

reading conference at Misericordia April 18

Tenth annual reading conference sponsored by the Education Department of College Misericordia will be held on campus Friday, April 18, and Saturday, April 19.

Sister Mary Noreen RSM, program director, announces the deadline for pre-registration is Friday, April 11.

General session on Friday, April 18 at 7:45 p.m. will be entitled "Childrenese: A Language for Teachers and Parents." Featured will be Elizabeth Taylor, MS, MA, doctoral candidate at Yeshiva University. She is an associate of the internationally known Dr. Haim Ginott, who wrote the best seller, "Between Parent and Child."

Opening session the next morning will feature "The Neurology of Dyslexia," starting at 9:15. Speakers will be Dr. Arthur H. Kenney, ophthalmologist-in-chief at the Wills Eye Hospital and Research Institute, Dr. Milford E. Barnes, director of the Children's Service Center, Wilkes-Barre; and Dr. George J. O'Donnell, Wilkes-Barre pediatrician.

A panel discussion on Dyslexia and Reading Orders will include Dr. Kenney, Dr. Barnes, Dr. O'Donnell, Edith Martz of the Wilkes-Barre City Schools; and Sister M. Alice Louise, RSM, chairman of the College Misericordia Department of Education.

Discussion chairman will be Dr. Virginia T. Keeney, project coordinator for the National Conference on Dyslexia. Phil-

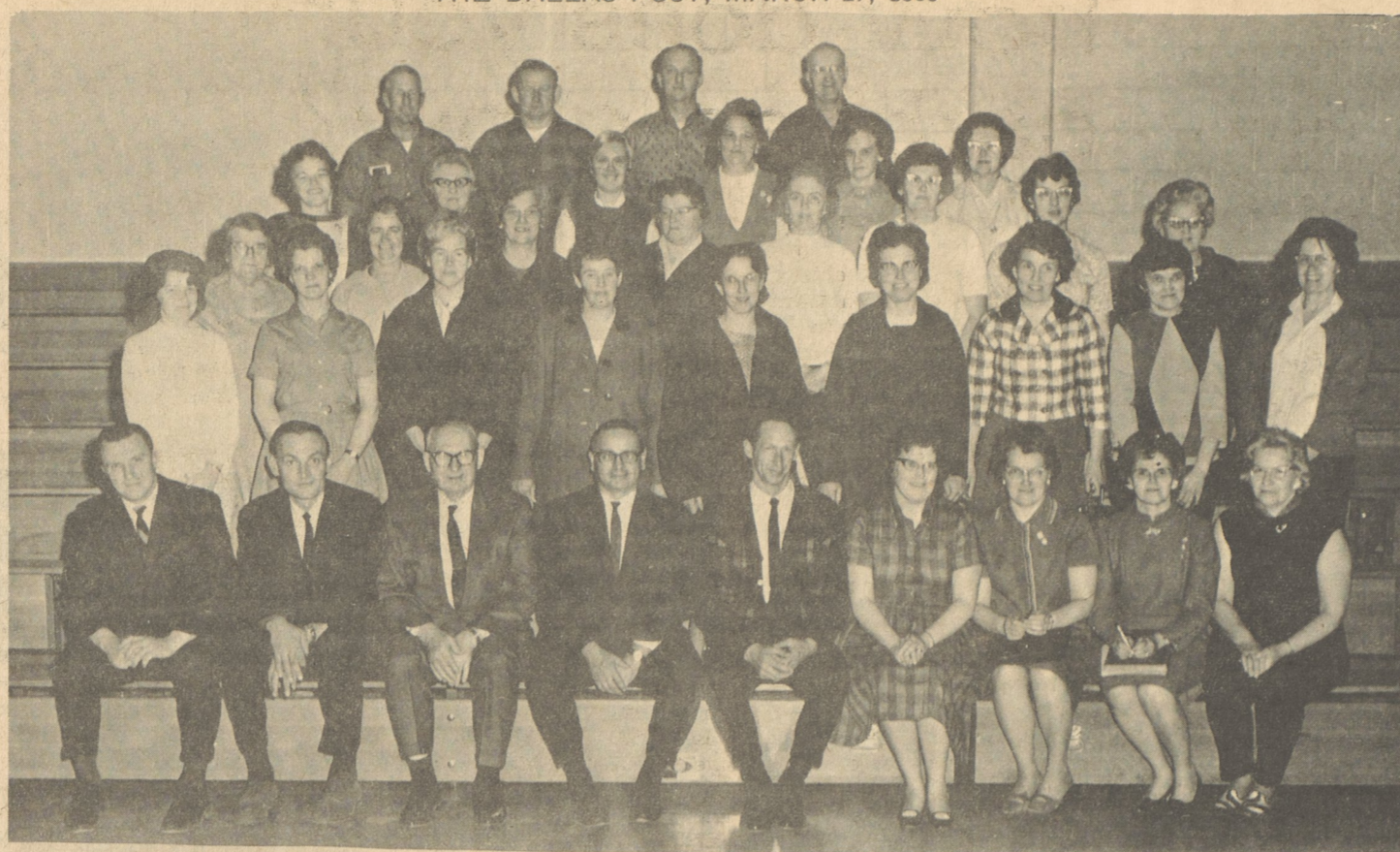
adelphia. A demonstration of "Creative Dramatics for the Elementary Schools" will feature Dr. Lillian Broome, Millersville State College. "Role of Creative Literature in Teacher Reading" will be by Mrs. Marjorie Hernandez, Weston Woods Studios, Weston, Conn.

"Values: Are They Your Thing?" will feature a demonstration in guidance for teachers of junior high school students by Margaret Paye, Ed. M., doctoral candidate at the University of Rochester. A kindergarten workshop, "How to Motivate Kindergarten Children Through Play," will have Richard K. McGhee of Creative Playthings, Research Center, Princeton, N.J.

"Developing Study Skills in the Secondary Schools" will be discussed by Sister Mary Veronica, OSF, Maria Regina College, Syracuse, N.Y.; "The Neurologically Impaired Child - Characteristics and Education," will be demonstration in special education by Sister Monica Marie Reichmuth, RSM, and Sister Maureen Gaffney, RSM, of the St. Maurice Day School, Potomac, Md.

"Starting Tomorrow: Demonstrations of Reading Techniques" will be by Edward R. Cassidy of The Ealing Corporation, Cambridge, Mass.

"The Small-Group Encounter in Education - Sensitivity Techniques and Evaluation" will feature the Rev. Clifford Laube, SMM, director of the Montford House in Litchfield, Conn.



Lake-Lehman Band ready for trip

Pictured above are members of the Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors who have worked to make it possible to send the band to Washington, D.C. on April 11 and 12 to participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival, to Serburne, N.Y., June 7 and to supply band members with new hats for these occasions and to fulfill other needs of the Band.

Shown from left to right, 1st row: John Zaleskas, assistant supervising principal; Henry Yankowski, vice-president of Band Sponsors; Clinton Myers, representative of Frank Martz Coach Company, in whose buses the band will travel to Washington; Anthony Marchakitus, principal; Albert Ashton, Band Sponsors president; Mrs. Stephen L. DeBarry, publicity chairman; Mrs. Carl Swanson, treasurer; Mrs. Gilbert Tough, secretary; and Mrs. Cletus Holcomb, corresponding secretary. Second row: Mrs. Floyd

Wolfe, Mrs. Ronald Spencer, Mrs. Sidney Fielding, Mrs. Riving Ashton, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Edward Niezgoda, Mrs. David Eddy, Mrs. Joseph G. Kernag and Mrs. Sheldon Ehret.

Third row: Mrs. Charles Gensel, Mrs. Allen M. Kitchen, Mrs. Michael Gutch, Mrs. Floyd Hoover, Mrs. Burton Gordon, Mrs. Albert Ashton, Mrs. Thomas Jones and Mrs. Avis Kocher.

Fourth row: Mrs. Ambrose Salansky, Mrs. William J. Hill, Mrs. Frank M. Kravabloski, Mrs. Richard Culver, Mrs. Theodore Reed and Mrs. William Calkins.

Fifth row: Irving Ashton, Floyd Wolfe, Richard Culver and Sheldon Ehret. John Miliauskas is Band Director. Chaperones for the trip are Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Gutch, Albert Ashton and Edward Niezgoda, representatives of the Band Sponsors, and Miss

Jane Morris, John Zaleskas and John Miliauskas from the high school staff.

Sizeable donations sufficient to pay for the four buses on which the Band members will travel to Washington were received from the U.G.I. Corporation, Commonwealth Telephone Co., Dallas Rotary, J. Henry Pool and Whitesell Brothers.

Buses will leave the high school Friday at 7 a.m. with boarding to take place at 6:30. Box lunches will be taken by those leaving Friday. One bus will depart from the high school on Saturday at 4 a.m. Band Sponsors will provide fruit drinks to be distributed to Band members at the conclusion of the parade on Saturday. There will be a concert Friday at 5 p.m. and a parade Saturday at 11 a.m.

It was announced that plastic raincoats and hat covers have been purchased by the Band Sponsors and will be distributed to Band members. New hats will be received by March 31. An allotment was approved with which new gold jackets will be purchased for dance band members.

The record which the Band recently made will be on sale in two weeks. They may be purchased from any member of the Band or Band Sponsors or at the door during the concert performances on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3.

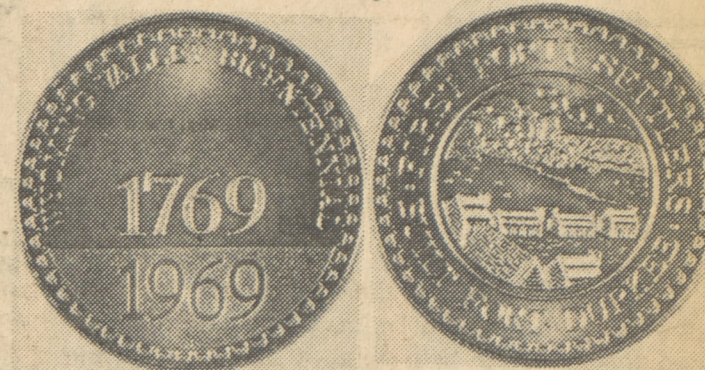
Chances on a 23" colored television set, a tape recorder, a portable stereo phonograph and a transistor radio are now being sold by band members and sponsors and junior instrumental students. These items will be awarded at the Concert performance on May 2.

Mrs. Ambrose Salansky reported that 790 hoagies had been made and sold on March 18. The next hoagie sale will take place Tuesday, April 15. Director Miliauskas reported that the Band will participate in the Loyalth Day Parade to be held in Nanticoke Saturday, April 26.

The "second" paper drive is now in progress, with collection to be made the weekend of May 10. All paper products will be acceptable. It is asked that all papers, magazines, etc. be tied into bundles for ease in handling. For further information, contact Mrs. Albert Ashton.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at the high school at 7:30 p.m.

Wyoming Valley's first 200 years



By D. A. WATERS

The Yankee possession did not last. Only a month later on Jan. 18, 1771, Amos Ogden returned to the Valley with about 100 men and erected a fort on the River bank in plain sight of Fort Durkee, only about 2000 feet distant. He named it Fort Wyoming. A marker now stands on the River Common at Northampton Street and a model is exhibited by the Historical Society.

About Jan. 20 there was an armed encounter between Ogden's men and Stewart's Yankees. Later Ogden claimed there had been a parley called. Stewart said that Ogden had attacked Fort Durkee. The result was that Nathan Ogden, brother of Amos, was killed and three Pennamites were wounded.

Seeing no chance of holding the fort against the superior force of Ogden, that night Stewart and his men slipped out to the woods. Next day Ogden captured the fort and the few Yankees left and sent them to Easton.

The governor of Pennsylvania charged Stewart with the death of Nathan Ogden, on top of all the other crimes he was charged with, and offered a reward of 300 pounds for his capture.

About July 6, Zebulon Butler and Stewart with about 150 Yankees surrounded Fort Wyoming and besieged it with full military preparation. Entrenchments were thrown up around the fort on three sides and a force posted across the river to prevent escape by water. The besieged became desperate for food.

On the night of July 12, Ogden tied his clothes with hat on top to a log, to which he attached a long line tied to his wrist. He floated on his back with only his nose above water to breathe, towing the log far in the rear. The sentries fired on the bundle and put several bullet holes through the hat, but did not see Ogden. He escaped overland to Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania appropriated 300 pounds for expenses of 100 men under Capt. John Dick to relieve the fort, but only 36 started out with supplies for the full hundred. Arriving in the Valley July 30, they were ambushed, and all the horses and supplies and nearly half the men captured. Twenty-two, including Ogden and Dick, entered the fort without sup-

plies, making the food situation worse.

For two weeks the Yankees fired on the fort with the old "four pounder" and small arms. It was surrendered Aug. 15, 1771. William Ridyard, a Pennamite, was killed and several wounded. Another relief force of 100 men was only about ten miles off, but Ogden did not know it.

When Ledlie arrived with the relief force, he reported the Yankees in control and was ordered back. The Yankees had undisturbed possession for four years. The First Pennamite-Yankee war was over. During the recent fighting, Major Durkee languished in prison in Philadelphia, later came out broken in health. At a meeting of the Company at Hartford, June 2, 1773 he was appointed as one of three "Directors for the Town of Wilkes-Barre."

Excepting public claims under its 1662 charter, Connecticut officially had done nothing to help the Yankees, but officials and prominent men held shares and promoted both the Delaware and Susquehanna Companies. The Connecticut Governor had replied to proclamations and letters issued by the governor of Pennsylvania.

Lawyers had gone to London for a decision and had no results but at least once the English government ordered no more Connecticut settlements during the dispute, which the Yankees ignored.

Some prominent Yankees made several efforts to arrange a compromise with the authorities of Pennsylvania, but were unable even to open negotiations.

in Thailand

Sgt. Keith D. Swisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ames G. Swisher of 240 Church St., Dallas is on duty at Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

Sgt. Swisher, an air armament mechanic, is assigned to a unit of the Pacific Air Force. Before his arrival in Southeast Asia, he served at Eglin AFB, Fla.

The sergeant is a 1965 graduate of Dallas Senior High School.



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