

Medical Research Scientist Has Second Paper Published

Beverly Eck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Eck, 85 N. Lehigh St., Shavertown, is engaged in research of diseases of the eye at the University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver, Colo., and has had a second paper published.

Titled "Prostaglandin E and the Ocular Lens," it was published in the winter edition of the journal *Ophthalmic Research*. Prostaglandins are substances felt to be released into the eye in inflammatory diseases, when the iris is mechanically irritated, and in other situations. It is felt that these may cause the lens to lose its clarity, resulting in the formation of cataracts. It is interesting to note that synthetic prostaglandins are being

used to induce abortions, and scientists are discovering what effect they might have on the eye—with cataracts possibly being one result.

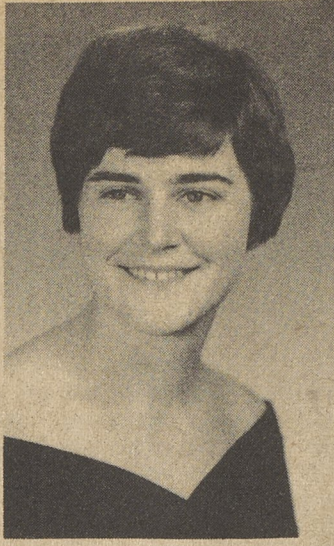
Miss Eck's first paper was entitled "Chloride Concentration in the Crystalline Lens" and appeared in the March edition of the journal *Experimental Eye Research*. This paper dealt with determining the concentration of chloride ions in the rabbit lens. This is of significance inasmuch as alterations in the concentration of chloride, sodium or potassium ions in the lens will ultimately disrupt the arrangement of the cells in the lens, resulting again in the formation of a cataract.

Both papers were co-authored with Dr. Christopher A.

Paterson in the Division of Ophthalmology at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver. This research is sponsored by grants from the National Institute of Health, a subsidiary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Miss Eck, a 1964 graduate of Dallas Senior High School, was a Rotary Exchange Student to South Africa for one year before entering Gettysburg College, from which she graduated cum laude in 1969.

While at Dallas, Beverly was active in sports, chorus, Keyettes, and was vice president of her class. She was Wyoming Valley's Junior Miss in 1963 and went on to take scholastic honors in the state contest.



Beverly Eck

Alderson Methodist Commission Meets

The Alderson United Methodist Church held its commission on education and administration board meetings Friday night at 7 and 8 p.m.

Mrs. Taft Truska, chairman presided at the commission meeting, and Wesley Boyle at the board meeting. All important problems of the Sunday School and church were discussed. The Rev. Henry Westfield presented a list of the new church officers for the year.

The charge conference will be held Jan. 20 at the Alderson Church at 7:30.

Present at last week's meeting were Mr. and Mrs. William James, Mrs. R. Garinger, Mrs. T. Truska, Mrs. A. Armitage, C. W. Boyle, Mrs. A. Kocher, Mrs. R. Dodd, Virginia Shannon, William Shafer and the pastor.

Science Teachers To Meet Jan. 20

The next regular meeting of the Luzerne County Science Teachers Association will be held Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wilkes-Barre Township American Legion Home at 54 Chestnut St.

All science teachers are invited.

Irem Country Club Begins Year under New Management

Irem Country Club is in the process of being refurbished, redecorated, painted and cleaned-up, according to Neville J. Lord, who became general manager the first of January.

As Mr. Lord sipped a cup of coffee in the yellow and red dining room, he said that the first things he did after becoming general manager were to start getting the "house in order" and to employ an executive chef.

The new chef is James Owens, formerly with some of the posh country clubs such as Goose Creek, Belle Haven and Mt. Vernon in Alexandria and Leesburg, Va.

Mr. Lord, better known as Buzz, has been in the hotel-motel-resort industry for 30

years. After completing special courses in hotel management at Cornell University he became associated with Brown Hotel, Louisville, but interrupted his employment to serve five and a half years as a field artillery officer in the South Pacific Theater in World War 2. On leaving the service he resumed his career in his chosen field and has served with such well-known motor inn corporations as Holiday, Sheraton and Ramada.

Prior to assuming his new position with Irem Country Club, he held executive positions as vice president and director of motor-inn corporations in Allentown and Harrisburg.

He and his wife, Kathleen, will move to Dallas in June from Camp Hill. The couple has one son, Neville Jeff, who is a pre-law student in his junior year at Franklin and Marshall College.

Indicating the beautiful winter view from the dining room windows, the club manager stressed that this is one of the "greatest" scenes in the entire country. "This club is a fine one, and our aim for it is to serve good, attractive food in an efficient manner and with finesse. We have the physical plant pretty well in order and we plan now to upgrade the service—toward this aim we are training our personnel," he continued.

Dinner will be served, beginning Feb. 1, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 to 10 p.m.; Sundays from noon to 8 p.m.

"We will adjust the hours as we go along and if we find we should stay open until later hours, we will do so," Mr. Lord said. "Also beginning Feb. 1, we will have happy hours from 4 to 6 p.m."

As general manager, the first in a number of years at the local club, Mr. Lord is responsible for the clubhouse, for 365 acres of

grounds, for personnel, for "just about everything and if there are any complaints to be made they should be made to me."

Both manager Lord and chef Owens emphasize that the club can be used for the smallest informal reception to the largest, elegant wedding reception, and is available for women's affairs, teas, bridge parties, formal and informal dances and specialty parties.

"I believe that we can serve some of the finest food, including gourmet foods, in this area," the genial general manager declared.

Chef Owens has had 42 years experience in all phases of buying, planning, managing and cooking, and actually began his cooking experiences when he was 14 years old. At age 30, he attended a special cooks' and bakers' school at Miami University.

A specialty of the chef will be Maryland crabcakes; also oysters a la Irem Country Club and other seafood dishes, including New England clam chowder, which will be prepared for lunch Fridays.

"We anticipate giving good food and good service to club members and their guests" was the final quote by the new club manager.

Grand Jury To Hear Assault-Battery Case

A prima facie case was found against Robert W. Sobocinski of Highland Avenue, Trucksville, on a charge of assault and battery following a hearing before District Magistrate Frederick W. Anderson Jan. 13.

The complaint, filed on behalf of two minor children by Juinita Decker of 116 Meadowcrest, Trucksville, averred that Sobocinski had chased her 10-year old son, Mark, and another youth, Ronnie Griffiths, 11, onto the porch of one Mrs. Charles Calkins at 185 Meadowcrest, and had beat the two youngsters about the face and ears with his open hands.

The incident reportedly occurred Jan. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Sobocinski did not deny cuffing the youngsters but reported that they had harassed him while he was out-of-doors.

The case will now be considered by the Luzerne County grand jury.

Columbia Porch Shades Locates Plant in Idetown

A nationally-known woven-wood business has located its manufacturing plant in Idetown on Route 415. The new firm moved from 15 from a Wilkes-Barre location to its present site.

Columbia Porch Shades, solely owned by Edward Richards of Trucksville, manufactures porch shades and folding doors made of basswood splints. The firm, a division of Columbia Products Company, was purchased by Mr. Richards in March, 1970.

"We were located on Pennsylvania Avenue in Wilkes-Barre

and have been looking for a suitable building and land since we bought Columbia Porch Shades," reported Mr. Richards. "We have enough land at the back of our present building to expand as needed."

The owner said that he hoped to "go into other products later, especially the fancier and more colorful woven woods." He would like for his plant to be known as the "House of Woven Woods."

The process of manufacturing porch shades and woodslat folding doors is a very simple one. The slats of basswood, some

wood is imported from Japan, are cut to the proper size when purchased by the local plant. The slats are placed in a hopper, which feeds them into a machine that is almost like a loom for weaving rugs. This machine weaves cord over and under each slat. The finished woven products can be from two feet eight inches wide up to 12 feet wide. Anything over 12 feet has to be custom-made for the customer, according to Mr. Richards. The porch shades are made in lengths of six to seven feet, and come in a variety of colors.

The factory, which sells only to dealers and interior decorators, is stock-piling products currently during a fairly slack period in order to be ready for the peak spring and summer period.

"We have eight employees during this season of the year," Mr. Richards revealed. "But will employ about 20 during the busier season."

The woven-wood idea for products was originated by Columbia Mills, Wilkes-Barre, in 1952. "It's quite a business now and a number of different manufacturers are making woven-wood products, but this plant and Wilkes-Barre have a lot of originality and know-how."

After remodeling the present building, the owner expects to have an extensive display area, and although the firm does not sell retail, the public may visit the display area.

Trucksville

Auxiliary to Trucksville Fire Company met at the fire hall Monday evening. Mrs. Jacob Harrison presided. Cancer dressing were prepared by members. At the February meeting, the members will conduct a grocery party.

Mrs. Howard Perrin, Minerva, Ohio, visited her mother-in-law, Mrs. Wallace Perrin Sr., Holly Street, Monday.

Katherine Brady, 207 Holly St., will celebrate her fourth birthday tomorrow. Katherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, will enter kindergarten in September.

Mrs. Laurence T. Beers, Harris Hill Road, is a member of the Interfaith Planning Committee for the Brotherhood Month Interfaith Program to be held Feb. 22 at St. Ignatius Church in Kingston.

Mrs. David Simms and infant daughter have returned to their home on Sutton Road from General Hospital.

Daniel Mathers, Carverton Road, will celebrate his birthday Saturday.

Richard E. Lewis Jr., 240 Cliffside Ave., is convalescing at home after being a medical patient in Nesbitt Hospital.

Danette Mathers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mathers, Cliffside Avenue, will be guest of honor at a party Saturday when she will celebrate her sixth birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Martin, former residents of Midway Manor, will move to Allentown in the near future.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its tri-annual collection for Back Mountain Community Jan. 28 from 12:45 to 5:45. Collection will be made at the Dallas Intermediate School. Quota for the collection is 180 pints.

Friendship Class of Trucksville United Methodist Church met in the educational building Tuesday evening. Mrs. Howard Evans presided at the business meeting. Secretary's report was given by Georgianna Weidner. Mrs. Ogdon Palmer gave the treasurer's report. Ruth Merriel gave the Bible lesson.

Mildred Dingle is recuperating at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dingle, Orchard Street. Miss Dingle suffered a broken hip in a fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Badger and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Benson, Landover Hills, Md., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Bennett, Orchard Street.

Mrs. Charles Palmer, Orchard Street, is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Finney, Lancaster.

Edward Thompson, Edgewood Heights, Trucksville, is a medical patient in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Back Mountain 4H Club will meet in the municipal building tomorrow night at 7:30. Mari- anne Stefanowicz will preside. Installation of officers will be held. Spring projects will be planned.

Cub Pack 155 will meet in the educational building of the Trucksville United Methodist Church tomorrow evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Banks Jr., 298 Carverton Road, have returned from a 10-day cruise in the Caribbean.

William A. Schutter, Lime- wood Road, executive director of Model Cities Agency, was principal speaker at the January meeting of Pennsylvania League for Nursing Wednesday at 2 in Mercy Hospital School of Nursing Auditorium, Wilkes-Barre. He spoke of health services which are provided by the agency.

Luther W. Gregory, Lewis Avenue, will celebrate his birthday Saturday.

Former Teacher Hospital Patient

Mrs. Lee Taylor Finkenbinder, RD 1, Shippensburg, former member of Lehman School faculty, is a patient at Carlisle Hospital, Carlisle, where she is recuperating after undergoing eye surgery.

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DIRECTORS	ASSETS		
	DECEMBER 31, 1971	DECEMBER 31, 1970	
JOHN M. ADAMS, <i>President</i> <i>Blue Ridge Real Estate Co.</i>	Cash and due from banks	\$ 38,374,509.74	\$ 34,830,005.03
CHARLES BENSINGER <i>Attorney-at-Law</i>	United States Treasury securities	25,083,191.69	24,809,361.19
WILLIAM L. CONYNGHAM, <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> <i>Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Co.</i>	Securities of other U. S. Gov't agencies	1,252,886.80	1,849,781.25
LORING H. CRAMER, <i>Vice President</i> <i>R. C. Cramer Lumber Company</i>	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	24,547,076.64	16,980,392.91
CHARLES M. EPSTEIN, JR., <i>President</i> <i>Liberty Throwing Co., Inc.</i>	Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	396,400.00	349,750.00
ALDO FRANCONI, SR., <i>President</i> <i>Franconi Auto Parts Co.</i>	Other securities	167,056.75	137,056.75
CHARLES S. FRANTZ, <i>President</i> <i>Motor Twins, Inc.</i>	Federal funds sold	6,450,000.00	10,400,000.00
FRANKLIN J. GAGER, <i>President</i> <i>Pennsylvania Millers Mutual Insurance Co.</i>	Loans	154,843,674.90	132,398,797.71
FRANK H. HUGHES, <i>President</i> <i>Nationwide Tire Co., Inc.</i>	Bank premises	5,383,879.47	3,592,320.27
THOMAS H. KILEY, <i>Chairman of the Board</i>	Furniture, fixtures and equipment	2,433,436.04	1,702,706.96
HORACE E. KRAMER, <i>President</i>	Other real estate owned	53,353.22	12,447.26
LOUIS MASLOW, <i>Chairman of the Board</i> <i>Metropolitan Wire Goods Corp.</i>	Accrued income receivable	1,232,187.27	1,097,314.16
ABRAM NESBITT, II, <i>President</i> <i>Board of Directors, Nesbitt Memorial Hospital</i>	Other assets	308,403.46	219,564.84
ABRAM NESBITT, III, <i>Manager</i> <i>Lake Catalpa Tree Farm</i>	Total assets	\$260,526,055.98	\$228,379,498.33
ADRIAN M. PEARSALL, <i>President</i> <i>Craft Associates, Inc.</i>	LIABILITIES		
JOSEPH H. SMALL, <i>Insurance Broker</i>	Demand deposits	\$ 94,832,306.50	\$ 83,512,041.11
HARRISON H. SMITH, <i>President</i> <i>Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co.</i>	Savings deposits	82,557,350.93	69,266,340.95
MRS. ANDREW J. SORDONI, JR., <i>President</i> <i>Sterling Industrial Corp.</i>	Time deposits	44,881,984.46	35,475,429.02
FRANK TOWNEND, <i>Partner</i> <i>James, Harris, Silverblatt, and Townend</i>	Total deposits	\$222,271,641.89	\$188,253,811.08
STANFORD L. WEISS, <i>Vice President</i> <i>Triangle Shoe Co., Inc.</i>	Dividends payable	246,340.00	152,460.00
OSCAR WEISSMAN, <i>Consultant</i> <i>GAC Merchandising Corp., Wilkes-Barre</i>	Federal funds purchased	9,000,000.00	13,350,000.00
S. M. WOLFE, JR., <i>Realtor</i>	Deferred credits -		
	Federal Reserve and Other Banks	3,041,308.99	3,592,131.09
	Accrued tax liability	297,695.64	578,330.69
	Accrued interest on deposits	716,749.65	664,576.36
	Accrued expenses	51,391.65	6,390.00
	Income collected but not earned	3,805,584.99	3,164,537.40
	Other liabilities	230,391.90	139,580.67
	Total liabilities	\$239,661,104.71	\$209,901,817.29
	Allowance for possible loan losses	\$ 2,580,557.31	\$ 2,622,638.01
	Capital stock - Common; Par \$10	\$ 4,926,800.00	\$ 4,588,000.00
	Shares authorized and outstanding	492,680	458,800
	Surplus	8,286,400.00	7,270,000.00
	Undivided profits	5,071,193.96	3,997,043.03
	Total capital accounts	\$ 18,284,393.96	\$ 15,855,043.03
	Total liabilities, reserves and capital	\$260,526,055.98	\$228,379,498.33

NOTE: The 1970 statement includes the figures of The First-Stroudsburg National Bank, which was merged as of September 10, 1971.
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