

Horseshoe 4-H

Back Mountain Horseshoe 4-H Club met on Friday at the Lehman Firehall.

Hallowe'en Parade

Members of the committee announce that now is a good time to be thinking up ideas for clever costumes and group participation in the Back Mountain Hallowe'en Parade which will be held at the end of this month in Shavertown.

Local Boys Race In New Hampshire

Two Dallas boys and their fathers traveled a total of 900 miles over the weekend to enter "Monza" quarter-midget races at Deerfield County Fair, in New Hampshire.

Drew Bittenbender, with his father George as pit-crew, placed fifth in the overall point-system, upon which the winners are selected in "Monza" midget-racing. He also took first place in one heat.

Chuck Stevens, with crew-chief Fred Stevens, made the second fastest lap-time of the whole meet, but did not take any events.

The two racing families made the fairgrounds in New Hampshire, starting Friday night, in about 10 hours. They returned Monday morning, arriving in Dallas about 7.

Drew and Chuck were the only entries from this area, although there were quite a number of boys from Levittown.

Promoted



LT. CMDR. JOHN F. LYNCH

Lt. Commander John F. Lynch was recently advanced to that rank in the U. S. Navy Medical Corps. He is husband of the former Kathryn M. Smith, Idetown, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lynch Sr. of Lee Park and Harveys Lake.

Cmdr. Lynch is on active duty at Annapolis, Md., Naval Hospital.

He is a graduate of Hanover Township High School, King's College, and Georgetown University School of Medicine. He served his internship at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He held a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at District of Columbia General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Commander and Mrs. Lynch have four children, John, Doug, Chris and Kathy.

Mrs. Lynch is daughter of Mrs. Libbie and the late Walter Smith.

Engineering Students Have Interesting Summer



Two Back Mountain area students took part in the summer surveying field practice course offered by Pennsylvania State University's Wilkes-Barre Center.

The students were located at Camp Kresge, the YMCA's camp on Beaver Lake, White Haven, and lived in lodges at the camp.

They were busy in the field for one month and have returned to the Wilkes-Barre Center for their final year of study.

Here the students are seen obtaining horizontal measurements by the use of a sub-tense bar and theodolite.

In the foreground are Donald Deardorff and Claude Sorber. Noxen. Atop the hill are William Fielding of Shavertown and Stephen Hedish.

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Three Area Students At Roberts Wesleyan

Robert Allen Smith and Melvin and Miriam Oliver, Dallas, were among over 500 students who are registered at Roberts Wesleyan College, North Chili, N. Y.

Roberts Wesleyan is a four-year liberal arts, coeducational, non-sectarian college, affiliated with the Free Methodist Church.

Young Horsemen Enjoy Ride To Windy Valley

On Saturday, Leslie Vivian, Erica Vivian, Connie Bogdon, Michelle Clem, Linda Mekeel, and Debbie Post rode with the Back Mountain Horseman's Club on a weekend ride to Windy Valley in Mehoopany.

On October 13, there will be a farmer dance held at the Lehman Firehall.

Project books must be completed by October 15, if members wish to attend the Luzerne County 4-H achievement banquet on November 1.

Box Huckleberry In Penna. May Be Oldest Living Thing

For many years, most experts considered the giant Sequoias of California to hold claim to that title.

Then, a few years ago, botanists estimated that the gnarled bristlecone pine which lives high atop the Sierra Nevadas was still older, but ever since 1846 a small group of scientists have hazarded the opinion that the oldest living thing may well be a lowly, unassuming plant discovered in Pennsylvania called the box huckleberry.

The age of one colony, located near New Bloomfield in Perry County, has been estimated at 13,000 years!

A four-acre colony of the plant is now preserved by the state Department of Forests and Waters for its unique botanical interest.

The box huckleberry is a low shrub with creeping stems. It has white and pink flowers and bears blue berries in July and August.

Seeds produced by the Perry County colonies have proved sterile which has led botanists to the conclusion that the plants there have been produced from one seed. In order to cover an area the size of that it presently occupies, the colony would have to be at least 13,000 years old.

The ancient plant was discovered by Professor S. F. Baird, of Dickinson College in Carlisle. A great lover of Pennsylvania he had tramped more than 3000 miles through the wilds of the state.

He eventually became Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington and is largely responsible for developing that great national museum.

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Trucksville Couple Fulfill Dream Of Alaska Motor-Trip

After motoring 12,000 miles in two months, a Trucksville couple has returned home, exuberant over experiencing a trip that has been in the dream-stage for years.

When Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gregory were married in 1953, they motored, as a wedding trip, to the far west, a trip of some 6,000 miles. Starting August 1 they outdid themselves, and fulfilled a long-time plan of Mr. Gregory of going to Alaska by car.

The car was actually a truck altered by Luther and his brother Richard for Wyoming hunting trips, so as to provide a shelter on wheels. Hanging on the back of the house on wheels was a fifteen foot trailer.

The adventuring family entered Canada by way of North Dakota, after starting north through Chicago and the Lake States. From Pennsylvania to the Canadian border, they lived in trailer camps. After that, they lived at camping grounds.

Camping out is the popular way to travel in Canada, Mrs. Gregory noted, but is not much in the mode in our country, except in Alaska.

The most striking part of the journey, she thought, was the panorama of mountains in the Pacific Northwest. Since a great deal of the trip was spent wrestling with the road through the mountains, the roughest

part was the best part. In Alaska the Gregory family encountered rain every day in some amount or other. It was fall there much earlier than here in the Back Mountain. But the summers end so quickly in the north country, said Mrs. Gregory, that there are none of the beautiful colored leaf patterns in landscapes that there are here.

Getting their bearings and supplies at Fairbanks, a good-sized city, the couple then camped for a week at the base of Mt. McKinley, the highest peak in North America, while Luther went caribou-hunting.

Then they traveled down to Anchorage and the Kenai peninsula, where recent oil discoveries have been made. In the small towns along the sea the Gregorays encountered the highest area of Alaska—prices. Cheeseburgers in no-place-in-particular cost .95, a Bacon, Lettuce, and Tomato sandwich \$1.10.

But the food prices were small matter, since they cooked out a lot. The best part of the trip was the cheapest, and the two adventurers took lots of pictures to preserve it.

They returned to Trucksville Tuesday, September 25, in time for the colorful fall here. Mr. Gregory is employed by Wyoming Valley Equipment Company.

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Sportsmen Invited To Tour Game Lands

Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club grounds will be the meeting-place next Sunday at 10 a.m. for sportsmen who want to tour the State Game lands under convoy of district game protector Ed Gdosky. It is about a thirty mile round trip, taking in little-known sections of Game Land 57 above Noxen reaching down toward Red Rock.

Jeeps or light trucks are advised, as some roads are pretty sketchy. Game warden personnel will drive in advance of the sportsmen and in the rear, in order to open and close gates normally kept fastened.

Bring your lunch, says publicity chairman Carlton Kocher.

Recently, Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club staged a clay bird shoot, an opportunity to sharpen trigger eyes in advance of the small game season.

Also, the club purchased and released a number of ring-neck pheasants, turning them loose at the club grounds to scatter into nearby fields.

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