

Letters

Striving to stay in business isn't unreasonable

Editor:
In response to your editorial dated Feb. 19, 1992.

DAMA critics expect the unreasonable. Is it so unreasonable to want to stay in business after 20 years of putting your hear and soul into it.

The issue is not the price of a bag of garbage or the importance

of trash justice. The issue is continuing in our business so we can pay our bills, put food on my family table and continue doing business in the Back Mt. with the local businesses where we buy parts, tires, gas and other things necessary in our business.

I hope you and your family are never in the situation in which our

Supervisors have placed us. Just because we are in the garbage business that does not give anyone the right to treat us as such and then try to justify the devastation they have placed upon us by saying it is for the health, safety and welfare of the people. Now that is garbage.

Margaret Searles
Kingston Township

A. Case for conservation

Wendell Berry puts conservation in verse

BY ALENE N. CASE

March has been designated Poetry Month for one very good reason. Who wants to begin a long novel at this time of year? Anna Karenina can wait for long summer days under the beach umbrella or for January nights by a cozy fire. But, as we anxiously wait for spring, snippets of poetry are best read and digested. Or, as Wendell Berry puts it in his poem "Goods," the green growth the mind takes from the pastures in March.

Wendell Berry is one of those rare individuals who has chosen farming as an occupation and who has the creative skill to communicate his love of the land to the rest of us. He lives with his wife, Tanya, in an old house overlooking the Kentucky River. In his poetry, Berry refers to himself as "the Mad Farmer" but his deep feelings for this spot of earth are revealed in every line. As he told one interviewer, "When you live in your subject, you can no longer think of

it as raw material unless you're a monster." I only wish that the inhabitants of the whole planet could cease to think of this place as "raw material."

"Better than any argument is to rise at dawn/and pick dew-wet red berries in a cup." This is the heart-felt sentiment of a man who could have any Professorship of Literature in the country. Instead, he has chosen to farm with his team of horses and pass along his wisdom in small books of verse. Some examples - "Don't own so much clutter that you will be relieved to see your house catch fire." "Put your hands into the mire./they will learn the kinship/of the shaped and the unshapen./the living and the dead."

"But work clarifies/the vision of rest. In rest/the vision of rest is lost."

Obviously, a newspaper article cannot do justice to the writings of a quarter century; it can only arouse your curiosity. Go to the local library and look for his Col-

lected Poems or one of his many short books such as The Country of Marriage or The Wheel. You will discover that he has also written collections of essays and a novel or two. But, begin your journey with Wendell Berry's poetry. One reviewer sums it up this way, "The order Berry makes of nature through the practice of farming he also makes of human experience through the practice of poetry."

Another Descent
Through the weeks of deep snow we walked above the ground on fallen sky, as though we did not come of root and leaf, as though we had only air and weather for our difficult home.
But now as March warms, and the rivulets run like birdsong on the slopes, and the branches of light sing in the hills, slowly we return to earth.
(from A Part 1980)

Library news

Library board has elected new officers

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Board of Directors held the annual meeting of the library and elected officers for the year of 1992: President, Dr. Durelle Scott; Vice president, Joseph Stager; Secretary, Pauline Kutz and Treasurer, Samuel Perry. Also, at the meeting the 1992 library auction dates were announced. The auction will be held Thursday through Sunday, July 9, 10, 11 and 12. Chairman of the 1992 auction will be Connie Scott; who is presently at work lining up committee heads for the various aspects of the auction. Members of the community who would like to become involved with the auction are invited to call the library, and attend the auction planning meeting in March.

The Dance-A-Thon to benefit the library sponsored by The Stretch Out exercise studio of Shavertown will be held at Gate of Heaven Gymnasium in Dallas from 2 to 5 p.m., on Sunday, March 29. Further information is available at the library.

New books at the library: "Crimson" by Shirley Conran is a novel of the world of high glamour, romance, and passionate intrigue; a sexy, sensational novel of three sisters raised by their grandmother-an internationally successful romance novelist-to believe in love and tradition and a woman's identity. Clare, Annabel and Miranda, the granddaughters, are raised with care and deep affection, preparing them to be gracious wives of powerful men. Clare is smart and headstrong; Annabel

finds success as a model; and Miranda is independent and feisty.

"The Pelican Brief" by John Grisham is a Book Club purchase and an irresistible story that begins with the simultaneous assassinations of two Supreme Court Justices. Late one October night 91 year old Justice Abe Rosenberg is shot in the head while sleeping in his Georgetown home. Two hours later, Glenn Jensen, the Court's youngest and most conservative justice is strangled, possibly by the same assassin. The country is stunned and baffled; the FBI has no clues. The novel is filled with

Trucksville UMC opens a nearly-new shop for children

As an extension of the ongoing "Campaign for Children", the women of the United Methodist Church of Trucksville have opened a "Nearly-New" Kids Shop. Open every Saturday morning from 9 to 11 a.m., the shop offers used clothing in good condition at very reasonable prices. A large selection, ranging in sizes from infants to

the unique mix of legal intrigue and suspense.

"Rising Sun" by Michael Crichton is fast, furious, riveting breath-taking suspense and cutting-edge technology-at its most explosive. On the 44th floor of the Nakamoto Tower in downtown L.A.- the new American headquarters of the immense Japanese conglomerate-a grand opening celebration is in full swing. On the 46th floor, in an empty conference room, the dead body of a beautiful young woman is discovered. The investigation begins...and immediately becomes a headlong chase through a twisting maze of industrial intrigue.

size 14, include such items as jeans, knit pants, knit tops, pajamas, dresses and shirts.

The shop is located in the Memorial Room (Church Basement) of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, Church Road.

All proceeds will be donated to the Back Mountain Food Bank.

Meadows seeks volunteers

Volunteers are needed at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, for the following assignments:

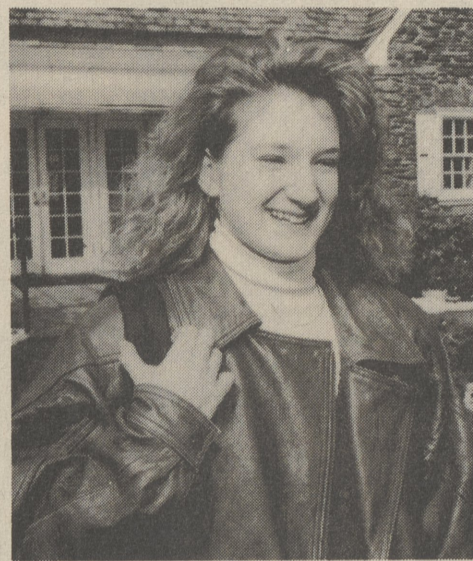
Transporting residents to physical therapy and beauty shop on a substitute basis - morning or afternoon hours; assist with bed making from 9:30 to 11 a.m.; fill residents water pitchers - flexible

morning and afternoon hours daily; polishing fingernails for residents - flexible afternoon hours; and friendly visiting - flexible afternoon and evening hours.

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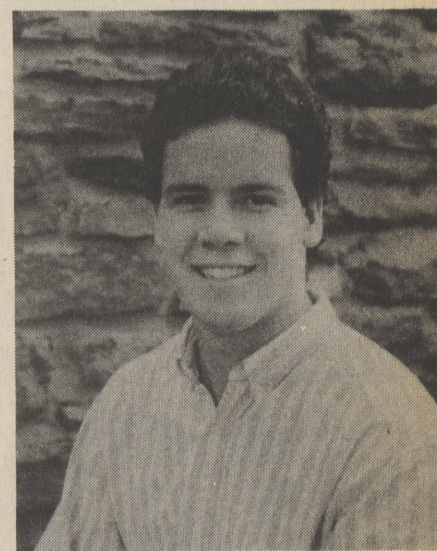
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Andrea Lewis
Swoyersville
Age 19

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Age 21



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Susan Dagger
SGA President
Age 29

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