

Sunny Side Up

# Number 20 is their idol

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dave Trostel, a former newspaper editor, spends his summers at Harveys Lake. Having a general knowledge of the Back Mountain area and its residents, Dave offers his column, entitled "Sunny Side Up" to readers of The Dallas Post.)

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Number 20 took a hefty swing. At the stroke of the bat, Don Hartshorne leaped to his feet and said loudly, "Good bye" as he thought Mike Schmidt's blast was set to leave Vet Stadium. The ball left the park, height-wise, by a country mile and just as suddenly on the swing by Schmidt, Don quietly slid back into his seat as the "Good-bye George" ball plumped ever so gently into the third baseman's glove.

But, hey, anyone can misjudge a fly ball at Vet Stadium in Philadelphia, where Don and his wife, Sharon and their two children, Donnie, 9 and Beth, 5, were beginning a seven game stint at watching their favorite team — Phillies in action.

Don, pastor of the Providence Baptist Church, Scranton, and his family were on a two week camping trip from their home in Orange. A "pop-up" camper was just right for them, because it would mean a quick trip from their camp site to spacious Vet Stadium.

Well, Warwick (Pa.) isn't exactly around the bend from the ole' ball park, so much to the Hartshornes' chagrin, a trip to the South Philadelphia ball park meant 90 minutes on the highways, most of that spent on the congested Schuylkill Expressway, a motorist's nightmare at any given time of the day.

But, like true, blue die-in-the-wool Phillie fans, that was part of the fun of the campout and the drives, well let's call them motoring experiences to Vet Stadium.

The Hartshornes caught Dallas Green's Chicago Cubs and Pete Rose's Redlegs in town.

But, let's get back to the ball park for an inning or two and maybe a tricycle race that Sharon was a winning participant in as part of a Fourth of July program.

Of course, most of the time the Orange family heads to the ball park, it's usually seats next to the sky (700 level), but for Sharon, the seats are great. The climb is tough on Don, but then anything above Red Rock Mountain level is high and the 700 level is high.

Don splurged one game during the family's campout, which found their living quarters closer to Allentown than to Vet Stadium. He spent a few megabucks and the family trooping towards the 200 level when some Phillies guy tapped Sharon on the shoulder. She was going to be entered into bike race against Phillies broadcasters, Harry Kalas, Richie Ashburn, Chris Wheeler and Any Musser. As lady luck would say, Sharon drew the first leg of the race, from home plate to first base against Kalas. Lucky it wasn't Ashburn, who can still pedal around the basepaths, although not as quick as when the former Whiz Kid used to dash around old Connie Mack Stadium (then Shibe Park). Sharon won her leg of the race with spokes to spare and her team of three other ladies came home the winner - and Sharon left the ball park a bit richer - \$50 in cash. Not a bad day at the park.

Of course, anyone who knows Sharon can attest to her fan devotion to Schmidt.

The game's reportedly highest salaried player is Sharon's diamond idol. She even wears a "Number 20" shirt when she goes to the ball park, or for that matter, treks around Dallas or Orange. Everyone

back home in Orange knew her as Sharon Smith, daughter of Bill and Bettie Smith, also of Orange. A 1969 graduate of Dallas High School, she later became a teacher in the Dallas Intermediate School in remedial reading.

At the Hartshorne's Orange Road home is an honest-to-goodness life size picture of Mike holding a container of milk. The name Mike Schmidt turns the friendly Sharon into a cheering, peppy and happy Phillies fan.

"Even," Sharon said the other day, "when Mike trudged onto the playing field wearing that wig," Schmidt had been in a slump and msot fans were giving Schmidt the old special Philadelphia boo-bird treatment. But give credit where credit is due, Sharon is not a boo-bird when it comes to "Number 20."

"Everyone seemed to gasp," said Sharon as she recalled Mike's attempt to propel himself back into the hometown's good graces, "but then everyone finally realized what he had done and they began clapping and cheering."

Seven games in a week's time wasn't too hard for the Hartshorne family to take. Young Donnie is a member of this year's Orange Yankees in the minor circuit of that area's Little League program which found his team winning top honors.

Donnie's dad, aside from totally relaxing and misjudging homeruns, loves baseball where he finds it is an excellent place to relax. "Next to the barber's chair," said the 1968 graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, "baseball is tough to top."

Unless, one may quip, the barber slips with the old shears, but Don has no such fears. "I'm in dream land in a barbershop chair," he said with all his confidence showing in those thick, curly locks atop his head.

"Who remembers scores?" quizzed Sharon when asked to recall any big moment of any given game. "I just keep an eye on Mike," and this can be attested to the family's trip to ball park on camera day. Sure enough, there was Mike Schmidt zooming a smile good enough to sell a couple tank loads of milk, right at Sharon.

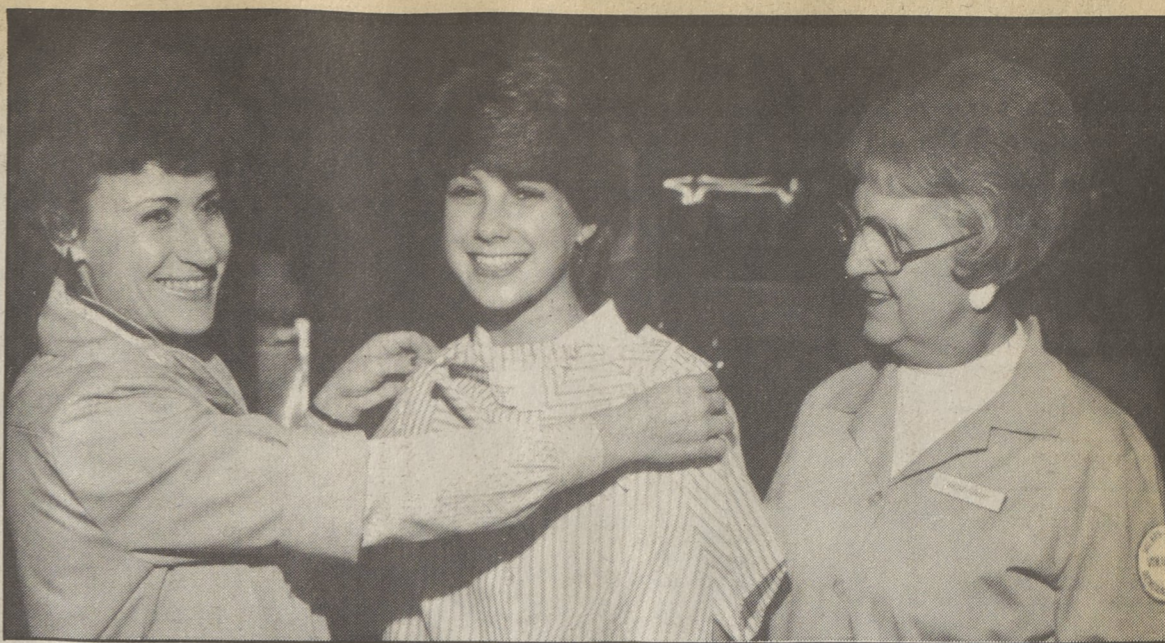
The camping trip was one that found the Hartshorne family up bright and early each morning and off to some side trip - for the kiddies naturally and then to the ball park.

They had a week's stay at Wildwood and you know the Hartshornes could not drive by Vet Stadium without watching another game. So, with camper and all, into the parking lot they motored and since they had some time, they joined a legend in Vet Stadium when they tailgated some ball park franks before embarking on that big hike to the spot in the sky called the 700 level and a view - a bird's eye view - of the ball game.

Traffic, crowds, camping out and the like are all part of this family's love of life. "We used to have a tent," said Don, "but then we bought this camper. We love it."

Naturally Orange's number one fan of Mike Schmidt is a real milk drinker, and on the family's past weekend Baptist Youth Camp out near Tunkhannock, aside from plenty of milk, there was a portable TV, so Sharon could catch a glimpse of Schmidt sending a "real" good-bye patch into downtown St. Louis.

The days of campus life at Bloomsburg State College and Don's 3-year stay at Eastern Baptist Seminary (Pa.) are now history, but the friendly couple grew a lot in those learning years and their life and living it tells it all as they told listeners in their current home - a one-time one-room schoolhouse, nestled ever so perfect in the valley of Orange.



### Orientation held

Over 100 teenage girls who will be volunteers at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital this summer recently attended the hospital's Junior Volunteer Orientation. The orientation program familiarized the new candy striper uniforms with their volunteer duties and important hospital policies and procedures. Candy striper (girls 13-18) and junior red coats (boys ages 15-18) assist in a variety of clerical and non-nursing duties in the Admissions, Nursing Services, Physical Medicine and Patient Testing Center departments. On the In-Hospital Service they deliver mail and flowers, help discharge patients and take the Hospitality Cart to patient floors. Young teens volunteer their summer hours to General Hospital for several reasons - many because they plan nursing or other medical careers. Others enjoy the feeling of helping patients and employees during their free time. The summer volunteer program will run until September 2. Pictured above are those who assisted in candy striper uniform sales. From left, Lina Serpico, Auxiliary first vice-president (Shavertown); Candy Striper Susan Reilly, (Wyoming); and Pink Lady Dorcas Ramsey (Wilkes-Barre).



### Workshop ends

A group of managers from Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises recently completed a five-day Management Development Workshop at Penn State Wilkes-Barre's campus at Lehman. Michael Sawczuk, assistant professor of Management Development at Penn State, led the workshop which was designed specifically for the Commonwealth group. Shown at the floating spiral staircase in historic Hayfield House on the campus are, front row, from left: William Reinert, Glenn Sprechini, Val Aponovich, Michael Sawczuk, Mary Ann Davies, Frank Pope, Gary Skeras and Art Bowen. On staircase, from left: Dale Wood, Stan Davies, Patricia Tycenski, Charles Fosko, Terry Roberts, Kathy Heffernan, John Simchick, Kevin Rose, David Nagle, Adele Mulea and Audrey Gerlach.



### Seminar held

Criminal Justice was the topic of all-day seminar held at the State Correctional Institute at Dallas recently by Leadership Wilkes-Barre. Speakers included, from left, Sgt. John Timko, Plains Township Police; Atty. William Anzalone of Hourigan, Kluger, Spohrer & Quinn; John Ryan, Superintendent of the prison; Atty. Basil Russin, Chief Public Defender, Atty. John Moses, and Jay Miller, Corrections Activities Manager of the prison. The next all-day seminar for the 26 participants of this year's Leadership-Wilkes-Barre program will be May 2 at Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus, on the topic "Understanding the Media."



### Program participants

Wilkes-Barre General Hospital has been participating in the community-wide OK-Heart Project since its kick-off in late June. Members of General's Education Department screened 667 hospital visitors and employees for high blood pressure and also administered the clinical portion of the Heart Test to 271 participants. Shown here, from left, first row, Pat Fuda, R.N. (Dupont); Diana Morgan, R.M. (Ashley). Second row: Lois Knaub, vice-president - Nursing-Human Resources (Forty Fort); Rita Tancin, director - Education (Plymouth); Debbie Stepanski, R.N. (Huntington Mills); Roseanne Kramer, R.N. (Shavertown). Third row, Sandra Knouse, administrative officer (Kingston); Mary Lou Granitski, R.N. (Wilkes-Barre); Margo Swan, R.N. (Sweet Valley); Andrea Bonath, R.N. (Exeter) and Cathy Baer, R.N. (Shickshinny).



### Sisters help

The Sisters of Mercy phonathon team helped to raise \$303,666 pushing the College Misericordia annual fund drive over the top of its \$300,000 goal. The Sisters were part of the record-breaking alumni phonathon which contacted the college's alumni across the nation. More than \$93,000 in contributions and pledges were made by the college's graduates. The remainder of the total was realized in the community phase of the support program. Funds raised are used for student financial aid including scholarships, leadership grants and work study awards. Members of the Mercy team are seated, from left, Sr. Marianna Gildea, Sr. William Edward Hahn, and Sr. Eloise McGinty. Standing: Sr. Ruth Kelly, Sr. Romaine Marie Shannon, Sr. Jody Barbarulo and Sr. Catherine Hill. College Misericordia was founded in 1924 by the Sisters of Mercy.

## White

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Judy and Sid Silver have owned and operated the White Horse Tavern for the past five years, with their grand opening on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, 1980.

Diners who stop at the White Horse for lunch usually return for every item on the menu is made fresh daily by either Sid or Judy. Judy does all of the gourmet cooking while Sid does the basic cooking.

The fish, meat and vegetables in all of the soups and entrees are fresh daily. The Silvers never prepare food for more than two days at a time.

Some of their most popular dishes at lunch are Filo, Reuben sandwiches, barbecues, soups, especially gazpacho, walnut, peanut butter, cauliflower, broccoli and onion

soup-onion soup fit for royalty. Judy's gauchoburger is a creation of her own, a sandwich found nowhere else. Their roast beef sandwich is a meal in itself.

All cooking is done from scratch on the premises. Recently, prime rib was added to the menu - one pound prime rib done so well it melts in your mouth. Other specialties which are favorites of evening diners are linguini with white clam sauce, steaks and open steak sandwiches.

No matter how particular the diner, there is something for everyone.

The Silvers welcome family dining and encourage children. They will prepare special food for the young ones on request. Judy

also will prepare her specialty items for small parties as well as any item on the menu for takeout.

Friendly, efficient barmaids will prepare your favorite cocktail whether it be daiquiri, manhattan, martini, old-fashioned, margarita or someone's very own special.

The Silvers now have the assistance of their two older boys when the kitchen gets very busy which it often does.

Many local business people stop at the White Horse for lunch. They know they will be served delicious, home-prepared food, quickly and courteously.

Both Sid and Judy and members of their staff aim to please and do their utmost to satisfy their customers every day of the week.