

Presumed Lost As Car Plunges Into Icy River

Dragging Of Stream Reveals Only Purse Of Beaumont Native

Up to press time, no trace had been found of a former Beaumont woman who vanished into the flooding waters of the Susquehanna River at Sayre early Friday morning.

Mrs. Lillian Merdick, 42, of RD 2 Sayre, was at the wheel of her 1961 car when at 1 a.m. it plunged through the ice floes of the swollen river. The passenger, Mrs. Laura DiPio, 36, of Sayre, escaped through her window, and was rescued by a passing motorist who saw her clinging desperately to an overhanging tree branch.

Mrs. Merdick's car door was open when the car was hauled from the river, leading to the belief that the victim had been swept downstream.

Dragging the river has to date produced no result except recovery of handbags belonging to the two women. They were brought to the surface last Sunday morning, from under the bridge at Athens, where State Police and Salvation Army were keeping vigil.

Reconstruction of the accident indicates that the car skidded on the Sayre-Nichols Road about a mile north of Sayre, travelled 100 feet on the shoulder, struck a utility pole, then plunged down a twenty-foot embankment into the river, where a swift current was carrying it down stream.

Mrs. Merdick, presumably drowned, has many relatives in the Back Mountain: her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoyt of Beaumont; brothers and sisters: Mrs. Russell Newell and Marie Hoyt, both of Noxen; John Hoyt, Harveys Lake; Mrs. Clifford Chapin, Dallas; Warren Hoyt Harding, Iso, out of the area; Clayton Hoyt, Clark's Summit; Mrs. Merle Ransom, Nicholson; Allen Hoyt, New Britain, Conn.; Mrs. Iris Krell, Bristol; Mrs. Marjorie Clark, Waverly, N.Y.

Civil Defense Class Tonight

All Sectors Need Representatives

Civil Defense Headquarters in Luzerne County is organizing 287 radiological stations in the county.

Each station will be supplied with radiological detection instruments. Each town or borough to qualify to receive the instruments must have trained personnel Civil Defense volunteers.

Sector 4 of Civil Defense in Luzerne County is undertaking the training for Civil Defense volunteers every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 for five weeks (10-hours training) in the new Dallas High School building.

Under Sector 4 are the following Civil Defense units: Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Kingston Township, Ross Township, Franklin Township, Lehman Township and Lake Township.

All Civil Defense Directors of the above mentioned units were advised about starting of the training (Kingston Township already has twenty trained personnel). At the informative meeting March 15th, the following units had their representative present: Dallas Borough, Niles White, Clifford Foss, Jack Berti and Charles Youngblood; Dallas Township, Al Montross; Ross Township, Harry Wesley, William Price, Joseph Kripp, George Wesley and Ned Walsh.

Lake, Lehman, Franklin, and Jackson Townships have not yet sent representatives.

As the first meeting was rather informative, Col. Leon Beisel agreed to give the whole credit for the volunteers who were willing to come for the instructions Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 in the high school building.

All Civil Defense Directors are urged to have as many of their representatives as present—men or women.

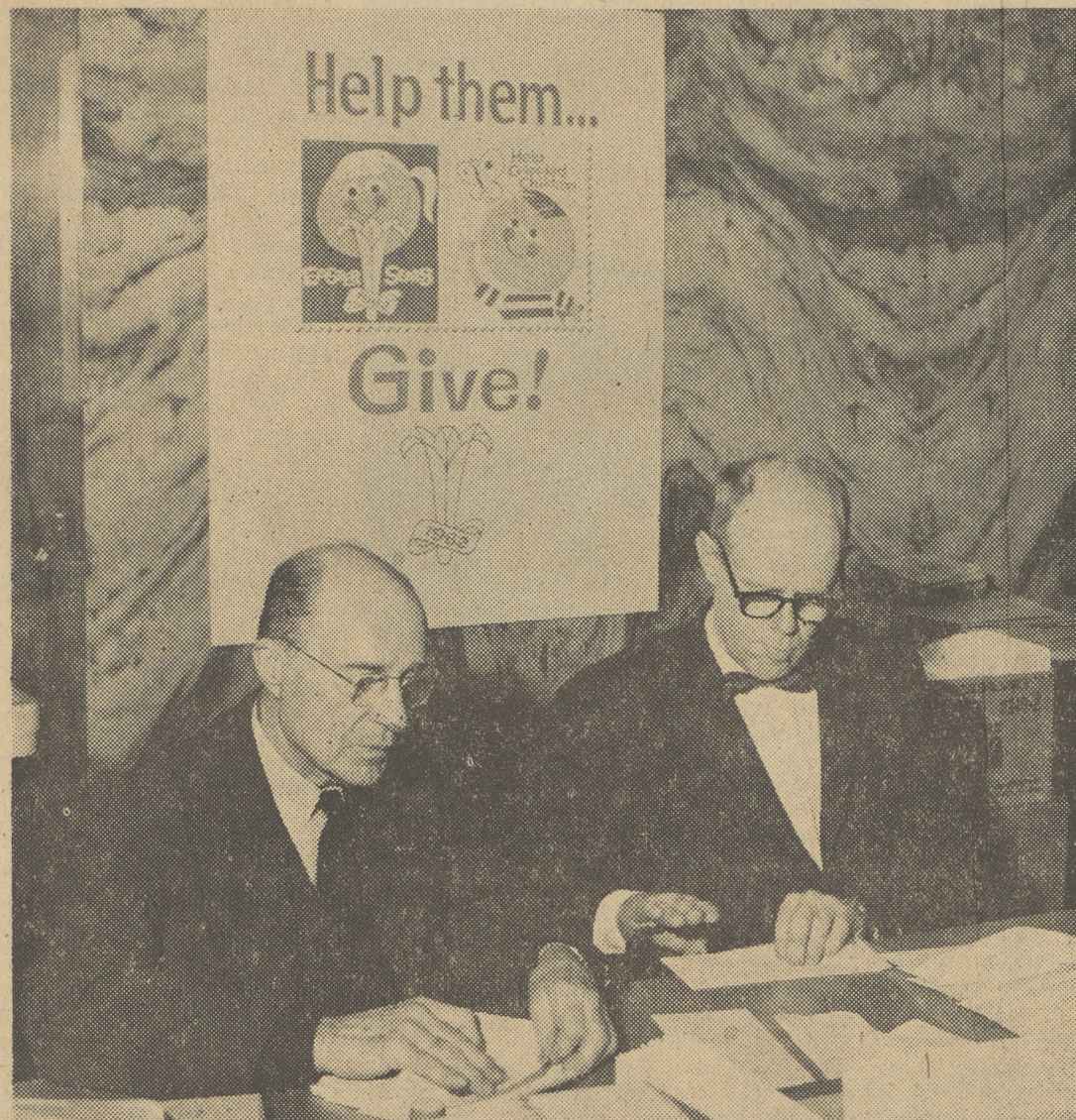
Three Practice Teachers From Wilkes At Dallas

In addition to practice teachers from College Misericordia, listed in last week's Dallas Post, three practice teachers from Wilkes College and one from Marywood are teaching in Dallas Schools.

They are Miss Audrey Rupinski, Marywood College, Art; Stephen Petris, Wilkes College, Typing, Business Math, and Office practice.

Miss Elaine Whiteman, Wilkes College, Social Studies; Leslie Andrew, Wilkes College, Art.

Father and Son Give Their Time For Crippled Children



Wait A Minute! Before you return that envelope of Easter Seals or toss them in the waste basket, just remember that these two men, John Henninger Sr., (left) and his son John Jr., (right) have given not only minutes, but hours, days and weeks of volunteer service to mail them to you. It takes only a minute of your time to slip a check

This Father And Son Probably Sent You Your Easter Seals

The old adage, "like father like son" is reversed in the case of John G. Henninger, Sr., and his son John G. Henninger, Jr., as far as Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association is concerned it is "like son like father".

It was John Jr., who first visited Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association in 1960 and offered his services at the time of the Easter Seal Campaign and he has continued to report annually ever since.

This year, father and son, in all kinds of weather have traveled in from Druid Hills Shavertown almost daily over a period of many weeks to fold seals, type and stuff envelopes, and assist with many duties that are involved in running a campaign.

The Henninger's record of volunteer service is long and varied. According to William Shuster, Chairman of the 1962 campaign, "the services of these men has been invaluable. The money saved through their voluntary help will permit greater service to our patients."

FATHER

John G. Henninger, Sr. is a graduate electrical engineer. He was a sales engineer with General Electric Company for many years, retiring

in 1952. Since that time, he has actively engaged in Church and community work as lay delegate from Shavertown Methodist Church to Wyoming Conference. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, Joppa Lodge 35, Washington, D. C. He is actively connected with Wyoming Valley Electric League; of which he is a charter member, member of Dallas Kiwanis Club, and is interested in photography. His chief hobby is a 9-year old grandson.

SON

Upon leaving the Army after the last war, John Jr., went to Newark, N. J. with the Office of Dependency Benefits. When that office transferred to St. Louis, John preferred to remain in the East, and was with Newark for quite a number of years.

Since returning to the Valley, has devoted his spare time to Church and community, being especially interested in Back Mountain "Y", and with the Boy Scouts.

He has taken a keen interest in the Crippled Children's Association, helping them get out their Easter Seals.

He has two hobbies, music and photography. Funds derived from the sale of

Easter Seals are very essential to the Association for they are used in underwriting the cost of maintaining a rehabilitation program for Cerebral Palsied patients. The program includes medical evaluation, nursing care, physical therapy, kindergarten and nursery school apy, kindergarten and nursery school programs.

During the year 1961, 6796 services were rendered 114 Cerebral Palsy patients at a cost of over \$18,000.00.

The 1962 Easter Seal Campaign goal is \$20,000.00. Seventy-five percent of the money raised in the Valley is retained by the local agency; twenty-five percent (25%) going to State and National Agencies for research and general program planning which in turn is made available to the local agency.

Assessors Appointed For Noon Property

Atty. G. Reuling Davis, Beaumont, Gilbert Jacoby and G. Murray Leighton were named voters by Judge Schiffman yesterday to assess and fix damages for property of Thomas P. Noon and his wife, Myrtle M., Fernbrook, and taken by the Commonwealth for reconstruction of the Luzerne-Harveys Lake Road.

The Noons own two properties along the highway, beginning from a point at the intersection of the Fernbrook Road.

Blue And White To Present Concert



Two treats are in store tomorrow night for those who have not recently heard Dallas High School Band nor yet attended a concert at Dallas Senior High School. Director Lester Lewis has prepared a varied and excellent program. His musicians are in top form and the auditorium is a place to hear a concert. This is a combination that is hard to beat. Pictured here are the members of the band:
Left to right: Row 1—Lester R. Lewis (Director), Linda Rowett, Martha Messick, Patricia Evans, Jacqueline Churry, Jo Ann Birnstock, Janice Priebe, Bonnie James, Gail Graves, Kathleen Maury, Barbara Prokopchak.
Row 2—William Sarlek, Joan Zarno, Margaret Hall, Donald Smith, Andrea Krimmel, Beverly Race, Ruth Miller, Sandra Ash.
Row 3—Robert Shannon, Gary Whitesell, William Peirce, Robert Brown, Richard Love, Theresa Cushman, Marsha Sowden, Carol Sutton.
Row 4—Susan Cheney, Beverly Eck, Dorothy Eck, Mary Bennett, Judith Williams, Nancy Seiber, Jean Ide, Robert Allen.
Row 5—Paul Jenkins, John Wardell, Delbert Voight, Frank Wadsworth, Lee Philo, Paul Haradem, Linda Tag.
Row 6—John Ferguson, Ronald Sinicropo, John Dana, Thomas Landon, Donald Anderson, Wesley Cave, William Cooper, Thomas Houlette.
Row 7—Robert Gardner, Richard Ratcliffe, William Welch, James Wertman, Howard Dymond, David Elston, William Glahn.
Missing—Dale Mosier, Douglas Nicol, Thomas Groff, Richard Gumbravich.

Cancer Crusade Workers Named For April 3-13

Annual Area Drive Is Well Organized And Ready To Roll

The annual Back Mountain Cancer Crusade is ready to go into gear, chairmen and workers lined up and anxious to start a drive which is vital to the health and welfare of the community. Cancer is no respecter of persons. It can strike anywhere. The more money available for research, the sooner the deadly enemy can be vanquished.

Mrs. Richard C. Post, chairman, North Back Mountain Division, 1962 Cancer Crusade, announces names of women participating in the forthcoming crusade April 3 to April 13.

Mrs. Thomas Decker, area chairman for Dallas Township has these workers: Mesdames Lenore Shaskan, Fred McCormick, J. F. Sallada, Ralph Dixon, Howard Whitesell, Ann Gardner, Fred Maier, Raymond Wilson, Clyde Davis, J. D. Houlette, James Tonery, Robert Young, Nick Perella, Robert Block, Jay Llewelyn Lawrence Kolankiewicz, Henry Cavan, Henry Wood, J. P. DeWitt, Jr., and Jack Stanley.

Mrs. Peter Wolfe, Jr., Area Chairman for Sweet Valley, has these workers: Mesdames Lohman Bogdon, Gertrude Taylor, Lloyd Rogers, and Miss Bobby Ann Morgan.

Mrs. James L. Ward, Lake Township; Mesdames Howard Cohen, Irvin Marvel, B. C. Banks, Bruce Mather, Helen Wodaski.

Mrs. Gordon Dawe, Lehman Township; Mesdames Jane Bradovchak, Donald Easton, William Richardson, Walter McGuire, William Cole, Roger Phillips, Carl Graham, Jean Agnew, Harold Gray, Anthony Toluba, Allen Fox, William Weaver, Joseph Lopez, Ray Goodwin, Lawrence Steltz, Russell Coobaugh, John Sidler, William Sutton, William Simms, Stuart Marks, Joseph Ellsworth, Charles Ely, Thomas Brown, Walter Chamberlain, Laning Harvey, Frank Lengyel, Lewis Anesi, Willard Smith, Margaret Sabo.

Mrs. J. Warren Yarnal, Dallas Borough; Mesdames Hazel Berti, Alice Lamoreaux, Robert Pritchard, Claire Kuehn, Carlton Davies, Elmer Williams, Lewis Reese, A. Kabeschat, Cliff Garris, C. Mahler, Raymond Carmon, Thomas Longmore, Robert Huey, Kenneth Cosgrove, Stephen Hartman, Charles Glawe, Francis Dixon, Bernard McDermott, P. W. Hanna, W. Cutter, Harry Lefko, Donald Bulford, Farrar Buckingham, Robert Brown, Louis Vitale, Harold Casteline, Thomas Reese, Phillip Heycock; Misses Penny Farrar, Theresa McCue, Jean Buckley, June Johnson, Jane McAndrew, Lois LaBar, Gloria Grant, Thelma Bennie, Elizabeth Mulhern.

Area Residents In Eisteddfod

Junior High School Chorus Takes Second

Dallas Junior High School Girls Chorus took second place Saturday afternoon in the 73rd Cynonllyd Eisteddfod held at Dr. Edwards Congregational Church in Edwardsville. Alfred M. Camp directed the chorus.

A four-year old Trucksville child took a first and a second place.

Mary Jenkins, coached by her mother, Mrs. Ben Jenkins, placed first with her recitation, "The Lion", competing in the under-five category; and second for her rendition of "Hickory Dickory Dock," in which she was instructed by Harriet Howell, choir director of First Welsh Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre.

Stephen Roan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Roan, Shavertown, placed third in recitation for children under five.

The Back Mountain had two winners in the evening session for adult competition. Diane Meyers, Dallas, took first place in the soprano solo competition, with "Love's a Merchant," and Will Phillips, Harveys Lake, placed first with a recitation, "Sometimes."

June Will See Invasion Of 17-Year Locusts

This is the year for the Seventeen-Year Locusts in Luzerne County, one of the sixteen eastern counties affected by brood 2, last seen in this area in 1945. The cicadas will be along right around the first of June. They stay underground for seventeen years as larvae, living on sap from tree roots; emerge, shed their swaddling clothes leaving the thin skins on trees and shrubs, take to wing, and lay their eggs so that the seven-year cycle can start all over again.



This is the group of women who will handle the Red Cross Roll Call for Noxen and vicinity which started Monday and ends April 1. Standing left to right are, Mrs. Ira Beahm, Mrs. Wheeler Hess, Mrs. Bernard Dendler Sr., Mrs. Elvin Bean, Mrs. George Macialek, Mrs. Robert Timko;

Seated are: Mrs. Earl Crispell, Donna Meeker, Mrs. George Brody, Mrs. Richard Smith and Mrs. Fred Case. Chairman of the group is Mrs. Crispell.

Sports Car Club Alpine Rally Will Start From Back Mt. Shopping Center

Northeastern Pennsylvania Region, Sports Car Club of America, will stage the "Little Alpine Rally" from the Back Mountain Shopping Center in Shavertown Sunday afternoon beginning at 1.

Rally-masters Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hillyer of Briarcrest Road, Dallas, have clues to over 100 miles of scenic Pennsylvania secondary good roads, which will assure everyone attending a pleasant and challenging tour.

Activities Director, Dave Williams, Scranton, designated this event the second major annual point rally of the year and members not attending and running for points, will be penalized 5 points plus the number of cars entering. Finish Party to be at the Mayfair Club, Dupont.

High School Students To Make Posters Forl Retreat Open House

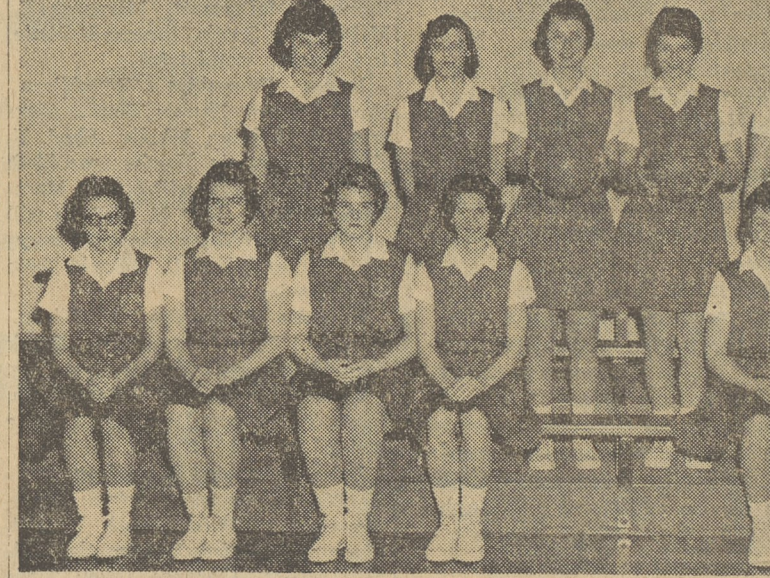
Students are invited to cooperate in preparations for the Annual Open House at Retreat, May 6, by making posters. Principals of private, public and parochial high schools have received letters asking them to enlist their students in the effort to bring before the public the message that "Mental Illness Can Be Prevented—Act now for Prevention and Cure."

Instructors are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Catherine Sherman, Retreat State Hospital, for further details.

The annual tour of the hospital Sunday afternoon, May 6, will be on a continuous basis, with trained personnel in charge of visiting groups. Visiting, says Dr. Claude H. Butler, Superintendent, is of great importance to the patient, who should not be cut off from normal social contacts just because he is under psychiatric care.

All members of the communities served by Retreat State Hospital are urged to assist in volunteer programs and service, and by being present at the annual Open House.

One Of Misericordia's Strongest Basketball Teams



College Misericordia's Varsity Basketball team has enjoyed one of its most successful seasons, scoring eight victories against two losses. It is also one of the most attractive squads to represent the college.

Of the sixteen members of the squad only four will be lost by graduation, and only two are juniors, giving rise to the belief that Misericordia will have a strong team in the immediate years ahead.

Three of the graduating seniors and one of the juniors are from the Back Mountain area. They are: seniors, Jean Drapiewski, Sweet Valley; Jean Spears, Trucksville, and Leonore Swan, Lehman. The junior is Sara Gregory, Sweet Valley. Coaches are: Marie E. Morris, Plains, and Elizabeth Titus, Dallas, giving further Back Mountain flavor to this year's accomplishment.

Here is the squad as pictured, with the class position, home town and major of each girl:
Left to Right: Seated: Sabena Lukassavage, freshman, guard, Wyoming, Chemistry; Ann Lough-

Reelect Bronson Sweet Valley Assoc. President

Annual Meeting Hears Report On Successful Dress Factory Year

All officers and trustees of Sweet Valley Improvement Company Inc. were reelected Monday evening at the annual meeting held at the Fire Hall. Retained as president was Alfred Bronson; vice president, Herbie Pifer; secretary-treasurer, Sherman Kunkle.

Jack Graham, a stockholder, was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for needed repairs to the building occupied by Jay Fashions on the Main Road.

The dress factory, which handles ladies garments from cutting to finishing, a business owned and operated by Harry Lieberman and Joseph Snarski, has a present employment roster of sixty, with outlook for greater employment, and an annual payroll of between \$150,000 and \$170,000.

The plant operated steadily during the recent work stoppage which recently affected the major part of the garment industry in Wyoming Valley. Two years ago, there was a complete work stoppage in Sweet Valley, lasting for six months.

The establishment draws for its help on Sweet Valley and adjacent areas. It is considered a highly desirable place to work, cooled by breezes from North Mountain during the summer months.

Republicans Make Gains In Registration Here

There were ninety-one new Republican and thirty new Democratic registrations at the registration place in Dallas Borough Building Monday afternoon and evening.

Forty-two Democrats switched their registration to the Republican Party while nine Republicans switched to the Democratic Party. Total final registration was: 133 Republicans, 39 Democratic, one Prohibition and one Independent.

There were many registrants from Lake and Lehman Townships as well as from Dallas Borough and Township. There was a scattering also from Kingston and Jackson Townships.

The registrar had some difficulty pinpointing the voting districts of a number who came from Lake and Lehman Townships and who were unable to say whether they voted in North, South or Middle Districts.

Republican leaders said that many of those who switched to the Republican party did so because of their friendship for Peter Clark whom they hope to vote for in the primary. There was no indication that they were swayed to the Party because of interest in William Scranton, candidate for Governor.

HERE'S HOW THE TEAM STACKED UP AGAINST STIFF COMPETITION

College Misericordia has just closed one of its most successful basketball seasons with a record of eight wins and two losses as follows:

Victories:
Cheyney State College, Cheyney, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Caldwell College, Caldwell, Eastern Baptist College, Saint Davids, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, King's College, Briar Cliff Manor, Lock Haven State College, Lock Haven.

Losses:
East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Douglass College, New Brunswick, N. J.

lin, freshman, forward, Yonkers, N. Y., Nursing; Marilyn White, freshman, guard, W. Orange, N.J., Biology; Barbara Sidie, sophomore, forward, Westfield, N. J., Chemistry, Carol Pippin, sophomore, guard, Elkton, Md., History; Joyce Spiak, freshman, guard, Yonkers, N. Y., Home Ec., Patience Whitecar, sophomore, guard, Philadelphia, Home Ec.; Barbara Shubert, freshman, forward, Hudson, Secretarial;

Absent from Picture: Margaret Reilly, junior, guard, Lebanon, Chemistry; Dorothy Lynch, freshman, guard, Flushing, N. Y., Elem. Ed.;
Coaches: Marie E. Morris, Plains, Pa. and Elizabeth Titus, Dallas.