

Chatterbox

Library News

Circulation Stats Available

BY NANCY KOZEMCHAK

We are now keeping our statistics on circulation according to the townships where the patrons reside. The Back Mountain Memorial Library services nine municipalities and for the month of April, the following books were checked out to people in these areas: Dallas Twp., 2,260; Dallas Borough, 1,411; Kingstown Twp., 1,666; Lehman Twp., 347; Harveys Lake Borough, 209; Jackson Twp., 319; Ross Twp., 137; Lake Twp., 368; Franklin Twp., 150 and other municipalities 407; making a total of 7,274 books for the month. There were 905 reference questions and 228 new books added to the inventory. New borrowers to join the library in 1983 are: January 72; February 132; March 120 and April 118 for a total of 442. Total book inventory to date stands at 49,628.

The Auction Kick-off dinner at Magee's Barn was a huge success and a lot of fun, thanks to Jerry

Fritzes, chairman. Joanne Freeman, chairman of the 1983 library auction has named Mrs. Florence Crump and Mrs. Gertrude Moss as honorary chairmen. Mrs. Crump has worked at the library and chaired the book booth since its beginning. Mrs. Moss has worked with the Ham 'n Yeggs campaign, taking over from her husband, for many years.

The children's annex has a new book drop installed in the front door. This was donated by the Dallas Junior Woman's Club, Marsha Landis, president. Thanks to Al Landis for having it installed. Children can now return books in the book drop when the library is closed.

Mrs. Crump and I attended a lovely luncheon, thanks to the invitation from the women of the Presbyterian Church. The Closet Boutique, which is handled by the Trinity women, presented a donation to the library at the luncheon, for which we are most grateful.

New books at the library: "Write-

ing In the Computer Age" by Fluegelman and Hewes is a writer's guide to authorship in the high technology era—the first book to detail the word processor's impact on the writer's craft. An interesting book for the writer.

"Going My Own Way" by Gary Crosby is Bing's first son's story of his life, about an image that bore slight resemblance to reality. Parental squabbles, his mother's alcoholism, and his father's stern discipline made life tense for young Gary. A tender, insightful story.

"The Strawberry Fields of Heaven" by Blossom Elmman is a wholly original novel that explores how human beings did—and do—respond to sexual freedom. Set in the free-love community of Oneida, N.Y., in the 1870's, with conflicts and questions as pertinent as today.

Reading brings us to a state of readiness for all stages of life—formal education, vocation, marriage, parenthood and retirement. Visit the library for books on all subjects!

A Little Fact, A Little Fancy, from Mak

Oh, Bloomsburg, Bloomsburg, what an experience! You might have noticed some changes in your weekly paper lately. For example, namelines and cutlines are done in a new style. Headlines sizes vary and the overall paper has a neater, more efficient look about it. Well, anyway, this is what we are trying to achieve by producing the paper at the Press-Enterprise Office in Bloomsburg.

No longer are The Post, The Mountaintop Eagle and the Abington Journal laid out and painstakingly pasted up in Dallas. No longer are we plagued by machines that break down at 7 p.m. on production day, with no hope of repairs until the following morning. No longer do we dash madly from one place to another to insure everything that needs to be getting into the paper.

Now, the editors of the three papers simply tell a computer what should or should not be printed. We tell the computer where it goes and in what style. I mean, talk about

joining the real world!

Sounds great, doesn't it? And, it will be some day—probably sooner than we all expect. The possibilities for improvement in style and appearance are endless, and at some point this will all come together.

However, for the moment, while we continue to put out a paper each week, Stephanie Grubert, (editor of The Mountaintop Eagle), Bill Savage, (managing editor of Pennaprint) and myself are still grappling with the intricacies of modern technology. For this reason we ask your forbearance should an error appear. But we do promise things are going to look consistently better each week. Keep an eye on The Post. I think you'll be in for a pleasant surprise.

And, speaking of Bloomsburg. A few impressions of the twice weekly drive down there and back. For one thing, the road is deplorable. Route 11 is fraught with some of the worst kinds of potholes! They kind of creep up on you while tailgating a truck and unable to have a clear view of the pavement.

Also, the traffic! Depending on the time of day, it can be the pits. I did have one fairly easy shot, however, at 1 a.m. last Monday. Unfortunately, I was too exhausted to care that there were few other drivers on the road with me.

But there is a bright side and I must admit to being quite taken with the scenery. Traveling along the old Susquehanna River, one might find numerous sites which can only be described as breathtaking. On one rainy Monday the mountains rising up behind the winding river appeared to be smoking. Large clouds of mist rose above the trees, giving me an initial start. I thought it was a huge forest fire.

And Berwick along the river, with its stately homes, well-tended and looking ages old, is a true delight as well. Unfortunately, I am always driving, and most always running late, so I have not yet fully inspected the blocks of homes and their grounds. Must do that soon.

Here is something of interest from Luzerne County Community College—a tele-course on "Understanding Human Behavior." The course is part of the school's summer curriculum and will air over WVIA-TV, Channel 44, beginning Wednesday, June 8, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The introductory psychology course employs the integration of the physiological, intrapsychic and social behavioral perspectives on human thoughts and behavior. It consists of the best-selling text, "Understanding Human Behavior" and 30 video programs.

Some areas to be investigated in the telecourse include human psychology, the brain, consciousness and sleep, taste, smell, hearing, vision, subliminal perception, motivation and hunger, stress, conditioning, memory, pain and hypnosis, genetic psychology, emotional and cognitive development, personality theory, abnormal psychology, psychotherapy, social groups, persuasion and applied psychology. It sounds fascinating, but who can possibly understand such heavy psy-

chological discussion at 7 in the a.m.?

And speaking of college, some news for women whose college educations were interrupted by marriage, child rearing or a return to the job market. A special source of scholarship assistance will be available at the University of Scranton next year in the form of a Newcombe Scholarship. The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation, Princeton, N.J. has awarded the grant to the U of S for women age 25 and over who are full or part-time students and who are working toward a baccalaureate degree. Women who already possess an undergraduate degree are also eligible to apply if they are returning for business or technical skills in a certificate program for career change or advancement.

Newcombe Scholarships are based on financial need, but the foundation's guidelines allow the University to give special consideration to the life circumstances of returning women, including family responsibilities and extraordinary living situations. Past academic performance and commitment to career goals are also considered. Interested students may apply through Kathleen Kopick at the U of S Counseling Center.

And, what will you be doing with your summer? A bit of advice is perhaps to spend some time at area state parks while they remain free to the public. State parks can presently set fees for items such as campsite rental or boat docking privileges. But, admission and parking have always been free to the public.

Evidently, talk of raising maintenance funds by charging admission or parking fees worried at least one state legislator, Rep. George Hasay. Hasay is the ranking Republican on the House Conservation Committee and he felt it necessary to introduce a bill to prevent state parks from charging parking and admission fees. This legislation has been approved by the Committee. It will be considered in the full house later this month.

It, of course, comes as no surprise that the idea would come into someone's head. But, it almost seems unpatriotic to charge admission to state parks.

I hope all the young ladies ages 3 to 8, from Harveys Lake are preparing to enter the Little Miss Harveys Lake contest next month. The contest is sponsored by your Dallas Post and we're looking forward to it with great excitement. It is all a part of the First Annual Harveys Lake Homecoming Festival to be held on June 18 and 19. Judging for the contest will be on Saturday, just prior to the dance at the Harveys Lake Pub.

Remember, no talent is required. Judging is purely on personality. All entries must be in to the Post by Friday, June 10. One thing I'm sure is that Harveys Lake has more than its share of cute, little ladies, and we're hoping to see each and every one in the contest.

Only Yesterday

A Star in Town

50 Years Ago - May 26, 1933
Hollywood and Broadway star Lee Tracy, arrived in Shavertown to visit his mother, W.L. Tracy, before continuing to New York City to attend the opening of his latest picture, "Nuisance."

Fifteen Girl Scouts of Troop 16, Fernbrook, spent two days at Camp Onawandah to learn scouting crafts. They were Betty Jane Cooke, Charlotte Goldsmith, Martha Russ, Jeanne Trevelthan, Jane Case, Erma Shaver, Dorothy Rupert, Claudia Cooke, Minnie Crispell, Cynthia Poard, Mary Bennalack, Elizabeth Searfoss, Margaret Gerlack, Margery Thomas, Marjorie Jones.

Deaths—Mrs. C.E. Whitesell, Roaring Brook; Joseph L. Baker, Hunlock Creek; Corey Howell, Dallas; L.H. Kochoer, Ruggles; Clara Van Campen, Noxen; Charles E. Frantz, Auburn, N.Y.

You could get—Corned beef 2 cans 25c; cheese 17c lb.; eggs 21c doz.; marshmallows 2-8 oz. pkg. 15c; salted peanuts 10c lb.; chocolate cake 15c.

40 Years Ago - May 28, 1943
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gleason of Demunds were notified by the War Department that their son Lt. John P. Gleason of the Army Air Corps had been missing since March 30.

North Star Farms, poultry dressing plant, which had been recently established in Shavertown, went into production with more than 2,000 birds dressed and packed daily. The firm was headed by Fred M. Kiefer.

Deaths—Benjamin Goldsmith, Dallas Twp.

You could get—Filet of pollock 26c lb.; fillet of cod 37c lb.; radishes 5c bunch; onions 3 lb. 22c; Philadelphia cream cheese 3 oz. pkg. 12c.

30 Years Ago - May 22, 1953
W.B. Jeter and A.C. Devens were named vice presidents of Miners Bank. David Schooley and Howard W. Risley were named to the Advisory Board of the Dallas Branch.

An enthusiastic crowd of more than 200 attended the third annual Library Auction Kick-Off Dinner held at the Irem Temple Country Club.

Married—Romayne Latimer to Paul Kunkle; Barbara Gregory to William Simms.

Engaged—Esther Elizabeth Blase to Harold Hess; Bernadine Rasmus

to James Dougherty. Deaths—William N. Thomas, Trucksville; John Stenger, Jr., Harveys Lake; Ira Stevenson, former Harveys Lake police chief; Nancy Waters, Huntsville Road, Dallas.

You could get—Leg of lamb 59c lb.; frying chickens 43c lb.; picnic hams 49c lb.; veal roast 49c lb.; peaches 31c can; 3 cans tomato paste 25c.

20 Years Ago - May 23, 1963
Mrs. Calla Parrish, Beaumont, known to many as "Aunt Callie" celebrated her 101st birthday.

Paul Shaver was named parade marshal for the annual Memorial Day parade in Dallas. Legion Auxiliary, police, firemen, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and school marching units participated.

Engaged—Margaret Ann Malkemes to Walter Mahoney; Catherine DiGiosia to Corey Askew.

Married—Catherine Carle to Wilson R. Garinger.

Birthdays—Mrs. H.E. Payne, Loyallville, 74th birthday.

Deaths—Jennie Baer, Harveysville; Mary Seymour, Sweet Valley; Margaret Yanek, Lehman.

You could get—Turkeys 36c lb.; boneless chuck 49c lb.; beef liver 39c lb.; green peppers 19c lb.; oranges 49c doz.; tomatoes 29c lb.; lettuce 2 hds. 29c.

10 Years Ago - May 24, 1973
Installation costs prompted Dallas Area Municipal Authority to increase the permit fees to \$250.

Nine seniors from Lake-Lehman toured London and vicinity for six days combining pleasure with education. Jonelle Wheatley, Lynn Bartz, Diane Wojtowicz, Bonnie Sutton, Helen Wesley, Sharon Maher, George Alles, Roger Weggel and William Jones accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, teachers at the high school.

Married—Marilyn Lauer to John C. Devlin.

Anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hoover, 55 years.

Deaths—John Stahl, Shavertown; Floyd Ide, Dallas; Clement Redenski, Hunlock Gardens; Mary Roditis, Hunlock Creek; Eugene Eckenrode, Harveys Lake.

You could get—Eggs 55c doz.; yogurt 10c ea.; capons 79c lb.; ice cream 59c 1/2 gal.; 3 lb. macaroni 69c; smoked hams 65c lb.; bacon 99c lb.

Memorial Day

*At Gettysburg, at San Juan Hill,
In Flanders Fields now all is still,
But men still drill and march away
Like you who made Memorial Day.*

*In Normandy, and on Bataan,
At Inchon, Khe Sanh, and in Iran,
Selflessly the need you met.
And now we know we must not forget.*

*Those who fought and those who fell,
To hear the bell of freedom knell.
We crouch beside your graves today;
These wreaths of vernal buds to lay.*

*And to you who died for freedom's sake,
A pledge to carry on we make:
The torch that you so bravely bore
Shall be our beacon evermore.*

*We pray that by its guiding light
We'll find our course and hold it right.
We hope it may throughout the years
Bring an end to blood and tears.*

*For we're a nation proud and free,
And sometimes it is hard to see
Where friendship for our cause abides
And where a foe of freedom hides.*

*You have found peace while we still weep
And wail o'er charges we must keep.
There'll be no peace until we find
A way that's just for all mankind.*

—William J. Acker

William J. Acker is a 91-year-old self-taught poet. He was born and raised on a farm in Waterloo, Ill.

Acker saw service in the Army, first in the Quartermaster Corps in Texas, in the border patrol under Gen. John J. Pershing in 1916-1917, and later in World War I as a warrant officer in France.

Recently, Acker was a patient at the Geriatric Research Educational Clinical Center (GRECC) at the Wadsworth Veterans Administration

Medical Center in Los Angeles.

There, the nurses discovered his talent after he dedicated a poem to them called "A Salute to GRECC Nurses."

Asked by the VA to write a commemorative poem for veterans everywhere on Memorial Day, Acker said he had just the thing. After flipping through a well-thumbed black scrapbook of his poetry, he retrieved and updated a poem he had written in 1941 called "Memorial Day."

Penna Needs Advanced Technology

BY HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

With the amount of talk going on concerning genetic science, genetic engineering, micro-biology, DNA research and much more, it would be assumed that high-technology would be the only solution to economic problems in states as Pennsylvania. Such is not the case.

For example, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, advanced technology is a much more fine-tuned word. It means that new technology can be developed for older industries to upgrade them to such an extent that they can hope to compete with other similar firms in places throughout the nation in the 1980s and 1990s. Advanced technology is being implemented through the Ben Franklin Partnership, which serves as the Commonwealth's technological resource base to fund colleges and universities throughout the State on a challenge grant basis and involve the private sector as well as the public sector in ways and means by which advanced technology can improve the economic climate of the Commonwealth.

Recent legislation, approved by the Governor, established a Ben Franklin Partnership Board, and Northeastern Pennsylvania is represented on that Board by the Executive Director of the Economic

Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Ben Franklin Board has met several times and has already authorized the approval of four college and university applications under which Ben Franklin monies will be allocated. These include Carnegie Mellon-University of Pittsburgh, Lehigh University, Pennsylvania State University, and the University City Science Center in Philadelphia.

In the case of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Lehigh University application calls for a coordinated effort within Northeastern Pennsylvania utilizing the resources of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and a cooperative effort has already been undertaken to begin to implement this recommendation.

Patents, inventions, joint ventures and similar techniques are part of the effort to encourage and stimulate smaller businesses to grow and prosper and become major corporations in the Commonwealth. The complicated mechanism by which the Ben Franklin Partnership has been shared is a great stride forward, particularly in light of increased funding, since the fiscal 83 budget calls for \$1 million and the fiscal 1984 budget proposed by Governor Thornburgh calls for a \$10 million appropriation for Ben Franklin Partnership activities.

The Board is representative of both the general assembly, the executive office, and the general

public, with five members being appointed by the Governor.

Competition is keen throughout the United States as other states have allocated many additional millions of dollars for so-called high-technology development. In New York State, for example, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) has been designated as such a center with a funding base of multi-millions of dollars. The State of Michigan has recently promoted high-technology through the establishment of a multi-million dollar fund. Such known examples as Silicon Valley in California, Route 128 around Boston, and the Research Triangle Park in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, have all accumulated high-technology functions already. Pennsylvania has the opportunity to utilize the concept of advanced technology as a basis for growth and development of Commonwealth industries, and other activities.

Companion legislation which would be helpful would be a product development corporation similar to what exists in the State of Connecticut, and such legislation has been introduced into the General Assembly. Other kinds of legislative responses are also being considered. A strong point is that advanced technology through the Ben Franklin Partnership is a major step forward, whose time has come in the Commonwealth, and whose ability to provide a strong response to economic issues will be as effective

as the partnership which exists between government and the private sector.

On the Road With Debbie Z

BY DEBBIE Z.

After a weekend away with the girls, I've got some good stuff. And like the story goes, I'd like you to "Know Your Neighbor."

Everything started early Friday morning in the car with my traveling buddies—Jeannie Mekeel, Kay Scavone, Pudgie Gordon and our driver Marie Riffs. After loading up our gear (bowling balls, coffee pots and a blender—not to mention our clothes) it was off. Within the first few miles I learned how to play pitch (a card game) and in no time at all learned how to travel from Kay and Pudgie—(I won't tell guys).

So Pittsburgh here we come. The Marriott was our destination and room 1516 and 1527 were the places to be. Cards were the name of the game, snacks and quarters were all you needed to survive. Yes, we did bowl, but that came later. After checking in it was a pow-wow. Let's see who got where and all that stuff—you know. I had the chance to see a lot of the girls from Tuesday night who I only see once a year—at tournament. Virginia Patton, Racie Carroll, Marilyn Morris, Rita Balberchak, Sally Roberts, Rose R. (I

can't spell her last name), Libby and everyone else.

Bowling went well that evening and what went on afterwards was like being in a college dorm. These ladies really have a blast when they go away from home—I can't keep up with them—I fall asleep.

Well, along comes Saturday and we're hot to trot. Sally Johnson is down by the pool basking in the sun, Marie, Pudgie, Kay and some other others are playing cards and all Jeanie Mekeel and I want to do is see Pittsburgh. So together we wake up Linda Johnson who was sleeping and convince her to take us to Station Square. We get our directions and off we go. We had a good time and after returning to the hotel Jeannie and I spent our next mission finding a ride to Christopher's (a really elegant restaurant). We did. Rita Balberchak, Marilyn Morris, Jeannie, Dor Boten and myself made our reservations and as Dor later put it went to eat in heaven. Valet parking, an elevator that is all glass, and a dining room on the top of the building on top of Mt. Washington overlooking Pittsburgh was our heaven. I can't

describe the place it was so neat, but I recommend it to everyone. We felt like the Rockerfellers—it was great.

Dinner wasn't over until nearly midnight so, by the time we got back to the hotel it was off to hear the band in the lounge. Jan Werman and Sally Johnson had saved us a table and it was our chance to sit back and enjoy the music. A really quick note to Chris and Mary Ann, who joined us for a moment, was that they thought the leader singer was great—so with some coaching from Jan, we all pretended we were interested in "booking the group" in Wilkes-Barre and got the whole scoop on the group. What a mess!

To put it short, we ended the evening early and woke the next day well rested for our trip home. And before I forget, I just want to ask Marie if she has her teeth and how's the head feeling! Poor Marie, I'm sorry I didn't get a picture when I should have.

I'll just tell you now Mrs. Denmon—sign me up for next year's tournament, along with Kay, Marie, Pudgie, Jeannie, Sally....

Memory Lane



Down Memory Lane and last week's young faces belonged to Jack Fowler, love that crewcut, and Jane Kingsbury Eyet. Did you recognize them? Who do the young faces pictured this week belong to?