

## ...more on Groundhog Day

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Quarryville Groundhog has erred only once. On that occasion the groundhog thought it was wrong but the subsequent early arrival of spring proved it to be correct, according to the chairman of the board of hibernating governors.

He said that hole probes based on schematic drawings of the borrows and conducted with extremely sensitive subterranean sensors indicate the Groundhog is hibernating somewhat fitfully, a positive sign that it will emerge on schedule February 2nd.

An added attraction to this year's activities is the extension of an invitation by the groundhogs to a hermit crab from Ocean City, NJ, to attend the ceremonies in the capacity of an "observer."

The crab, Martin Z. Mollusk, has for the past four years forecast the arrival of summer in the Ocean City area. If all goes well, the crab may even be given an audience with the Groundhog, provided the proper protocol arrangements can be worked out.

### Astrohog pilots Groundhog 1

A young fifer will lead the lodge brethren to the Pinnacle of Prognostication under air cover provided by Groundhog One, a free-flight balloon piloted by astrohog Jack Hager, weather permitting. Jackie LeFever, age 72, will perform the groundhog jig, accompanied by the groundhog string band. Ten baby groundhogs, secured by yoke and log chain, will be presented to the chairman.

One of the babies will be selected as a symbolic baptismal candidate and dunked in the Octorora Creek. If the creek is ice-covered, the chairman must decide whether to cut

a hole in the ice or force the baby through utilizing a jackhammer.

The public is invited, pursuant to the new Sunshine Law. To get there, take Rte. 472 south from Quarryville to Noble Road. Turn right, and then left on White Rock Road, where the lodge is situated.

### Report from Ocean City:

Ocean City's relatively famous Hermit Tree Crab, Martin Z. Mollusk has scheduled whirlwind visits with two rival weather experts on February 2nd.

Martin, who predicts the arrival of summer by creeping across the 9th St. Beach in search of his shadow, will be an interested observer at Quarryville, Penn. and the Philadelphia Zoo on Groundhog Day.

The "Slumbering Groundhog Lodge" of Quarryville recently tendered Martin a half hearted invitation to visit Mr. Marmota Monax, the lodge's pomp-crazed prognosticator. Martin is rather huffy himself about ceremony and insists that "Pomp and Circumstance" be played when he arrives anywhere in his special mobile "Tree Crab" home.

### Hunger assuaged

Some observers here are predicting that Monax will have Martin for breakfast or lunch, whichever comes sooner. However, Martin will bring the groundhog an elaborate gift featuring a Valentine box full of sweets, surrounded by carrots, lettuce and corn paugh, an exotic groundhog delicacy. This is expected to assuage Monax's hunger.

The Marmota-Martin settee is part of a joint sister-city promotion between the Pennsylvania Dutch Country and Ocean City. Ken Baylor, Lancaster columnist, suggested the monumental "tooth to claw" meeting.

"I think it's wonderful that tree crabs and groundhogs can get along so well together," noted Mark Soifer, Ocean City Public Relations Director and Martin's spiritual advisor.

Martin Z. Mollusk has proved a valuable goodwill ambassador for Ocean City despite his crabby disposition. He has made numerous television appearances including the NBC-TV "Today Show." His summer weather prediction, which takes place in May, has been carried from Coast to Coast via newspapers and radio.

## ...Snow (continued)

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flooded cellars in Mount Joy and about 40 in Maytown and Bainbridge. The Friendship, Florin, Rheems, Maytown, and Bainbridge fire companies were all out in force.

On back roads ice sheets, as much as a foot thick, continue to slow traffic.

The ice was formed by the unusual weather conditions which allowed water, insulated by the snow above it, to flow across roads and freeze in transit on the exposed colder pavement. Much of this ice will remain until the weather moderates.

## Obituaries

### RUTH M. GAUL

Mrs. Ruth M. Gaul, 58, of Paradise RD1, died Monday at Lancaster General Hospital. She was the widow of Earl E. Gaul.

She was born in Marietta, a daughter of the late George Franklin and Emma Jane Heinaman Shultz. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Marietta.

Surviving are four children: Bertha Wilds, Willow Street; Walter Gaul, Paradise RD1; Emma Price, Atglen; Diane Boozer, Paradise RD1; 11 grandchildren; and a sister, Miriam, wife of Henry Lenhart of Marietta.

### SHANNON D. STAUFFER

Shannon David Stauffer, 5, of Mount Joy RD2, died last Thursday a Melmark Children's Home, Berwyn, where he had lived for the past three months under a physician's care.

He had attended Towamencin Mennonite School.

Born in Sellersville, he was a son of H. Glenn and Arlene Good Stauffer.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paris S. Good of Elizabethtown; a paternal grandmother, Esther Stauffer of New Holland; and four brothers and sisters; Dennis E. Stauffer of Lancaster RD6, Mrs. Glenda Frederick of Maxatawny, and Crystal D. Stauffer and Kenneth D. Stauffer, both at home.

### MARY E. ZELLER

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Zeller, 76, of 118 E. Donegal St., Mount Joy, died at St. Joseph Hospital a week ago after a lengthy illness.

The wife of Jacob R. Zeller, she was a daughter of the late William N. and Margaret E. Keller Leonard. She was born in Lancaster and was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Mount Joy. She had lived in Mount Joy for 47 years.

Surviving are her husband; a son Jacob R., Jr., of State College; a daughter Margaret, wife of Francis J. deMarteleire, Delran, NJ; and seven grandchildren.

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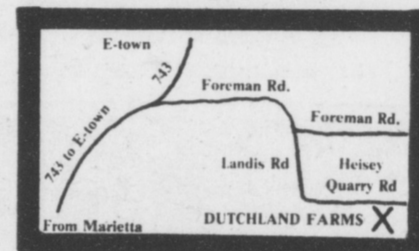
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