

# Perspective

## Opinion

### Go to school, Mom and Dad! You might learn something

Parents of school-aged children might be surprised at how much more interesting their dinner-time conversations would be if they would take time to familiarize themselves with what their children are doing in school.

The Open Houses and parent-teacher conferences scheduled by area school districts for the next week will provide parents with an invaluable opportunity to show their children they really are interested in what goes on beyond the school-yard walls.

An hour or two out of a

parent's busy schedule may be just enough time to familiarize them with the school projects in which their children are involved - projects which are important to the child and may become even more important when they realize their parents are also interested.

By visiting the child's school, meeting the teacher and familiarizing themselves with the building in which their child spends so much time, the parents can show the child they do care. And, when the child knows his parents care, he may even start to show more interest.

Then, when the parents become familiar with what the child is learning in school, they will be able to communicate with the child and initiate discussions about the child's school projects.

It may be inconvenient and it may even be imposing upon a parent's schedule to attend one of these Open Houses at the times they are offered, but that time you devote could prove to be some of the most valuable moments of your child's school days.

— DOTTY MARTIN

### Hats off to Police Chief Carl Miers

A tip of the hat to Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers for the time he has donated to conduct fingerprinting programs in area schools. Chief Miers' efforts in aiding the national situation of trying to decrease the number of dis-

appearing children is commendable.

Chief Miers is a community-oriented person and has made a concentrated effort to make the Back Mountain a better place to live. His untiring efforts in community projects is very much

appreciated.

In a time when it seems there is so much "bad" in the world, it feels good to have a man like Carl Miers so close to him. We're proud to claim Chief Miers as one of ours.

— DOTTY MARTIN

### Guest editorial

### Little League fan offers advice

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. William Kubis, of Dallas, more affectionately known as the Back Mountain No. 1 Sports Fan was recently the guest speaker at a banquet held in honor of the players of the Yankees Major League and the Reds Minor League teams.

Mr. Kubis, whose words of encouragement and praise, have been an inspiration to Back Mountain Little League players for years, told the youths to share responsibility and practice determination in carrying out their responsibilities.

The inspirational words he offered at the Little League Banquet follow.)

Honored Guests, Clergy, Members for Back Mountain Little League, Parents and Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen, but most important the players, all of you who participated in the baseball games, to attain the knowledge of athletics, with the value for good clean sportsmanship.

It is indeed an honor and pleasure to be here to attend this special dinner, because

each and everyone of you are champions.

Since my retirement in 1963, I became interested in the Back Mountain Area, to inspire and encourage youth, to further their education to attain positive thinking and build a solid base with a foundation to have faith with confidence and determination to be the best.

Once you have the determination and share your responsibilities your heart and body will follow to give you the strength and power with courage to make the proper move at the right time.

This is what it is all about to inspire youth, to stay on top, to reach your goal, and say, I Can Do It!

During your many years together as athletes, you will work together, to build a foundation, to attain a solid base with this knowledge and the values of good clean sportsmanship.

There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the best!

What you learn from your coach and manager, the nappy this to your everyday lives, will make you successful, but most important, the respect and friendship you have for each other, will live with you, to build a safer and more peaceful world.

If we believe in ourself nothing is impossible, but you must work hard and sacrifice for what you want.

Things may not come easy, so set your goals, have faith with confidence and you will be the best.

What is confidence? It is a firm belief in one's self and one's ability to succeed.

I am grateful for the honor to be your No. 1 Fan and hope in some little way, the words expressed, in this speech, will encourage all of you to reach your goal and succeed.

## Letters

### Citizen involvement non-existent

DEAR EDITOR: The residents of Northeastern Penna. have long enjoyed the benefits of a diverse environment in which to live, work and recreate. In the past, we have reaped many benefits from the resources available from the land; resources which have been invaluable in the development of our region.

However, as we become increasingly aware of the impact that some of our activities have had upon our environment, we must begin to work together to insure that those resources we have so greatly prized and depended upon in the past are available for future generations to come.

Recently, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Council

(NEPEC) sponsored an evening environmental hearing in which residents of the area could voice their concerns for the regional environment. Although the Environmental Council staff, Board of Directors and members of the media were all present to hear and report what the citizens of our area foresee as environmental issues, not one resident attended this meeting.

Howard Grossman, Environmental Council President, stated that "NEPEC has always been receptive to the thoughts and ideas of the citizens in our region, and although this meeting was not a success, the Council will continue to sponsor these hearings for the improvement of the Pocono Northeast."

NEPEC offers a variety of confidential services in acting upon and

solving environmental problems which affect our families, homes and daily lives. In order to be effective in our efforts, we urge each and every citizen in our region to become active in the Council's activities and report suspected wrongdoings, before they become major environmental issues.

Neither NEPEC, or D.E.R. or EPA alone can identify all the environmental problems in our region. We need you to be our eyes and ears. But most of all, we need your interest and involvement as we address the environmental issues of the 80's.

PATRICK LAVELLE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

### Library news

### Auction figures recorded in history

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

The 1983 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction facts and figures are now completely recorded for history and we express our sincere thanks to Joanne Freeman, general chairman and her tremendous committee and all the volunteers who gave many hours to make the auction a success. With most of the figures tabulated, the net profit for 1983 shows \$40,575.64. This amount is a great help to the yearly budget.

The children of the Gate of Heaven School have been making trips to the library once a week. They received an orientation on the first visit, joined the library and are

now taking books home for their reading enjoyment.

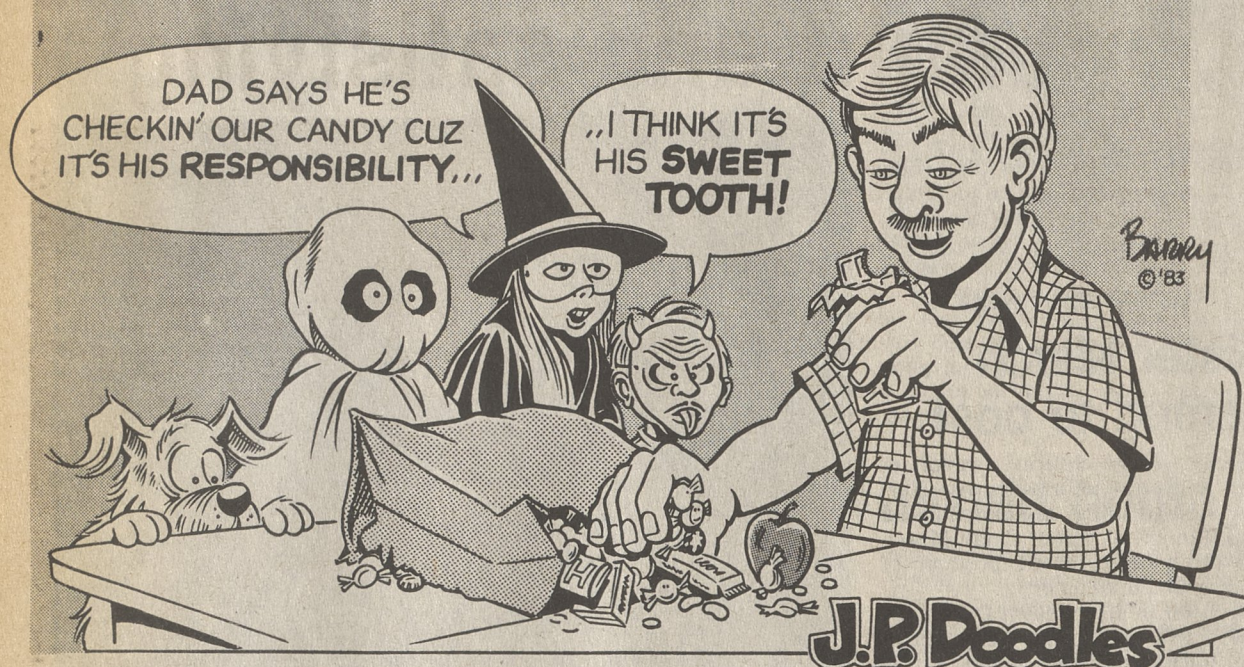
The Book Club will meet on Monday, Nov. 21 in the library annex at 1:30.

New books at the library: "Turtle Beach" by Blanche D'Alpuget is a compelling tale of passion, and a personal odyssey as well as a beautiful rendering of a culture turmoil. The story moves through the landscape of post colonial Southeast Asia, from the green cricket lawns of an old British men's club now people with the new colonials - Chinese businessmen, Indian doctors, and assorted Westerners - to the squalid camps of the boat people.

"Incarinate" by Ramsey Campbell is a novel of terror that revolves around Molly, a young TV production assistant in love with Martin,

an American filmmaker. As Molly's fellow dreamers succumb one by one to the diabolic force in human form that is pursuing them, she and Martin battle desperately to understand the enemy and conquer it - before they, too, are absorbed. It is the story of five different kinds of people and their prophetic dreaming.

"Meditations In Green" by Stephen Wright is the winner of the Maxwell Perkins prize. It is a brilliantly conceived, compelling told tale of the Vietnam war and its aftermath, a chronicle of the corruption and decay of Spec. 4 James Griffin under the pressures of an unreal war. He is a man who thinks he can glide through the war unharmed; he ends up unstrung, addicted to heroin, watching the war wind down and waiting for an attack.



### There is a reason

Kids may think their parents checked their Halloween bags just to pick out the goodies, but Mom and Dad really were looking out for their children's best interests. Fortunately, Halloween 1983 seemed to be a safe one, free from traffic accidents and foreign objects in candy.

### Only yesterday

## GOP wins, Independents fail

50 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 10, 1933  
G.O.P. wins, Independents fail; Local voters for repeal of prohibition. Arthur Dungey defeated M.B. Coolbaugh for Dallas Borough Tax Collector.

Kingston Township graduates held their first alumni day. Frederick Eck president of the association gave the welcoming address. The celebration was climaxed by the township's defeat of the Wyoming Seminary football team, 13 to 6.

Deaths - Mrs. C.L. Boston, Noxen; Mrs. E.A. Baker, Noxen; John P. Jones, Shavertown.

You could get - Bananas 5 lbs. 25c; oranges, 29c doz.; chestnuts 2 lbs. 25c; sugar 10 lbs. 49c; pink salmon, 2 tall cans 23c; cranberries, 2 lbs. 23c; butter, 2 lbs. 49c; smoked hams, 9c lb.; grape nuts, 18c pkg.; candy bars, 4-10c.

40 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 12, 1943  
Six day bear season opens. Game Commission hoped for a kill of at least 600.

First snow fall of the year greeted early risers on Nov. 12. Ground, trees and roof tops were covered with a heavy coat of white.

Engaged - Dorothy Muchler to Pvt. Lawrence Moss. Married - Isabelle Veitch and Robert Loomis; Nelson M. Wilson and Viola Bertha Stoll; Hazel West and Sgt. James Kistler.

Deaths - Millard Stair, Lehman High School janitor; Stella Metzgar, Noxen; Jasper Swingle, Shavertown; Jenny Youngblood, Trucksville; N. Whitney Howell, E. Dallas; Fred Croop, Humlock Creek; Elizabeth Cunningham, Dallas.

You could get - Chicken 39c lb.; cod fillets, 38c lb.; sausage, 39c lb.; ASCO coffee, 24c lb.; Nabisco Shredded Wheat, 11c pkg.; apples, \$2.99 bushel; Palmolive soap, 3 cakes 20c; 2 lg. lvs. bread, 17c.

30 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 13, 1953  
Orange Methodist Church Choir under the direction of Stanley Jones and Roberta Garner, presented a GYMANFA GANU, festival of song. Following the festival an old fashioned Welsh tea was held.

Commonwealth Telephone Co. was granted its second increase in a period of 28 years. Business telephones increased to \$7.50 monthly while resident telephones were raised from \$4 to \$5.50 monthly.

Engaged - Polly Lou Cooper to Jay Vandenhout; Mary Patricia Wilson to Robert Harris; Ann Ide to Alfred Laincz.

Deaths - R.R. VanHorn, Dallas lawyer; Walter Wright, East Dallas; Louis Kanjorski, Trucksville. You could get - Smoked hams 49c lb.; steaks 79c lb.; veal roast 49c lb.; fresh mushrooms 45c lb.; peanuts 39c lb.; pitted dates 29c lb.; doughnuts 19c doz.; pears 2 lbs. 25c; boys flannel shirts 99c.

20 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 14, 1963

Barbara Vivian, Huntsville, was elected the first woman school director in Lehman Township.

Dr. Robert Bodycomb, Dallas dentist, ended 18 years of service to the Dallas School Board when he announced his retirement.

Engaged - Phyllis Brown to Harry Sebring.

Married - Charles Conklin and Maurine Immelman.

Deaths - Frank Simonitis, Luzerne; John Hewitt, Idetown; Ethel Schoonover, Centermoreland; Thomas Boettner, Spanish American War Vet.; Beth Whitesell, Idetown.

You could get - Large fancy shrimp 79c lb.; leg of lamb 57c lb.; boneless chuck roast 59c lb.; tangerines 39c doz.; Kleenex Tissues pkg. of 600-33c; Cocoa 8 oz. box 31c; American cheese slices 12 oz. pkg. 39c.

10 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 15, 1973

Back Mountain enjoyed a business building boom. The Pancake House on Route 309, Mark II Restaurant, Encon Plant, Franklin Savings and Loan, were nearing completion.

Donald Hopkins drama teacher at Dallas Senior High presents the play, Up the Down Staircase.

Engaged - Judy Ann Allen to Walter J. Williams, Jr.

Married - Marie Elaine Borkowski to Ronald Albert Perlis.

Deaths - Harold Titman, Dallas; Ina Hallock, Shavertown; John Ferguson, Harveys Lake; John Polachek, Dallas; Andrew Stolarick, Lehman; Steven Kravitsky, Shavertown.

You could get - Ground round \$1.38 lb.; chicken legs 68c lb.; cucumbers 3-35c; cranberries 35c lb.; turkeys 68c lb.; canned pumpkin 3 cans \$1.00; fruitcake 3 lb. \$2.49; grapes 39c lb.

## Programs can improve quality of life

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

While the game of grantsmanship seemingly disappeared at the time the Reagan Administration took office, an array of programs has been created in Pennsylvania to focus attention on the means by which the quality of life of the people of the Commonwealth can improve.

Many of these programs are centered within the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs (DCA) whose goal is to improve the ability of municipal government throughout the State to meet the

challenges of the 1980's. And, it should be noted Pennsylvania has a multitude of local governments. Over 2,600 general purpose local governments exist in the State, causing the Commonwealth to have more local governments than any other State except Illinois.

The programs of the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs range far and wide, and are directed in the areas of community conservation, economic development, housing development, enterprise development, human resources and other quality of life programs which enable local governments to deliver services to their

constituents.

The grantsmanship game has stayed alive in Pennsylvania through new programs which have been established in the last several years, continuation of older programs which traditionally have been provided by DCA, and the decision by the federal government to hand over certain programs which states have been given the option to administer.

In the latter category is the Small Communities Block Grant Program which provides grant monies to local government for community conservation, housing revitalization, economic development and related purposes.

The Department of Community Affairs also administers a state-funded Housing and Community Development Program which helps to expedite community revitalization projects.

DCA administers the Main Street Community Program which in Northeastern Pennsylvania has been applied to Jim Thorpe Borough in Carbon County and Clarks Summit Borough in Lackawanna County. Other opportunities exist for designation of main street communities, designed to revitalize downtown areas of small and medium sized municipalities throughout the Commonwealth.

A newer program is the Enterprise Development Area Designation Process. Municipalities can apply to the Department of Community Affairs for designation which involves grant monies to the community and non-grant techniques by which improvements can take place to encourage economic revitalization of that community.

Information of a detailed nature may be secured by contacting the Scranton Regional Office of the Department of Community Affairs, State Office Building, Scranton, PA or by contacting the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 777, Avoca, Pa. 18641.

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