Bed 'N Breakfast opens in Harveys Lake home

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"Bed 'N Breakfast" - a new concept in this area of providing lodging and breakfast to travelers - has come to Harveys Lake. The concept is not new to Clayton and Betty Bean, however, for Betty formerly hosted the Mountain Mouse B&B in the Bean's home in Stamford, N.Y., a small village close to shops and

Bed and Breakfast, guest house, whatever name you use, the idea is the same — private residences whose owners are willing to rent their spare bedrooms to travelers — places where travelers are treated more like guests than paying customers.

The custom of opening one's home to travelers dates back to the early days of colonial America when there were few hotels or inns and travelers had to depend on the kindness of strangers to obtain a bed for a night.

In the 1950's, a popular alternative to the expensive resort hotels was the country guest house. The lack of such hotel conveniences as a private bath and public diningroom was compensated for by the host with a cheerful, comfortable bedroom and a generous breakfast at a modest price. Visitors enjoyed a home away from home environment and hosts were pleased to have the company of paying guests.

The growth in international travel where in Europe the concept of Bed and Breakfast is extremely popular in Britain, Ireland and other parts of the continent has enchanted Americans so, that the B&B has spread to

The Beans' new Bed and Breakfast at the Lake is named the "3 B's", the logo, three bees in flight. They have a one-bedroom guest house where guests may stay if they prefer, or guests may stay in one of their five bedrooms in their large 85-year old home atop a hill overlooking the lake.

Betty adds special touches for her guests such as fresh flowers in their rooms, fresh fruit, books or magazines, or perhaps some delectable chocolate

During the summer, she serves various types of

large wrap-around porch, or on the porch where the guests may enjoy the lake and surrounding scenery while dining. Sometimes breakfast may consist of fresh fruit juice, gourmet omelettes, plain croissants, or crepes, strawberries with cream, coffee cake, or Eggs Benedict, fruit biscuits, fresh fruit in season, or other gourmet or delicious foods.

"It's a great way to meet new people, make money and share the beauty of the surroundings," said Betty. "But it's not for everyone. The typical host or host and hostess must be friendly, outgoing, flexible and proud of their home and hometown. There are no set rules as to the type of house or the location. The important factor is that the host or hostess be on the premises. Location should be near transportation if guests are wanted every night. People will contact you if your rates are reasonable and if there is something to see or do in your area.

To become a Bed and Breakfast home, owners must apply, in this area, to Bed and Breakfast, Pocono Northeast, Bear Creek. Anna Magagna is the person who approves the opening of the local Bed and

Once approved, guests traveling in the area who request the names of local B&B's, are given the names by Ms. Magagna. She screens the guests and recommends them to the host and hostess as well as recommending the place to the guests.

Bed and Breakfast homes are becoming increasingly popular with persons traveling because of business or to visit friends or relatives. In the summer, travelers enjoy spending a night or two at the lake and in the winter many like staying at the lake for skating, ice fishing or because of cross country skiing and also close proximity to the ski areas.

Betty and Clayton Bean also take some pets if they are carefully screened. As in all of the B&B homes, if people wish to have dinner, there is an extra charge and it is understood that they dine with the family at the regular dinner hour.

The large home at Harveys Lake owned by the Beans was originally built as a lodge for persons to stay, who were there to buy property or build a home. Now, 85 years later, the home is being used in a similar manner. The guests enjoy it and so do the



Dinner held

At the 32nd anniversary dinner meeting of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Luzerne County officers for the coming year were installed by Mark Kunkle. Installed were: President, Pete Rubel; First Vice President, Martha Baranowski; Second Vice President, Donna Comiskey; Secretary, Linda Leighton; Treasurer, Joan Felty. Individuals and organizations who have contributed financially or their volunteer time to futher the cause of the ARC were recognied and presented with awards of appreciation by the past president and chairman of the awards committee, Ellen Campbell. The 1985 recipients are, BES Environmental Specialists, Inc., Dallas Kiwanis, Back Mt. Police, "The Make Someone Happy Group", Fraternal Order of Eagles, Wyoming Post 1965. The Cliff Bigelow Advocate of the Year Award was presented to Martha Baranowski, and the Ruth Levey Member of the Year Award was given to Elma Major. Ron Moran, Director of Special Education for Wyoming Valley West, was toastmaster for the evening and Rev. Cliff Jones of The Huntsville Christian Church offered the benediction and invocation. Shown above, seated, are Martha Baranowski, Elma Major. Standing, Bill Kalinowski, Dallas Kiwanis; Alma Berlot, "Make Someone Happy Group"; Paul Sabol, Back Mt. Police; Richard Coleman, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Mary Murphy, BES Environmental Specialists, Inc.

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Athletes honored

Luzerne County Community College recently honored its student athletes at the college's 17th annual Athletic Awards Banquet. Shown here are, from left, seated, Lisa Drank, Wilkes-Barre; Marion Yurko, Plymouth; and Sandee Jones, Shavertown. Standing, Dave Kollar, Shickshinny; Joe Irvin, Wilkes-Barre; Keith Ferenchick, Wilkes-Barre; Bill Reznak, Wilkes-Barre; Pat Hurley, Wilkes-Barre; and Steve Harneschfeger, Wilkes-Barre.

breakfasts either in the diningroom looking out on the

Theater quests

Members of the Wilkes-Barre Branch of the Pennsylvania Association of the Blind a matinee performance of "Anything Goes" as guests of the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 146 Hughes Street, Swoyersville. The Music Box regularly invites service or charitable groups to attend performances free of charge as a program of community service. Anyone who represents a group who would like to be considered for this program may contact the Music Box at 283-2195. Shown here are cast members of "Anything Goes" and the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. From left, first row, Helen Chisak, Lillian Jachimowicz, Lillian Levendouski, Dorothy Shelly, Mary Herig, Mary Razawich, James Earley, Dorothy Bawinski Barbara Earley, Harry Belles. Second row, Jane Slabinski,

assocition staff, Devon Bishop, RuthAnn Zamber, Albert Sweitzer, Bill Williams, Debbie Sanguiliano, Dr. Bishop, Bev Brenna, Blaine McKeown, Harold Shelly, Mary Legenz, association staff, Frank Marino, Kelly Bishop, Betty S. Frith, association administrative secretary. Third row, Rich Lloyd, Diane Zeszza.

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Critics -

(Continued from page 20) Kenneth Harshey, who owns Sgt Pepper's Sandwich Emporium in Indianapolis, sued a local newspaper for libel last fall after the paper published a critical review. "We went from a growing business to one that struggled to survive for several months," he says. "Fortunately, (the review) was in a small newspaper. Still that's 25.-000 people you've lost." The libel case

is still pending. Restaurant owners. though, haven't been very successful in suing critics. Only one, Michael Chow, is known to have won a libel case against a reviewer, and an appeals court recently overturned that decision, which involved a review of Mr. Chow's New York restaurant by a French guidebook. (Mr. Chow is in Asia and couldn't be reached for comment on whether he plans to appeal.)

Many critics go out of their way to make sure they are treated like ordinary diners. They take friends along so that they can sample a variety of dishes, and some of them return as many as five times. They also try to work incognito.

At Chicago magazine, where reader surveys show that the restaurant review is the most popular feature, Carla and Allen Kelson pay for meals with four American Express cards and two Visa cards, all under different names. They also use false noses in photographs, appear in shadow on television

may seem like a great job, but there are disadvantages. One is constant weight swings. Mr. Kelson says she has gained 80 pounds and lost 80 pounds in the last year and a half. And then there's awful food. Once, Mrs. Kelson and a guest got sick shortly after eating at a famous restaurant. Before writing their review, the Keslons had to go back and order the same sorts of dishes to find out whether the food was at fault. Although no one got sick the second time, "things weren't as fresh or as cold as they should have been," Mrs. Kelson says. "The scallops were over the hill."

Bryan Miller, the New York Times's critic since October, has never cooked a meal in the city apartment where he and his wife live during the week. The paper spends about \$5,000 a month on his restaurant tab. In his first three months, Mr. Miller added 15 pounds to his six-foot frame. After his grayflannel pants split up the back, he bought a digital scale and joined a health club.

Before becoming a critic, the 32-year-old Mr. Miller worked as a reporter, studied cooking, waited tables and cooked in a French restaurant in Connecticut.

"I don't think you can critize a restaurant until you've actually seen the belly of the whale." he says. "You know the tricks. I've made

and sometimes wear those shortcuts, so I know what they are." Being a food critic According to

retaurant owners. some small, local publications do guarantee favorable reviews in exchange for advertising. But those reviews aren't the ones that really matter. Recently, a fact checker at influential New York magazine called Louis Sica and said a review of Dolce, his eight-month-old restaurant, was scheduled to run in the magazine as part of a roundup of Italian restaurants. From her questions, Mr. Sica surmised that the review would be positive. "I got so excited"

she says. "I hired three more waiters. We geared up the kitchen staff. I got some backup people. I thought if the review is good, we've got to be ready." Then the magazine called to say the review was being pulled for lack of space.

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