

## Library Auction Launched At Kick-Off Dinner

### Enthusiastic Throng Enjoys Smorgasbord And Entertainment

The Fifteenth Library Auction got off to a flying start Thursday night with a rousing Kick-Off dinner at the Irem Country Club, when 250 Library enthusiasts enjoyed a smorgasbord and a fast stepping program.

Auctioneering of a few choice articles was the closing feature, following entertainment, words from key men and women, and introduction of committee chairman.

Smorgasbord serving was accomplished table by table, with no delay, and guests agreed that the food was delicious and of wide variety.

Charles Manneer and George McCutcheon superintended the lines of guests moving toward the smorgasbord table and saw to accommodation of late-comers who constituted an overflow attendance.

A special place was reserved for Miss Frances Dorrance, one of the founders without whom the Library could not have attained its present stature.

At the head table were Howard Risley, "Mr. Auction" himself, who said a few words; Robert Bachman, president of the Library Association, and chairman of auctioneers, a former Auction chairman, who held his remarks to the minimum in accordance with a prearranged plan to have no lengthy speeches; Myron Baker, last year's auction chairman; Richard Demmy and John N. Conyngham, co-chairman; Dr. L. E. Jordan, chairman; Rev. Richard Frank, who gave the invocation; Rev. Robert E. Germond, who pronounced the benediction; Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Bachman, Mrs. Conyngham, and Miss Dorrance.

Dr. Jordan, emcee, introduced special guests, among them Mrs. Lee Tracy, wife of the Broadway star of "The Best Man," house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Scott, staunch supporter of the Library and the Auction.

Dr. Jordan also asked chairman of committees listed on the program to take a bow.

The dinner started exactly on time, 6:30, and people who had drifted away to find a bit of refreshment before the smorgasbord found to their astonishment that guests were going in, and choice places were being taken.

Many hardy perennials of auction year commented on the number of young people and new members of the community who were present, among them Dr. Robert A. Mellman, new superintendent of Dallas Schools, who called attention to the blazing windows of the new high school, plainly visible across the valley in the rays of the setting sun.

### Last Auction For Miriam

Miss Miriam Lathrop, librarian since the library was founded in 1945, attended her last Auction Dinner. Next year at Auction time she will be in her new home in Sun-City Arizona, already completed and ready for occupancy. Miss Lathrop sat with Alice Howell and Jean Hutchison, vitally interested library supporters from the first, without whom an Auction would not be complete.

The Rotary International Jazz Band Quintet plus 1 in zebra jackets, entertained, giving several numbers, including specialties.

Three students from the Junior High School band, Wesley Cave, Patricia Evans, and Robert Allen, were accompanied by Lee Philo in a trumpet trio.

Mrs. Lester Hauck modeled dainty lingerie and a pastel angora sweater, which were both knocked down to Mrs. Lee Tracey by Myron Baker, who discovered for himself an outstanding talent for auctioneering two years ago at the Library Auction.

## Second Terrific Electric Storm Brings Rain, Hail, Destruction

The second of two terrific electric storms struck the area late Tuesday afternoon, delivering tons of ice to some areas, sluicing rain to others, and putting power service out of commission over a scattered area.

Monday night's torrential downpour was not accompanied by hail.

Tuesday night's storm had all the trimmings, including a cloudburst, and a freakish high wind which tore through the area with the force of a tornado.

At Kunkle, Philip Ellsworth's barn blew down in a sudden twister that roared in and roared out in twenty seconds, sounding like a jet plane.

Thirteen cows were in the barn. One was killed. The others got to their feet as heavy timbers pinning them down were lifted.

Basil Frantz's garage was ripped apart, and windows in his barn smashed, while the house remained untouched.

Out at W. Curtis Prothero's place near the Outdoor Theatre, glass hotbed frames were smashed, the second time in two weeks that electrical storms have created havoc. Jagged chunks of ice were collected for samples and stowed in the ice trays.

### Storm Notes

Where the hailstorm struck with full fury, hail was two inches deep on the roads, and drivers stopped their cars, unable to make headway or buck the terrible downpour.

In central Dallas, Henry's neon sign and the ice-cream sign at Kuehn's drugstore were wrecked, and a river ran through the fire-hall. Firemen opened the overhead door to let out the flood.

Ralph Frantz, Huntsville, found hailstones had wrecked the top of his convertible.

Ray Titus, who had just graded over a newly installed septic tank, found the grading in his neighbor's yard.

Mrs. Earl Evans, 107 E. Center Hill Road, lost a lime tree a fig tree and a lemon tree during the hard winter, and Tuesday night's storm smashed most of the top windows in her greenhouse at Idetown.

And on the other hand, Loren Keller had only a spatter of hail, and his greenhouse glass remained intact.

Not so the Risleys. Myra lost most of the glass in her greenhouse, and the place is a mess.

At Hillside on a lower level, the greenhouses suffered no damage. There was only a light spatter of hailstones. And at Ziba Smith's, out on the Casestown Road, there was only a slight spatter of hail, but torrential rain.

At the Dallas School Board meeting, Henry Hess reported hailstones as big as golf balls. "Come off it, Henry," jibed some of the directors who lived on lower levels. "You probably mean golf-stones."

Just then Jack Stanley arrived. "Just how big were those hailstones at New Goss Manor, Jack?"

"Big as golf balls."

Solid citizens, countering the shock of finding cold-frames splintered and their flowering magnolias stripped, gathered hailstones and had Scotch on the rocks.

Mrs. George Shepherd, Goss Manor, following her late grandmother's advice to sit with her feet on a thick carpet during thunderstorms, sat with her feet on a thick carpet just as her west window crashed.

### Board Meets May 21

Dallas Community Ambulance Board, scheduled to meet on Sunday, will be postponed until the following Sunday, May 21, because of Mother's Day.

Crew for the coming week: Ray Titus, captain; Jack Berti, Jim Wertman, Les Tinsley, Jack Stanley.

Recent calls: May 3, Mrs. McCormick, New Goss Manor, to Nesbitt; Bulford, Flack, Block; Mr. Mintzer, Church Street to Nesbitt, same crew.

May 6, Mrs. Nelson, Parrish St., administration of oxygen, no trip; Titus, Berti, Tinsley.

### Meadowcrest Child On Critical List

A four-year old Meadowcrest child was critically injured late Tuesday afternoon when she ran in front of a slowly moving car driven by 17 year old Sarah Elizabeth Belvin of Trucksville. Admitted to Nesbitt Hospital by Kingston Township ambulance, Kathy Novick was found to have serious head injuries.

### Westmoreland Students Ready For Junior Prom

On Friday, May 12, the Junior Class of Westmoreland High School will present its annual prom at the Irem Temple Country Club. The theme will be centered on "An Evening in Paris." Music will be supplied by Tommy Donlin and his orchestra from 9:00 p. m. 'til 12:00 p. m. Mr. A. Hontz, Mr. T. Jenkins, Mr. K. Kirk, Mrs. J. Lord, Mr. C. Molley, and Mr. J. Rakshays are Junior Class homeroom teachers sponsoring the prom. The student co-chairmen are Barbara Tag and Michael Kowalewski. Barbara Prokopchak is chairman of the policy committee which also includes Dorothy Eck, Irvin Barber and Stuart Stahl. Invitations committee consists of Mary Alice Knecht, Mary Zarychta, Lynda Condon, Cheryl Foss, Diane Payne, and Carol Sere is the chairman.

Libby Cleasby is chairman of the programs committee which also includes Kathy Bossert, Louise Hadzall, Donna Rishell, Catherine Ide, and Betty Manneer. Dale Mosier and Barbara Tag are members of the theme committee of which Margie Walp is chairman. Susan Dorrance is chairman of the selection of the Queen committee and its members include Russell Hoover, Sandy Strazdus, Barry Kennington, and Marie Mashinski. The orchestra committee is comprised of Dale Mosier, Harold Hislop, Margie Walp, Robert Peterson, and Sue Roberts. Margie Walp, Bob Peterson, Linda Wolfe, Charles Kishbaugh, Jean Kishbaugh, Sandra Ambrose, and Barbara Hildebrand. Junior Class officers and their dates will comprise the reception line and hostesses will be Nancy Siebern, Gloria Dolbear, and Marjorie Baird. The waiters will be Graft Cobb, Bob Letts, Peter Wolfe, Tim Goff, John Zarno, Del Voight, and Don Anderson.

Six Wyoming County Schools Are Cited

Beaumont Elementary School is among six Wyoming County Schools cited for non-compliance with State Fire and Panic regulations by the Department of Labor and Industry. The schools are given until September 1, 1961 to make the necessary corrections.

Schools cited are: Beaumont and Mehoopany and Tunkhannock Junior High School all of the Tunkhannock Jointure, and three operated by Lackawanna Trail Jointure—Factoryville, Dalton and Nicholson Elementary Schools.

## Competes In National Fair

### John Young's Tadpoles Shown In Kansas City

A Dallas boy is competing today in the National Science Fair at Kansas City.

John Young, 18, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Young of Norton Avenue, left Tuesday on his first plane trip, his luggage heavy with tadpoles in coffee jars, and a small aquarium.

John, senior at West Side Catholic High School, took first place in the King's College Science Fair staged for high school students.

At Hershey, against stiff competition, he took top honors two weeks ago, receiving the Science Talent Award, the only student from North-eastern Pennsylvania to qualify.

John's exhibit is pure biology, designed to show the effects of a fatal secretion emanating from large tadpoles, which kills smaller tadpoles.

Young is a graduate of Gate of Heaven School. His father is a professor at King's College and College Misericordia.

## Summer Seminar For Teachers

### College In Poconos Offers Workshop

President LeRoy J. Koehler, president of East Stroudsburg State College, announces that the "College in the Poconos" will sponsor a three week summer seminar workshop for elementary in-service teachers, beginning July 10, and offering three credits.

Keeping Up-to-Date in a Changing World" is the theme. Visiting lecturers and consultants will present art, music and writing workshops. The program consists of lectures and discussions followed by committee and library work. There will be demonstrations and field trips.

All work is scheduled in the morning. Afternoons are free. It may be used in four ways, as a free elective in the elementary curriculum; as a refresher course for graduates who wish to improve themselves professionally; by secondary education graduates toward accreditation in the elementary education field; toward making an elementary certificate permanent.

For Pennsylvania students the contingent fee is \$33; for Out-of-State students, \$45. Registration is July 10 at 8:30 a.m. Work begins at 10 a.m. the same day. Applications should be made to Dr. John R. Wildrick, Workshop coordinator, East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Photo by Kozemchak

### Plans Completed For Antiques Sale



Episcopal Churchwomen of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church of Dallas have completed plans for their ninth annual Antiques Show and Sale to be held in the Parish House Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 A. M. to 10:00 P. M.

Pictured above, left to right, are: Mrs. Edward Ratcliffe, General

Chairman; Mrs. Charles Flack, Chairman of Dealers; Mrs. William McClelland Co - Chairman; Mrs. Joseph F. Schneider, Chairman of Publicity.

Also serving on the Publicity committee with Mrs. Schneider are: Mrs. John Welker, Mrs. H. Robert

Weaver, Mrs. James Besecker, Jr., Mrs. Paul Goddard and Mrs. Walter Kozemchak.

A Snack Bar will be in operation on both days, with hot platters each evening from 5:30 to 7:00 P. M. No reservations are needed for the platters.

## Three Back Mountain Boys Saw The Space Capsule Land In Sea

Three boys from the Back Mountain stood on the deck of the Aircraft Carrier USS Lake Champlain as it stood by last Friday to pick up the astronaut Navy Commander Alan Shepard after his flight through space from Cape Canaveral.

They were Jim Lonie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Meeker, Kunkle; Bob Spare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spare, Carverton; and Dan Congden, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Congden, East Dallas.

Jim, home on leave for eleven days, gives a first-hand account:

"Bob and Dan and I were all on the flight deck an hour before the astronaut came down. We didn't hear the blast-off from Cape Canaveral, too far away, but we heard the capsule break the sound barrier about five minutes before it landed.

We saw the capsule parachute into the water, and saw the helicopter lift Commander Shepard up. He had climbed out of the capsule. The capsule was rocking on the water.

"The helicopter hooked the capsule and flew toward the Lake Champlain. It lowered the capsule to the flight deck, and then landed on the deck and the astronaut stepped out.

"We didn't get a close view of the astronaut. He was surrounded and blocked off by security guards."

## Back Mountain Cancer Center Volunteers Hear Dr. Perkins

A striking new film, "Time and Two Women" was shown to cancer dressing volunteers of Back Mountain area at a tea Wednesday afternoon at Trucksville Methodist Church, sponsored by the Back Mountain Cancer Center Board.

The film which deals with the early detection of uterine cancer by means of the Cytology method was explained by Dr. Charles Perkins, Trucksville.

Mrs. Fredric Anderson, Back Mountain chairman of the board introduced board members and volunteers and told of the services performed by the local unit, the furnishing of drugs, nursing care, transportation and dressings.

Mrs. Nathaniel R. Elliott, executive secretary of the Luzerne County Unit, American Cancer Society spoke on the work of the National Organization.

### Tickets At The Door For Crazy Day In Wonderland

Tickets for the Don Coyote Puppet Theatre scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Dallas Township School, will be available at the door.

Children expecting to enter the Mad Hat Parade which is a colorful part of the show, are busily constructing mad hats, while mad mothers and a band.

Be sure to be on hand with a mad hat to enter the Parade and enjoy the puppets. Crazy Day in Wonderland is designed to please everybody, young and old. Parents, at first advised not to attend, may now come, if they will sit in the back and be quiet.

### Thomas Jenkins Elected Assistant Principal

Dallas School directors Tuesday night adopted a resolution naming Thomas Jenkins to the post of assistant high school principal beginning July 1, on a twelve month basis. Among his duties will be management of the fiscal operation of the cafeteria and coordination of the continuing census for the school district.

## Teacher Hit By Lightning Bolt

### Breaks Arm As She Hurtles Thru Door

Mrs. W. Curtis Prothero was struck by a bolt of lightning while standing in the kitchen of her home on Route 309, and hurled through the dining room doorway, followed by a ball of blue flame from the electric range.

Her right arm was broken by the jolt. A heavy aluminum saucepan on the burner had a hole burned completely through it.

This occurred at the height of an electrical storm April 28, at 5:30 p.m. All electric circuits but that controlling the furnace were burned out, putting the water pump and telephone out of commission.

Mr. Prothero came home at 6 p.m., unaware of the accident. At the Lake-Noxen Clinic, Dr. Irvin Jacobs X-rayed Mrs. Prothero's arm, reduced the fracture, and applied a cast.

Leonard Kosick is taking Mrs. Prothero's place as instructor in higher mathematics at Westmoreland High School.

### TOWN MEETING ON SEWAGE DISPOSAL TONIGHT AT SCHOOL

Dallas Town Meeting on Sewage Disposal is scheduled for tonight at 8 at Dallas Borough School. Property owners are urged to be present.

Members of the Borough Council, headed by Harold Brobst, will be present. Roy F. Weston, Inc. Sanitary engineers, will be represented; also C.C. Collins, financial advisors; and Atty. Joseph Flannigan, legal advisor.

### Lake Rod And Gun Club Scholarship Committee

Harvey's Lake Rod and Gun Club at a recent board meeting named Mrs. Richard Williams, Mrs. Raymond Ganinger and Mrs. Carrie Rood to a committee for study of college entrance and information prior to establishing a Scholarship fund.

Present were Mesdames Wilfred Ide, Malcolm Nelson, George Searfoss, Richard Williams, Darrell Loomis, R. Dale Wagner, Howard Jones, Lee Bickling, Rowland Ritts, Albert Armitage, Arthur Darnell, Charles Williams, Harvey Kitchin, Clarence Montross, Carrie Rood, Grace Martin, Miss Treva Traver.

Hostesses were Mrs. Malcolm Nelson, Mrs. Albert Armitage, Mrs. Howard Jones.

### DON'T FAIL TO CAST YOUR BALLOT TUESDAY AT THE PRIMARIES

Tuesday is Primary Day. Be sure to cast your ballot. Many important issues are at stake, including the wise spending of your tax money.

If you fail to vote, you have no reason to complain when things do not go to suit you. Only by a complete poll of opinion of the residents of the Back Mountain can it be established what the area really wants.

Your vote is important. Elections have been lost by one vote.

In many ways, primaries are more important than the general election. Select the candidate who will best represent you at the polls in November.

### Douglas Clewell Named Niagara Airmen Of Month

Airman First Class Douglas Clewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Clewell, 197 Carverton Road was elected as the base airman of the month at Niagara Falls, Air Force Base, N.Y. of the 4621 St Support Group. He entered the air force in September, 1954, went to Niagara Air Force Base from Selfridge Air Force Base at Mt. Clemens, Mich., where he served as clerk. He had been forms manager for Niagara Falls air base reproduction center for three years.

Clewell is married to the former Grace DiGregorio of Buffalo, N.Y.

For his selection of Airman of the Month Clewell received a check for twenty five dollars plus theater passes and other prizes given by the business men of Niagara Falls. He and his wife reside at 858 W. Utica Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

## New Phone Exchange Coming To Trucksville

Construction of a Dallas South central office on Lewis Avenue off of Harris Hill Road has begun. J. N. Landis, Commonwealth Telephone district manager, stated today.

The new Dallas South office, operating as a separate unit, will serve the growing Trucksville portion of the Dallas exchange area. Construction of the building, the new central office dial switching equipment and extensive outside plant construction will cost an estimated \$283,000. The central office equipment is on order and plans for the new office's cut-over to service is scheduled for this November, Manager Landis noted.

## Construction Of New High School Still Lagging

### Sewage System Will Not Be Ready Until At Least Mid-August

Bad weather all winter and spring has hindered construction of the new Dallas High School. Hopes that the auditorium could be completed in time for graduation of the senior class, were abandoned two months ago.

No occupancy of any sort can be scheduled until the sewage disposal plant is in operation, and according to Joseph Hogan, representing Lacy Atherton and Davis, this is unlikely to be possible before late in August. With school opening early in September, this poses a tight schedule.

Board members at Tuesday's meeting registered concern about the lagging schedule. Blizzards, storms, torrential downpours, have interfered with normal progress.

Interior work is going well, Mr. Hoban reported that 90 percent of the plastering is completed. Flooring in the gymnasium was started this week, the painting is started on the steel work in the corridors and acoustical ceilings are being installed.

The cabinet work is being delivered and installed. Equipment for biology, chemistry and physics laboratories has begun to arrive. Fixtures for plumbing will be installed beginning next week, with some being installed in the students' locker area and in the industrial arts building at present.

The heating plant is 50 percent completed. Electrical work is proceeding and workmen are beginning to install fixtures in some classrooms. The architect estimated the school will be completed by August 1. The school will be ready to receive equipment by July 1 and a sewage plant will be completed by September 1.

### Back Mt. Lumber Gets Bid

Bids for supplies were opened and referred to the proper committees. The coal bid was the only one on which action was taken.

Back Mountain Coal Company, low bidder, was awarded a contract for pea, buckwheat, and rice coal for \$15,530.

Back Mountain Little League was given the annual permission to use the baseball diamond at Dallas Junior High School, starting early in June. Teachers and Senior Teeners will use the athletic field during the summer, and American Legion Sunday afternoons.

Elaine Kozemchak Wilkes College Junior, will help with the summer recreation program.

Reimbursement Dallas School District recently received its State appropriation of \$212,952.69. Recent collections from taxes, \$17,430.74. Balance, as of May 1, is \$67,006.29. Uncollected taxes amount to \$35,385.60 - \$6,826.98 from Dallas; \$12,086.20 from Dallas Township; \$2,943.52 from Franklin Township; and \$13,528.90 from Kingston Township.

### Policy Committee

The Policy committee, William A. Davis chairman, recommended that fees for use of gymnasium, auditorium and cafeteria at the new buildings be set at two different levels, one for organizations located in the geographical area of Dallas Schools the other for organizations in other locations.

For home organizations, cafeteria \$10; gymnasium or auditorium, \$50.

For outside organizations, double that fee.

It was pointed out that expensive new equipment in the cafeteria could not be used by authorized personnel.

### Tethered Cocker Spaniel Mangled By Shotgun Blast

A 12-gauge shotgun ended the life of a pet cocker spaniel Friday afternoon. When Mrs. Warren Dailley, Kunkle Road, returned from her employment late in the afternoon, she thought that there had been a dog fight. The little dog, chained to the dog kennel not ten feet from the house, was terribly mangled.

Dallas Township Chief of Police Irwin Cooch said, "Dog fight? Not a chance. This dog was shot." Five small children play within fifty feet of the dog kennel.

### Kingston Township Planning Board Ponders Sub-Divisions



Planning Commission of Kingston Township, in session at Kingston Township building to discuss equitable planning for subdivisions last Wednesday night, are left to right: John M. Porter, engineer; Fred C. Dingle, banker; Lester W. Hauck, AIA architect; Samuel Z. Mosko-

witz, FAIA architect; and W. Richard Mathers, contractor.

A final draft for subdivision regulation by Kingston Township was approved by members of the planning committee, ready to be submitted for approval to the supervisors.

A Town Meeting to lay the findings before the tax-payers is proposed, prior to passing an ordinance. Formal announcement will be made of such a meeting, and residents are advised to attend in order to register their opinions.