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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It seems like just yesterday that I wrote that the summer is over and we can now relax and take things easy for awhile.

It seems almost unbelievable that autumn and winter have both come and gone and here it is spring and, before we know it, summer will be all over the place.

The season has already started. Our annual corned-beef-and-cabbage dinner was a success, as always. My sincere thanks to Helen Post and her committee who worked so hard to make this event a success. We must all take a leaf out of the book of these ladies.

There are many things to do and not as much time to do them as we would like. If we are to have a successful season again this year, it will take the combined efforts of all of us. The effort of just a few is often the effort that gets things done and, if it weren't for these few, many of the events we enjoy so much would not be.

Why don't we join them so there won't be so few?

All you have to do is come to our meetings and, if you're bashful, we'll help you volunteer for the jobs you can do best.

George Landgraf

SUMMER PROGRAM PREVIEW

It may seem somewhat previous to talk about the summer recreation program when spring is scarcely here but, since the Investment Company has asked for the schedule and I did prepare it, you may find some of the planned innovations of interest.

Prime among these is the new age divisions of the children covered in the program. Small Fry will still be those 5 to 7 but the Juniors will be those 8

to 10, Cadets those 11 to 13 and the Teens those 14 to 16.

This gives a three year span to each class and is more likely to find children of similar interests and skills within the group.

Another change is the time of the art and craft classes which will continue to be conducted in the clubhouse, since this worked out well. The classes will be held in the mornings from 10 a.m. till lunch. This is better for you because it gives adult supervision during hours when the lifeguard is not

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NOTICE

Our 1966-67 membership drive takes place between now and June 30. A Community Association member will call on you to accept your \$1. dues and give you your membership card.

Membership in the Association entitles you to 6 copies of the Lack-A-News each year, as well as the privilege of attending CA events.

NIBLICK NOTES

by Betty and Harvey Speer

A Hole-In-One -- so soon? Yep - LeRoy Graham of Mine Hill made one on the 3rd hole in March and we had the lucky ball mounted for him. This is his second one in 20 years. We're STILL waiting for ours.

Now that winter's over, it seems like it never was. Golfers are limbering up and it's the same comment from all - "This year we're REALLY going to concentrate on the game and be good" -- Time alone will tell.

Ray Blaney made a good sug-

From The Lake Lackawanna Ladies Club

Put on your Easter bonnets and strut on over to the Lackawanna Clubhouse and meet your friends and neighbors. The club will be in full swing again this spring and summer.

Each meeting begins with coffee and pastry (the cost being 25¢). Hostesses are rotated; no one individual has to take the entire burden. Membership is \$1.00 per season. After refreshments, we discuss our plans for our social events; for example, we will be sponsoring the Hawaiian Luau Dance in August. We are also talking about having a spaghetti dinner we could cook in the Clubhouse.

The club feels free to promote any activity which it thinks might be of benefit to the community. As with any organization, accomplishment is a two-way street; if you help the club, it can help you. We will be able to have a night out on the town by going to the theatre and dinner at least once this summer season.

I would like to take this op-

portunity to say thank you to all the ladies who helped and attended our monthly meetings this winter. We had a wonderful turnout and would like to continue it this spring and summer. It is extremely difficult to contact each potential member individually. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of the following:

President: Rose Braun
Treasurer: Virginia Wilson (347-0659)
Secretary: Joan Drucker (347-2838)

We have many good ideas for our forthcoming meetings, for example, Hat Show, Wig Show, Bingo, Cake Decorations, and others. Give the club a chance to show you what it can offer YOU. Have some fun and refreshments with your neighbors.

Let's hear from YOU.

Joan Drucker,
Secretary

gestion and we're taking him up on it - IF - we can get enough to enter. A Senior Golf Tournament. If the Juniors have one, why not the Seniors?

The hole on the 4th fairway, which has been a conversation piece for the past few years, should be filled in this year. Believe it or not, some of our golfers will miss it - they claim it made the hole interesting to play.

With the new watering system and the proper feeding (Harv had the greens analyzed as he does every year to find out what they're low in) we should be pleased with the results.

So many of the trees up here are dying from old age, we're going to plant some young ones for you to watch grow (bring your shovels).

As soon as the season really gets underway we expect to have some fun activities. Any suggestions? Our annual golf outing to get everyone acquainted will probably be run first. More about it in our next issue.

Also expect to have something a little more special for our trophy presentations. Still in the planning stages so no definite news yet...

It's great to see everyone out on the links again and we're looking forward to a happy golfing season.

Just for the record ----

1966 Membership Fees

1st member:	
Lake resident	\$65.00
Non-Lake resident	75.00
2nd member:	25.00
School-age child	20.00

APRIL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was held at the Clubhouse. We did not have a quorum. Those present were George and Emma Landgraf, Alice Wurzbach, Bob and Liz Perry, Carol Dayer, Dot Currey, Mary Hunt, Marion Uhrlik, Bea McConnell, and Hilma Jenus.

The Easter Egg Hunt held on Matthews Field was a success, and our thanks go to Kenneth and Mary Ann Kane for running it.

The summer dance dates have been set for July 2 and July 30. Contracts have been signed with Emil Roberti's orchestra for these dates. Interest in the Country Fair has waned, since we do not have enough people to work on it. In the meantime, a "Tricky-Tray" party, suggested by Dot Currey and Mary

Hunt, will be held in June. The Investment Company has already sent a \$300 check for the summer program this year.

Kathy Deiter, new editor of the LACK-A-NEWS, has moved from the area. Carol Dayer and Hilma Jenus will edit the paper temporarily, with help from Emma Landgraf, until we can find a new editor.

Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, June 4, beginning at 9 a.m. We request that no one includes glass with their junk, for last year one of the boys who helped was injured by cut glass.

The membership committee is ready to begin this year's drive.

Birthday Candles

by Pat Speer

Marilyn Basenese celebrated her very first birthday in February, as did young Joseph Van Fleet in March.

Lake Lackawanna's new two-year-olds are many: Billy

Holly turned two on April 7; Theresa Pedersen on April 15; Johnny Westberg on April 23; and Tracey Perry on February 10. Regina Mazzei became two on March 20, and Mike Deiter will celebrate his second birthday on May 1, while his brother Matty reaches the age of three on April 18.

Frank Speer became a three-year-old on March 9, and Carl Jenus reached the ripe old age of four on March 28. Jeffrey Braun also celebrated his fourth birthday in March, on the first.

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Editorial

NEW WOOD FOR OLD WOULD..

Spring is the time when, among other things, most of us women clean the house and take an inventory of closet contents.

Suppose this year we also take an inventory of our assets? Assets that we, in our all-too-human tendency to gripe and look at problems, often overlook.

It has been my recent privilege to meet weekly with a group of women in Newton and one of the things often discussed were various community activities.

One of the ladies (with six small children and an elderly aunt to care for) stated that she resented her husband's desire to have her refrain from outside interests because she did not "feel like a whole person."

When I told the woman about the things we do here at the lake, the summer recreation program and the friendly atmosphere, they were practically green with envy and most impressed. I didn't even touch on the subject of the scenery.

It must be admitted that there is room for improvement but isn't there always? And isn't it better to work together for improvement?

Most of us tend to take the good things for granted, and it is only when we see things through the eyes of others that we appreciate fully that which we have.

None of us is chained here and if we were truly dissatisfied would move. So think of yourself as a one person chamber of commerce selling someone the idea of living here; what would you tell them?

Emma Landgraf

EDITOR LEAVES

Lake Lackawanna's loss is Long Valley's gain. Kathy and Sid Deiter with sons Matty and Mike, and Ruth and Bob Doramus with daughters Carol and Kathy now call Long Valley home. With Kathy Deiter's departure, the Lack-A-News will be losing our new and enthusiastic editor.

Joan and Angelo Basenese and the four girls have returned from Cranberry Lake to live in the Deiter home.

be a great title for a tree surgeon but what I have in mind is furniture - all kinds - dressers, beds, chairs, even lamps.

Comes the fall (my very favorite time of year), I scan the newspapers and bulletin boards for auctions. Not the big money auctions, but the small, friendly church or garage auction. After all, the whole purpose is to get something for as little as possible. Else where would the saving be? Remember, "one man's trash is another man's treasure," or how to furnish your house economically and have fun at the same time (and be creative).

I always try to arrive at a sale early. That way you can look all the merchandise over and decide what you would like to have, what you could DO with it and where in the house you are going to put it. Remember, if you don't have a husband (like mine) that likes to go along with you and play the game, you will have that inevitable question to answer when you get home with your prize - "Where are you going to put it?"

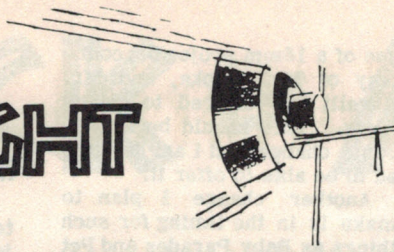
When we moved in to our new house here at the Lake, we did not have all the necessary furnishings. We had a dining table but no chairs, a dresser but no bed, a couch but no chairs or tables. To go out and buy all this at one time would have been impossible so we did the next best thing - we went to auctions. I find the once-a-year kind the best.

I have purchased a nice cherry four-poster bed for \$1, dining chairs four for \$4, my daughter's chest of drawers, desk and bed all under \$5. Not to mention the many small items of glassware, lamps, etc.

All of these pieces needed work of some kind, but usually only a coat of paint. I love to paint so this to me is not really work; if you too are so inclined, I know you will enjoy auctions and furniture hunting. Of course, I realize there are people who think that auction pieces are just so much junk. Everyone to his (or her) opinion. I personally feel that a piece of furniture or knick-knack that I bought for \$2 and which does the job as well as a \$50 item deserves a place in my home for a while, at least until I can

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YOU'RE IN THE SPOTLIGHT



BETTY AND HARVEY SPEER
by Patricia Speer

Betty and Harvey Speer met in a rather unusual way. During World War II, Betty worked at the Philadelphia Navy Yards. Her girlfriend there, "Zee," had a cousin Jack in the Army. Between them, through letters, they introduced Betty to Jack's Army buddy, Harvey Speer. When the soldiers got a pass Betty and Harv met in person, and now they have been married for 18 years. For the past nine years they have lived here where Harv spent his childhood summers.

Betty's hobbies include knitting, sewing, and painting. While recuperating from an operation about 7 years ago, Betty became interested in art through Mrs. Pettit's painting. She took adult courses offered at the local high schools. Her talents seem best suited to landscapes. In fact, last summer at the Lake Lackawanna Art Show held at the Clubhouse, Betty's painting, "Hawaiian Sunset," won the "Best liked" award. Betty is the first to point out that this is not an award given by art critics but by the viewing public. However, I'm sure any art critic would agree that Betty's paintings have merit.

Harv's hobbies include bowling (he sponsors a team), and he is currently building an ice boat! They both love traveling. Their trips have taken them from Canada to Florida and the Bahamas. Betty's dream is a trip to Hawaii.

In the winter Betty works part-time at M and M in Hack-ettstown doing office work. Should she feel hungry, the company keeps bowls of candy (guess what kind???) on the desks.

In the summer there's the Lake Lackawanna Golf Course which they run. Harv took over the course as a matter of civic pride, feeling it could be improved, which it has. They have met people in every walk of life there including the actors from the Gristmill Playhouse, priests, New York cabbies, and Chuck Bednarik, retired Philly Eagles pro football player. In-

cidentally, Harv's uncle, Andy Simpson, ran the course in 1940-41.

Harvey is also a builder by trade. Incidentally, he built the Speer home, which has a lovely sunken living room with fireplace. Betty and Harvey's pets have always been dogs. Frisco and Ginger are the current two.

For some years the Speers chaperoned the teenagers at the Clubhouse, and they continue to be interested in their "group," though most are now married.



Births

November 19, 1965 - Jimmy Frey, son of James and Jane Layton Frey.

December 9, 1965 - Lisa Ellen Pedersen, daughter of Dorothy and Ed. Big sister Theresa is two years old.

January 14, 1966 - Kristin Anne Perry, Bob and Liz's daughter. Their others are Wayne, age 6, and Tracey Lea, age 2.

March 1, 1966 - Dot and George Currey have another grandson, Kurt. His parents are Ann and Walt Nussberger of Ridgewood, Queens. Their other son is two-year-old Eric.

March 7, 1966 - Sabrina Lee Mazzei, daughter of Angelo and Sandy. Joey is the big brother. Sabrina weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. at birth.

March 13, 1966 - William Robert Kilpatrick, Elsie and Bill's son. Billy weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz., and joins David, Lesley, and Sandra.

March 17, 1966 - Janet Maureen Jenus joined the family of Joe and Hilma, with big brothers Ross and Carl. Janet weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. at birth.

April 7, 1966 - Betty Jane Twomey joined her parents and brother Billy, age 8, and sister Doris, age 2.



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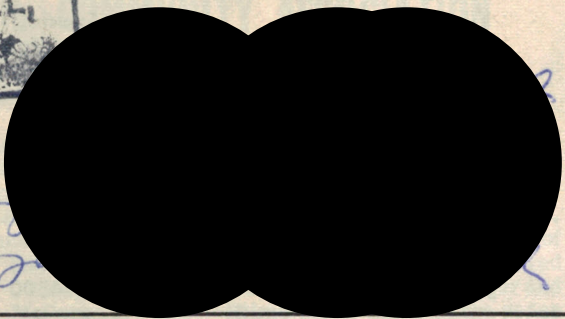
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afford better. Then, if it has served its purpose, I return the piece to another auction to be sold once more to someone who is looking for that particular chest, bed, desk, chair, lamp or what have you. Meantime, I have had the pleasure of painting, scraping and refinishing, and the knowledge that I have saved money.

SUMMER PROGRAM PREVIEW

on duty and gives full use of the beach when he is.

There will continue to be nature walks for the Small Fry and I think they would also enjoy some art. The Juniors and Cadets will work on the construction of games and on puppets. Games construction will culminate in a Game Party and the puppets will be part of the Talent Show.

We have been promised the

use of a 16mm projector, courtesy of Mr. Shipka, and Mr. Borelli has offered to get us films. This should be a welcome change and I am delighted to be able to offer it.

Another change I plan to make is in the timing for such things as Baby Parades and Pet Shows. It seemed to me that the fathers were getting short-changed and these should be held on Saturdays when Daddy could enjoy them.

I have other things to tell you but will save them for the next issue. Meanwhile I wish to have you bear in mind that the point system with trophies for the winners is good because it gives each child recognition on his individual merit.

MANY HANDS

Saturday, March 19, was the date of our third annual Corned Beef Dinner, held in the Byram School cafeteria. The event was a success both socially and financially! Thanks go to Helen Post, Fund-raising chairman, and her many helpers.

Kathy Deiter supervised the ticket sales, while Mary Hunt made many phone calls asking for donations of cakes or pies for dessert to be picked up by Pearl Haug and Carol Dayer. Carol also headed the Decorations and Clean-up group, and was aided by Marge Wurzbach, Ruth Doremus, Alice Wurzbach, Pearl Haug, and Helen Post. Cooking was done by some of

Wanted - "Work"

Perhaps that title should be, "Wanted - money."

On the teen scene, the older teens have often found part-time jobs which satisfy their need for spending money. But there are youngsters in the middle teens, 13, 14 and 15, usually, who need funds for such items as class trips to Washington and scout camps.

Boys listed here are desirous of having short-term employment such as yard work, etc.

Georgie Landgraf 347-2054, David McCammond 347-3509 and Tom Donofrio 347-2186.

Girls are generally better at baby-sitting. The two I have for my list are Judy Landgraf 347-2054 and Mary Mitrani 347-0554.

Note to the young folks: The Lack-A-News has long had a policy of serving as free classified coverage for teens who wish to advertise.

If you wish to place such an ad, call Carol Dayer and give her the necessary information.

the aforementioned, as well as by Emma Landgraf, Anne Matuska, and Mary Sullivan.

Gail Wurzbach gathered a group of teen girls to serve the dinners and help out generally, including Roberta Nelson, Mary Mitrani, Nancy Pedersen, Carlene Thissen, and Candy Matuska.

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