

Northeastern Fine Arts Calendar

AUDITIONS

Qualifying auditions for the Festival of Music will be held March 1 at Dallas Area Senior High from 2 to 5 p.m.

EXHIBIT

A photography exhibit by Bob Graham takes place at Conyng-ham Art Gallery, Wilkes College, March 1-7.

DANCE

Arthur Hall's Afro-American Dance Ensemble, Student Center, University of Scranton, Feb. 26 at 8:30 p.m.

EMPHASIS

Seminar on Student Activism Feb. 27 at Marywood College Student Center, in the evening and all day Saturday Feb. 28.

PLAY

Noel Coward's "Blythe Spirit" will be presented by the Misericordia Players in Walsh Auditorium, College Misericordia, Dallas, Feb. 26, 27, 28 at 8 p.m.

ART

Mid-State Artists of Pennsylvania will exhibit at Suraci Gallery, Marywood College library, through March 1.

CONCERT

The Chung Trio of Korea will perform in a community concert at Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, March 2 at 8:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION

A panel discussion on racial prejudice and religious discrimination will be held at the Wilkes-Barre Jewish Community Center, March 2 at 12:30 p.m.

Joseph Shaute dies: ex-athlete, sheriff

Joseph B. Shaute, 70, 112 Park Drive, Clarks Green, a former outstanding baseball player and Lackawanna County sheriff and treasurer, died Feb. 21 in Moses Taylor Hospital after an illness.

His wife, the former Mary Alice Ahern, died Sept. 11, 1968.

A native of Peckville, he was graduated from Blakely High School where he first gained fame as a baseball pitcher, striking out 21 batters in one game at the age of 16.

He attended Mansfield State Teachers College and Juniata College before starting his baseball career in the major leagues with the Cleveland Indians.

His best season with Cleveland was in 1924 when he won 20 games although the Indians finished in sixth place.

The left-handed pitcher later played with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Then rather than take a pay cut with the Cincinnati Reds in 1934, he signed to play with the Scranton Miners in the old New York - Pennsylvania League. He managed the Miners in the 1935 season.

His 13-year major league record was 99 wins and 109 losses.

Mr. Shaute became active in politics while still playing ball in the NYP League and was Lackawanna County treasurer for four years. His baseball contract during this time was purchased by the old Boston Bees and he was farmed out to the Hartford Laurels of the Eastern League. Local duties kept him from fulfilling the contract.

His contract was then obtained by the Wilkes-Barre Barons but in 1939 he asked for and gained his release.

In 1939 he ran for and was elected Lackawanna County sheriff on the Democratic ticket.

The Clarks Green resident said in later years that Babe Ruth was the best major league hitter of all time.

After leaving the sheriff's office he became a sales representative for Zipay Motors, Peckville.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Shaute, he resided in the Abingtons most of his life. He was a member of Our Lady of Snows Church, Clarks Summit, its Holy Name Society, the Scranton Country Club, the Elkview Country Club, the Purple Club of Scranton and the Mid-Valley Old-Timers Athletic Association.

Surviving are a son, Joseph, a major, stationed with the Army at Fort Rucker, Alabama, a daughter, Suzanne, at home; a brother, Andrew, Peckville; three sisters, Mrs. William Schoonover, Bushkill, Mrs. Thomas McCormick, and Mrs. Andrew Andrasko, both of Peckville, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was Feb. 24 from the Bickens Funeral Home, Clarks Summit, with mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Snows Church. Interment, St. Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow.

"Auction 44" for education

Top volunteer leadership to help WVIA-TV Channel 44 and stage an on-the-air public auction in June was announced this week by the educational television station's executives.

Regional chairmen named to the fund raising project, designed to raise money for the non-commercial station during a financial crisis caused by the state senate not appropriating funds to the department of education, were to include Herbert Frey in the greater Wilkes-Barre area, Lackawanna County chairman for the event will be Donald Nolan, Scranton, and Mrs. Albert Margolies, Clarks Summit, as cochairman. Two area chairmen named for the "Auction 44" are Mrs. William MacArthur for the Abingtons and Harry Sharpe for Tunkhannock.

In announcing the filling of some of the top auction leadership posts, Jane Schautz, auction coordinator, a Clarks Summit resident, said "we are most fortunate that two such fine civic leaders as Mr. Nolan and Mrs. Margolies and others have consented to take on the demanding job of leading out 1970 auction plans. They have already begun work with the skill and zeal in filling the other top positions of leadership and in laying the groundwork for the event that will provide money to keep Channel 44 on the air."

In a move last week, the Dallas Rotary Club became the first civic organization to become contributing members, when the club unanimously voted to donate \$15 per member to the educational station.

The station will solicit businesses, industry and people for merchandise to be auctioned

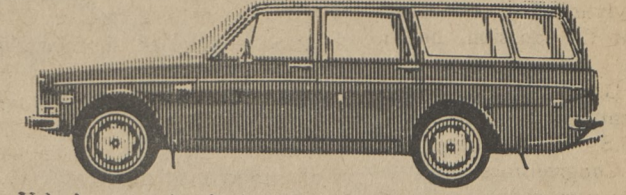
over television. Viewers sitting at home will spot the item they want, pick up the telephone and call in the bid.

To assure success of the auction, many volunteers are needed to help preauction planning, station officials said. Dorothy Smith is coordinator of volunteer workers and can be reached at Channel 44.

Kiwanis send \$50 to 44

The Kiwanis Club of Mountaintop has forwarded a \$50 donation to WVIA-TV Channel 44 to help the station during its financial dilemma caused by the failure of state legislators to vote funds for public television.

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