

Local Central Catholic Students Take Awards At Science Fair

Charlene Makar took a second place at Central Catholic Science Fair March 7, and Henry Mastalski took a third.

Charlene worked up a demonstration of photosynthesis in plant life, using an arrangement of bell glass over a living plant, copper wire, a match, and a candle, to show how much oxygen is given off by a plant. Her apparatus will be shown at the Science Fair at King's College April 7, 8, and 9, and statistical drawings have been submitted to Future Scientist Magazine of America.

Henry worked up a clear demonstration of how rain is made, showing how sun evaporates water into vapor, and moisture condenses when it meets cold air. Henry used a variety of devices to indicate clouds, as high pressure and low pressure areas met; a blinker light simulating lightning, and an unique arrangement of ping-pong ball bounced by a spring against a bucket, to reproduce thunder.

Both Charlene and Henry are freshmen, newly graduated from Gate of Heaven School. Charlene is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Makar, Hillcrest Drive. Henry is son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mastalski, Sterling Avenue.

In a more advanced field, John Curtis, Shavertown, a junior at Central Catholic, took a first with his project, setting lights to music, the lights dancing to vibrations set up by various tones. This is John's second first prize. He took a first in his freshman year, along the same general lines. Waves are his field. He is a ham radio operator, with only one examination between him and a commercial license. He got his novice rating when ten years old, and his general rating when eleven. His mother, Mrs. John Curtis, says he expects to go into the medical research field, specializing in the wave therapy.

John is also a graduate of Gate of Heaven parochial school.

Rotary Offers Area Girl Chance To Exchange Visits With French Girl

President Joseph Sekera of the Dallas Rotary club has recently announced an unusual opportunity for a young woman between 20 and 25 years of age to be hostess to a French girl of 20 here and then visit this young lady in her home near

Paris for a 3-month period. The French girl is the daughter of a judge, living in a suburb of Paris, St.-Germain-en-Laye. She wishes to come to Pennsylvania this summer or fall for a three-month visit, during which time she wishes to see New York, Philadelphia and nearby points of interest. She speaks and writes English fluently. The host family is to have a daughter between 20 and 25 years of age.

In exchange, the young woman will be hostess at her home near Paris to the American during the winter or spring season of 1962, and show her Paris and points of interest in that area, for a three month period.

Transportation and clothing will be the responsibility financially of the guest. Insurance for this period is also suggested. Any interested young woman may contact Dr. L. E. Jordan, Trucksville, District Chairman of Rotary International Exchange Program, for applications. The deadline will be April 3.

Library Board Honors Memory Of Mrs. LeGrand

Board Is Seeking New Librarian To Replace Miss Lathrop

A brass plaque in memory of Mrs. Lewis LeGrand was affixed to her chair at the meeting of Back Mountain Memorial Library Board of Directors on Tuesday night in the Library Annex.

At the same time Miriam Lathrop, librarian, said that a considerable sum of money has been given to the Library by Mrs. LeGrand's friends for books in her memory.

Miss Lathrop also acknowledged receipt of a set of twenty volume Collier's Encyclopedias from the State Library as part of \$500 worth of books which are being contributed to the Library. Included will also be a set of 1961 Encyclopedia Britannica.

Other recent acquisitions are: The American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War and the two-volume Life Edition of Winston Churchill's Second World War both given by Fred Strohl; a beautiful book, "The Ornamental Chair and Its Development from 1700 to 1890," the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frantz, and eight volumes from money given by Commonwealth Telephone Company employees as a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Sordani at the time of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Homer Meyer, reporting for the Personnel Committee, said that efforts are being made to employ an accredited librarian to replace Miss Lathrop when she retires this fall. He said his committee will contact the Placement Bureau of seven eastern colleges which give courses in library science in order that it may interview 1961 graduates or former graduates. The committee hopes to employ someone before September 1 so that the new librarian may be trained under Miss Lathrop before she leaves in November.

Mrs. Hanford Eckman reported for Friends of the Library which is just completing its membership drive.

Mrs. Herman Thomas, president of the Book Club, announced that the Library has been invited to take part in the Fine Arts Fiesta to be held in Wilkes-Barre this spring.

Ralph Hazeltine for the Building Committee reported that new gutters are needed for the Annex. These were ordered to be installed.

Dr. L. E. Jordan, chairman, and Richard Dmy, co-chairman, of the Auction Committee announced that all of their committees are functioning and that special emphasis will be placed this year on the Arts and Crafts booth.

Myron Baker, Charles Frantz and Walter Mohr were named to look into the possibilities, costs and operating expenses of a bookmobile.

Miss Lathrop reported 1,400 books discarded. There were seven new adult and 21 new child borrowers during March. Circulation was 3,400 volumes.

Attending were: Robert Bachman, Mrs. Fred Howell, Richard Demmy, Dr. Lester Jordan, Frank Slaff, Mrs. Harold Titman, Frances Dorrance, Miriam Lathrop, Mrs. Charles Frantz, Mrs. H. W. Smith, Mrs. Paul Gross, Homer Meyer, Frederick Eck, Mrs. Stanley Davis, Jr., Howard Risley, Mrs. Thomas Heffernan, Mrs. Hanford Eckman, Mrs. Herman Thomas, Ralph Hazeltine, and Atty. Mitchell Jenkins.

Westmoreland Senior Band Concert Tomorrow Night



Left to Right

Row 1: John Zarno, Gary Whitesell, Vivian Cobb, Del Voight, Kenneth Jones, John Wardell, Sandra Strazius, Judy Miller.

Row 2: Sharon Samuels, Karen Samuels, Karen Culver, Dorothy

Mathers, Sandra Chere, Nancy Wolfe, Sandra Ash, Gale Graves, Catherine Ide.

Row 3: Mr. Lester R. Lewis (Director) John Dana, Richard Ratcliffe, Donald Williams, James Wertman, Robert Gardner, William Welch, Carl

German, David Glahn, Paul Haradem.

Row 4: Beverly Race, Judy Williams, Carol Sutton, Lynn McCarty, Patricia Sinicrope, Jean Bennet, Dorothy Bek, Thomas Landon, David Barry Wyckoff, Margaret Hall, Paul

Jenkins.

Row 5: William Welch, Susan Weigel, Nancy Seiber, Jean Ide, Patricia Sinicrope, Mary Bennett, Kimball.

Row 6: Harold Smith, Marilyn Eck, Dale Mosier, Beverly King, Barbara Prokophak, Robert Dymond, Robert Wileman, James Strauser, Thomas Houlette.

Missing from picture: James Fry, Warren Edmundson, John Ferguson.

Library Budget For Operations Set At \$12,900

Deficit Of \$7,000 Will Have To Come From Annual Auction

The operating budget of Back Mountain Memorial Library for 1961 was set at \$12,900 by the Board of Directors meeting Tuesday night in the Library Annex.

Anticipated income from all sources except the auction is expected to be about \$5,900. This estimate is based on actual receipts during 1960.

Thus the Library will have a \$7,000 operating deficit at the end of 1961. This amount must be made up, as it has in former years, from auction receipts.

Anticipated operating expenses for the year are made up as follows: books and periodicals \$1,300; Book Club books, \$500; book transfers, \$40; memory books \$100; stationery and supplies \$250; water \$85; heat \$700; electricity \$325; maintenance \$600; telephone \$175; insurance \$700; salaries \$7,000; social security \$210; petty cash \$500; capital expenditures \$300; miscellaneous \$115. The only increases in expenditures over last year are \$25 for memory books; \$45 for social securities. No major capital expenditures are anticipated. Cuts in the budget were made for capital expenditures; stationery and supplies and petty cash.

The report of the finance committee composed of Frederick Eck, Homer E. Moyer, D. T. Scott, Howard Risley and Ralph Hazeltine, showed that no sizable individual gifts were received last year by the library other than \$587 represented by small gifts given through The Friends of the Library.

The only contributions from any municipal bodies were Dallas School District \$1,000; Lake-Lehman School District \$300.

Dallas Junior Woman's Club contributed \$50 and Dallas Senior Woman's Club contributed \$250. Income from investments was \$1,850.

Committee Has Vocational Panel

Citizens Committee for Better Schools heard a discussion of vocational education last Wednesday evening. Carl Goeringer, chairman of the study committee, moderated a panel composed of Joseph M. Rakshys, teacher of industrial arts at Westmoreland High School; Edward F. Kotchi, director and principal of Wyoming Valley Technical Institute; Mrs. Catherine W. Birch, county coordinator of homemaking, and Thomas H. Jenkins, teacher of business education at Westmoreland High School.

Vocational education is intended primarily to prepare young people for useful citizenship in the changing world. Many who begin their training in vocational courses find the skills open the necessary doors to eventual collegiate training. All vocational courses aim to teach basic skills, safety, familiarity with specific work situations, and the dignity of work well done.

At Westmoreland, about forty percent of the students choose business education. As space in the new school permits expansion, it is planned to include basic economics and skills requisite for use of the new business machines. Mr. Jenkins pointed out that students will be able to choose their electives according to their interests.

Mrs. Birch explained that home economics builds skills useful to all students as well as offering specific vocational training. Basic nutrition, sewing, home management, and child guidance are covered in these

Public Meeting On Sewage Coming Later

A public meeting will be held sometime later this Spring to hear the results of a sewage feasibility report which will be presented tonight to the sanitation committees of Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township by representatives of Weston Inc.

Tonight's meeting is not a public meeting and will be for members of Dallas Borough and Supervisors of Kingston and Dallas Townships only.

Many Back Mountain Men In Police Prisoner Of War Unit

Back Mountain is well represented when the roll is called at the 402nd Military Police Prisoner of War Camp unit. The unit met recently in an all day drill in preparation for its summer training which will be a command post exercise and map maneuver for the U. S. Army held in conjunction with the Departments of State, Navy and Air Force. The name of the maneuver is "LOGEX 61" and it will take place at Fort Lee, Virginia.

The 402nd is the only Military Police Prisoner of War Camp unit in the nation, to be so honored by being selected to participate in "LOGEX 61."

Recent preparation consisted of a series of classes on the phonetic alphabet and coding technique. The phonetic alphabet is used for spelling or clarification in the sending and receiving of messages in military communications. The phonetic alphabet is used in place of letters such as "Alpha" in place of "A". This alphabet will be used for send-

Song Of The New Suburbanite

If you've never left the city, to achieve suburban bliss
This story isn't for you and its point you'll surely miss
For the change to country living, carries blessings not unmix'd
And you seem to be in orbit where, before, you just stayed fixed.

The blessings came profusely in the summer when we moved
And life 'neath balmy summer skies just couldn't be improved
In any manner, shape or form, I tell you, no sir'ee
And we brought our city friends on out to stop, look and agree.

Then came the Fall, with cold surprises up her sleeves
She painted flaming colors on a hundred million leaves
And though it formed a picture both exquisite and breathtaking
The leaves, a hundred million, fell—and yes—they needed raking.

Then good old Mother Nature, with bland and cunning guile
Bestowed upon us, briefly, her most engaging smile
That brought, in late November, a summer afterglow
And really set us up for Winter's frigid, knockout blow.

It snowed in early winter and in the middle too
It snowed and blowed and I suspect, right now it isn't through
While we, as new suburbanites, tried hard to act suburban
But sometimes wished (just sometimes) that we again were urban.

But spring is here officially, (the paper says it's so)
We tenderfeet suburbanites survived the cold and snow
So now if we were called to sound a note of praise, we'd strike it
By paraphrasing ancient Rome—We came, We saw, We like it.
—W. G. SEAMAN

Police Urge Children Not To Accept Favors From Strangers

In an attempt to forestall tragedies such as have befallen children at the hands of degenerates in large cities, Back Mountain Police Association in cooperation with local schools has embarked on a novel educational campaign among pupils in the first, second and third grades.

Kingston Township Police Chief Herbert Updyke, secretary of the Association has announced that 500 copies of a poster for coloring by pupils have been distributed to classrooms by the schools.

The poster depicts a child leaving school and being accosted by a stranger who is holding a bag of candy as an inducement for the child to come with him.

Beneath the picture which the children will color are four warnings:

1. Turn down gifts of strangers;
2. Refuse rides offered by strangers;
3. Avoid dark and lonely streets;
4. Know your local policeman.

Chief Updyke urges parents constantly to keep reminding their children of these cardinal rules.

William T. Morris Fund Remembers Library

Throughout the years many Back Mountain area have taken an active interest in the Library and its annual auction; among them Thomas Kingston, of the grounds committee; James Kozemchak, auction photographer; Algert Antanaitis, refreshment committee and George Gregson, antiques patron. Many others like Mr. Wellhofer have lent their support to the library in various ways.

The check is the gift of the William T. Morris Foundation, created by the late William T. Morris, West Pittston native, who at the time of his death some ten years ago was president of American Chain & Cable Company.

Mr. Morris founded the American Chain Company which later became the American Chain & Cable Company.

The gift to the library is part of \$41,000 distributed this year to a number of Wyoming Valley Hospitals, charitable and educational institutions. It is the first gift of its kind ever received by Back Mountain Memorial Library and will be used exclusively for books of general interest.

Among them were: Dallas Township, Tax Collector Republican ticket, Clarence Laidler, Daniel Richards; Justice of the Peace, Thomas Robinson,

Robert Bachman, president, receives a check in the amount of \$500 for Back Mountain Memorial Library from E. S. Wellhofer, Shrine Acres, plant manager of Hazard Wire Rope Division American Chain and Cable Company.

Round Table To Have Choice Seats At Band Concert Of Civil War Music

A special section at Irem Temple will be reserved for members of Back Mountain Civil War Round Table when Stegmaier Gold Medal Band presents its Centennial Memorial Civil War Concert on Monday night, April 10.

John J. Sauer, bandmaster, and John Ney, longtime member of the band, made this announcement to members of the Round Table at its meeting in the Library Annex.

Both Mr. Sauer and Mr. Ney are charter members. The concert will be devoted entirely to Civil numbers and there will also be Civil War exhibits in the lobby of the Temple. Admission will be free. There will be many other interesting features including guest artists.

Mrs. Betty Rather, secretary of the Round Table, has announced that

Hanford Eckman Is A Candidate

Files On Republican Ticket For Council

Hanford Eckman, Machell Avenue, president of Dallas Borough PTA and chief engineer and secretary of Dallas Engineers, has thrown his hat in the ring for one of the positions open on Dallas Borough Council.

Mr. Eckman, a newcomer to politics, is a graduate of Purdue University where he majored in aeronautical engineering. Following graduation he took a position with Republic Aviation and served as technical representative on aircraft in the NATO countries, Denmark, Germany and Norway. This was followed by service in the SETO countries notably Japan.

Returning to the United States after four years overseas, Mr. Eckman became chief engineer for Coal-O-Matic Company, later to become Dallas Engineers.

Mr. Eckman has a keen sense of community responsibility. As a parent of three children, Elizabeth, Peter and Charles, he is deeply interested in good schools.

His wife, Phyllis, a graduate pharmacist from Purdue, has similar interests being a member of Back Mountain Memorial Library Board of Directors, a member of Dallas Junior Woman's Club and Women of Rotary.

Mr. Eckman is a member of George M. Dallas Lodge F. & A. M., Dallas Rotary Club, Dallas PTA, Citizens Committee for Better Schools and is on the membership committee of Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Have You Seen Spot?

A hound dog answering to the name of Spot, property of the late Daniel Zimmerman of Overbrook Road, who was killed in the Luzerne toy factory explosion last Monday, is wandering the neighborhood, and has been seen in several places.

Mrs. Zimmerman lost track of Spot when she left her home on Overbrook Road to stay with her mother on Bunker Hill.

Spot is of medium size, is brown, white and black, and looks as if he had two black eyes. Robert Post's animal hospital will know how to get in touch with the family, if a resident sees the wanderer.

Charter Night Tonight For Dallas Rotary

Tonight is Charter Night for Dallas Rotary. Speaker at the anniversary dinner at Irem County Club will be Winston K. Pendleton of Falls Church, Virginia. A well known professional speaker, one of his speeches has been recorded in the Library of Congress.

On the Charter Night committee are: L.F. Kingsley, Chairman, James Bessecker and Robert Wade,

Candidates Names Omitted

The names of a number of candidates for public offices in the Back Mountain area were unavoidably missed in last week's Issue of this newspaper.

Among them were: Dallas Township, Tax Collector Republican ticket, Clarence Laidler, Daniel Richards; Justice of the Peace, Thomas Robinson,

Takes Fall Down Stairs

Mrs. Hillman Dress is back at her desk in the office of Gate of Heaven Church, after spending a painful weekend recovering from the effects of a fall Friday night down the basement stairs of her home