

## Church League Opens Season Tomorrow Night At Dallas Gym

By TOM MAKRAVITZ

With Saturday, December fifth slated as opening date, eight teams in the Back Mountain Church Basketball League, backed by their respective churches, are ready to see action. The league again this year will be guided by Charles Steinhauer serving his second term, he will be assisted by Jack Porter and Earl Fritzes.

Games for the first week will be played at Dallas Borough gym shifting from there to Westmoreland gym for the rest of the schedule.

Teams entered are Trucksville Methodist, Huntsville Christian, Shavertown Methodist, St. Therese's Catholic, Alderson Methodist, East Dallas Methodist, Dallas Methodist, and St. Paul's Lutheran. There is a possibility that St. Paul's might be replaced or combined with Carverton.

Trucksville, last year's play-off champs, will be under the direction of Ralph Anthony, and with the exception of Fine, the loop's top point maker, will present the same team it had last year, but lacking a replacement with Fine's scoring ability. The champs are bound to find the going tough.

Huntsville, led by Harold Brobst, will also have about the same team, one good enough to bring them straight season honors last year.

Shavertown Methodist, with Earl Fritzes serving as coach, lost a big player in Hons, but still has reserve power to take up the slack with a small but fast team.

St. Therese's, under the direction of Tom Makravitz, has the making of a good team. With last year's team complete, four new players joined the Saints with John Hardiman and Tony Greener to share in starting roles.

East Dallas Methodist, led by "Porky" Martin, a team that always had plenty of speed, still retains it and comes up with plenty of height in signing Bob Berlew, 6 foot 6 inch giant. Berlew teamed up with Fowler and Martin might go all the way.

Alderson Methodist—Dick Searfoss will handle the reins of this club and if it catches some of Dick's spirit it could be very tough. Dick, along with Garringer, formed two of the highest scoring forwards last

year. Cornell, their fine rebound man, will not be with the team this year, and that could hurt their chances.

Dallas Methodist will be handled by Harry Hefko, and St. Paul's Lutheran by Art Kitchen. At last report, these teams were uncertain about their personnel, but can always be depended upon to come up with some surprises.

Last year it cost the league over \$850 to operate, with expenses for gyms, officials, dry cleaning of uniforms, used in a March of Dimes game, two new balls for league games, score books and other incidentals. Part of this money was raised by selling chance books, and the rest by contributions at the door and by franchise money the churches put up, along with each player contributing a certain sum. But whether you contribute or not, the teams would like to play to full houses, so this Saturday night at Dallas Borough gym, starting at 6:45, let's one and all get out and root for our favorite team.

Games of Dec. 5th, Dallas Borough gym:

- 6:45—St. Paul's Lutheran vs. Trucksville Methodist
- 7:45—Alderson Methodist vs. Shavertown Methodist
- 8:45—East Dallas Methodist vs. Dallas Methodist
- 9:45—Huntsville Christian vs. St. Therese's Catholic

### Stationed In Germany

Bremerhaven, Germany—Arden D. Kocher, 24, whose wife, Bernice, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kocher, live on Harvey's Lake, RFD 1, was recently promoted to corporal while serving in Germany at the Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation.

Located on the North Sea, Bremerhaven is the major supply point in Germany for NATO forces and is the only principal seaport in Europe under U. S. control.

Corporal Kocher, an engineering supervisor, arrived overseas in July, 1952. He entered the Army in January, 1952, and completed basic training at Fort Belvoir, Va.

### Club To Give Prizes For Large Deer Racks

Harveys Lake Rod & Gun Club at its meeting Monday night at Herman Kern's Restaurant decided to award two prizes during the deer hunting season.

The first prize of \$10 and a year's membership in the club will be awarded to the hunter bringing in the deer with the largest rack. Second prize of \$5 and a year's membership will be awarded for the second largest rack. Herman Kern will be judge and all entries must be presented to him for inspection. The awards will be made at a club dinner in February.

Motion pictures of fishing in Canada were shown following the formal program by Lou Sykes of Wilkes-Barre. John Stenger furnished the project.

### Altar And Rosar Christmas Dinner

Altar and Rosary Society of St. Therese's Church will hold its annual Christmas dinner in the church auditorium, December 10, at 6:30 p. m. Women of the parish and friends are invited.

Guest speaker will be Esther Barry, member of the faculty of Larksville High School.

Dinner committee: Honorary chairman, Rev. J. J. O'Leary; chairman, Mrs. William Boyd, co-chairman, Mrs. William Purcell, decorations, Mrs. Philip Coniglio, reservations, Mrs. Albert Pesavento, publicity; Mrs. Thomas Dorosky. The dinner will be served by the Kingston House. Those attending are asked to bring a fifty cent gift for Santa's pack.

### Beaumont

Mrs. Guy May had another setback in her illness which has caused her to remain in bed the past few months.

Mrs. Jack Johnson, Mr. William Lewis, and Miss June Maguire of Wilkes-Barre came up to help Dorothy Beryl, youngest daughter of the Warren Johnsons, celebrate her third birthday Sunday.

Nancy Gunton and Jeanette Traver, who are doing their student teaching at Bloomsburg, spent Wednesday before Thanksgiving observing the real thing in the elementary school.

The Frank Bittenbenders of New Jersey, Glen Scovell, Jr., Mrs. Carolyn Scovell, and Jacob Andrews had Thanksgiving dinner with the Charles Hilberts.

The James Oberst Family of Jersey City, N. J., were with Mrs. Violet Garey for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Mrs. Gus Norbutt is able to be in the gas station again after having a virus infection.

The Lend - a - Hand Club Christmas Party will be at the home of Mrs. Alden Dietz, Thursday, December 10, when fifty-cent gifts will be exchanged.

Mrs. Heber Belles, Sr., is spending some time with her daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Woods and Mrs. Byron Woods, at Fairfax, Va.

Gus Norbutt has kindly consented to handle the adult unit for the Bookmobile when it comes on its December rounds.

Terry Wetzel, daughter of the Willard Wetzels, had many friends in to celebrate her birthday, Saturday, November 21st.



by BILL GUYETTE

Hotel people, who should know, report that rentals of TV sets are at their highest for the big sports events . . . which makes

today's comments by a top TV sportscaster of interest to a lot of viewers.

Mel Allen has been calling the plays on the coast-to-coast

microwaved collegiate football games for NBC, and he reports that his biggest problem is to decide whether he talks too much or too little. Mel figures that to the experts he probably gabs too much, but to the non-experts he doesn't do enough explaining of the play as it unfolds.

Mel also handles telecasts for the New York Yankee baseball games during the horsehide season, but claims that he only runs into trouble when the football season comes around . . . and the mail starts pouring in. Most of it is in favor of more talk. Mel adds, "I feel that I'm shirking my duty as a reporter if I don't try to help those who don't understand the intricate plays and formations cooked up by our college coaches."

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