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Bug solution? Do nothing

By GRACE R. DOVE
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BACK MOUNTAIN - Kids sing songs about inchworms and caterpillars, but the bugs aren't cute when hundreds of them are parachuting down in big clumps onto your roof, yard and clothes day in and day out.

The little pests have nearly stripped trees of their foliage in parts of the area, dropping from trees to splatter onto windshields as they drive by.

Nothing short of powerful commercial sprays seems to impress them - hitting them with a broom, blasting them with a hose, Raid, Yard Guard, diluted chlorine bleach or even a dose of soapy

water.

Five different types of leaf-eaters have set up housekeeping in the area: the elm spanworm, the fall cankerworm, the Eastern tent and forest tent caterpillars, and the all too familiar gypsy moth.

"It's unreal," said Harveys Lake resident Michele DeLeur. "They're crawling all over the sides of the house and the deck. For the past three weeks we haven't been able to sit outside at all. Last week I couldn't even open my back door because the back of the house was covered with caterpillars."

She said she was outside at least five times a day trying to sweep the little pests away, but within 20 minutes they returned. She has tried flea spray, Raid,

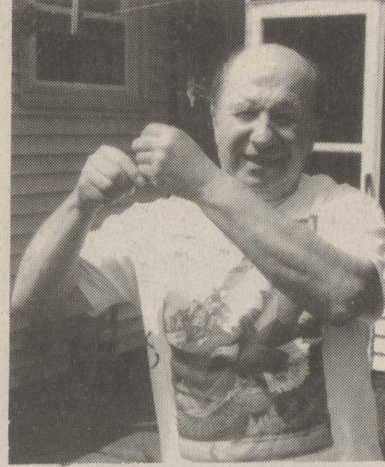
"We killed some, but within an hour the others would come back for the funeral and bring all their relatives."

Michele DeLeur
Harveys Lake

Yard Guard, even soapy water, which worked for only a short time.

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POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

LIKE FISH ON A STRINGER - Dallas Township resident Tom Honeywell holds several caterpillars on their weblike strings, which he pulled from a tree in his yard. The caterpillars have stripped trees of their foliage in many areas of the Back Mountain.

Zoners aim to save town's rural charms

By GRACE R. DOVE
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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - Their community is predominantly rural and township officials want to keep it that way.

The zoning board will meet June 22 at the Orange United Methodist Church for further work on the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance, which is being updated to make it conform to county and state regulations.

"Our township was formed and built by people in agriculture," said board chairman Ed Dorrance. "We're not opposed to progress, but we want to make sure our residents have clean air and water."

The zoning board and supervisors also want to keep taxes low while still providing the same level of essential services, he added.

"We don't have any traffic lights - we don't need them," Dorrance continued. "Our township has about 1,500 residents and only a \$200,000 annual budget."

The proposed amendments will combine several zoning areas and will change regulations for others, including the mining, industrial and general commercial zones.

Minimum lot sizes will be changed to three acres in the agricultural zone, two acres in the suburban zone, one acre in the residential zone and four acres in

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Ed Dorrance
Zoning board chairman

the conservation zone, Dorrance said.

The conservation zone includes the areas around Perrin's Marsh and Cummings Pond.

"We want to preserve the vegetation, wildlife and water resources, especially in these areas," he said.

The zoning board wants to control development and avoid water and septic problems which have occurred in neighboring municipalities, Dorrance said.

"We don't want another Crown Hill," he said, referring to a development established before the township had zoning ordinances, where lots are too small to accommodate wells and on-site septic systems and roads have caused residents numerous problems.

Because of its rolling landscape, the township isn't suited for gravity sewer systems, Dorrance said. Setting up a public sewer system with pumps would cost the taxpayers too much, he added.

Sewage outflow fixed, supervisor believes

By GRACE R. DOVE
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LEHMAN - The supervisors have received a notice from the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) telling them how to deal with a two-year-old problem which they have already investigated.

According to supervisor Doug Ide, neighbors have been complaining since 1993 that the Outpost Inn at Lake Silkworth was pumping raw sewage onto the highway during the night.

"I've gone up there numerous times, taken samples and sent the sewage enforcement officer up to investigate," Ide said at the June 19 meeting of the supervisors. "The owners told me they have installed a complete new system. I'm 90 percent convinced - not totally convinced - that there isn't a problem up there."

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Doug Ide
Lehman Twp. supervisor

The first page of the letter from DER was dated April 6, while its second page was dated June 6, treasurer Alvin Cragle noted.

"It took them two months to type the letter," Ide joked.

Also at the meeting, surveyor Frank Grabowski, representing Dan Cornell, presented a plan for a six-acre parcel of land on Route 118 near Trojan Road which Cornell has requested a zoning

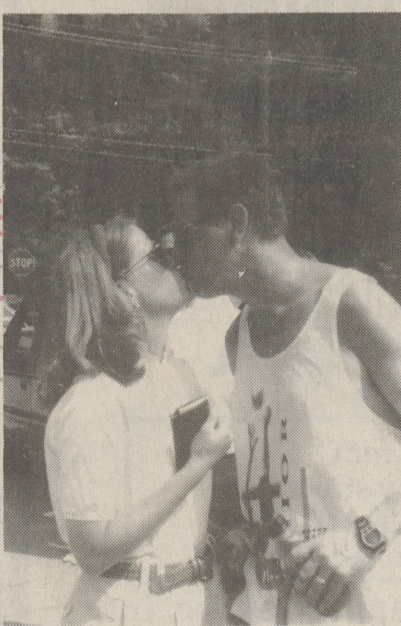
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Runnin' for the Gators

The first Gator Run to benefit Gate of Heaven School was held Saturday. The 5-mile race started and finished at the school. Sixty-seven runners started the race, and all but six finished. Above, a crowded field leaves from the starting line. At right, Ed Onzik looked pretty loose already as he stretched before the start. At left, he gets his reward - a kiss from wife Mary Anne - after being the first Gate of Heaven parent to cross the finish line.



Ed Dubil's truck is one-of-a-kind

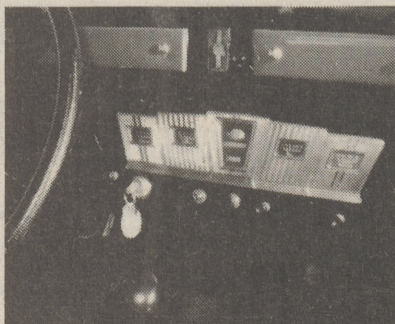
By JACK HILSHER
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FOR SALE, 1929 ANTIQUE TRUCK, FULLY RESTORED, ONE-OF-A-KIND.

Interested? If so, get your check-book out. Owner Edward G. Dubil, Sr., of Harveys Lake wants to settle up for his children's college educations and may be agreeable to some modest haggling.

Be warned however. Dubil has had his vehicle professionally appraised at a quarter million dollars! That's \$250 followed by three more zeros. And he has turned down several interesting offers. One was at \$100,000 (Dubil paid \$950 for it!) and the other, last year at a show in Hershey, was a swap offer...the truck for a condo in Florida. A Chrysler rep has been nosing around but nothing solid has come up yet.

"It's coming for sure," says Ed. "And don't think I am not prepared



The machine-turned dash has the art deco look of the era.

for the capital gains crunch. I've saved every scrap of paper showing all I've spent over the years on restoration. You could say I'm ready!"

Dubil, 46, is greying prematurely and has one of those evenly pleasant dispositions. He has two grown children, Ed Jr., 25, in law enforcement for the SPCA and Laurie, 23, who works for a child foster

care organization.

Ed was in the army for three years in security, worked in quality control at a nuclear facility, then spent three years as an army buyer at Tobyhanna until he was laid off.

He now "details" cars at Camelot Car Care on the Dallas Memorial Highway, a subject he has been an expert on most of his life. (Camelot will wash and wax your car for \$34.95, but would rather you invest in one of their 'detail' jobs. There are three, a Regular, a Super, and an Ultimate, where a car becomes so shiny inside and out you can see its past life in the reflections!)

Ed's truck is a Chrysler "77" meaning it will cruise at 77 miles per hour. For the technically minded, it has a 268 cubic-inch engine which develops 93 horsepower at 3200 rpm. (There are guys who will understand this.) The truck's "one-of-a-kind"

status comes from a Chrysler practice of customizing something once off the assembly line - in this case a two-passenger coupe had its trunk removed and a shortbed installed behind the cab. It was built for German brewmaster Edward Drier in 1929. Shipped to Germany first, the vehicle was sent to the Drier villa in Bologna, Italy. It was used there until 1936 when it was shipped to Ethiopia to beat the forthcoming war. When Mussolini invaded, Drier hid the truck on a cotton plantation, where it sat from 1940 to 1968. An army sergeant found it and paid Drier's sister \$350; at that time it had only 24,000 miles on the odometer.

Dubil explains, "My sergeant friend couldn't afford to bring it home. He tried to sell it for \$1,450. I offered him \$950 and he took it. Getting it back took months, and I

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■ **Library opens** An expanded Penn State library was dedicated in the name of the Nesbitt family. Page 3.

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