

Residents attend chorus festival

One hundred seventy eight senior boys and girls representing 68 schools participated in the Region II State Chorus Festival which was presented last weekend before a capacity audience in the auditorium of Palmerton Area High School.

The participants were those finalists selected in the competition held at District Chorus auditions in the Eastern and Northeastern Districts which comprise Region II of the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association.

The P.M.E.A., a branch of the Music Educators' National Conference, is a statewide organization of teachers, super-

visors, and other instructors certified to teach music in the public schools and institutions of higher learning in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its purpose is to raise the standards of school music and to provide students with the opportunities of gaining desirable musical experience.

The students represented schools in Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Susquehanna Counties.

Back Mountain students who appeared with the chorus were Dallas High School seniors

Diane Morgan, Brenda Richards, Catherine Wilson, and Tom Yarnal.

The program included a variety of musical arrangements including religious, classical, and modern numbers. Especially well received by the audience were the renditions of *The Lord Is My Shepherd* by Randall Thompson; *A Girl's Garden* from Frostiana, Randall Thompson, sung by the Girls' Chorus; *Shenandoah*, Alice Parker, Robert Shaw, sung by the Boys' Chorus; *Requiem For The Masses*, Terry Kirkman, vocal and instrumental; and *Fiddler On The Roof* selections, Jerry Boch.

Following the final number, *For This Dear Land* Aneurin Bodycombe, the chorus received a standing ovation from the hundreds of persons in the audience.

Dr. John Raymond, director of music, Lafayette College, was guest conductor. Dr. Raymond, also a staff member of the Fred Waring Music Workshop, commended the young students on their outstanding performance. He reminded the audience that these students came from all parts of the Eastern section of Pennsylvania and for the first time appeared together as a chorus, an extremely difficult feat to perform. He also paid tribute to the teachers and parents who worked with the students in their own areas.

Florence H. Sherwood is chorus director of the Dallas Senior High School. Among the local residents who attended the concert Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Yarnal, 295 Huntsville Road, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur D. Morgan and son, 198 Maple St., Trucksville; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richards, 90 Staub Road, Trucksville; Mrs. Tex Wilson, RD 1, Dallas; Glenda Larson, 58 W. Elmcrest Drive, Dallas; Travis Adams, Hillcrest Drive, New Goss Manor, Dallas; Philip Scott, 54 Huntsville Road, Dallas; Edmund Labatch, 21 Park St., Dallas; Florence H. Sherwood and daughter, Denise, Chase Road, Trucksville; and Mrs. A. R. Denmon, Dallas.

wishful thinking that overlay this drug scene. The author is not a moralizer; he writes directly to young people in plain English about the facts of mind drug use and what each alternative entails—including the alternative of enjoying life to the fullest without drugs.

In *Young People and Religion*, Dr. Cain examines the basic tenets of the great religions of the world—Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam. He discusses how to come to grips with the most common blocks to searching for a faith in our technological and ideological world: the seemingly old-fashioned religious language, the conflict of religion with science, the psychological "explanations" of religious feelings, and the possibility of continuing consciousness after death. *Young People and Religion* does not preach; its purpose is instead to challenge the reader's intellect and curiosity.

Other titles by Dr. Cain include *Young People and Sex*, *Young People and Smoking*, and *Young People and Crime*—all available at the Back Mountain Memorial Library in Dallas.

Books by psychologist deal with problems

Arthur H. Cain is a psychologist who received his Ph.D. at Columbia University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the American Psychological Association. He has also studied religion at the Union Theological Seminary. He has conducted a counseling practice, in which many of his clients have been troubled young people from all classes of society.

"To drink or not to drink?" This is one of the most important personal questions that every young person faces—one he must answer for himself, sooner or later. *Young People and Drinking* is a definitive appraisal of this problem, written expressly for the young person, his parents, his teachers, and his counselors, by an authority who has been in the field of alcohol studies for the past fifteen years. Dr. Cain presents the facts about drinking in a highly readable, unbiased, and scientifically sound fashion.

Drug use is probably the most important social pitfall faced by young people today. Dr. Cain's achievement in *Young People and Drugs* is to peel back the layers of myth, delusion and



J. J. O'Malley

King's annual fund will seek \$25,000

The First Annual Fund of King's College, with a goal of \$250,000, will be chaired by J. J. O'Malley, native of Sebastopol and president of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Wilkes-Barre.

The special effort will tie in with King's 25th anniversary celebration as the college was founded in Wilkes-Barre in 1946 by the Holy Cross Fathers from the University of Notre Dame.

The three-month campaign will be by mail and personal contact from alumni, parents, and friends of the college. Pre-

viously the only annual solicitation at King's was with the alumni and the Century Club.

The Rev. Lane D. Kilburn, CSC, president of the college, announced the appointment of Mr. O'Malley as chairman for the First Annual Fund.

All alumni gifts will go to the Father Thomas A. Sheehy Scholarship Fund. Father Sheehy, who died Oct. 1, 1970, was dean of students and alumni chaplain of the college.

A president's club will be formed for those making annual gifts of \$1000 or more to the college. The group will provide the philanthropic leadership necessary to King's vitality. Club is in addition to the Century Club, whose more than 800 members contribute from \$100 to \$999.

Robert Orbin, assistant to the president for resources, said that other unrestricted gifts will be used for scholarship funds which will permit many young people to earn King's degrees; for improvements to the plant; specialized equipment; and for building amortization.

Key committee leaders working with Chairman O'Malley are Robert E. O'Brien, RCA general manager; Andrew J. Sordani III, George L. Ruckno, Frank M. Henry, president of Martz Trailways; Hon. Frank L. Pinola, and Angelo De Cesaris, King's faculty.

finishing touches applied to park

The finishing touches on Phase I of Dallas Borough's new park at Luzerne Avenue and Burndale Road will be completed within a month, reports Recreation Committee Chairman George McCutcheon. He anticipates that basketball and tennis facilities will be ready for use by early May, with a full scale supervised recreation program set to go by the end of school in June.

At a meeting of the recreation committee Monday night, the purchase of rectangular back boards and double pipe supports for basketball was approved. Delivery of the equipment is expected from the Mexico

Forge Company in Reedsville, Pa., in two or three weeks.

The committee also authorized the re-surfacing of the two tennis courts in a light shade of green. John Sims of Forty Fort will do the work as soon as the weather breaks, Mr. McCutcheon said. The installation of nets, standards and posts will be accomplished immediately after the re-surfacing is complete.

The pre-fab shelter purchased last year by the committee will be erected next week, Mr. McCutcheon stated, and there is hope that one end of the metal building can be enclosed to provide protection against inclement weather. Shuffle board courts and table tennis tables will be installed in the shelter. Mr. McCutcheon stated that a water fountain and toilet facilities will be provided for persons frequenting the park.

The recreation committee acknowledged receipt of a check for \$4,200 from the State. The amount represents the balance of \$13,000 in matching funds awarded by the Dept. of Community Affairs to the recreation committee for Phase I of the park.

first snack food

The first snack food dates back to 1610 when a monk in Italy baked pretzels for his pupils as a reward for good school work, says Harold E. Neigh, extension consumer economics specialist at The Pennsylvania State University. In 1621, an Indian chief brought popcorn to the first Thanksgiving dinner, and in 1854, a chef in New York City came up with a new snack, potato chips. Snacking now is a big business.

Resurrection

Last night when twilight fell
It was not there:
But with the morning light, behold,
There bloomed a flower
Exquisite, fair—
The Easter Miracle retold.

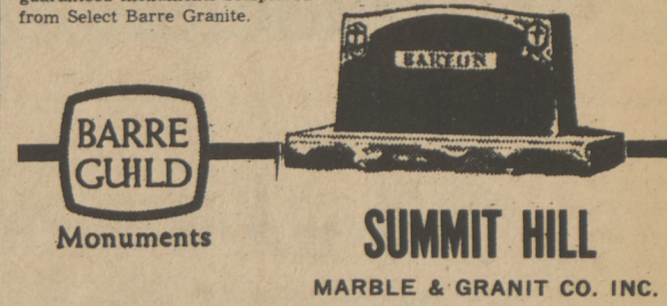
This flower withered autumn last,
I saw its petals die,
And o'er its wasted form was rolled
The stone of winter's tomb
From icy sky—
Death triumphed, desolate and cold.

Today it rose from earth's dark tomb
Arrayed in beauty fair,
And by its living presence told
Of life beyond the reach
Of death's despair—
I saw God's brightest promise
Here unfold.

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