

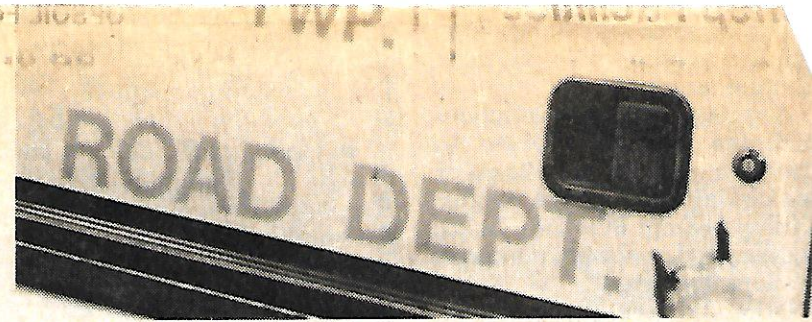
Local folks have referred to this area as Smithton Beach for the past 60 or 70 years.

The Yough Trail Committee of DWNI sponsored the cleanup day in association with PA Cleanways. By noon the 60 volunteers had filled 190 bags with trash and assembled a huge pile of unbagged trash, ranging from TVs and toasters to bed springs and carpeting, said Jack Cusick, a member of the Yough Trail Committee. Cusick said Rostraver Township was to later truck the trash to the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County's sanitary landfill in Pricedale, where it was to be accepted without charge.

The Yough Trail Committee, working as volunteers with the Regional Trail Corporation, plans to develop the Smithton beach area into a family-type recreation area for fishing and picnicking as well as a stop over rest area for trail users, said Cusick. He said a parking area has been cleared and the property has been posted to restrict motor vehicles from the riverfront area.

In the near future, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission plans to construct a boat launching ramp for public use. "Persons who wish to use the beach area for fishing and picnicking may do so at their own risk," said Cusick. However, "any persons found littering, dumping trash or disregarding motor vehicle or firearms restrictions will be prosecuted and fined up to \$300."

Any person or groups interested in assisting with the development of the beach area is invited to contact the local committee by telephone at 872-0100 or by mail at: Yough Trail Com-



Mark Stofick of the Rostraver Township Road Department trucks the trash to the Sanitary Landfill of the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (Tyrol Blvd.), the last segment of the volunteer community effort.

mittee, P.O. Box 56, West Newton, PA 15089.

West Newton opening

The Yough Trail Committee is planning a grand opening celebration of the West Newton section of the Youghiogheny River Trail on Saturday, May 28.

Part of the activities planned for the day include a fun event for cyclists, walkers and equestrians that is not a race but is based on a card game. It is open to anyone regardless of athletic ability. After the event, all participants will be eligible to win prizes donated by local businesses.

The committee will soon be asking local businesses to make donations toward the grand opening. For a \$100 donation, the company logo will be featured on each T-shirts commemorating the event, printed in the special program and displayed on a large poster at the celebration. For \$50, a company logo will

appear in the program and on the poster, and prize donations of lesser value will have the donor's name mentioned at the prize giveaway and in the program. Local businesses are also invited to volunteer their services.

Those wishing to make a donation can call 872-4477 or 872-7848.