

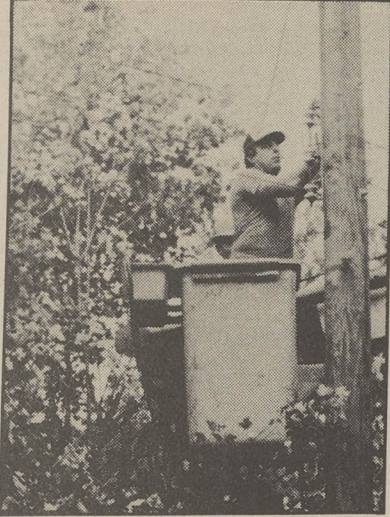
# The likes of it have never been seen before

## It sure was a night to remember



### Tree covers home

A large pine tree, felled by Friday evening's storm, fell against the Crain resident on Hillside Ave. at Harveys Lake.



### Restoring power

Jack Zarlecki, an employee of Asplundh Service Co., works to restore power in the Harveys Lake area. Approximately 1500 customers of the UGI Corporation were without power through Friday night.

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Except for personnel in the emergency rooms of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in Kingston and Wilkes-Barre General Hospital who were busy treating victims of Friday evening's tornado in the Back Mountain area, life went on as usual in other areas of Wyoming Valley.

The skies and the winds picked up somewhat shortly after dinner time in the Kingston-Wilkes-Barre area, but there was no rain and visibility was good enough to keep the Friday night shoppers moving on the streets.

And, because of the lack of wetness in that area, joggers and bicyclists were abundant as they sought an outlet from a hectic work week.

Except for Sweet Valley and the Sunset section of Harveys Lake where lifestyles were literally torn apart, most people carried on as usual.

A homecoming reception for Gina Major, the former Lehman resident recently crowned Miss Pennsylvania, attracted hundreds of people to Gus Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre, none of them aware of what their Back Mountain neighbors were experiencing.

Fireworks lit up the sky near Offset Paperback in Dallas later in the evening and the Back Mountain Library Auction was in full swing, despite a temporary delay due to some rain in the Dallas area.

A person traveling on Route 415 didn't even know anything was wrong until coming upon the intersection of Route 118 at the Wyoming National Bank where policemen had set up road blocks. And, even then, one would have expected an automobile accident to be the cause of the blockage.

For the rest of the world, it was just another night of some pretty lousy weather, but for the people of Sweet Valley and Harveys Lake, it was a night that will go down in the history books - a night they will never, ever forget.



### Total ruination

A side view of the Bachman home at North Lake shows just how powerful the tornado was as it ripped through homes like a hot knife through butter.



### Helping relatives

Paul and Bonnie Habrack are shown here in front of a home owned by their aunt and uncle, Bob and Marietta Bachman. The Bachman home, located in the North Lake section of Sweet Valley, was severely damaged as the roof and one wall were completely blown away by the storm. The Habracks were helping to salvage what they could.



### Clean-up begins

Clean-up procedures began almost immediately after Friday night's tornado in the Sweet Valley area. Here, workmen from Harold Ruth Construction Co. try to piece together the ruins of a home owned by Clay and Pam Bowman. The Bowman residence, located on Lakeview Drive in the North Lake section of Sweet Valley, was one of several homes damaged in the storm.



### Business destroyed

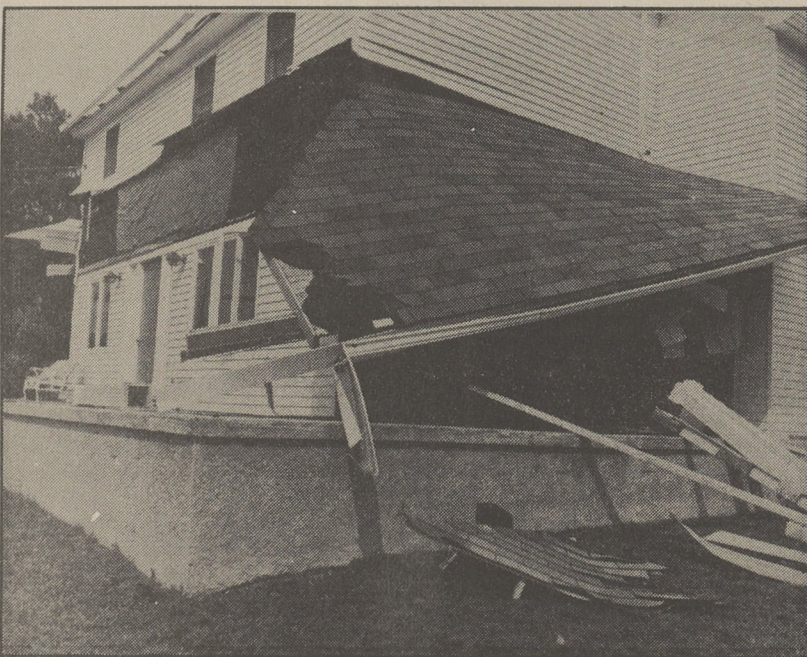
Jeff Hosle, proprietor of Hoss' Garden Hut at Sunset, Harveys Lake, stands outside of what remains of his business Saturday afternoon. Hosle, who was inside the building with his father at the time of the storm, was in his first year of business at the lake. The building was moved four feet of its foundation and the businessmen estimate damages at between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Photos by Ed Campbell



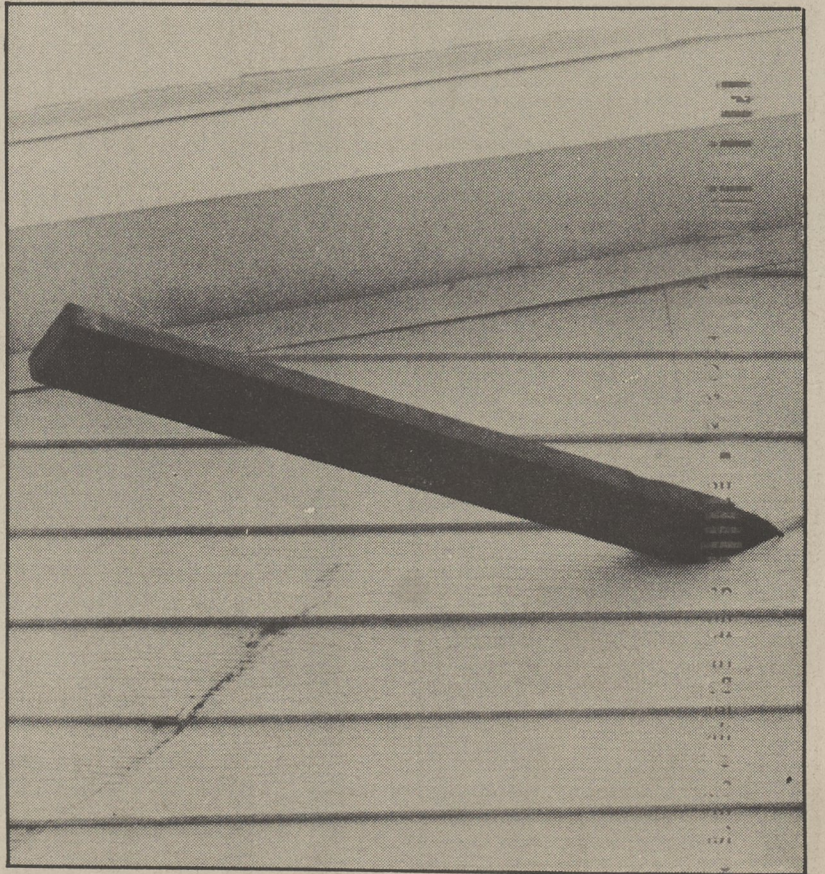
### House moves

This house, owned by the Kehlors of Duffy Road in Harveys Lake, was moved completely off its foundation while also falling prey to a large tree that was toppled during Friday's storm. The Kehler family also owns another house at the lake that received extensive damage.



### Lord home destroyed

The home of Sheldon C. Lord, located on Route 118 in Sweet Valley, fell into the path of the tornado as the front and side of the home received extensive damage.



### Strange, but true

Friday's tornado left some rather unusual looking things behind. Here, a board sticks out of the side of a home owned by Taresa and Joseph Korutz of Annabelle Ave. in Harveys Lake. The Korutz residence received minor damage, but a small cottage located next to it was totally demolished. The board is from the cottage.