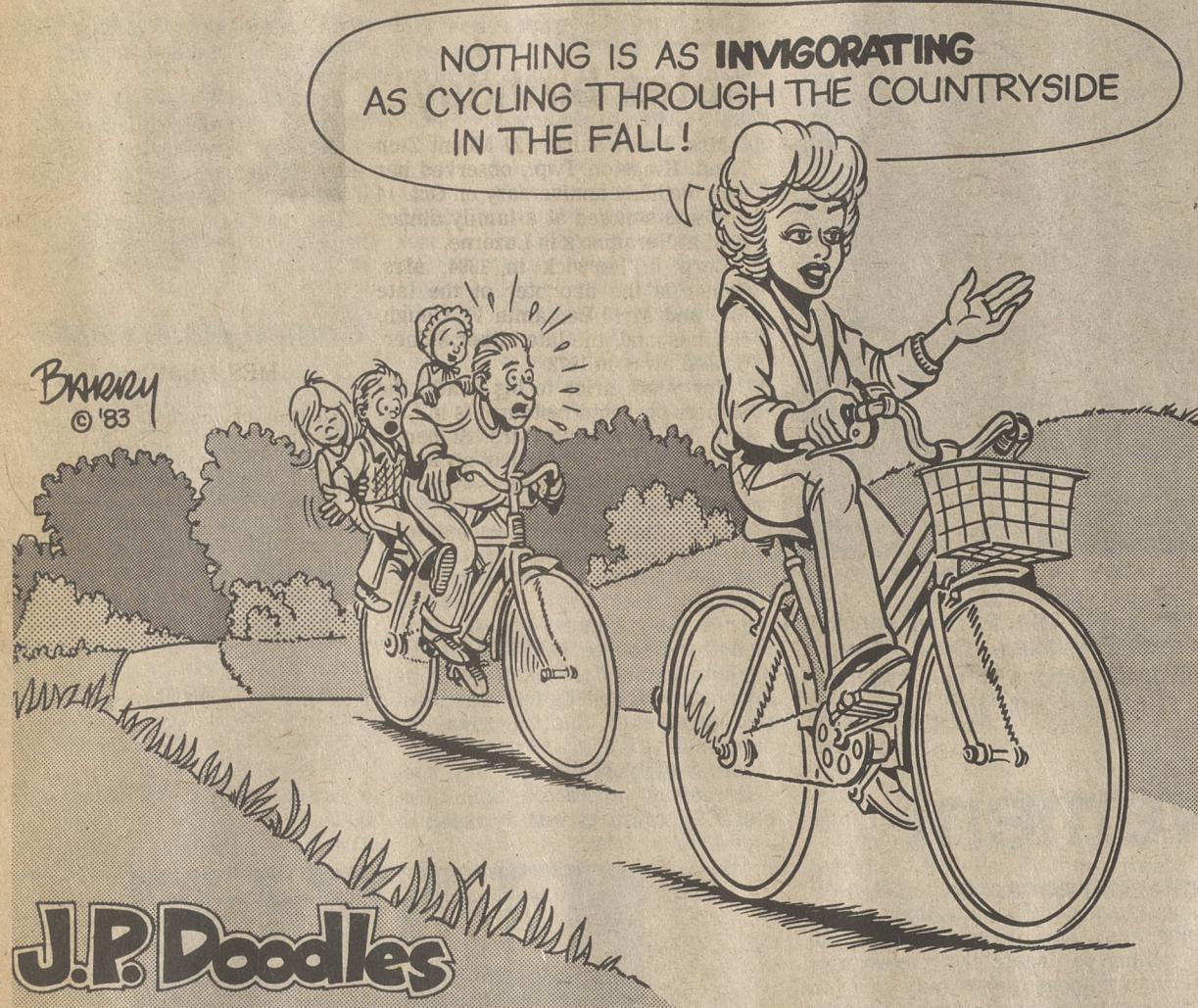


# Perspective



**Enjoy your kids!**  
Although Dad is doing all the work in this cartoon, the kids are having a blast as they take a bicycle ride through the country with their parents. Spending time with children is important to them. So, now that the Fall weather has arrived and outdoor life can be so enjoyable, give your children the time they deserve. Take a bike ride in the country, throw a football around, or even rake the leaves - but do it together. Children are the backbone of our society and should be given as much of your time as possible.

## Opinion

1.5 million annually

### Missing children figures are simply bone-chilling

It was my admiration for the acting abilities of Daniel J. Travanti that made me watch the ABC Monday Night Movie, "Adam," on Oct. 10.

It is my sincere concern for the many people in the same predicament of John and Reve Walsh that makes me want to keep the issue of disappearing children alive as long as possible.

John and Reve Walsh were the parents of Adam Walsh, a fair-haired little boy who disappeared from a downtown shopping mall where he had gone with his mother. After several days of searching feverishly for their six-

year-old son, the young couple was notified - by telephone - that the physical remains of their Adam had been discovered.

As remote as this particular situation may seem at the moment, it does happen. And, it can happen all too quickly to anyone.

The issue of disappearing children is very much alive in this country - approximately 1.5 million children disappear every year, yet, for some unexplained reason, the whole issue has been forced to the back of the bus.

Prior to the attempts of John and Reve Walsh to change the federal laws concerning missing children, the FBI would not even take

time to concern itself with a missing child. That same investigating group, however, would wage an all-out search for a prize race horse because the horse was valued at \$500,000.

What prices have been put on the heads of these beautiful little children and who could possibly put a price tag on them even if they had to?

Parents, please! At the risk of being over-protective, take the necessary precautions to avoid such tragedies in your home.

And, should one of your children be missing - for whatever reason - notify your local police immediately.

— DOTTY MARTIN

### Keep 'latchkey children' safe

"I'll beat up whoever tries to break into my house," said Johnny when asked why he kept a shoe in one hand as he watched television every afternoon.

Johnny is a sixth grader whose Mom and Dad both work outside the home. When Johnny gets home from school each day, there is nobody

there to greet him, so he takes the key that is tied around his neck and opens the front door.

Johnny is one of two million "latchkey children" who come home to an empty house.

There has been a dramatic increase in recent years in the

number of single parent homes and two paycheck families. And the prediction is that these numbers will grow, with two out of every three mothers expected to work outside the home by the end of this decade.

Here are some pointers from "Growing Up," the newsletter for parents of school age children, to keep "latchkey children" as safe and secure as possible.

- Some parents have been successful in persuading local school officials to offer after-class programs such as crafts, sports, or hobbies for children whose parents aren't home after school. These programs are generally staffed by teacher aides and others. Parents provide the financial support.

- For children who spend the afternoon hours at home alone, it is wise for parents to make a routine telephone call each day to make sure all is well.

- Children should be given a specific set of tasks to perform rather than be left to their own devices. Depending on their age, children, can be responsible for starting dinner, doing a load of laundry or vacuuming a room.

- Strangers who call on the telephone should not be told that there is not an adult in the house.

- The door of the house should never be opened to a stranger.

- A family pet in the house can help provide companionship for the child.

- Once parents return home, they should take a few uninterrupted moments to interact with their child.

These recommendations will alleviate some of the problems of latchkey children - and provide some peace of mind to parents who are concerned about their children's welfare.

## Only yesterday

### Moses Tannery employees return to work after strike

**50 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 20, 1933**  
Two hundred seventy five employees of the J.K. Moses Tannery, Noxen returned to their jobs following a strike. The employees decided to strike because five employees were denied union privileges. A conference between Arbitrator Dvis of the United States Department of Labor and Industry and union officials settled the strike.

Employees of the State Department of Highways began construction of a news bridge across Bowman's Creek at Noxen.

Married - Melbourne Carey and Doris Lauderbaugh.  
You could get - Tomatoes 3 cans 23c; butter 2 lb. 49c; toilet paper 4 rolls 15c; smoked bacon 14c lb.; cranberries 12½ c. lb.; oranges 29c doz.; playing cards 4 decks 92c.

**40 Years Ago - October 22, 1943**  
Five hundred people turned out to pay tribute to boys from home in the service when Northmoreland dedicated its honor roll. Rev. William Watson was master of ceremonies.

Despite war restrictions, Lehman PTA held its annual Halloween Party at the school.  
Alfred S. Lamoreaux a graduate of Lehman High School, was fighting with a "Head Hunter" division in New Guinea. Lamoreaux had been promoted to Technical Staff Sergeant.

Engaged - Martha Sedler to Pfc. Melvin Adler; Josephine Sepotowski to Joe Stredny.  
Married - Laura Edhoff to Pfc. Carl Carey; Ellen Trethaway to Pvt. James Agnew; Arlene Ide to Sgt. Charles Rattigan.

Deaths - Bessie Williams, Idetown.  
You could get - Perch filets 30c lb.; whiting 15c lb.; veal rump roast 29c lb.; cauliflower 25c lg. head; celery 19c lg. bunch; cabbage 4c lb.; Virginia Lee gold layer cakes 45c ea.; peanut butter 32c lb. jar.

**30 Years Ago - October 23, 1953**  
Reassessment of property for school taxes brought a rowdy session to the Dallas Borough School Board meetings. Over 200 residents turned out to complain about higher taxes.

Attorney Roscoe B. Smith, Center Hill Road, spoke on the Church and Human Rights at the meeting of Shavertown PTA. About 60 persons head Supervising Principal James Martin explain the advantages and disadvantages of school jointure.

Engaged - Doris Mae Hazeltine to Leonard S. Stoner; Ann Marie Bonner to Joseph Crossin.

Married - Nancy Reese and J. Bruce Cleasby; Marguerite Sparks and Arnold Price; Rachel Reese

and Elliot Perrigo; Shirley Hayner and Everette White; Helen Jimison and Dale Engelman.

Deaths - Daniel Nicholson, Shavertown.  
You could get - Sirloin, porterhouse or rib steaks 79c lb.; haddock filets 45c lb.; frying chicken 49c lb.; pitted dates 29c lb.; tomato soup 12 cans \$1; pineapple chunks 6 cans \$1; donuts 19c doz.

**20 Years Ago - October 17, 1963**  
Harry Lefko was named Master of Ceremonies for the annual Halloween Parade sponsored by the Back Mountain Businessmen's Association. Robert Dolbear, Chairman of Judges, announced that 20 faculty members of Dallas High School would aid in the judging.

The first and only streetlight in Dallas Township was put up at the crossing on the Tunkhannock Highway by the New Goss Manor Association.

Engaged - Mary Bezak to Robert James Roberts.  
Married - Janice Rinkin and Melvin Cogdon; Patricia DeReemer Burnside to Philip Sidney Post; Jeanette Eileen Shaw to William Wynn Quick.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Seth Howell, Shavertown, 55 years; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Waldos, Shavertown, 30 years; Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Williams, Shavertown, 50 years.

Deaths - Thelma D. Wilson, former Dallas resident; Walter S. Buda, Sweet Valley; J. Frank Carver, Carverton Road; Emily Ponganis, Centermoreland; Ethel E. Vivian, Trucksville.

You could get - Semi-boneless hams 58c lb.; leg of lamb 57c lb.; cornish hens 39c lb.; halibut steak 59c lb.; oysters 8 oz. can 73c; calves liver 89c lb.; bacon 29c lb.; oranges 49c doz.; pears 2 lb. 29c; chestnuts 23c lb.

**10 Years Ago - October 25, 1973**  
Residents of the Lake-Lehman School District heard their candidates for school director give their opinions on various school issues. Those running for school director were Peg Anderson, Don Jones and Gilbert Tough.

Dallas Intermediate School was dedicated on Oct. 21. Platform guests and officials included Milton Fisher, Edward Allan, Bernard Novicki, Paul Rodda, James Brokenshire, Gerald Weinstein, Dr. Linford Werkheiser and Atty. Mitchell Jenkins.

Deaths - Rev. Dr. Francis Freeman, former pastor Dallas United Methodist Church; Goldie Hawk, Trucksville; Helen Faux, Hunlock Creek.

You could get - Chuck roast 79c lb.; turkeys 75c lb.; chicken breasts 89c lb.; red emperor grapes 39c lb.; king size bread 3-22 oz. lvs. 79c; 12 inch portable black and white television \$58.

## Letters

### Reader renders assistance in finding ambulance phone

**DEAR EDITOR:**  
In the event that a Back Mountain Citizen in the Idetown area needs the services of an ambulance, the phone numbers on page one of the Dallas Phone Directory are where to look.

It took 15 minutes to learn this. I looked under Idetown in the white pages; nothing listed. The name "Jonathan R. Davis" was impossible to recall.

If I called Lehman Volunteer Ambulance Association, I would get the services; but, it is not my nearest services. If I were not a member of the Lehman Ambulance

Association, it would cost me \$50 for their services.

When I do find the name and phone number in the white pages, I must assume that the ambulance association can be reached by calling the number listed for the fire company. It would be a good service of the phone companies to include the ambulance association along with the fire company.

Two of us looked for the best way to get the local service company to respond. The first page of the Dallas Phone Directory lists clearly all local emergency numbers by area identification, such as, "Idetown".

I believe that if I had phoned for ambulance service to the Idetown number and they were unable to respond with their vehicle that they would phone for the Lehman ambulance and I would not be charged the \$50 service charge.

After all this, I still believe it is beneficial for the Idetown residents to pay membership to the Lehman Township Volunteer Ambulance Association since in most instances they would be called upon to respond to calls in our area.

EDWARD W. HARTMAN  
LEHMAN

### Young pilot thanks writer

**DEAR EDITOR:**  
Just wanted to say thanks (Jane Bolger) for that wonderful article you wrote about me. I have

received many compliments on my accomplishments.

It was a pleasant surprise to see how you put all those notes into a

great story. Once again, thanks a lot.

If you ever want to go on a guided aerial tour of the Back Mountain, just let me know! "J.P." WALSH

## Library news

### Back Mountain Library conducts coupon exchange

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is conducting an on-going coupon exchange for its patrons. We will accept the coupons you don't need in exchange for whatever we have on file that you wish to use.

The coupons in the library are being handled with a color coding process; they are marked with different colors according to expiration dates. N.E.D. on the coupon means No expiration date. The coupon exchange program is for the residents' use and is situated in the front section of the library.

New books at the library include:

"Gods of Riverworld" by Philip Jose Farmer is another story in the epic chronicle of the planet called Riverworld, and of the 35 billion men and women who woke there one morning to begin the first day of life after death. Resurrected by the power of an alien race, for reasons they can only guess at, fellow travelers search for answers.

Have you ever stopped to wonder who invented television, who was the first astronaut to step on the moon, or who pitched the first no-hit baseball game? Well, whether you have or haven't, the point is that everybody has moments of wanting to know more about this busy, modern world we live in. And that's

where your library comes in. It is your information center for every need. It has thousands of books on virtually every subject!

### Need a tree? These are free

The National Arbor Day Foundation is giving 10 free shade trees to people who become Foundation members during October, 1983.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's effort to promote tree planting throughout America.

A Sugar Maple, White Birch, Red Oak, Black Walnut, Thornless Honeylocust, Butternut, Silver Maple, Washington Hawthorn, European Mountain Ash, and Red Maple tree will be given to members joining during October. The six to 12 inch trees will be shipped this fall postage paid with enclosed planting instructions.

These trees were selected because

they provide a wide range of benefits: flowers, fruit and nuts, in addition to shade and beauty, according to the Foundation.

The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is working to improve the quality of life throughout the country by encouraging tree planting. The Foundation will give the 10 free trees to members contributing \$10 during October.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to SHADE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Oct. 31, 1983.

### State to sell surplus vehicles

State Secretary of General Services Walter Baran has announced that an auction of surplus state vehicles will be held Thursday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m., inside the Commonwealth Garage, 2221 Forster Street, Harrisburg.

Two hundred thirty passenger cars, station wagons, trucks and other vehicles are offered on a "where is, as is" basis.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with the exception of employees (or their agents) of the Department of General Services and other employees specifically restricted.

Complete rules and instructions as well as a listing of all vehicles to be sold are available upon request from the Department of General Service, Bureau of Vehicle Management, 2221 Forster St., Harrisburg, PA 17125. For more information please call 717-783-3132.

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