get--Chuck roast 35c lb.; veal roast 69c lb.; frying chickens 49c lb.; asparagus 15c lb.; carrots 2 bunches 25c; cannon bath towel 99c.

20 Years Ago - April 11, 1963

Although no details were available, it was definite that the Noxen Tannery had been sold according to Raymond Evlan, Williamsport office, Armour and Company.

The 17th annual Back Mountain Library Auction was scheduled for July 11, 12, 13 with Atty. Robert Fleming serving as general chairman. Frank Huttman was co-chairman.

Engaged--Brenda M. Clause to Joseph Bagnanski; Joyce Elaine Schoonover to Roger Bellas; Linda Lorraine Schoonover to Nelson Dymond.

Anniversaries--Pastor and Mrs. Frederick Eidam, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 35 years.

Deaths--Emma Hoover, Outlet;

Alice Barber, Ridley Park; Matilda Myers, Harveys Lake; Harry Brodhun, Trucksville.

You could get--Turkeys 37c lb.; hams 29c lb.; boneless round steak or roast 89c lb.; kielbasi 69c lb.; bananas 2 lb. 25c; tomatoes 29c lb.

10 Years Ago - April 12, 1973

A 10-year old Dallas Borough Elementary School student, was killed when he fell under the wheels of the moving school bus.

Students at Dallas High School presented the classic "Antigone." Donald Hopkins was director assisted by student director Jennie Kapson.

Engaged--Maryann L. Spaide and Robert T. Popielarz.

Married Cindy Culver and Barry Evans.

Deaths--John Reid, Carverton; Frances C. Panzia, Philadelphia; Alice H. Austin, former Dallas resident; Burton J. Hallock, Dallas native.

You could get--Pork butts 79c lb.; boneless round steak \$1.59 lb.; ground horseradish 8 oz. jar 49c; freshly ground poppy seed 89c lb.; asparagus 49c lb.

## Census Figures Surprising

By Howard J. Grossman

Recent statistics made available as a result of the 1980 Census revealed startling facts about Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The data rivets attention on the nature of population age groupings in the region and what impact that may have on the nature of our economy when the 21st century comes to pass.

Rankings of the 305 metropolitan areas in the United States demonstrate the significant elderly population increase between 1970 and 1980 within the seven counties of the Pocono Northeast.

For example, an extremely positive feature of population change shows that Northeastern Pennsylvania increased in population for the first time in 50 years between 1970 and 1980, spiraling from 873,000 to 907,000 citizens.

Among those 907,000 citizens, 16.3 percent are 65 or older. This is

much higher than the average for the entire nation. The drama of this data is recognizable in the following table, which shows Northeastern Pennsylvania as the ninth highest ranking metropolitan area in the United States in percent of population 65 years or older. Only eight metropolitan areas, all in the State of Florida are ahead of this region in this category.

65 AND OLDER	
Sarasota, Fla.	30.0
Bradenton, Fla.	27.1
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, Fla.	23.3
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, Fla.	22.3
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood, Fla.	22.0
Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla.	21.4
Ocala, Fla.	17.1
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre	16.0
Atlantic City, N.J.	15.9

The reverse side of the picture is the birth rate data. Again, Northeastern Pennsylvania ranks ninth in the nation as far as having the lowest percent birth rate, and as can be seen, many of the same Florida metropolitan areas are ahead of this region.

LOWEST BIRTH RATE	
Sarasota, Fla.	8.4
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood, Fla.	10.6
Daytona Beach, Fla.	10.9
Burlington, N.C.	11.1
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	11.2
Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla.	11.2
State College, Pa.	11.4
Nassau-Suffolk, N.Y.	11.5
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre	11.5
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, Fla.	11.5

We are an aging population, increasing in population, which is a

turnaround from the last 50 years, with change occurring by migration into the region, rather than internally increasing our population.

What does this mean to the future of the region? When this data is added to other indicators of population shifts, economic trends, and other statistical reports--many of which are mentioned in the State of the Region report issued by the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania--it demonstrates a much more dramatic need to redouble our efforts to increase economic improvement programs and to accelerate our timetable for economic changes.

This will not be an easy task, but it is one which is extremely critical if Northeastern Pennsylvania is to progress in a positive way toward the 21st century.

## Scouting Called 'A Bargain'

What volunteers contribute in time and leadership to Boy Scouting, money couldn't buy. President Reagan recently told a meeting of the Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives for National Service Organization Leaders. "After being told for decades that government is the answer, some people's reluctance to try a different approach is understandable.

What if, for example, The Boy Scouts of America were a government program instead of a voluntary activity? "Well, someone has worked out what the answer to that would be. It has been estimated that just doing what the Boy Scouts are doing now, in the way that they are doing it, if run by the government, would cost about \$5.5 billion per year. "And yet, as an efficient, non-

government activity, Scouting costs a total of only \$187 million per year. Because it is based on volunteer effort rather than paid bureaucracy, it is amazingly more efficient. "But beyond the financial savings, everyone involved--Scouts, Scout Leaders, parents--is having a more meaningful experience because of the time and resources voluntarily contributed to Scouting.

### Letter

Dear Editor:

When it comes to taxes, there are several basic axioms that every politician has indelibly engraved upon his mind.

They are, first, no one likes to pay taxes; second, taxes can only be paid by those that have the money (you can't get blood out of turnip!); third, a boost in taxes is acceptable as long as most people think the other fellow will pay, and fourth, people like to be fooled into thinking that they don't pay in full for what they get.

Also, the average politician can count and he knows that there are far more voters who are not in business than those who are. For this reason when it comes to boosting taxes, too often the businessman and employer are considered prime candidates.

In his repertoire of taxes for the businessman, the legislator has a broad spectrum--sales taxes, value added taxes, excise taxes, unem-

ployment taxes, social security taxes, business franchise taxes, tariffs, duties, licenses, permits, workmens' compensation, corporation taxes, windfall profits taxes, excess profits taxes, gross receipts taxes--the list seems endless. But the funny thing about business taxes is that, generally, the businessman is only the nominal taxpayer. The real taxpayer is the businessman's customer, who must pay in full his share of all the costs of the business operation whenever he buys. It should be obvious that, in order to stay in business, businessmen must charge their customers enough to cover all costs (including taxes) plus an additional amount for profit. Failure to cover all costs, of course, heads any business towards bankruptcy.

Ultimately, it shouldn't really make much difference whether taxes are levied directly upon ultimate consumers or indirectly when they make purchases--except for

one thing. Foreign producers may not enjoy the same levels of taxation as their domestic counterparts and, as a consequence, their costs can be lower. Possibly, for this reason, Pennsylvanians find that local businessmen are too often moving on to "greener pastures" elsewhere and new business enterprise finds that the Keystone State is just not the best location for a new plant.

Recently released figures from the Pennsylvania Economy League show that Luzerne County government costs are substantially higher than comparable government costs elsewhere. Obviously, this means higher taxes for the county's inhabitants. If these are levied on business, should we be surprised to see businessmen leaving the area? Think about it!

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## A Little Fact; A Little Fancy

from Mak

It is not news that spring is here. Both young and old have begun to take to the out of doors with the milder temperatures and longer daylight hours.

Unfortunately, with so much of life that is pleasant, there are warnings attached. Wayne Edwards, executive director of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and sports, warns us not to try and pick up from last year if we have spent the winter huddling by the fire trying to keep warm. If you haven't had any exercise throughout the cold weather months, start slowly now.

Two basic factors effect our response to the start of a physically active program. For one, we are all a year older. Also, weight picked up through the winter months puts strain on the muscles and ligaments, and stress on the heart, lungs and circulatory system.

Edmonds advises starting out slow and making certain to wear proper equipment, especially shoes. In short, he says, to tune up your body carefully or you might be out of the ballgame. He recommends thinking of your body as a fine instrument or a powerful engine. It's a durable piece of machinery, but it can be very fragile. Treat it well. It has to last you a lifetime.

Do you have your western gear ready yet? If not, there isn't much time left. In less than a month the Barn at the Magee Public House will be hosting the annual kickoff dinner for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. Tickets are on sale at the Library or from committee members.

Jerry Fritzes told me the auctioneers are planning a few interesting surprises. Also, I'm sure many of you have been to the Public House already and are familiar with the excellence and quality that mark the establishment, but for those who haven't yet had the pleasure, the library auction kickoff dinner is the perfect opportunity.

Since it's April, and April is Cancer Control Month, I thought I'd pass a few tips along, courtesy of the American Cancer Society.

Fact: From 1977 to 1981 there was a 27 percent reduction among teenage smokers and a 12 percent reduction among adult smokers.

Fact: Smoking is responsible for about 83 percent of lung cancer cases among men and 43 percent among women--more than 75 percent overall.

Fact: About 145,000 people will probably die of cancer in 1983 who might have been saved by earlier diagnosis and prompt treatment.

More of the gloom and doom news next week. Now to cheer you a bit, did you know that crime in general decreased across the state in 1982?

At least reportings of crimes were down from the previous year.

Violent crime (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) decreased for the first time in five years. Leading the offenses to decrease were burglary, arson and motor vehicle theft. Murder dropped below the 700 mark for only the second time in the 10-year history of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Under Part II crimes, however, the news is not all good. Eight classifications of crime increased, while 10 decreased. Most noteworthy among the changes was the increase in Driving Under the Influence. Final crime figures will be available when the Annual Uniform Crime Report is published later this year.

Thinking about vacation? One interesting idea might be to visit a Pennsylvania farm. The 1983 Pennsylvania Farm Vacation Directory is now available and it contains listings of a number of our state's farm families who open their homes to vacation guests every summer.

The free brochure contains descriptions, accommodations and rates available at the 25 farms participating in the program this summer. Some of the attractions include: livestock and poultry; swimming or boating on a farm pond, creek or swimming pool; horseback riding; hiking; wild game; antiques and country stores.

The program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farm Vacation Association in cooperation with the Commonwealth's Department of Agriculture.

And what's in this news from Wilkes College during the year the institution so proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary? An 8.6 percent tuition increase for the 1983-84 academic year?

Well, what's new, right? To be honest, the increase is below the national average and will bring tuition costs to \$5,050 for the year. room and board fees will also be increased by \$180 to \$2,540. The increase is less for the coming year than for the present, actually. Students paid 11 percent more to attend in 1982-83 than the previous year. Still, regardless of increasing costs to attend, applications for the coming year are already up 11 percent with a better than 30 percent rise in the number of inquiries received.

Have you marked April 21 on your calendar? Good! I think you're really going to enjoy this year's Homemakers' Show at Merrick Hall at College Misericordia. The show promises to entertain and delight your culinary leanings. Plan to come early to get a front row seat. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

## Memory Lane

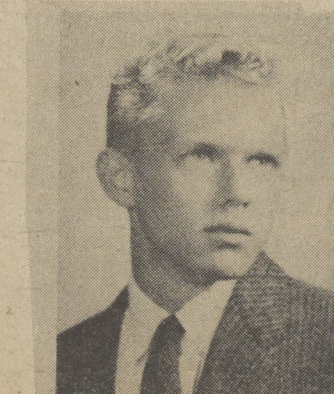
Our last Memory Lane featured Phyllis Jean Ide Sorber from the 1970 graduating class at Lake-

Lehman. Also, for you Dallas grads, remember Edward Montross and Glenda Williams Pomrinke as they were in 1962 when they were members of the senior class?

Since you all seem to be doing so well, we're offering yet another opportunity to take a glimpse of years gone by. Can you guess the identities of the graduates pictured below?



Ruth is sweet and friendly, that's no tale. She will follow Florence Nightingale.



Interested in music, a real fan, "Bill" may become our "Music Man."



Academic, "Moose, Plays a great guitar ... Noxenite ... keeps his eye on a cute blonde at the beginning of the alphabet.

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