

## Doo-wopp

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to DJ's as promotional copies, so doo-woppers wound up almost entirely on 45's which are collectors items today. Names like the Chords, Clovers, Pastels, Harp Tones, Fire Keys, etc. are probably better known in used record stores today than when they were newly recorded.

To the sorrow of these groups, until Elvis the super-hillbilly came along, songs were more important than artists. (Sinatra was a fluke.) Groups were born and died in almost the same breath, and until the Beatles no group had ever made it into big time.

Soon the nonsense syllables forming most doo-wopp backgrounds and the falsetto leads so prevalent lost their novelty. Most groups gave up trying or switched to other pop forms entirely.

But to the NEPDW Society (there is no easy way to shorten the name) and to its founder/president Marsha Grant, doo-wopp ain't dead. Marsha says, "Heck no, it ain't so. Doo-wopp is alive, well and flourishing." She should know, for the society she started just last year boasts over 300 members and holds monthly

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meetings with up to 70 members attending. They come from all over, even as far away as Allentown. Marsha says, "Our first 'Sock Hop' last June was a smash hit. The proverbial great time was had by absolutely everyone. Our compliment list was long and our complaint list was non-existent, which was wonderful. Wait! We plan to get better as we go on."

Marsha came here a few years ago from Long Island. She says, "Yes, I know, I call it Lon Guyland. I can't seem to lose that accent so I don't even try anymore." She is secretary to an Exeter business, and with husband Bob, moved to the Back Mountain "when we found a house with a lake view at Slocum. That was it for both of us."

The Grants have three children: Erin, a Dallas High School graduate now attending King's;

Lisa, who works for Lord & Taylor and is also active in the Army Reserve — her mother says, "We can't slow her down!" — and Gary, a Chicago lawyer. Marsha adds, "I have a fourth baby also, my record collection. I know I'm old-fashioned, I have tons of 45's and no CD's at all, but I don't care. Besides I can buy used 45's for peanuts. I know the CD player will come some day but I just keep putting it off."

There is no word on whether any of the Grant children have become doo-woppers, but husband Bob has bravely admitted to liking Benny Goodman. "However I don't," he says, "mention that in front of my wife!"

Live music is sometimes on the program at the society's monthly meetings at Lispi's Lounge in Plains. One popular group is the "Nostalgics," composed of mem-

bers from the Scranton area. Another popular group, 100% Back Mountain, is called "Men II Boyz" and their background is unusual. All Gate of Heaven choir members, they started to harmonize during a stromboli-making session to raise money for a trip to Ireland. They sounded so good to themselves they kept it up, and now entertain to order.

Men II Boyz age range is 18 to 54, and they perform doo-wopp numbers from the 50's and 60's. Members are Mike McErney of Shavertown, guitar, bass, tenor; Joe Decesaris, Trucksville, lead, tenor, bass; Doug Roberts, Fair-

mount Springs, lead, tenor; Andy Stahovec, Dallas, tenor; Jack Callahan, Dallas, tenor; Norm Tomchak, Dallas Township, bass; and Victor Matthews Sr., Trucksville, lead, tenor. Victor is also manager and booking agent, he can be reached, at 696-4637.

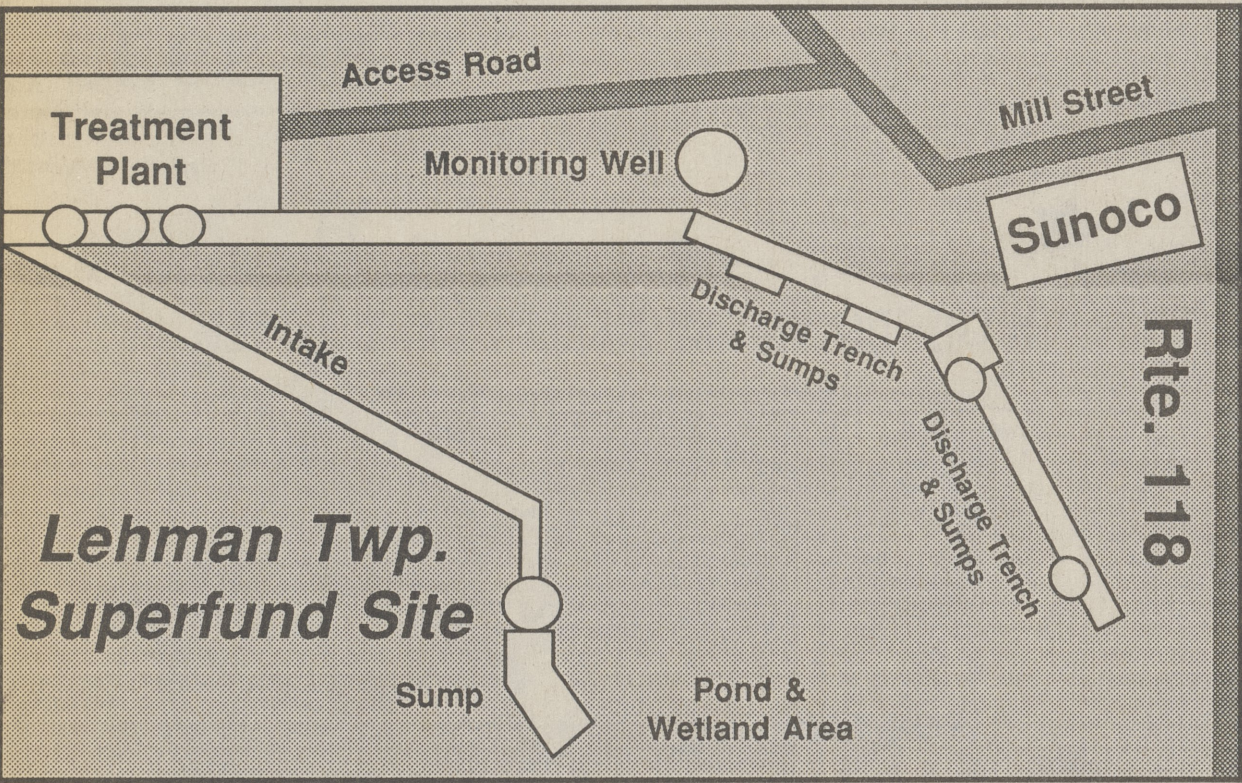
The society's Halloween bash will be held at St. Mary's Center, 320 Mifflin Avenue, in Scranton,

Friday night, October 28 from 8 to 12 p.m. There will be surprises and prizes. Bobby Vee is host and the Nostalgics will appear live a capella. Tickets are on sale at all Gallery of Sound locations, or are \$8 for non-members in advance and \$10 at the door. Call Marsha at 696-4325 to reserve yours in advance. And have fun, shaking, rattling and rolling!

### Pittston 'Y' starts swim classes

The Greater Pittston YMCA will be starting a new eight-week session of children's and adult swim classes the week of October 31.

For more information call the Greater Pittston YMCA at 655-2255. Register early before classes are filled.



## EPA

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Fetzer said. "Removing the MTBE from the wetland area should lower the MTBE level in the residents' wells."

Until the project is completed,

the EPA will continue to supply bottled water to all affected homes and businesses, he said.

Estimated to cost about \$1.5 million, the cleanup will be paid

for by the federal Superfund trust fund, which makes money available to clean up chemical and toxic waste spills.

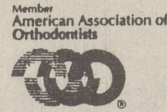


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Alfred Schwan  
President  
Schwan's Sales Enterprises, Inc.