

# 'Something to Rave About!'

by Sylvia S. Cutler  
A name to be reckoned with in the fashion world of Wyoming Valley is that of Florence Weir, fashion coordinator for Lazarus.

It never ceases to amaze me how much energy and activity Florence generates and how she manages to organize intricate, totally professional shows, as she did this past Wednesday evening at Gus Genetti's.

In conjunction with *Seventeen Magazine*, and with Karen Young, a representative of *Seventeen Magazine* as commentator, Florence produced a fall fashion show entitled "Something to Cheer About." It was a beautifully produced, excellently coordinated effort. I knew that Florence was experiencing a high degree of tension Wednesday, but looking at her you'd never have known it. She looked smashing in a pale blue printed lame three-piece long dress.

The show was something to rave about. There were easily 500 people there, many of them men!

The show was divided into scenes. There were segments of slides accompanied by commentary; there were performances, exhibiting clothes in action. There were nostalgia, and a look into the future. There was excellent music, both live and on tape.

An opening segment described the decades in the life of *Seventeen Magazine*, and the events during that period of time. Dancers Flo Weir, Frank Levin, Jo Ann Geveke and Carl Shimmel exhibited dances of the forties, fifties, sixties and seventies, wearing clothes consistent with each era.

Choreography was by Bob Niznik.

There was a scene with football heroes and cheerleaders. The players were Dave Fritzes, Mel Wynn, Bob Burgers, John Faust, Fred Kuscavage, Bruce Ridilla, and Dave Jones.

Cheerleaders were Karen Granteed, Gale Young, Norma Murray, Margret Hoidra, Michele Shurites, Karen Kossavage, Bernadette Wisniski, and Linda Neyhard.

Another scene consisted of marches with young men and women marching across the stage.

Another scene had male and female models in tomorrow's clothes dancing their way around the perimeter of the stage. This was especially effective, as in the ordinary fashion show with glamorous models and that stylized model's walk, the average female in the audience would have a difficult time relating. She never thinks of herself as able to be in the model's shoes. In this instance, these did not seem like models, but like ordinary "teens" in action, wearing the clothes that are accessible to all, at prices possible for the average person.

The outfits were fantastic. Some were kooky, some chic, some imaginative, some extraordinary. The way in which separates were coordinated, and the combination of colors and shades was extremely unusual. I'm not especially fashion oriented. I have a

## Barbara Long Wins 6th Prize for Poetry

Barbara Ann Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Long, 62 Hickory St., Trucksville, has been awarded sixth prize for her original poetry entitled "Ring Magic," entered in the 1974 Clover International Poetry Competition, Washington, D.C. All sixth prize award winners remain in the final competition for the top prizes.

Barbara will be a junior at Wilkes College in September.

tendency to wear red slacks with a red top and be very careful about getting the exact same shade of red.

Florence managed to team browns and pinks, blues, greens and aquamarine, several shades of red or orange or whatever, odd combinations tied together with accessories.

Very heavy on this season's preview is the inclusion of colorful patterned knee-socks, worn with just about everything. Hats, mufflers, big bags, clunky shoes, smart slacks outfits, longer skirts, sharp jackets are all very big.

It's odd, one can be an old word-hound, having written prose for years, but the English

language (or the writer) is inadequate to describe the excitement and color of what I saw. You had to be there to believe it. The action, the electronic music supplied by Tom Lewis and Robert Kachline, the spotlights by Flossie Navitsky, the very effective scene with a burglar, a flashlight, and a group of models groping around a dark stage with a single spot illuminating each.

Additional credit must be given to Nancy Samuels, Marshal Aeron, Jerry Killian, Warren Gensel, Calvin Gensel, Charles Samuels and Jay Newman for a well-done production.

## Little Theatre Board Elects Raymond Linares President

Raymond V. Linares, advertising manager for the Greenstreet News Co., was recently elected president of the board of the Wilkes-Barre Little Theatre, which begins its 52nd season this fall.

A resident of Dallas, Mr. Linares has been active in the Little Theatre for the past five years.

For the past three years, he has been a member of the board and has served, at various times, as technical director and member of the executive, finance, and playreading committees, as well as campaign chairman. He joined Greenstreet News in November, 1973.

Anthony Kane, Sugar Notch, was elected chairman of the campaign committee. Residents interested in supporting the Little Theatre may contact Mr. Kane.

Tryouts for the Little Theatre's first production, *Forty Carrats*, which will run Oct. 4-6, will be held at 537 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, this Sunday at 2 p.m.

Director Ralph Pinckley announced that parts are available for five men, ages 20 to 40, and six women from late teens to mid 60's.

The Little Theatre's second production *Promises, Promises* will run Nov. 15, 16, and 17.

Director and coordinator is Robert Niznik. Mr. Kane is musical coordinator.

Tryout dates are Sept. 11-12 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 15 at 2 p.m.

Needed are male singers, actors to play young and middle-aged executives, female dancers, and several actors and

singers, three discotheque-type actresses in non-singing and dancing roles.

Little Theatre's spring schedule begins with *6 Rms Rv. Vu*, March 14-16, and concludes with *Funny Girl*, May 16-18.

Also elected to board posts along with Mr. Linares were: Robert Niznik, vice-president; Marion Mihalko, secretary; and Shirley Gensel, treasurer.

Assisting Mr. Kane in this year's campaign drive will be: Richard Bolen, Glen Summit, advertising manager; Atty. Theodore Evans, sustaining members; Walter Mitchell, patron sales, and Robert Stemping, renewals.

The Wilkes-Barre Little Theatre depends upon community support for its existence. Available memberships are: subscribing; patron, which entitles the member to two reserved seats for each performance; and sustaining, which entitles the member to four reserved seats for each performance.

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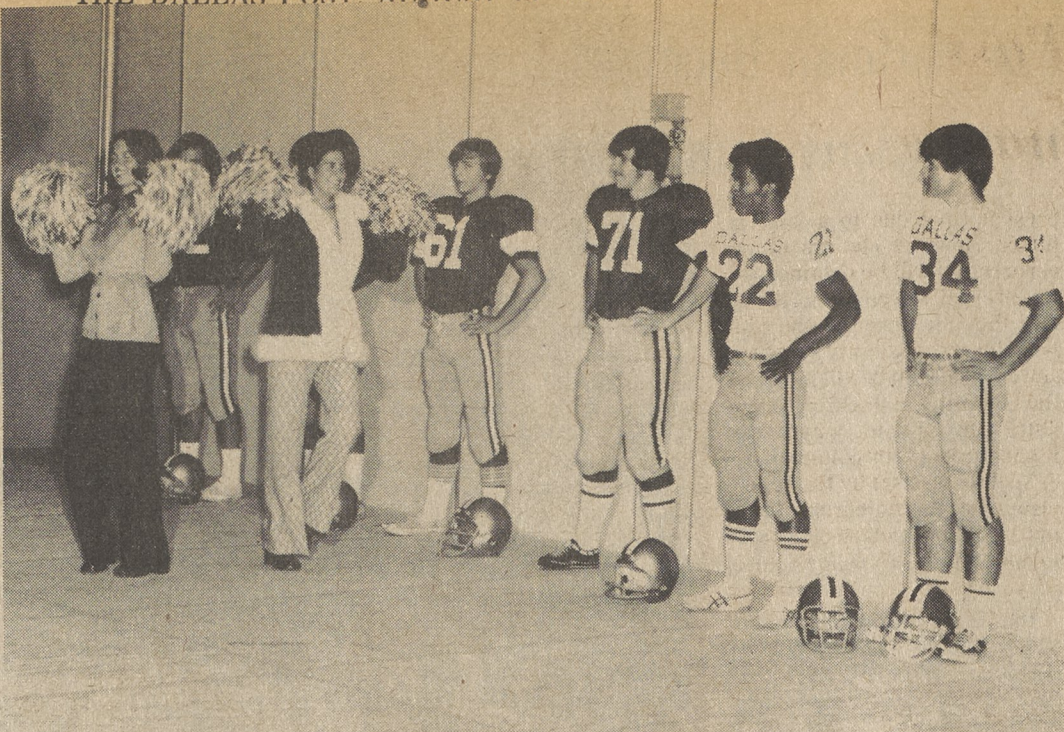


Photo by Ace Hoffman

Lazarus Store and *Seventeen Magazine's* Back-to-School Fashion Show, "Something to Cheer About," was held Aug. 7 before a capacity crowd of 1200. Shown modeling are Dallas High School representatives on the Lazarus-

17 Youth Council, Ann Gray and Robin Masoner. Football players are, left to right, Bruce Ridella, Fred Kuscavage, John Faust, and Bob Burgess, Wyoming Valley West; Mel Wynn and Fred Schultz, Dallas.

## From The Librarian

# 'Let's-Read-and-Find-Out' Series in Children's Library

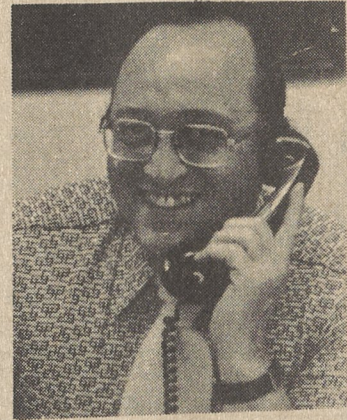
Not long ago the Children's Librarian at the Back Mountain Memorial Library found a note from the mother of a small child inserted in a book that the child had returned. The note contained a message of particular enthusiasm about a group of books currently available in the Children's Annex of the library. The series is known as "Let's-Read-and-Find-Out" and is edited by Dr. Roma Gans, Professor Emeritus of Childhood Education, Columbia University and Dr. Franklyn M. Branley, Astronomer Emeritus of the American Museum-Hayden Planetarium.

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## Margaret Brennan Honored by Faculty

The nursing department faculty of College Misericordia recently honored Margaret Brennan at a cocktail party and dinner at the Newberry Estate in Dallas. Miss Brennan has served as chairman of the nursing department since 1970 and has resigned her position as chairman of the department for the oncoming academic year.

Miss Brennan was presented with a corsage of yellow roses and several gifts from the faculty members for appreciation for her outstanding interest in the department.



Raymond V. Linares

## Newberry Estate

by Millie Hogoboom  
Tennis has certainly increased in popularity this summer despite the late beginning of the season on the Newberry courts. Tennis pro Roy Graham has had very good response for all of her clinics. Last Thursday a tournament was held for the junior members who have been participating in the clinics. The winners were Mike Brown, boys 11 and over; Chris Evans, boys 10 and under; Debbie Schalm, girls 11 and over; and Tracy Thomas, girls 10 and under. In the doubles events Mike Brown and Chris Evans teamed up to win for the boys. Debbie Schalm and Harvey Ruggles won the girls' doubles contest.

It is certainly a feather in Roy's cap that she was the only local woman to be invited to participate in the Wyoming Valley Open Tennis Tournament which was held last weekend. The women's matches were played on the Newberry Courts and featured such high ranking women as Marilyn Rachleff who has competed

both at Forest Hills and Wimbledon. But we bet Roy had the most fans in attendance.

The formal garden at Newberry was the scene of the wedding of Jan Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hartman, Orchard East, to Felix-Julio Sevilla Martin, son of Senor and Senorita Felix-Julio Sevilla Ricote of Toledo, Spain.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Smith, Orchard East, have returned from visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gross at their summer home in the Thousand Islands, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Gross are former residents of Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Turner, Orchard East, spent last weekend at Buck Hill Inn, Buck Hill Falls. They especially enjoyed golfing while there.

Two big events are planned for the Newberry Estate Country Club for the Labor Day weekend. Reservations are now being taken for a clambake with all the trimmings which will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. Aug. 31. Then on Labor Day a family affair featuring "all you can eat" will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. There will also be tennis and golf tournaments for the adults; and swim races and a treasure hunt for children.

## Kunkle

by Barbara Evans  
675-2050  
The Kunkle Silver Leaf Club will meet at the home of Doris Harrison, Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. Arline Updyke will preside at the business meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Joy Class of Kunkle United Methodist Church will be held Aug. 13, 8 p.m. at the home of Kathy Flick. Sylvia Brace will be co-hostess.

Call 675-2622 to make reservations for the sixth annual Flea Market of the Joy Class to be held Aug. 17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Kunkle Firehall, Route 309, north of Dallas.

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