

Fresh Air children visit BM

Five year-old Erica Rojas sat on the bed surrounded by Barbie dolls and their extensive wardrobe. Absorbed in her play Erica gave no indication that she was the topic of conversation.

"She's quite shy when she first meets people," said Mrs. Robert (Carol) Eyet of Lower Demunds Road, Dallas.

"I talked to her mother by phone last evening and she assured me that in a day or so Erica would show no trace of shyness."

Dark-haired, dark-eyed Erica is a Puerto Rican child from the Bronx, one of the 18 Fresh Air children, who arrived by bus in the Back Mountain last Wednesday.

Ranging in age from five to 14 years, the 12 girls and six boys will be guests of 12 area families until Aug. 16, when they will return to the city.

Carol Eyet is Dallas Area chairman of the Fresh Air Program sponsored by the Dallas Junior Woman's Club.

"I know the Woman's Club has sponsored the program for a good many years," said Carol, "exactly how many I'm not sure but I took over the program three years ago when I was president of the Dallas Juniors.

"The women who worked with the program prior to that time had moved up to the Dallas Senior Women. Arrangements for the children used to be done by telephone but I found it easier and more informative to send letters explaining the project."

Carol explained that families hosting children for the first time were required to fill in an application form. For those families who have hosted children in previous years, it is much easier. Many of the families have the same children back each year.

"One lady has taken the same boy for the past three years. This year she and her husband also requested a four-year-old. They also visit their children's family in New York.

"The first time the children come to this area, they stay only two weeks; those returning for the second or third time often stay four weeks. This time two of the children will stay for a month. Some of the older children come in by bus at different times. These are not included among the 18, who are here now," said Carol.

"My family was surprised when I came home with Erica," said Carol. "Because my daughter, Sharon, and my sons, Lee and Robert, are

teenagers and I work most of the day, I did not plan to host one of the children. However, there was some mix-up with three children scheduled for one family so rather than disappoint a five-year-old, I brought Erica home to stay with us.

"We have a bit of communication problem since Erica speaks Spanish when she wants something. She understands English and so far we have been able to know what she is saying through a lot of gestures and some lucky guesses. None of us know any Spanish at all. I'm sure Erica will speak English within a day or two.

"She likes Sharon and is very good with Le but she is very quiet."

Carol said that the club has had no bad experiences during the years they have sponsored the program, nor have there been any accidents. The Fresh Air Program has been in existence for more than 100 years. The children and the host families are well screened. Children with handicaps or police records are not accepted in the program.

The club is always looking for families interested in hosting one or more of the children. If interested contact Carol Eyet now for next year.



Carol Eyet and Erica Rojas

Dallas UNICO will meet

UNICO Dallas Chapter will have a dinner meeting at the Castle Inn Restaurant, Wednesday, July 8, 7 p.m. All members are requested to attend. Gene R. DeStefano will preside. On the agenda will be Committee chairman and co-chairman to be appointed by President Gene DeStefano. Plans for the coming year also will be discussed.

A daughter is an embarrassing and ticklish possession. --Menander.



KIM MORAN, DALLAS, is among the winners and alternates for this year's summer session of the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts at Bucknell University, Lewisburg. Students representing the Luzerne Intermediate Unit are, first row, left to right, Laura Garber, Wyoming Seminary; Kim Moran, Dallas; Judy Solack, GAR; Susie Webster, West Hazleton; Lynn Ritts, Bishop O'Reilly; Patricia Lane, Tunkhannock

Area; second row, Joseph P. Brislin, director, Pupil Personnel Service, LIU 18; Arthur P. Pupa, instructional advisor, Gifted & Talented Programs, LIU 18; Paul Irzinski, director of special education, LIU 18; Emmett Powell, MMI Preparatory School; Mark Fedro, Hanover Area; Charles Schilling, GAR; and Paul Koronkiewicz, Greater Nanticoke Area.



Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Whitney

Whitneys observe 53

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bernard Whitney of Brown Manor were married June 30, 1928 by the Rev. Clarence R. Hickok in the Dorrance Methodist Church, Kingston.

Mrs. Whitney is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Gwilym Davies of Kingston. Whitney is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitney of Mills, Pa.

They have a son, David B. Whitney, Newark,

N.J., graduate of Wilkes College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., and Columbia University, New York City.

Mr. Whitney taught school for 30 years, 25 in GAR High School, then left teaching to join the National Park Service for 17 years, spending summers in Yellowstone Park and winters in Everglades National Park, Fla.

East Dallas UM sets flea market

There will be a Flea Market at the East Dallas UM Church, July 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone who would like to have table

space may reserve this selling space by calling 675-3010 or 675-4942.

Food will be provided. There will be an Ice Cream Social, July 25, 4 p.m. Menu will be homemade ice cream, strawberries, cake, beverage, whimpies, hot dogs, potato salad and baked beans.

Quartets will sing in concert

A concert which will feature the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the Society for the preservation and encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing In America, will take place at Irem Country Club Sunday, July 12, at the pavilion, 8 p.m.

The concert will be preceded by a Vesper Service at 8 p.m. conducted by Rev. Thomas A. Clemow, minister of the Trucksville United Methodist Church.

The concert is free and open to the public.

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