

know your neighbor--- Dr. Owen Faut

"I hope science finds a method to let people live at least a hundred years longer than the present life span," said Dr. Owen Faut, "there is still so much I want to do and to learn." Dr. Faut has put this philosophy to work in his everyday life; he is very busy in his profession, chemical research, and yet finds time for many outside interests. He is a man with a tremendous zest for life.

A native Pennsylvanian, who spent his growing years in Pennsylvania, Dr. Faut graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1958 and received a Ph.D. in chemistry from M.I.T. in 1962. He taught for five years in Hanover College in Indiana and

came to Wilkes College three years ago.

He and his wife, Claire, and their four lovely children, Nathan 8, Robin 7, Amy 5, and Amanda 3, decided to settle in the Back Mountain area. The rooms of their charming home on Norton Avenue, Dallas, reflect several of Dr. Faut's interests. A sturdy lamp table and a unique room screen were fashioned by Owen Faut, the part-time carpenter and woodworker. He is presently at work making several miniature chests of drawers and one of his ambitions is to make an entire dining room suite for their home.

Stored in a box are Dr. Faut's

darkroom equipment, that will soon be set up so that he can once again develop his own photographs. This is an interest that has spanned many years; while in college he was a photo editor of the newspaper and has taken many historical stills and slides in the years since then. Particularly notable are his colored slides of Pennsylvania illuminated manuscripts.

A member of an old Pennsylvania German family who settled here in 1725, Dr. Faut is intrigued by their folk lore and culture. He belongs to the Goshenhoppen Historians and has conducted seminars at Wilkes College on the history and cultural artifacts of the region. His

specialty is illuminated manuscripts and he is the proud possessor of two fine examples that belonged to members of his mother's family.

Dr. Faut knows several very interesting facts concerning the part Pennsylvania Germans played in the birth of our nation. He told of an incident when George Washington's bodyguards were attempting to poison his food and otherwise destroy him. General Washington dismissed them all. He recruited new bodyguards, Pennsylvania Germans from Pottstown, and they served with him until the end of the war and guarded him well.

Another interesting historical fact is that the German translation of the Declaration of Independence was available before the American original. It was printed and distributed to the German speaking population of Philadelphia days before it was read to the American public by David Nixon July 8 in Public Square, Philadelphia.

Despite his wealth of historical knowledge, Dr. Faut is first and foremost a chemist. In addition to teaching, he is engaged in research in inorganic chemistry. His field is primarily metals and he specializes in the way atoms position themselves in stereo-chemistry and the effect of varied geometric structures on electrons.

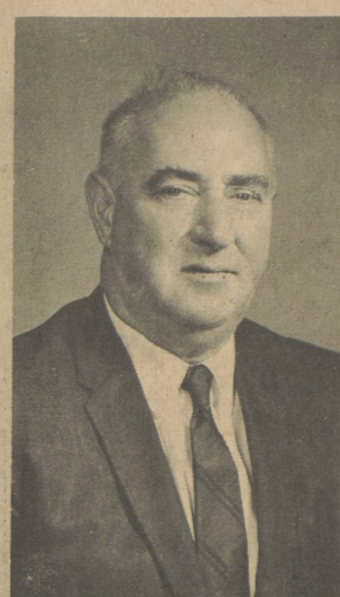
Well-recognized in his chosen field, Dr. Faut has a five year research grant from the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund. He spends his summers in his Wilkes College Laboratory, assisted by salaried student research assistants, conducting varied experiments and studies in his field.

As you can see, Dr. Faut is a very busy man, but not too busy to become an active part of our community. This spring he volunteered his services to help form the Back Mountain Association For Better Education and shortly after it was established, he was elected to the presidency. Dedicated to better schools for the children in the area, the citizens' organization is planning a full program beginning this fall. With a dedicated man like Dr. Faut at its helm, it is virtually assured of success.

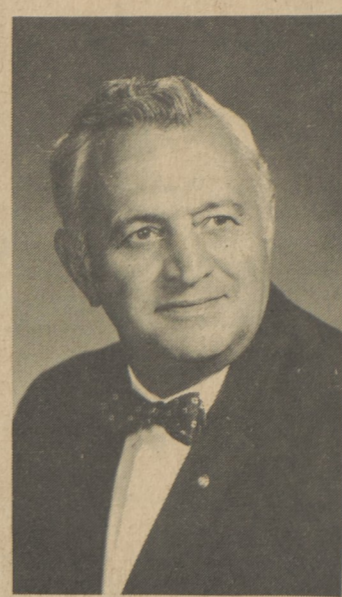
One can well imagine that great things will be heard about Owen Faut for years to come, and wouldn't it be wonderful if he were granted "a hundred extra years to learn and to do."



Peter H. Arnaud named to WNB advisory board



John Harkins



Sesto P. Santarelli



Peter H. Arnaud

Harold J. Rose Jr., Trucksville, president of The Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, announces the appointment, effective Aug. 1, of three new members to the bank's advisory boards.

Peter H. Arnaud, Dallas, will serve on the Back Mountain Office board; John Harkins, Forty Fort, becomes a member of the West Side Office board; and Sesto P. Santarelli of Forty Fort, a member of the Exeter Office advisory board.

Mr. Arnaud, president of Ma-

haffey Oil Company, Inc., Luzerne, has distinguished himself with community service in the Back Mountain area. He is a director of the Back Mountain Memorial Library and active in its annual auction; a member of the Dallas Rotary Club; a civil service commissioner of Dallas Borough; a director and past chairman of the Back Mountain Fall Fair, Inc. He is a member of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church; a member of Masonic Corinthian Lodge No. 20; Caldwell Consistory and Irem Temple.

Mr. Arnaud is a director of the Pennsylvania Petroleum and Fuel Assoc.; a member of the National Oil Fuel Institute; National Oil Jobbers Council; Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assoc.; Wyoming Valley Oil Mens Assoc., and Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Arnaud and his wife, Ann, have four children. A son, Stephen, attends Bethany College in West Virginia where his father is an alumnus; Gwen is a senior at Dallas Senior High School; Brad is a freshman, and Randy, an eighth grade student at Dallas Junior High School.

John Harkins, owner and founder of Penn State Seed Company, Forty Fort, will serve on the board of the bank's West Side Office located in Gateway Shopping Center in Edwardsville. Mr. Harkins is a director of the H.L.R. Realty Company; secretary and treasurer of Harkins and Ruckno, Inc. He attended Pennsylvania State University's Wharton School.

Mr. Harkins is a member of the Franklin Club; patron of St. Michael's School for Boys, and a member of the Century Club of King's College. He is a member of the Holy Name of Jesus Church.

He is married to the former Jean Dokas. The couple has four children, Maureen is a student at Marquette University; James, a student at St. Leo's College in Florida; Carol, who will attend Wilkes-Barre Business College this fall, and June, a senior at Central Catholic High School.

Sesto P. Santarelli, Forty Fort, a partner in the operation of the Santarelli Vibrated Block Company, with plants located in West Wyoming, Wilkes-Barre and Old Forge, will serve on the bank's Exeter Office board.

He is past president of the Wyoming Rotary Club, a member of Fox Hill Country Club, American Legion Post 905, and a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in West Wyoming.

Mr. Santarelli graduated from West Wyoming High School, attended Fordham University and served in the Naval Air Corps.

He is married to the former Irene J. Saucinas of Kingston. The couple has two children. Philip John attends King's College and Sylvia Mary is a student at Wyoming Seminary.

In addition to the Exeter, Back Mountain and West Side Office, Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre has branch offices in Plymouth, Tunkhannock and Shickshinny.

police investigate attempted theft

An attempted robbery at the Back Mountain Sporting Goods Store on the Memorial Highway is being investigated by Dallas Township Police. It is reported that a "Dr. Pepper" soda machine was pried open late Sunday night or early Monday morning in an attempt to get money from the machine.

The attempted burglary was discovered by owner Bob Maharty's son at 7:30 Monday morning when he came to open up the store for the day. He summoned Chief Frank Lange, Dallas Township Police, who is investigating the incident.

The robbery was unsuccessful because an employee had removed all the money from the soda machine before closing the store for the weekend. It is reported that there is damage to the door of the machine which stands outside the building along with an ice machine.

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conference Sept. 30 at Wilkes College

Theme of this year's Community Growth Conference, conducted by Wilkes College Institute of Regional Affairs, is "Goals for Human Needs." According to Dr. Hugo V. Mailey, institute director, plans for the 10th annual conference, which will be held Sept. 30, are now in preparation.

In keeping with the general purpose of the conference, this year's will provide local officials and the general public with

information necessary to deal with emerging issues in the renaissance of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Past conferences have been instrumental in bringing together both the private and public sectors with national and state authorities in their fields.

Two panels have been arranged to discuss "Comprehensive Health Planning at the Regional, County and Local Levels."

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