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## Kingston Twp. kids' program a success

The headdresses worn so proudly by participants in Kingston Township's Crazy Hat Show last Friday afternoon resembled the very latest in Martian fashions: Plastic fruit spilled from one young lady's head while stars and half-moons decorated the pointed wizard's cap of another youngster. The pride the youngsters took in their creations was apparent, and their excitement over the contest was contagious. It was obvious that winning was not the name of the game; modeling the zany hats was far more important than any prize could possibly be.

Such enthusiasm has marked all facets of Kingston Township's recreation program, and much of the credit for this goes to the young playground supervisors who make the program work. As one young mother said of the college-age leaders, "They truly seem to enjoy their work, and certainly provide good examples for our children to follow."

The supervisors are in turn inspired by Jack Jones, playground program director, and Bill Straightiff, his assistant. (Mr. Straightiff was recently named by the recreation commission as acting director while Mr. Jones is recuperating from an illness). Serving as supervisor at the Trucksville Elementary School is Sally Harter, a student at Beaver College. Pam Sabol, a sophomore at College Misericordia, and Patty Corbett, an East Stroudsburg College student, direct activities at the Shavertown school. Youngsters at both schools enjoy the tutelage of Bob Griffith, a

student of the Tyler School of Fine Arts who teaches arts and crafts for the recreation program.

There is something for everyone, with movies Wednesday for the younger set and several dances throughout the summer for teenagers. Action sports such as baseball, tether tennis, volleyball, basketball and horse shoe pitching are encouraged. Art contests and shows featuring dolls, plastic models, and stuffed animals aid in keeping interest high.

Craft projects initiated by Mr. Griffith include cork wall hangings, copper foil plaques, Japanese lanterns and colorful pixie hats fashioned of foam. There is no charge for youngsters for any materials used, and each child is invited to take his projects home.

The recreation program, termed by Mr. Straightiff as "very successful" and by the kids as "lots of fun," is planned and promoted by Kingston Township's recreation commission. The commission is chaired by Elwood Swingle and is comprised of Earl Fritzges, Ned Hartman, Dorothy Johnson, Betty Turner, William Runner, and John Baur. Total operating costs, including salaries, supplies, equipment, and movie rentals total slightly less than \$5,000. Called by Chairman Swingle a "short-term program," the playground activities will one day include swimming in a community pool and biking on specially built bike trails. Meanwhile, Mr. Swingle says, the recreation commission is continuing its search for land on which to build a park, a search which he says, "takes a good deal of time and quite a bit of money."



Crazy hats and crazy antics—these kids had both ready for Kingston Township's Crazy Hat Show held last Friday afternoon. Perched atop a sliding board are, left to right, Bobby Rose, Scott Neyhard, David Brobst, and John Billings.

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## district justice appointed

by Jane Bolger

The new magistrate for District 3-8 is Irene Major of Lehman. Mrs. Major was notified of her appointment last Thursday in a telegram from Senator T. Newell Wood and in a letter sent from the governor's office.

Mrs. Major had been unanimously nominated to the post, formerly held by her late husband Harold Major, by the District Magistrates' Association. Governor Raymond Shafer presented the recommendation to the state senate which unanim-

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## grand jury to get larceny case

Two area men were bound over for the grand jury on charges of larceny by employe and receiving stolen property following preliminary hearings last week before District Magistrate Frederick Anderson in Magisterial Court 3-9, Shavertown.

The two men, Larry Titus, RD 1, Harveys Lake, and Kenneth Covert, RD 4, Dallas, were both employed by Tour-A-Home Inc., Franklin Township, and are charged with taking merchandise from the company for their own use. Each man was tried separately before Magistrate Anderson.

Mr. Titus, represented by Attorney Jerome L. Cohen, appeared first. His attorney stated that his client's plea was "not guilty."

Trooper Carl Allen, Pennsylvania State Police, Wyoming Barracks, testified initially that he was called January 16 by the Tour-A-Home Inc. regarding parts and materials being stolen from the premises. He stated that after investigating he ob-

tained a search warrant July 13 and searched the Titus premises where he found items identified by the company. He subsequently arrested Mr. Titus specifically for the theft of three aluminum windows valued at \$45.

William Dewey, one of the proprietors of Tour-A-Home Inc., testified that his company made trailer campers and truck caps and that Mr. Titus had been employed by his firm for over two years. He stated after that these particular windows are of a special design made for his company. After cross examination of the two witnesses, Attorney Cohen requested that the charges be dismissed because there was no identification as to time or place of the alleged thefts. Magistrate Anderson stated that he felt a prima facie case had been established by the testimony and continued Mr. Titus in \$3,000 bail.

At the start of the second hearing, Mr. Covert's attorney, Ralph Johnson, also entered a plea of not guilty to the charges of larceny by an employe and

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## annual barbecue planned

"Yummy delicious!"

That's the verdict offered each year by the 1400-plus patrons of the chicken barbecue sponsored each year by the Centermoreland United Methodist Church. This year the event will be held on the church grounds Aug. 7 and 8 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. each evening.

The tasty menu this year will include a full half chicken, a baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, cole slaw, rolls and butter, ice cream, coffee, milk or orange drink. Tickets may be purchased from any church member or from Ethel Troster, ticket chairman, for only \$2.25 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Cindy Weaver and Sheryl Phillips will be responsible for

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## Dallas park taking shape

With July already nibbling at August, Dallas Borough's long-awaited park is at last under construction. Grading has occupied much of the contractors' time, recreation chairman George McCutcheon reports, and an enormous amount of fill was needed to prepare the sloping surface for preparatory work. Still, Mr. McCutcheon hopes,

the blacktopping will be complete and at least most of the equipment in place, ready for action, in one month.

Despite the construction delays, Mr. McCutcheon believes, all things work out for the best. He notes that Sara Gregory, the young woman appointed by Council to direct playground activities, has contracted mononucleosis and would have been unable to assume her duties even if the playground had been completed.

Now, though, the recreation committee expects to conduct a park program clear into the fall. The committee, which is comprised of assistant chairman Edward Buckley, Dr. F. Budd Schooley, Ernest Thomas, secretary Doris Mallin, and Harry Peiffer, has been most active in getting the park plans off the drawing board and under construction, Mr. McCutcheon states. They are currently hoping to obtain use of a large indoor area in which to conduct an extended recreational program during the winter. Shuffleboard champions, marbles champions and expert table tennis players could be nurtured by such a program, Mr. McCutcheon suggests enthusiastically. It is his hope that one day in the not-too-distant future youngsters will represent Dallas in national tournaments such as the Marbles Competition held annually in Wildwood, N.J.

In an effort to make the recreation program truly representative of and responsive to the needs and desires of Back Mountain youngsters, the recreation committee will appoint four teenagers as adjunct members of the committee. Peter Shiner, Sterling Avenue, and Arlene Kozick,

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## Natona labor rally protests production

A mass picket at Natona Mill occurred Tuesday morning by striking workers and prevented supervisory personnel from entering the plant, The Dallas Post learned shortly before press time. An estimate from one on-the-scene correspondent put the number of workers participating in the picket at close to 100 persons.

Cars parked on both sides of Route 415 above and below the plant entrance caused Dallas Township Police to investigate the picket, Patrolman Douglas Lamoreaux reported. State Police and Dallas Borough police were also on the scene.

According to one spokesman for the Textile workers, the picket was organized to protest alleged production work by clerical and managerial personnel.

Robert Graham, plant manager, could not be reached for comment, and a person answering the telephone at the plant early Tuesday afternoon did not identify himself.

Members of the Textile Workers Union of America, branch 1824, have been on strike since May 25 following expiration of the union contract.



Summer fun! There might be painful sunburn to cope with tomorrow, but today—there are all sorts of castles and mountains to be built in the wet sand at Sandy Beach.

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