

Conservancy walks to Chiques Rock — again

The Lancaster County Conservancy held its second annual "Walk to the Rock" on Sunday, October 12, to raise money toward purchase of a 113 acre tract of land on Chickies Hill, currently owned by PP&L. The Rock area is located on Route 441 between Columbia and Marietta with scenic overlooks that will be preserved for public enjoyment.

Eighty hikers participated in the 10 mile walk on a perfect crisp autumn day. A large number of teens from local high school science classes were joined by college students, members of the Lancaster Hiking Club (led by Eleanor Flora), and several local families.

Eight-month old Carrie McCann was back-packed along the one-mile route by her parents Don and Michelle to the scenic overlooks above the Susquehanna River. Missy Groff, age 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent L. Groff, 38 Leaf Park, walked with her parents and sister, Heather, age 8, from Chickies Rock to Donegal High School, a distance of over four miles, with minimum assistance from her father and mother.

The hikers were supported by more than 800 local sponsors who pledged over \$1750 to preserve Chickies

Rock. Refreshments for the walkers were donated by Stauffers of Kissel Hill at Rohrerstown, Penn Dairies, Inc., Erb's Market of East Petersburg, Mrs. Clayton B. Shenk, Groff's Farm, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Graham, and Good's Dairy Barn.

Four \$25 U. S. Savings Bonds are being awarded to the hikers with the most sponsors and to those with the greatest total pledges per mile. Several other prizes will also be awarded. Early unofficial results show the leaders include Mitch Rodkey, Mountville, with 94 sponsors who pledged \$10.70 per mile (\$107), Tina Elliott, Willow Street, with 67 sponsors pledging \$8.33 per mile (\$83.30), and Bruce C. Micciche, Lancaster, with 80 sponsors who pledged \$6.27 per mile (\$62.70). Dr. Syd Radinsky, Millersville, received total pledges of \$19.30 per mile (\$193) but declined consideration for a prize because his wife, Linda, is walkathon coordinator.

People who still wish to be a sponsor may send their donations to The Lancaster County Conservancy, c/o Linda Radinsky, 45 Leaf Park, Lancaster, Pa., 17603.

Checkers and safety drivers for the walkathon included: Bernard Thome, Jeannette Hosfeld, Roger Ulrich, Alex Henderson II,

Daryl Newman, Adeline Henderson, Lise Talley, Syd Radinsky, Howard Kenig, Rae Radinsky, Robert J. Graham, Barb Mowrer, Paulie Bird, Al Smith, Kenneth G. Miller, Pam Brubaker, Mindy Habecker, and Chet Breder.

Lancaster County Conservancy members helping in Sunday's project were: Robert K. Mowrer, Clayton B. Shenk, Mrs. Clayton B. Shenk, Robert F. Vanderslice, Jr., Mrs. Robert F. Vanderslice, Jr., Warren H. Boyer, Mrs. Lewis K. Hosfeld, Philip L. McCloud, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent L. Groff, Eleanor Flora, Pam Brubaker, Donald I. Cairns, Richard C. Batzer, Richard M. Brown, Syd Radinsky, Linda Radinsky, and John R. Helter.

The \$1750 pledged for the Walk, added to the \$15,000 the Conservancy has raised in previous years, approaches the halfway mark of the \$34,000 needed to purchase the 113 acre plot. Donations of \$1.00 are encouraged from local citizens who wish to help preserve the Rock, preserve other scenic areas in Lancaster County, and protect nearby environmentally critical areas. Contributions in any amount, or \$10 earmarked for membership, may be sent to The Lancaster County Conservancy, 2634 Royal Road, Lancaster, Pa. 17603.

Scouts hold Camp-O-Ree at Mack Reservation

by Gerald Alleman

The Western District Boy Scouts of America, Lancaster/Lebanon Council held a successful Fall Camp-O-Ree, October 3-5, 1975 at the J. Edward Mack scout Reservation.

The theme for the weekend was **Calling All Hands**, under the leadership of Elwood (Woody) Myers, chairman of the District's Camping and Activities Committee.

Friday evening after the units set up their camp sites there was an active program for the more than 400 Scouts.

Saturday morning began with a program of "Scouting Is," which featured the skill awards which the Scouts choose from to earn as part of their rank advancement requirements. The highlight of this area was the cooking demonstration presented by one of Mount Joy's most active Scouters, Harold Etsell. Mr. Etsell demonstrated many tricks to out-door cooking. Another area of interest to the Scouts was the coin and stamp collection on display by Mr. John Hostetter, Sr. from Mountville. One other display which attracted much attention was one entitled "Why Didn't I Think of That," which showed many useful tricks

which a Scout could use in the out-of-doors living.

Included in the morning program was a riflery and archery competition which was held at the camp's ranges. With the aid of a local fire company, a tug-of-war competition was held. A volley ball game was played.

The afternoon program began with the "Super Stars" program. Here scouts competed against scouts of the same rank. There were some 15 areas the scouts could try. The ones with the highest score in each scout rank became the Super Star of that rank and had Sunday breakfast with the camp-o-ree staff.

Part two of the afternoon program was the Patrol competition. There were over 20 areas which the patrols went to and the Patrols with the highest points was awarded the recognition Sunday morning.

The evening program began with the Troop competition, here the troops selected one patrol to represent their unit and they cooked dinner without the use of canned food. The dinners were served to a guest inspector from the camp-o-ree staff. While the guest inspector was in the camp site he graded the unit using a battery of score

sheets which determined the "best" troop at the camp-o-ree.

The camp-o-ree was designed so that no Scout could take part in every activity or even had to participate at all, there were choices which Scouts, patrols, and troops had to make.

As night fell, the evening program was just beginning. There was the traditional Camp Fire Program. Following the camp-fire, a fellowship feast was held where the units brought snacks which they shared with those at the camp-o-ree. Mr. Etsell and Mr. Alleman from Mount Joy were pleased to hand out candy, which was donated by the Peter-Paul Candy Co. of Mount Joy. Part two of the feature film was shown in the out-door theater.

Sunday morning the Worship Services were held at the camp-o-ree with the Rev. Douglas Cloud from Cornwall giving the morning message for the Protestants service and Mass was said by Monsenior McGovern from Lancaster.

After the campsites were taken down and the camp-o-ree grounds cleaned up, spotless, a closing program was held to recognize the winners of the events and the awards were presented.

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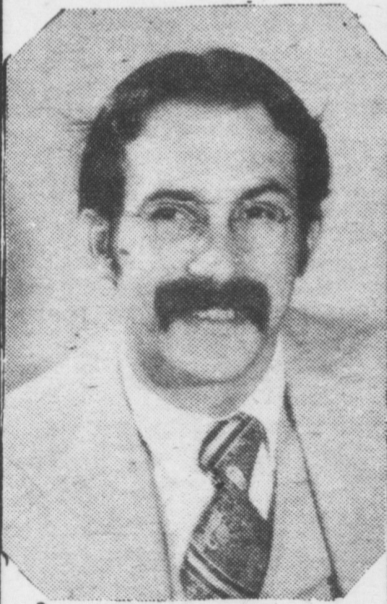
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