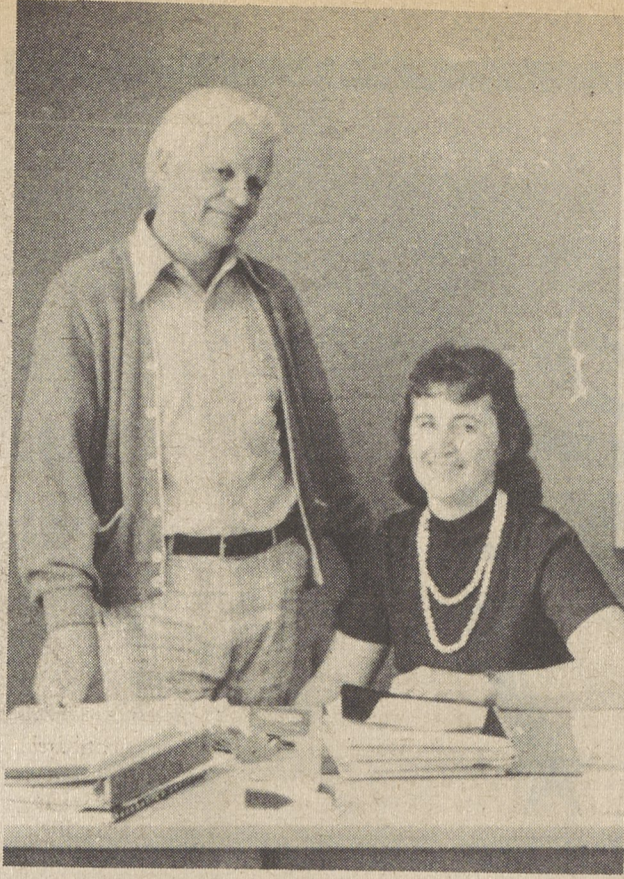


KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Baur's teach, and scoop ice cream



John and Lena Baur

by Charlot Denmon The friendly, relaxed attitude of John and Lena Baur give no indication of their busy schedule which keeps them going seven days a week.

John and his wife both teach mathematics at Dallas Junior High School. They also own and operate two family-type fast food and ice cream restaurants. Lena also takes care of their home and five children. Until this year, John directed the junior high school bowling program at Crown Imperial Lanes.

John and Lena are natives of the Back Mountain. He lived in Shavertown, graduated from Westmoreland High School, then attended King's College where he received his B.S. degree in mathematics in 1958.

Lena is the former Lena Misson of Dallas, graduated from Dallas Township High School, then went to Wilkes College where she received a B.S. degree in mathematics.

John is in his 15th year of teaching, Lena is in her 21st.

He went to New Jersey following graduation where he taught for a year. He left education and moved to Easton where he worked for Pomeroy's for a number of years. In 1963, he returned to the Back Mountain and accepted a position on the faculty of Dallas Junior High School.

Lena taught at Mountain View before she returned to the Dallas School District. Now they are both teaching ninth grade math classes.

John coached freshman basketball for 10 years. At that time there was no junior high league but he and his assistant, Bob Cicon, contacted other schools and in a short time, had organized the first league.

He also initiated the junior high bowling program which has remained popular from the beginning. His wife, Lena, was a partner in this endeavor. He made up the teams but she acted as secretary for the program which had as many as 30 teams at one time.

The bowling program is still running although John is not actively involved this year. For a number of years he was advisor to the junior high student council.

While Lena did all the secretarial work for the bowling league, she also was kept busy managing their home and taking care of their five children, Lynnette, graduating from

High School this June; Michael, a junior; Julie and Edward, sophomores; and Walter, a freshman.

In 1971, John and Lena purchased Treat Drive-In in West Nanticoke. Since it was August when they purchased it, they did little business that fall.

They looked forward to the 1972 season but only a few weeks after they opened in 1972, Agnes arrived and the flood closed them for a while. The business was not hit by the water that came only to their parking lot-but the high waters on the highways prevented people from getting to them.

However, when the roads were opened their business boomed. To John and Lena, it seemed as though people had just discovered they were there.

They specialize in ice cream and short order food although John said he believes their hard ice cream is the chief attraction. They have one of

the largest varieties of food in the area in order to compete with specialty places. This year, they are featuring the half pound hamburger.

"It's a lot of meat," said John, "and you better be hungry when you order it." Their soft raspberry ice cream also is an attraction because most of the places serve only vanilla and chocolate. They also sell frozen yogurt.

In 1976, they decided to open a similar business in the Back Mountain. They purchased the former Tastee Freez site on the Dallas Highway. They have an operation similar to their West Nanticoke location. They carry 20 flavors of hard ice cream

at the Dallas Drive-In which they don't have at West Nanticoke.

The second year the Baur's were open in the Dallas location, they added the miniature golf course. In nice weather it is popular with all ages. Parents have birthday parties for their children, grandfathers bring their grandchildren to play, couples come in and play-everybody enjoys it.

Last Christmas, he and a friend sold trains as a special venture. His three boys sold Christmas trees on the side of the drive-in which proved profitable since it was a year when real trees were scarce.

Both John and Lena work in the business. John

spends most of his time at the Dallas location while Lena spends most of hers at West Nanticoke. Including their children, they have as many as 25 persons working for them. Lena also is the bookkeeper for the businesses.

The Baur's take their vacation in the winter-usually a family-skiing trip. Last Thanksgiving, the family spent the holidays in Canada skiing. John plays tennis year-round and also bowls in two leagues, Monday and Thursday night. Lena enjoys roller-skating and goes whenever she finds the time.

Both enjoy music and are members of the Nor-

theastern Philharmonic Society. They are also members of the local Dallas Education Association, and National Education Association.

The Baur's believe there is a place for the small family-type business which can offer quality but he also sees the small family-owned businesses being squeezed out by the large national chain organizations. Their drive-in is one of the few seasonal operation in the Back Mountain, opening in the spring and closing in the early fall, shortly after Labor Day.

The Baur's are busy people but they are happy people, enjoying life with their family and friends.

Jackson Township

by Mrs. Norman Franklin

Jackson Township Firemen's Annual Bazaar will be held on May 27 and 28 at Konefals Grove, Chase. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated. Also items for the white elephant table. On June 14, the Ladies Auxiliary will have their meeting at the Fire Hall, starting at 7:15 p.m. Richard Edwards of the Blind Association, Wilkes-Barre, will show a film, and Foster Bulford will speak on the blind.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gibbons, of Edison, N. J., recently visited friends in the Back Mountain area. Gibbons is a former resident of Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben

Laskowski have returned home after visiting their grandson, Steven Shedlowski, who attends Fork Union Military in Fork Union, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Griffith of Syracuse, N. Y.; Miss Marie Wright of Idetown and Mrs. Claire McKenna of Idetown recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wright of Chase.

Frank McKenna of Missouri is visiting his mother, Mrs. Claire McKenna of Idetown. McKenna also visited the Willard Wrights of Chase.

David Thomas of Phoenix, Ariz. is visiting his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Powell, of Chase. Powell is formerly of Kingston and Lee Park.

1st Eastern pays 333rd dividend

A dividend of 60 cents per share was declared by directors of First Eastern Bank at the May meeting of the board. Richard M. Ross, Jr., president and chief executive officer, said the dividend is payable July 1 to shareholders of record June 15.

The current dividend represents the 333rd paid by First Eastern, one of the

10 oldest national banks in the country which has 26 offices throughout Columbia, Luzerne and Monroe Counties and total assets of over one-half billion dollars.

"American Banker", the only daily newspaper devoted to the financial industry, lists First Eastern 251st in size among the nation's 14,000 commercial banks.

Meyers Class 1953 plans reunion

A committee meeting will be held Thursday evening, May 25 at 8 p.m. at the Recreation Center (across the street from his home) of LaVere Stiles, 199 Brown St., Wilkes-Barre, to work on additional arrangements for the 25th Meyers class reunion. All class members are invited to come along with husbands, wives, or guests. Please call LaVere at 825-4192 and let him know if you are going to make this important meeting.

Any class members knowing the addresses of the following members of the Class of '53, please contact Ron Ley or Phyllis Powell:

Ann Aikens Kenny, Franklin Clayton, Bernice Cohen Moses, Stanley Grzybowski, Clyde Harvey, Janice Henry, Joan Henry Simpson, Ruth Ann Knorr Hunter, Connie Lugoski Palmer, James Line, Sheldon May.

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