

Balshaw Directs Handel Messiah

Several Local People Take Part December 6

The Back Mountain community may well take pride in the December 6 commemorative concert of the Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society, scheduled for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre, it was announced by Louie Weigand Ayre, president.

She pointed out that, the December 6 concert will offer the most fully scored presentation in local history of George Frederick Handel's immortal oratorio, "The Messiah." Under the musical direction of Clifford Balshaw, local



music lovers will have the opportunity of hearing an exciting, and authentic version of the 18th century composer's score.

Participating will be the Oratorio Society's four-part chorus, prominent area soloists, and a Handel Sinfonietta orchestra of the type used in Handel's own day.

Admission will be free to the general public.

Mr. Balshaw resides on Grandview Avenue, Goss Manor. One of the leading soloists for the concert will be Mrs. Clifford Balshaw, soprano, long identified with progress of the area oratorio movement.

Mrs. Ayre, herself, is a resident of 60 Carverton Road, Trucksville. In addition, the "Messiah" chorus will have its share of vocalists from the Back Mountain.

Deemed a cultural asset of both Wyoming Valley and northeastern Pennsylvania, the Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society has embarked on a long-run expansion program designed to place it on a par with leading oratorio groups such as the Bethlehem Festival. Achievement of that goal, says Mrs. Ayre, will bring heightened musical enjoyment to all in Wyoming Valley. It will also add to the prestige of the entire community throughout the nation.

Student Who's Who



MARY JANET FLUEGAL

Mary Janet Fluegal, senior at Mansfield State Teachers College, has been chosen a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1959-1960.

Janet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Fluegal, Dallas, is a music major, and expects to teach after graduation. During her years as a student at Mansfield, she has been a member of the Music Education Club, Freshman Chorus, Marching Band, Concert Wind Ensemble, Advanced Chorus, Community Orchestra, Woodwind Quintet, Women's Athletic Association and is now vice president of Lambda Mu. She is president of the Music Education Club.

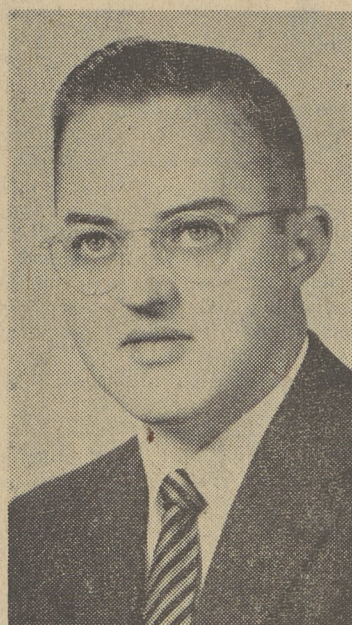
Candidates from 675 colleges and universities were selected on the basis of scholarship, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the school, and promise of future usefulness to profession and society.

Spots Sixty Deer

Charles Hemenway reports having spotted sixty deer Sunday on a trip from Hillside Farm to Benton.

James Ide Aims Toward Teaching

Is Campus Leader At Mansfield State



JAMES ROLAND IDE

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has nominated James Roland Ide for consideration as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow.

Fellows are expected to give serious consideration to a career in college teaching. The award carries with it a stipend of fifteen hundred dollars.

The Foundation also pays directly to the graduate school tuition and fees for the fellow. Nominations will be carefully screened and one thousand of the seven thousand nominated will be finally chosen.

James Roland Ide is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus B. Ide, 60 Mill Street, Dallas. He is presently a senior at Mansfield State Teachers College majoring in Social Science with a minor in English.

James is active in many extracurricular activities. Among them are College Players in which he will have a minor role in Thornton Wilder's "The Matchmaker" presented on the 20th and 21st of this month. He is campus chairman, Northeastern Pennsylvania's Regional Publicity Director, and a State Regional Executive Committee member for the Intercollegiate Conference on Government.

Jim is also a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary fraternity open to juniors and seniors ranking in the upper quintile of their class.

If chosen for the fellowship, he will do his graduate work on a Master's Degree in Political Science.

Husband, Wife Die Within Days

Eleven days after his wife died, Walter Billings, 76, passed away in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. He was buried Tuesday afternoon in Wardman Cemetery. Rev. Arthur Mayo and Rev. Robert Webster, present and former pastors of Trucksville Methodist Church, performed the same offices for him that they had performed for his wife a few days earlier, officiating from the Bronson Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Richard Mathers, Asher Weiss, William Lohman, William Williams, Sterling McMichael, and Harold Yorks. Mr. Billings, returning Friday afternoon from a trip to see his daughter, in Sayre, stopped at Leonard's store before going to his home on Harris Hill Road. Here, he was taken ill, but recovered sufficiently to make it to his own driveway, where he was able to stop the car safely. A neighbor noticed that the car was parked at a peculiar angle, and investigated.

Kingston Township ambulance took him to Nesbitt, where he died a few hours after admission. He had suffered a severe heart attack a number of years ago, while still a rural mail carrier for the Trucksville Post Office.

Mr. Billings had been under an intense strain for the past three months, while his wife the former Mabel Totten, was at Nesbitt during her final illness.

A native of Erie, Mr. Billings moved to this area as a young man. Starting in 1909, he carried mail for Trucksville RD 1 for forty years, retiring ten years ago. When he first started as a carrier, a horse and buggy was the transportation, giving way to a car as roads were improved and cars became more common.

He served as treasurer of the Rural Mail Carriers' Association; belonged to Trucksville Fire Company; held various offices in Toby Creek Lodge IOOF; and was a member of Trucksville Methodist Church.

He is survived by these children: Glenn T. Ivyland; Mrs. Edna Harris, supervising nurse at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Mrs. Alfred M. Camp, wife of director of the band at Dallas Junior High School; Frank H. Forty Fort; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three sisters: Mrs. A. C. Woolbert, Cranford, N. J.; Mrs. E. C. Hulme, Towanda; and Mrs. L. B. Ellsworth, Washington, D.C.



Many Kingston Township Streets Were Improved During The Summer

Kingston Township Supervisors' continuing program of street improvements has borne considerable fruits this year under the direction of Road Superintendent Arthur Smith.

At least six major projects have been completed and others are being planned by the Supervisors.

Among the streets paved were: Staub Road, and Chestnut Street, Trucksville, and Chestnut Street, and Maple Street, Shavertown.

Among those resurfaced were Lehigh Street, and two miles on Harris Hill Road.

Also constructed was the new road beyond the White-Church-on-the-Hill.

Within recent weeks new pipe was laid along Cliffside Avenue, correcting a drainage situation in that area.

These major improvements were all in addition to the regular maintenance of streets, which included grading and patching of pot holes.

Materials used were purchased from Mathers Construction Company and Airport Sand & Gravel Company at their low bids.

The Kingston Township Road Department operates two big trucks and one pickup as well as a number of miscellaneous pieces of road working equipment. Shortly a new truck with plow will be added to the available equipment.

Presently the department is at work paving the parking at the new Kingston Township Building which will be put in use after the first of the year. The Road Department is also doing most of the interior work at the building which was recently taken over from Kingston Township Veterans Association.

Regular employees of the Road Department in addition to Road Superintendent Smith are: Richard Schooley, Miles Shales, William Daubert, Michael Mintz, Gerald Culver and Zigmund Moleky.

William L. Conyngham, Hillside Farms, was elected president of Pennsylvania Holstein Association at the annual banquet culminating the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Association, November 18, 19 and 20 at Nittany Lion Inn, Pennsylvania State University.

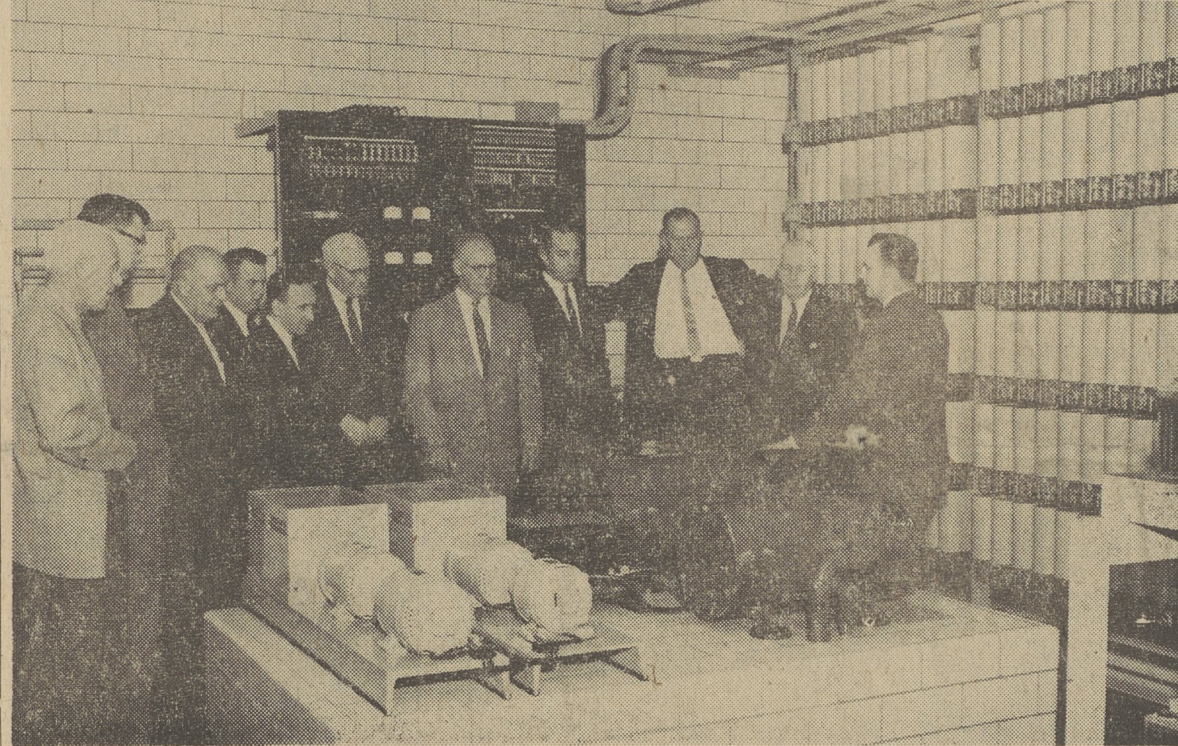
Among the local people attending the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Conyngham, C. S. Hemenway, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Button, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Conyngham, Ralph Sands, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of Springville, and Ted Hack of Stillwater.

Elected President

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Top—D. G. Chapman, commercial superintendent, conducts a small group of Rotarians through a section of Commonwealth's modern general offices.

Middle—District Manager, Jack Landis, left, explains to Dallas Rotarians at their weekly meeting held in Commonwealth Telephone Company's general offices the facts that make Commonwealth

the third largest independent telephone company in the State and 27th in size of the 4700 independent companies in the nation.

Bottom—Hugh Carr, right traffic commercial engineer, explains to an interested group of Rotarians the generating plant for Dallas Central office switching equipment.

Dallas Rotary Club Members Are Guests Of Commonwealth Telephone

Dallas Rotary Club was guest of Commonwealth Telephone Company at a recent meeting. Following dinner served in the company's general offices, the members made group inspection tours of Commonwealth's local facilities.

J. N. Landis, district manager, told Rotarians that Commonwealth, as third largest telephone company in the State, is actually a major industry of Greater Wyoming Valley.

Encompassing nearly 5,000 square miles in its ten-district service area, Commonwealth serves more than 70,000 telephones and has a plant valuation exceeding \$22 million. In addition to local services, the Company does more than \$7 million yearly in toll calls. It employs 540 people on its staff.

Manager Landis highlighted Commonwealth's intensive modernization and mechanization program over the past ten years and noted that today 91 percent of its plant is dial operated. The remainder is scheduled for conversion to automatic service within the next few years.

Landis noted that right now Commonwealth is spending \$377,000 in the immediate Dallas area on central office equipment additions, new cable construction and further service improvements.

Lehman Osage Lodge 712 will make a door to door canvass for the Sunbury Orphanage December 2 at 7:30. Clothing and toys for children up to eighteen will be gratefully received.

Boy Bitten By Dog

Dallas Township police warn dog owners that they must keep their dogs on leash. A Record carrier boy was bitten last week on Midland Drive.

Rites Today For William Bond

William Bond, Shaver Avenue, who died Sunday afternoon in University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, will be buried this afternoon in Oaklawn Cemetery, Rev. Robert L. Yost and Rev. Howard Harrison will conduct services from the Kniffen Funeral Home, South Main Street at 2 p.m.

Mr. Bond, 73, who was injured in June when he fell down a flight of outside cellar steps, had been in failing health ever since. A patient in General Hospital, he was transferred by Kingston Township ambulance to University of Pennsylvania Hospital last Wednesday.

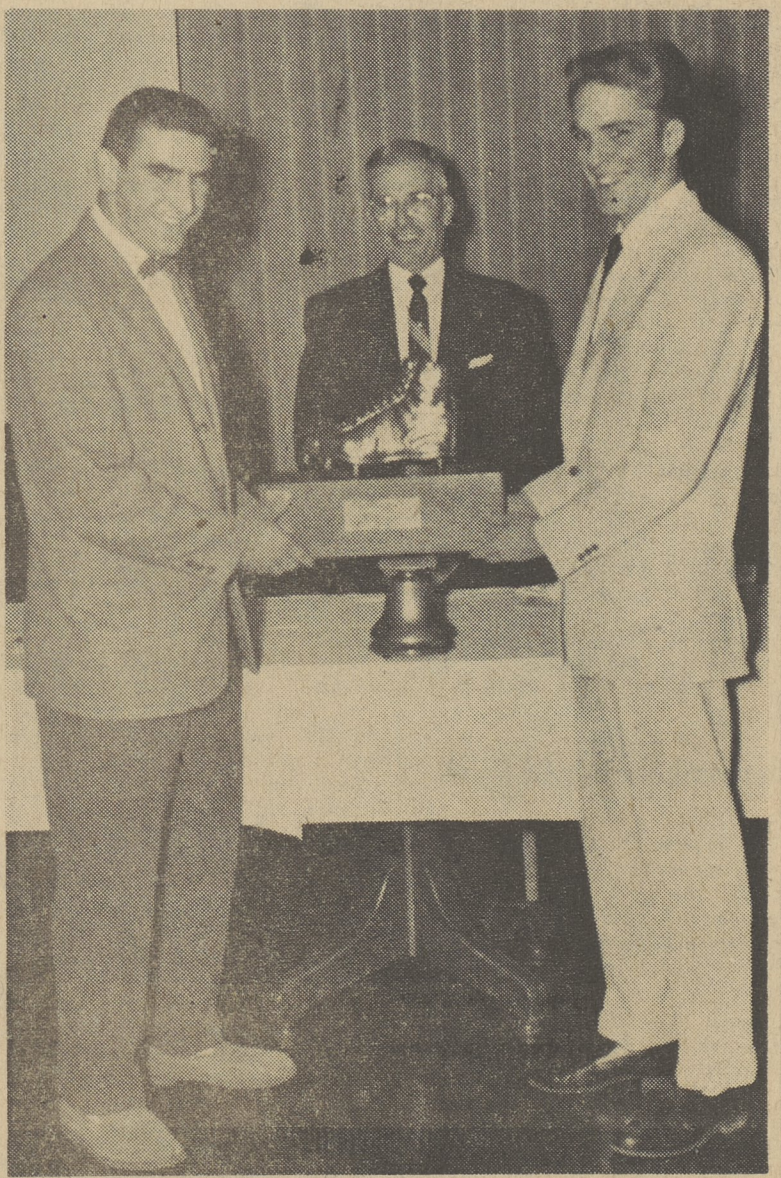
A native of Wilkes-Barre, son of the late Thomas and Betsy Vivian Bond, he lived in the Heights section until fifteen years ago, when he moved to Shavertown. He was a member of Shavertown Methodist Church and its men's organizations.

Until retirement, he was a foreman of the cable department at Hazard Wire Rope Co. Before joining the Hazard force, he owned and operated a grocery store on East Northampton Street.

Surviving are his wife the former Maude Poad, sister of Theodore Poad, Kingston Township tax collector; a sister, Mrs. William Harris, Newark; and several nieces and nephews.

Staffing the ambulance were Fredericks, Yeust and Pugh. Couples Club of Shavertown Methodist Church will present Wilkes College Glee Club in a concert Sunday evening, December 6 at 8 in the Church sanctuary.

To The Victors Go The Awards



President Arthur Ross of Dallas Rotary Club presents the old shoe football trophy to co-captains Joe Lopasky and Larry Thomas of the Lake-Lehman Scotties championship football team.

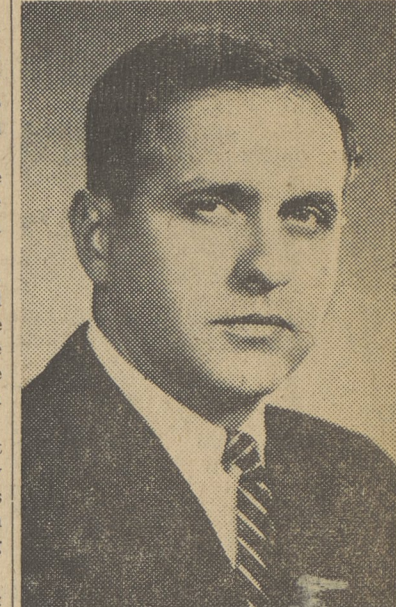
The team, winners of the West Side Conference championship, lost only one game and that to Forty Fort.

Members of the squad, coaches and school officials were the guests of Rotary at dinner Thursday night at Irem Country Club.

Two Local Men Made Officers

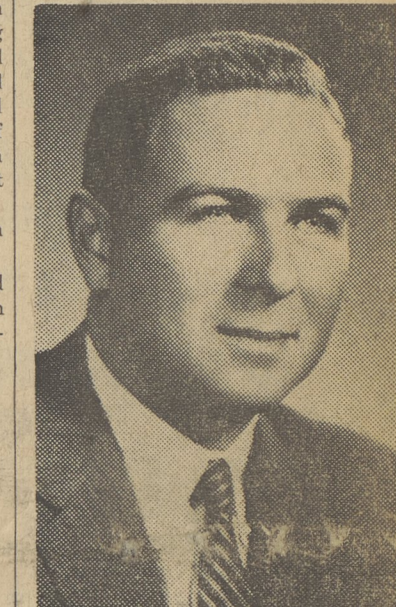
Pioneer Mfg. Advances Berger and Shaskin

Board of Directors of Pioneer Manufacturing Company, Inc., has elected two Back Mountain men, Samuel Shaskin, Shrine Acres, and Louis W. Berger, Chase, to the position of vice president.



LOUIS W. BERGER

Mr. Berger becomes vice president and controller, while Mr. Shaskin assumes the duties of vice president in charge of production and planning.



SAMUEL SHASKIN

Mr. Shaskin took his degree at New York University. He accepted a post as Industrial Engineer with Pioneer in 1948, coming to the company from the I. Miller Shoe Corporation. During the past eleven years, Mr. Shaskin has held successive executive positions with Pioneer. Two years ago, he was appointed plant manager, a job he will retain along with his new post. He is a member of the American Philatelic Society and the Brotherhood Council of Wyoming Valley.

Mr. Berger, who is a graduate of Fordham University, joined the staff at Pioneer seven years ago as controller of the company. Formerly, he was associated with General Electric Company, Schenectady, where he completed their executive training program. Several articles have been written by Mr. Berger, one of which appeared in the National Association of Cost Accountants Bulletin. He is a member of the Irem Temple and Brotherhood Council of Wyoming Valley.

In a bulletin, released by A. R. Landsman, chairman of the board, both men were cited for the active part they have played in the executive direction of the company since the change in ownership which occurred about two years ago.

Pioneer Manufacturing Company, Inc., one of the leading manufacturers of children's dresses in the country, maintains two plants in the Valley, employing approximately 600 people. The product is shipped throughout the United States and to many foreign countries.

Christmas Dinner

Jessie Austin Brickel Memorial Class of Dallas Methodist Church met with Mrs. M. J. Brown, Lake Street, Friday night.

Mrs. Thomas Kingston presided. Plans were made to have a Christmas turkey dinner at the Church dining room on Friday, December 18 at 6:30. Serving will be by the W.S.C.S. of the Church. Mrs. M.C. Brown, Mrs. Fred L. Welsh and Mrs. Kenneth Rice are on the decorating committee. It was decided not to exchange gifts. The dinner will be for members of the class only and they are not to bring a guest. Reservations for members must be made by Monday, December 14 with Mrs. Richard Owens, Davenport Street.

Four Bear Shot

Chester Roberts, Sweet Valley painting contractor, was among those hunting bear in the Northmont area where four bear were taken on Tuesday. Chet wasn't so lucky.

Edwards Bags Bear Tuesday

Five Lehman Men In Hunting Party

Within two hours after they entered the woods at the headwaters of Kasson Brook Tuesday morning a party of five Lehman Township men had a beautiful 275-pound black bear.

Harry "Bucky" Edwards made the kill with a single shot in the head just back of the ears at a distance of 75 yards.

In the party were John Stofko, Elmer Sweglin, Joe Niegoda and Alfred Sweglin. The men have been hunting in that area for the past five years but this was the first they ever caught sight of a bear.

A beautiful animal with soft jet black coat, the men carefully carried their prize the two miles out of the woods. It was noon before they reached their waiting Jeep.

Describing their trip, Bucky said: "We were at the top of the mountain at 7 and by the time we had walked about and established our positions it must have been 8. It was a little chilly there on the ledge and I was just buttoning my coat when I heard a twig snap and saw the bear scampering in the distance. He looked like a big bowl of jelly as his hair fluffed forward and back as he bounced along. Then I fired. It was all over so quickly, it took a little of the fun out of it. But it is a beautiful bear, fat with a most beautiful coat."

Bucky expects to have the skin made into a rug. "Did y'ever step out of bed barefooted onto a thick bearskin rug?" asked Buck. "It's wonderful!"

Long Impressed By New Tractors

Sweet Valley Men At Sales Meeting

Charles Long, owner, and John Recine, salesman of Charles H. Long Company, Sweet Valley, attended the Massey-Ferguson "Pageant of Profits" Saturday in Baltimore. There as they sat in bleachers with 300 dealers, they saw the new Massey-Ferguson line for 1960 paraded around the arena. As each piece reached the spotlight, its features were explained to the dealers assembled from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia.

Following a box luncheon, the dealers adjourned to the Timonium Huntsmen's Club where it was announced that Massey-Ferguson is now the World's largest manufacturer of wheeled tractors. It was also announced that the firm has purchased the Perkins Motor Co., of Coventry, England, World's largest producers of diesel motors. Massey-Ferguson in the past two years has had an 80% increase in business. Also displayed for the dealers was the firm's light industrial equipment.

Following dinner, Performance Bonus checks were distributed to dealers, part of \$14 million dollars in similar checks distributed to Massey-Ferguson dealers at twenty-three such meetings held in the United States.

New Controller For Linear Inc.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of Linear, Incorporated, Bruno Gruppo was elected Controller of the Company. This was announced yesterday by A. W. Swartz, Jr., Executive Vice President.

Mr. Gruppo has been living in Cedar Grove, New Jersey and has spent most of his life in the New York City area. Before coming to Linear, he was employed by International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation as Assistant Controller of their Components Division. Prior to this, he was Controller of Rel Plastics Corporation in East Paterson, New Jersey.

Mr. Gruppo was educated in New York City and received his Masters degree in Business Administration from New York University Graduate School of Business. Mr. Gruppo spent three years in the U. S. A. F. as a B-29 navigator. He is married and has five children.

Heads Transportation

L. L. Richardson has been named head of Transportation in the local Civil Defense set-up, a position formerly held by the late North Borti.