

## Back Country Briefs

Friends of Mrs. Ama DeGraw of Centermoreland will be glad to learn she is coming along nicely at Robert Packer Memorial Hospital in Sayre where she underwent surgery last Tuesday. Mrs. DeGraw has been active in Girl Scout circles in the Centermoreland area for about 20 years.

It's good to report also that Mrs. Malcolm (Eudora) Baird of Sutton Creek Road in Orange has returned home after almost two months in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She came home last Tuesday.

David Wertz of Carverton is home after a stay at Community Medical Center in Scranton.

Still on the sick list and having the best wishes of area folk for a speedy recovery and return home are Herman Coon of Carverton, who is presently a patient at Allied Services in Scranton, and William LaBar of Mount Zion, who is a patient at Veterans Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

Yesterday was observed as the Feast of St. Blaise with the blessing of throats in St. Frances X. Cabrini R.C. Church at Carverton and Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church in Centermoreland. Small children, the sick and the aged of both churches will have their throats blessed on Sunday, Rev. Father Hugh McGroarty, pastor, has announced.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of St. Frances and Blessed Sacrament R.C. Churches met Monday evening at Blessed Sacrament Church in Centermoreland. Hospitality committee for the meeting included Terry Haberstitch, Pat Yuronski and Joe Mooney.

First Friday will be observed at the special masses Friday in St. Frances R.C. Church at 8:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church in Centermoreland.

A "sweetheart banquet" will be held in the church hall by members of Northmoreland Baptist Church in Cen-

termoreland on Saturday evening, Feb. 14.

Mrs. Larry (Barbara) Saxe, wife of the pastor of the Ashley-Surgar Notch United Methodist Church, was the guest speaker at Sunday morning's worship services in the three United Methodist Churches of the Carverton UM Charge where UM Women's Sunday was observed. In charge of the worship were the following members of the three churches: Mrs. Lynne (Hess) Cease; Mrs. Doris Robbins and Mary Louise Lewis.

Pairs and Spares Class of Carverton UM Church will meet Friday evening at 8 at the church with President George Parrish in charge.

Friends of Jack Kuderka of Centermoreland will be glad to learn he is recuperating at home.

Home after stays at area hospitals and reportedly all coming along nicely are Frank Wagner, Sr., of East Dallas who had been a surgical patient at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville; Karen Brace of Centermoreland, and Stacey Schoonover, also of Centermoreland.

Annual Blue and Gold dinner of Cub Pack 336 of Centermoreland will be held Saturday evening at 6 in the Franklin Township fire hall. Russell Dymond, cubmaster of Scout Pack 336, is in charge of arrangements.

A covered dish dinner will be held after the morning service Sunday at 11:15 in Centermoreland UM Church when new members will be welcomed.

Marian Brunges will be in charge of the program for the February meeting of the United Methodist Women of Centermoreland UM Church Monday evening at 7:30 at the church.

Men of East Dallas United Methodist Church are completing plans for a pancake supper to be held Saturday evening, Feb. 28, from 5 to 8, at the church. Menu will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, homemade pies, coffee and orange juice.

## LCCC names

### contest winners

An "Almost Anything Goes Contest" was held recently at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke with the sponsors of the event including Pabst Brewing Company, Quality Beverage Company, the Circle K Club, and Student Government Association of Luzerne County Community College.

Eighteen participants, divided into three teams, competed in the five-event match which included: Relay races, basketball foul shooting, a beer can and plunger event, paddle-ball-walking contest, and a bottle cap balancing event.

Contest officials, and the winning team members, were Frank Mihalick, Larksville, president of the Circle K Club; Theresa Webby, Wapwallopen, team member-student; Darlene Roman, Nanticoke, team member-student; Lynne Barelski, Mountaintop, team member-student; Doug Kroll, Dallas, contest coordinator-student.

James Atherton, Wilkes-Barre, director of student activities; Steven Yanovich, Wilkes-Barre, team member-student; Mike Selrag, Sugarloaf, team member-student; Dan Rice, Conyngham, team member-student; Patricia Burke, West Pittston, associate dean of student services; George McCutcheon, Dallas, master of ceremonies, director of placement and recruiting, and advisor to the Circle K Club.

The winning team, the "High Rollers," will compete against other local colleges in the regional championships.

All proceeds from the contest benefit the United Way.

### Clinic set

A free blood pressure clinic will be held Friday morning from 10 a.m. to noon at the First Eastern Bank, Dallas Village Shopping Center.

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ANTIQUÉ SHOW—Discussing plans for the upcoming annual antique show and sale to be held by the women of Prince of Peace Church, May 5 and May 6, are, left to right, Marian Salvo, Jean Carson, Loretta Reese and Almenia Evans. (Mark Moran Photo)

## Alderson UM plans family covered dish

A covered dish dinner for all families of the Alderson United Methodist Church will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 17, starting at 6 in the church social hall, Rev. W. William Kennard, pastor of the Alderson-Evans Falls UM Charge,

has announced. All families of the church are invited to attend.

Sunday will be observed as Boy Scout Sunday at the morning worship service at 11.

Choir of Alderson UM Church will rehearse

Thursday evening at 5 at the church. Mrs. Betty Meeker is church organist and director.

February meeting of the United Methodist Women of the Alderson UM Church will be held Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7:30.

February meeting of the Administrative Board of the Alderson UM Church will be held Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7:30. Administrative Board of the Evans Falls UM Church will meet Feb. 4 at 7.

## CTE announces earnings

Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. (CTE) earnings for the fourth quarter and year-ended Dec. 31, 1980 were reported at the Jan. 29 meeting of the board of directors.

Fourth quarter and year-ended Dec. 31, earnings per share were \$61 and \$2.15. Earnings per share for the same periods in the previous year, adjusted for the

October, 1979 one-for-two conversion of common stock were \$43 and \$1.98, respectively.

Total revenues and sales were \$17,134,955 and \$65,728,012 for the fourth quarter and year-ended Dec. 31, compared to \$11,009,189 and \$43,509,312 for the same periods in the previous year.

Utility revenues were \$11,804,352 and \$45,809,447 in the fourth quarter and year-ended Dec. 31, compared to \$10,737,660 and \$42,905,164 for the same periods in the previous year. Additional revenues relating to prior periods of approximately \$628,000 and \$153,000 were received in 1979 and 1980, respectively. These revenues were derived from adjusted toll settlements with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. These adjusted settlements produced increases in net income of approximately \$304,000 (\$.12 per common share) and \$74,000 (\$.03 per common share) in 1979 and 1980, respectively.

Non-utility revenues were \$5,330,603 and \$19,918,565 for the fourth quarter and year-ended Dec. 31, compared to \$271,529 and \$604,148 in the same period last year. 1979 revenues and sales for the non-utility operations did not include Sterling Telecommunications Supply Company and Commonwealth Information Services Company which were formed in 1980.

CTE President, George B. Sordani noted that 1980 levels of business for CTE's non-regulated subsidiaries met expectations and established a strong base for 1981 activity.

The board of directors authorized a cash dividend of \$3.25 per common share payable Feb. 25, to shareholders of record on Feb. 10.

## UM church plans special dedication

A special dedication service will take place Sunday morning at 11 in First United Methodist Church at Noxen when several items donated to the church will be dedicated, Rev. Donald Sperling, pastor, announced.

Crispell and donated by Claude Crispell and friends; a candlelighter presented by Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Park, a Sunday School register board donated in memory of the late Mrs. Emily Lyons and presented by her family, and 36 new hymnals, which were purchased through gifts to the church memorial fund.

Among the items donated are sanctuary tables in memory of Helen

## Nesbitt offers free blood pressure screen

Free monthly blood pressure screenings will be offered by Nesbitt Memorial Hospital at three locations.

The Nesbitt Outpatient Satellite Center, Narrows Mall Office Building, Edwardsville will conduct free blood pressure screenings on the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The next screening will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Free blood pressure screenings are also held at the Nesbitt Medical Arts Bldg. Auditorium, 534 Wyoming Ave., Kingston on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The next screening will be Wednesday, Feb. 18.

The Nesbitt Outpatient Satellite Center, 1701 Wyoming Ave., Exeter will hold free blood pressure screenings on

the third Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The next session is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 19.

These screenings are co-sponsored by Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and the American Heart Association. Personnel from Nesbitt Memorial Hospital volunteer their time to participate in this project, and Nesbitt volunteers assist with registration.

## 'Pony Express' at Noxen Methodist Church

More than 100 members of the Noxen United Methodist Church will become saddle-carrying "trail bosses" and "route riders" within the next few weeks in their church's Pony Express stewardship campaign.

The Rev. Donald R. Sperling, pastor, said the campaign this year is based on the same concept as the Pony Express of more than a century ago—teamwork.

Spencer Holmgren, general manager of the campaign, said 11 leaders of the church have been designated trail bosses and alternates, to supervise the relaying of the saddlebags to each of the church's families on Pony Express "run" routes.

Each saddlebag bears the names of approximately 10 church families on the run route; he said. A family fills in an "estimate of giving" card, seals it in an envelope and inserts it in the saddlebag, which then is hand-carried to another family on the route.

"We decided to use this unique approach because we believe stewardship campaigns should be exciting and pleasurable, in addition to having their serious moments," he said. "And, many dedicated members of the church are hesitant to solicit pledges from their friends and neighbors. With this Pony Express program, there are no solicitations and no pledges."

Rev. Sperling explained that each member is asked simply to estimate the amount he or she will be able to give to the church during the coming year.

"Each family makes their decision in the privacy of their home,



PONY EXPRESS—Mrs. Madeline Patton, publicity agent for the Pony Express stewardship program, is pointing out to Kimberly McGovern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McGovern, the poster entitled "The Pony Express Is Coming to Our Church."

without any over-the-shoulder 'supervision' of someone from the church," he said.

He said the Pony Express theme was chosen because of the example set by the highly dedicated riders of the original Pony Express.

"In addition to their personal commitment, the secret of their success lay in their ability to work as a team—each rider dependent on the other to make the relay system work and speed the mail on to its final destination," he said.

Likewise, he said, the success of the church depends on the dedication, commitment and teamwork of each member.

"We trust each family to act responsibly in making a decision about the support they will give their church during the coming year," he said.

For additional information, contact publicity agent Mrs. Madeline Patton, RD 1, Noxen, 18636, phone: 298-

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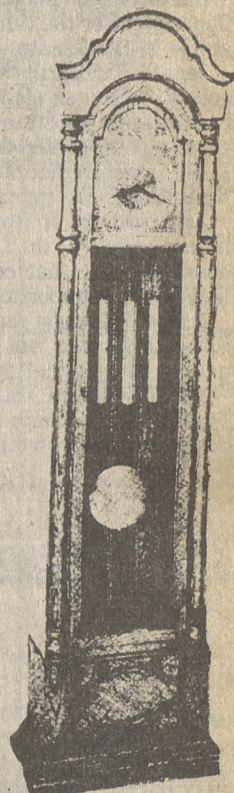
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