

People in the News

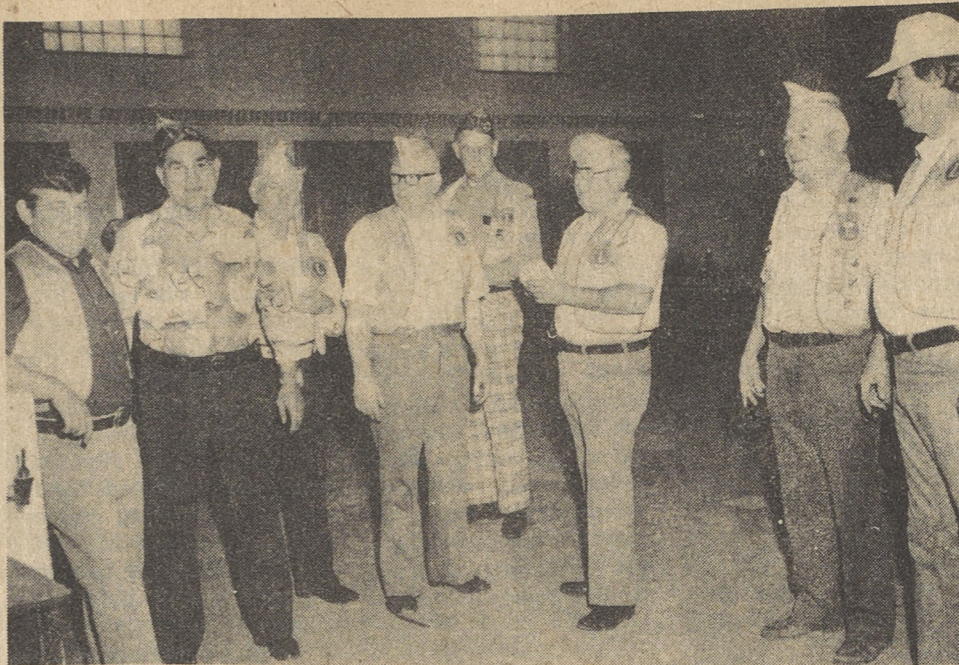


Andrew R. Denmon, Jr.

Denmon named dance chairman

Andrew R. Denmon, Jr., has been named chairman of the Second Annual Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Harveys Lake Republican Organization. The dinner dance will be held April 21, at Idetown Fire Hall. Dinner will be 7:30 to 9 p.m., followed by dancing until 1 a.m. Music by Back Mountain String

Band. Guest speakers include Sen. Frank O'Connell, Jr., Luzerne County Commissioner candidates Joseph "Red" Jones, and Frank Trinisewski. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Becky Casterline, William Hoblak, Calvin McHose or Andrew Denmon, Jr.



PANCAKE SUPPER—The Harveys Lake Lions are holding their annual pancake and sausage supper and breakfast at the Lake-Lehman Jr. High School on Saturday, March 31, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Co-chairmen of the affair are Lions Bill Megargel, and Clarence Hogan. Tickets can be purchased from any Lion member or at the door. Some of the committee members are pictured from left to right, Clarence Hogan, Frank Bialogowicz, Nick Deleur, Joseph "Red" Jones, H.L. Pres., Bill Megargel, Lee Bicking, Bill Zimmiski and Charles Batka. (Alex Rebar Photo)

Martin speaks to Kiwanis

The weekly meeting of the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club was held on Saturday, March 24, at the Mark II Restaurant, Dallas. Joe McDonald presided.

Visiting guests attending the meeting were C.M. Laidler, Dennis Garvey, and Granny Miller, all members of the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club. Also present were Reese Pelton, and Ray Hillman, both members of the Dallas Kiwanis Club. Pamela and Gregory Evans, both members of the Lake-Lehman Key Club, were also present at the meeting.

Special guest speaker was Keith Martin anchor man for WBRE TV, Channel 28, Wilkes-Barre. During this past weekend Back Mountain Kiwanis Club Secretary Jim Snyder attended a District Circle K meeting held in Altoona.

In the past week, the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club were in attendance at five Inter-clubs. On Tuesday, March 20 they were in Carbondale, attending the Carbondale Kiwanis Club with four members present. On Wednesday March 21, they were at the Swoyersville Kiwanis Club, with four members present; also on that same night they were at the Dallas Kiwanis, with four members present; and then to top off the night of Inter-clubbing, they were present at the Fall Fair meeting held at the Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas, with eight members present. This gave the Club a total of four Inter-clubs in one night.

On Wednesday night March 21 Whitey Porasky attended the monthly meeting of the Back Mountain Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, held at the Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas.

Gate of Heaven plans spring events

The March meeting of the Gate of Heaven P.T.G. was called to order by its president, Peg Cartier. Rev. William F. Cusick, moderator, gave the opening prayer.

The president stated the guild would be making donuts on Saturday, March 31. Anyone desiring in helping please notify chairperson Shirley McDonald.

Betty Dawd reported on the success of the St. Patrick's Day Dance.

The guild's yearly Father-Son basketball game will be held Friday, March 30 at 8:00 p.m. in the school gym. Anyone desiring in assisting in any capacity please contact the chairperson, Ann Bayle. The "Gate of Heaven School Awards Night" will be held on Sunday, May 20. Scholastic and athletic awards will be presented to qualifying participants in grades four through eight.

Rev. William F. Cusick elaborated on past and future activities of the PTG. Father also emphasized several policies of the Gate of Heaven School system.

Barbara Strazdus reported on the Casino Royale featuring 'A Night at the Races', which will be held on April 27 and 28 in the school gym. She stated all monetary returns on the sale of horses must be in by April 1 and ticket returns on April 15. Donation is \$2.00 which includes beverages, pretzels and chips.

Mary Ann Thompson reported the Wine and Cheese party will be held on April 18.

The program for March was a presentation on "The Fiery Furnace from the Book of Daniel." It was given by Ms. Amelia Yarmels sixth grade class. Participating students included William Boyle, Catherine Brady, John Butler, Paul Diel, Sharon Daugherty, Mark Farrell, Megan Flynn, Michael Hawk, Rebecca Hughes, Shari Jones, Michael Krastag, Catherine Leonard, John Luksic, Paul Seagrone-Daly, Thomas Sholtis, Rian Sledziewski, Pamela Solinski, Frank Zeveney.

William Gray pledges TKE at Shippensburg

William B. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Gray of Dallas has joined Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at Shippensburg State College.

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Ama DeGraw receives Silver Beaver award

At the age when people are looking forward to taking it easy and doing things for themselves, Ama DeGraw of Centermoreland is doing just the opposite.

Ama, wife of Kenneth DeGraw, recently celebrated her 60th birthday. Just before her birthday she received the Silver Beaver Award—highest adult honor in Boy Scouting—for her 18 years of volunteer service in the Boy Scout program. Ama started 18 years ago as Den Mother for Cub Scout Pack 336. Her husband, also active in Boy Scouting for the past 18 years, received the Silver Beaver Award 10 years ago. He is presently cubmaster and leader of the Webelos in Centermoreland. He was a scout master for 12 years.

The beaver award is given in recognition of outstanding service in scouting, church, community and country. Ama is one of only a few women to receive the award.

Until three years ago, Ama worked for Valley Fashions where she was employed for 21 years. Due to major surgery, a heart attack, and leukemia she was forced to retire. Although totally disabled, Ama refused to give up her favorite work—scouting.

She not only is associated with boy scouting but also is the leader of two Girl Scout troops. Ama has Junior Troop 263 with 28 girls and Cadette Troop 500 with seven members.

According to Ama, her success is due to her capable assistants, in the junior troop, Peggy Blee and Gloria Rought, both of whom have daughters in the troop; and in Cadettes,

Lois Button and Connie Bolcarvic, who have daughters in the troop.

She has had the troops for 10 years and at one time had a senior patrol with the Cadette Troops.

The DeGraws have no children of their own and Ama was never in Girl Scouting. She was enrolled as a volunteer by a professional member of the Girl Scout Council.

The former Ama Sutton, and a native of Pittston, she

has resided in Centermoreland for the past 50 years. She graduated from Dallas Borough High School when Centermoreland students could go to either the borough or township and paid their own tuition. Her husband is a native of Centermoreland.

For 10 years Ama was secretary of the Franklin-Northmoreland Township Ambulance Association. She presently is

Republican committee woman and director of the Wyoming County Fund. She also is a director of Exeter Township Medical Center.

Ama enjoys scouting the most but also enjoys politics. She enjoys working with the young people and says it keeps her from worrying about herself.

During her recent birthday celebration, members of her junior

troop gave her a necklace engraved with the date she received the beaver award and her Cub Scouts encouraged by her cub scout assistant Geraldine Wall, gave her a Boy Scout stickpin.

Ama DeGraw is reaching retirement age and is physically disabled but neither stop her from doing what she loves best—working in scouting and enjoying politics. She says they are her best medicine.



Ama DeGraw

Ravert joins AF class

Airman Timothy A. Ravert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Ravert of R.D. 1, Sweet Valley, Pa., has been selected for technical training as a voice processing specialist at the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex., and studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Ravert, a 1973 graduate of Lake-Lehman (Pa.) high school, received a B.S. degree in accounting from Pennsylvania State University at University Park.



Airman Ravert

Chairperson needs Back Mt. Volunteers

The Luzerne County unit of the American Cancer Society must meet its 1979 Cancer crusade goal of \$86,000 by August 31. To date, the crusade total for the local unit stands at \$22,000.

Mrs. Joan Pisaneschi, residential chairman in the Back Mountain area, needs help. She can be phoned at 696-3768 or call Whitey Porasky at 696-2085 and offer assistance.

Lou Woychik pledges TKE at Shippensburg

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Crippled children in egg hunt

The Parents' Council of the Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association will sponsor the Easter egg hunt for children receiving treat-

ment at the Association. Media representatives are invited to attend.

For further information, contact Bernard Kolodziej, 829-2191.

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