

Austin Gives Westmoreland PTA Prevue Of Future In Teaching

Last Tuesday William A. Austin, supervisor of elementary education in Dallas Schools, displayed and demonstrated for Westmoreland PTA

teaching and visual aids. Mrs. Ben Davis, Jr., president, announced a PTA enrollment of 347. Nominating committee, to present a slate of officers at the next meeting, includes Mrs. Elwood Ide, chairman; Mrs. Beatrice Covert and Mrs. John Yaple.

John Mulhern, principal, announced that a new stainless steel coffee urn was presented to the PTA by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis, Jr., and Thomas J. Dobson.

A film, "Pages of Death," will be shown by the Citizens for Decent Literature Committee at West Side Central High School, Tuesday, May 8. Because J. Edgar Hoover has massive proof that pornographic literature is a direct cause of crime, this committee is endeavoring to make such material less readily available. An indifferent community response will cripple their efforts. Residents are urged to attend.

Mr. Austin reviewed briefly the National Defense Education Act set up to improve science, math and foreign languages. Mr. Austin stated that since 1958 the Dallas School District has spent \$15,000 on testing, visual aids and math equipment; that the school district tries to budget \$4,500 annually for

such purposes, half of which is returned to the district.

Maintaining that standards vary with educators, Mr. Austin said, "The visual aids of the future are nearly as fantastic as a flight to the moon. Schoolrooms will be a complete break-away from the 'egg crates' we know now. In the future large central rooms may be surrounded by smaller rooms. Recessing walls will probably be a feature, with special adaptation for the projection of sound films, etc., at instant call by dial phone."

Mr. Austin also explained the foreign language system. He said that the 5th grade Spanish curriculum is designed only for enrichment of the sixth grade social studies of Latin America and not for proficiency in Spanish. Since the suggested language program requires two languages besides Latin, he said, by next year French conversation will be taught in the 7th or 8th grade. In Spanish, 7th grade will have Spanish clubs, 8th grade a conversation program and 9th grade standard first year Spanish. For two years a student will work in conversation and then seriously study grammar.

Among other items displayed or described were taped recorders (on order); flat and raised globes, one in each building; an overhead projector in the junior high school; map books in each of the intermediate rooms; a large raised map of the world; good set of balances in lab; transparent plastic model of human being; good books, which Mr. Austin feels are the most important purchase in science; charts; drill cards; flannel boards with magnetic parts, to teach concepts of fractions, etc.; abacus and other counting devices; 15 mm sound projector (on order for Westmoreland); opaque projector; micro-projector. "However," Mr. Austin concluded, "no teaching machine, no gadget can replace a teacher."



These are the visual aids to elementary education displayed at the March meeting of Westmoreland PTA. Fascinated by the material, Mrs. Ben Davis Jr., president, watches from the extreme right while William A. Austin, elementary supervisor, glances over a new approach to mathematics. At the left, with his hand on a fractional calculator,

stands Ralph Beard, program chairman, and next to him John Mulhern, school principal.

In the foreground is a large three-dimensional map in plastic, and next to it another type of map which demonstrates rainfall, political complexion and products of the world. Directly above are king-size dominos for kindergartners, and

a clock whose hands may be moved to help a small child tell time. Behind the clock is another globe, and to the right, the familiar abacus. The Visible Man, developed in plastic, a popular gift item this season for the scientific minded student, stands ready for painless dissection. There is a flannel board and a fractional board, and various types of projectors.

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Inspecting Visual Aids To Education At Westmoreland

Area Beautician In Third Place

Nellie West Wins Gold Statuette

A Back Mountain hairdresser put the region on the map at the recent International Convention of Hair-Dressers in New York City, when Mrs. Nellie West, Shavertown, placed third in a razor-cut and Style-Set competition. A number of European hair-dressers besides many from all over the United States, were in the contest, with speed and accuracy the criteria.

Mrs. West, who started her career in Kingston in 1936, and saw her new shop drowned out by the flooding Susquehanna, was proprietor of the College Beauty Salon for years before moving to Shavertown and being able to take a more relaxed attitude toward her work. Her landlord in Kingston was Ollie Schallenberg, who now has an antique shop on the Demunds — Center Moreland Road.

Mrs. West's trophy is a gold statuette. Razor-cutting and sculptured pin curling is one of her specialties.

Williams Celebrate Fifty-sixth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams, Spring Street, Shavertown, celebrated their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary quietly at their home on Wednesday, March 28.

Mrs. Williams is the former Mary H. Norconk, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Norconk of Wilmot. Mr. Williams is son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Williams, Plymouth. The couple met while Mrs. Williams was visiting friends in Kingston and were married in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wilmot, by the Rev. William H. Kline. They had one child, Mrs. J. C. Edwards of Shavertown and one grandson, James R. Edwards, member of the Senior Class at Lafayette College.

Mr. Williams has been a building contractor all his life, first in Kingston and since 1933 in the Back Mountain Area. He is now retired. Both he and Mrs. Williams are members of Kingston Presbyterian Church but up until poor health curtailed their activities attended Shavertown Methodist Church.

Local Women, Chosen Officers Of New Club

At a meeting of British Woman's Club held in the Acme auditorium Tuesday night, Ann Calkins, Trucks-ville, was chosen president of the new organization, Jean Duda, Dallas, secretary and Agnes Seker, Kingston, treasurer.

There were twenty-five members present.

Christian Business Men Plan Annual Ladies' Night

Christian Business Men's Committee of Wyoming Valley will meet Tuesday Evening, April 10th, 6:45, at Hotel Sterling for Ladies' Night. Bring your wife or girl friend with you.

Speaker for the evening will be George B. Toms, a Superintendent ion. Mr. Toms speaks over station W.T.E.L. in Philadelphia every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. His program is known as the "Bible Class of the Air."

Make your reservations now by calling any of the members, or the following: John J. Owens, 63 E. Vaughn St., BU 8-4437; James W. Lewis, 600 Schuyler Ave. BU 8-3966.

Missionary From Kenya To Speak At WSCS

Dallas Methodist WSCS executive board laid plans on Monday for the WSCS meeting at the church next Tuesday at 7:30, when Else Ebbestad, Missionary from Kenya, will speak and show films of her native Norway and of Africa. The meeting will be open to the public, both men and women. Mrs. Russell Lawry is program chairman.

A special collection will be taken. Eight members attended the board meeting, Mrs. William Baker Sr. presiding.

Graduate Nurse



VIRGINIA PILKONIS

A 1961 graduate of Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City where, with three graduate nurses she was cited by Dr. Robert Feldman for her work in saving the life of an infant, Virginia Pilkonis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pilkonis, Wright Ave., Kingston, now engaged in private duty in New York City. A 1958 graduate of Kingston High School where she was a member of the Drama Club, Latin Club, Phi Delta and played clarinet in the Band, Virginia is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Travis and the daughter of the former Lilia Travis of Shavertown. She is a niece of the late Mrs. John Hildebrand and the late Mrs. Ralph Whipp.

She plans to spend the summer in Europe.

Noxen Girl Scouts Gather At Party

Intermediate and Brownie Scouts of Troop 92 held a Scout birthday party in Methodist Church Parlors.

Brownie fly-up took place when Linda Evans and Clare Clark were invested into the intermediate troop, Nancy Thompson was absent from this group, Doris Siglin, Yvonne Smith, Linda Weaver and Gail Rittenhouse were also invested in the troop.

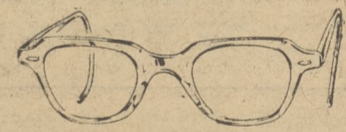
Badge awards were presented to Mildred Jane Case, Sharon Brody, Diane Blizzard, Roberta Steele, Nancy Scouten, Dorothea Lyons, Linda Evans, Clare Clark and Nancy Thompson.

A Juliette Lowe program was presented by the troops, with Mildred Jane Case as narrator and Mrs. John Holdrege taking the part of Juliette Lowe.

Parents and guests present: Mrs. C. Wesley Boyle, Council Aide, Mrs. Harry Crawford, Back Mountain District Chairman and daughter Carol, Mrs. Gerald Rittenhouse, Mrs. George Macialek, Mrs. Wilford Scouten, sons Teddy and Jimmy, Mrs. Richard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Steele, Mrs. Joseph Nalbore, Mrs. Fred Case, Rickie, Loren and Roger Case, Mrs. Arthur Blizzard, Mrs. William Evans, Mrs. Ronald Fielding, Mildred Jane Case, Sharon Brody, Dorothea Lyons, Mrs. William Lyons, Nancy Scouten, Roberta Stille, Diane Blizzard, Dorothy Weaver, Susan Nalbore, Marilyn Macialek, Paula Smith, Judy Lee, Mrs. John Jones, troop leader and Mrs. Ronald Hopper Assistant Leader of troop 163, Mrs. Joseph Shalata leader and Mrs. Earl Crispell, assistant leader of Troop 92 and above girls. Earl Crispell showed several cartoon movies after the program.

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