

Letters

Dear Gentlemen or Ladies:

By now you have probably become aware of the success of the Donegal High School Wrestling Team this season. If by chance you have not, let me tell you about some of our team and individual achievements this year. The wrestling team had an undefeated season with a record of (10-0-1), thus winning the Lancaster-Lebanon Section II title. Also credited to our success was the team championship in the Class AA Section II tournament held at Lancaster Catholic High School. This is the first time a Donegal wrestling team has held this trophy.

Not only did we have success as a team but our wrestlers won a numerous amount of individual awards. In the Christmas Tournament we had three champions in Mike Greiner, Jerry Garner and Pete Splain. Also in this tournament were one second and one third place winner. On February 25th in the sectional tournament Jerry Garner and Jerry Ruhl placed first. Included with these winners were two seconds, one third and two fourths. Jerry Garner was our only District III champion and with this finish moved on to the State Tournament. To top off an already fine season we placed three wrestlers on

Dear Editor

It has been very evident, the past few weeks, that a need for trained Friendly Visitors exists in the Columbia, Marietta, and Bainbridge areas. As Volunteer Coordinator for the Office of Aging, all requests from senior citizens for visitors come to me. I must then, if I do not have such a volunteer, recruit, train and place them as soon as possible so the needs of our clients are met.

This is why I am sending the enclosed information to you and requesting your assistance in printing a plea for interested people in your area to come forth and volunteer now.

The training is done in any location, by me, individually or in a group—whatever the people desire.

Kindest regards,
Mrs. Jacquie F. Burton
Volunteer Coordinator

[The Friendly Visitor offers contact with the outside world for the elderly

the first team All Star. These wrestlers were Mike Greiner, Arlen Mummäu and Jerry Garner.

For these achievements, the Donegal Wrestling Booster Club is in the process of awarding the wrestling team, Indianettes and cheerleaders. The awards for the varsity wrestlers will be a pocket watch with an inscription of —DHS Wrestling Champs, 1977— with their names and weight classes also included. The junior varsity wrestlers will receive identification bracelets and the Indianettes and cheerleaders will be awarded charms with the inscription —DHS Wrestling Champs, 1977—.

The total cost of this endeavor will be \$1,400.00 and at the present time the Booster Club has only \$350.00 in its treasury. Therefore, we are asking you to help us show these young men our appreciation for a job well done. If you feel your organization or group would like to donate financially, please send your check, payable to the Donegal Wrestling Booster Club in care of John Wagner, Wood Street, Mount Joy, PA.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this awards program.

Yours truly,
Eugene D. Funk
Head Wrestling Coach

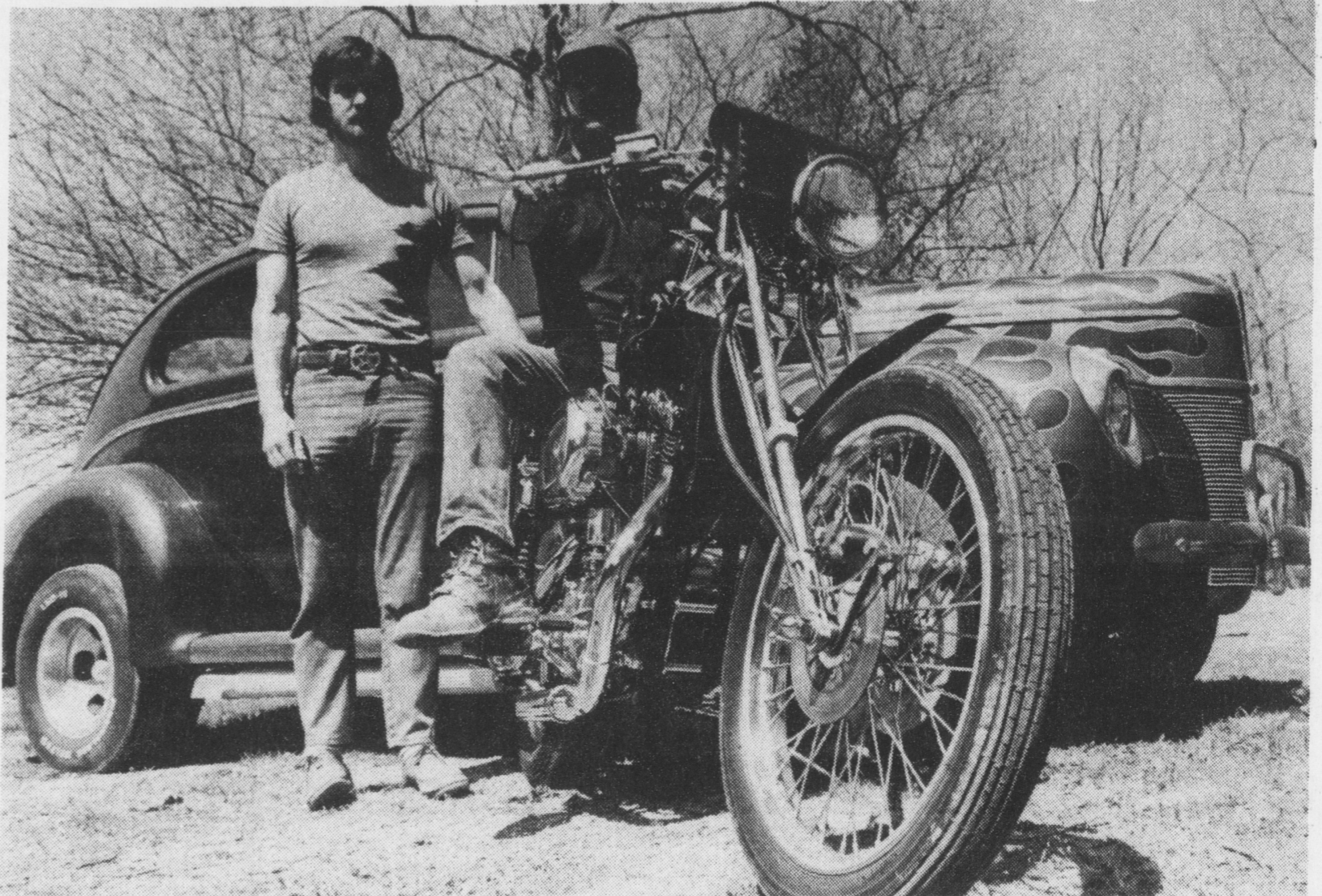
person who is homebound or limited in his/her ability to get out and relieves loneliness and isolation.

The program is intended to enable an elderly person to maintain living in their own home, thus avoiding institutionalization.

Friendly Visitors are volunteer men and women of all ages and background who have a sincere desire to give friendship to the person 60 years or older who is assigned to them by the Office of Aging.

The volunteer must be willing to make a commitment of one hour per week for Friendly Visiting after attending a 2-4 hour training session.

Volunteers may call 299-7979 after April 21 and speak to Mrs. Jacquie Burton, Volunteer Coordinator, for the Lancaster County Office of Aging, or write 50 South Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602, and request an application for volunteer services. ed. note]



Bob and John Eshleman pose with their creations. The motorcycle John is sitting on won a prize in Hershey recently. It's almost totally rebuilt and a beautiful job.

The flames licking off the front of the auto in the background were sprayed on after paper and tape masks were applied to determine the pattern.

100 mph art

Most works of art hang quietly on a wall. Some, though are different. The creations of two local men are capable of speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour and noises of many decibels.

"We don't get too much collision work here —it's mostly custom," says Bob Eshleman, who constitutes half of Eshleman's paint and body shop near Marietta (the other half is his brother John). Their work goes beyond auto dent repair and paint job patch-ups, the bread and butter of other body shops.

The Eshlemans' bread and butter? Samples: a motorcycle gas tank painted, in loud psychedelic colors, with a picture of a heart broken in two and pierced by a dagger ("The customer had just broken up with his girl," explains John). Another gas tank is encircled by a hissing snake. A tornado rips across the prairie on the hood of a car, and an air scoop is, appropriately, decorated with a rendering of an ice cream cone. The back of a van portrays the front of that same vehicle coming over a hill.

These exotic renditions are inevitably done in brilliant, metallic colors, with occasional glitter. The Eshlemans' creations can really knock your eye out, and the subject matter might blow your mind —many people get their weird ideas for design motifs from comic books or album covers, according to Bob Eshleman. The most impressive thing, though,

is the detail and artistic flair that goes into the paint jobs.

"I've always been interested in art," says John, who early on showed a predilection for working in utilitarian mediums —as a boy he decorated T-shirts with magic markers.

The Eshleman brothers seldom use a paint brush. They work with tape, masking various areas and spraying with an air gun. "Some people make an outline with chalk, but that takes too long for me," John explains. Working freehand, he manages to create flowing curves and hairlines. The brothers don't use decals.

The body-work side of their business is equally artistic. When the *Times* arrived, the Eshlemans were sanding a motorcycle frame. Filler had been applied and smoothed in such a way that the original metal tubes, an ugly dinosaur skeleton, was transformed into a flowing series of sculpted curves.

So far as he knows, John is the only auto customizer in the country to work in bas-relief. His own custom Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle has a half-inch high sculpture of the Cheops pyramid on top of the gas tank and raised sphinxes on each side, an estimated 60 hours' work. The bike won first place in a show at Hershey recently.

When we asked him how fast it would go, he replied, "Don't know —and I don't want to!" The speedometer reads to 160, but the bike isn't "quite that fast" in reality, he thinks.

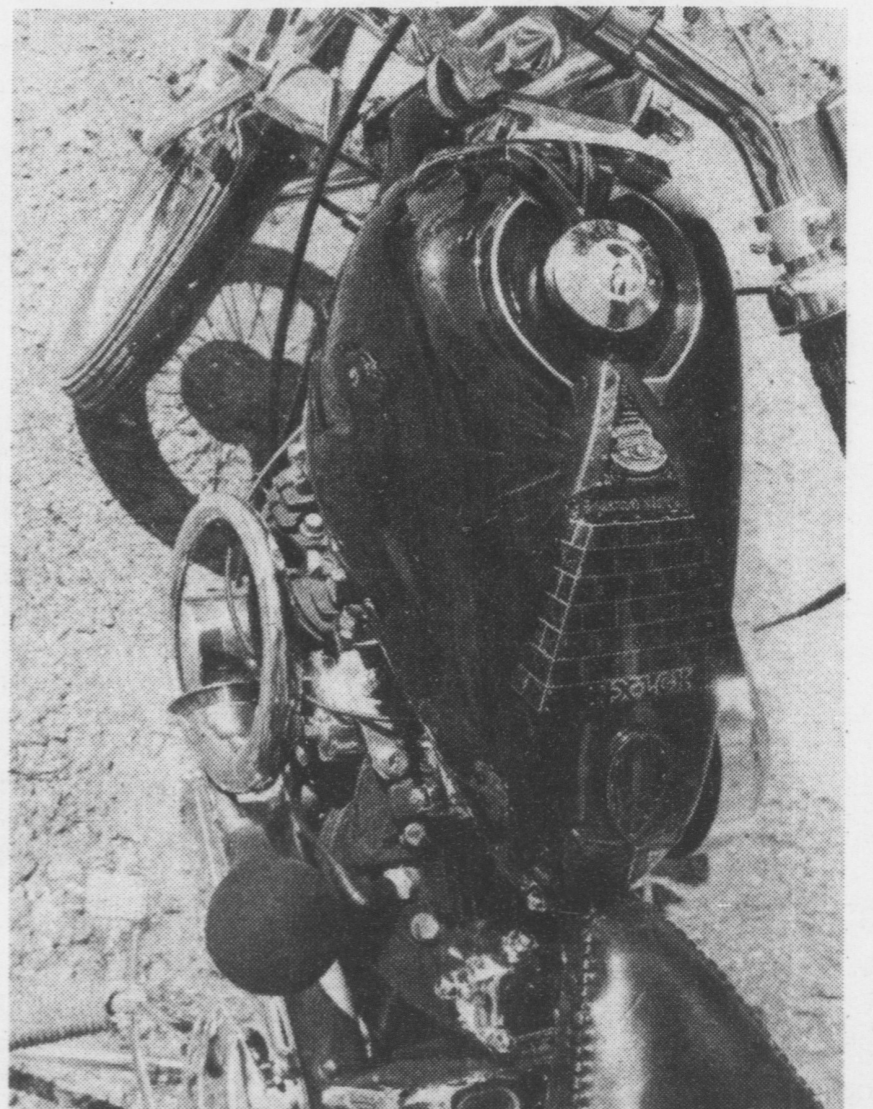
The Eshleman brothers also restore antique cars. Sometimes they put in as many as 500 hours, stripping the body to its bones and carefully sanding, re-priming, and painting. "You might think that someone would have to be nuts, spending so much money on an old car," says Bob, "but actually it's a good investment. Old cars go up in value while new ones are going down." Bob feels that older models were better made and are capable of lasting longer than newer autos.

The Eshlemans are

sometimes called upon to decorate things other than cars and motorcycles. They have painted bicycles, skis, and a calliope truck, as well as several signs, done on sheets of glass.

In business for the last four years, they are always learning and developing new skills. Going thru his scrapbook with the *Times* reporter, John exclaimed, "This early stuff we did is pretty simple compared to what we're doing now."

We'd like to see some of their more complex work in another four years.



This shot shows John Eshleman's prize-winning Harley from above. Note the bas-relief sculpting on the gas tank. The seat is custom, hand-sewed from leather. The horn is not original equipment.