# Social

### Blanche Thompson - birdwatcher & collector

Blanche Thompson of Dallas and Harveys Lake, is not just a birdwatcher but a bird collector as

She first became interested in birdwatching about 29 years ago when Howard Risley got the first feeder for the new home she and June MacCloskey were building in Dallas.

"In September, 1959, the interior of our new home was completed so June and I came out from our West Side apartment to spend the weekend.

"We had no shades or curtains on the windows and on Saturday morning I was in the kitchen when I spotted the first bird, a Blue Jay. He plunged into the feeder set up in the yard and looked in the

"I went to get some food for him and he followed from window to window watching me. It was a great experience," said Blanche.

She said that they now have several feeders at their Dallas home and three or four more at their Lake home where she and



Blanche Thompson with some of her bird collections.

June spend the summer. "We had bluebirds the

first two years we were in Dallas but the third year starlings destroyed the bluebirds eggs. The bluebirds have never come back. We're looking

for the special bluebird houses to try to entice the birds to our area."

During the summer a variety of Blanche's feathered friends visit the Lake residence.

There are two families of wrens. Each year the makes certain all of them wrens choose their bird houses. In 11 or 12 days the babies are born. Blanche watches them closely and rises at 5 a.m. feeders. It's interesting to

Cardinals are in the yard all of the time. This year, a rose-breasted grosbeak, his wife and children make daily visits to the feeder. The father leads the group and

The chickadees have special feeders. There are three holes in their to watch the young ones watch them. They weigh

the seeds. If a seed isn't heavy enough the chickadee drops it and selects another.

'One morning," said Blanche, "A chickadee kept flying through the porch. Finally, he came in and perched on top of a chair, took his seed and hid it in the woven rush on the chair back. Another morning, June and I were eating breakfast on the porch and a hummingbird flew down and perched on the edge of the sugar bowl and proceeded to eat the

"We have had pine warblers, song sparrows, and one year, a mockingbird. He stayed all year and lived in our shrubbery. We've also had visits from Morning Doves and many birds not common to this area."

Exciting as Blanche finds birdwatching she finds bird collecting equally so.

-tarted collecting about .. same time I started birdwatching. I collect only wood carvings. Most of them are the work of Peter Peltz of E. Sandwich, Mass. He works in his 'bird barn', an unusal building. He sits in an old church chair at an old wooden desk. He has all kinds of driftwood which he transforms into his lifelike carvings of

song and water birds." Blanche has a collection of about 30 birds including songbirds, water birds, sandpiper, snipe, sanderling, oriole, snow bird, thrush and catbird. Each carving is life size and from a distance appears to be a real bird.

Her interest in birds includes a complete set of the Audubon prints. She also is a member of the Audubon Society.

Blanche accompanied June to the first meeting of the Back Mountain Collectors Group, not because she interested in collecting but to be company for June. Those attending did not know one another but Blanche's auditor-accountant experience came to the fore.

She took down names and addresses to help all become better acquainted. Wach member stated what she collected. When the others asked Blanche what she collected, she replied "I don't collect." "What about your birds?", asked June.

I never thought of them in that light, Blanche told the Post. She said she always thought of it as a hobby. "But I guess I do collect-birds, shells, bells and slides of our trips to New England, Carribean, Canada and throughout the United States.'

Susan Dreher to

wed Rick Denmon Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Dreher, 140 Elizabeth St., Inc., Wilkes-Barre. Dallas, announce the engagement of their

Miss Dreher is a graduate of Dallas High School. She attended Wilkes College and is

daughter, Susan Lynn to

Rick Denmon, RD 2, Box

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Mr. Denmon is a graduate of Tunkhannock Area High School and is employed by Irem Temple Country Club.

The wedding will be solemnized Nov. 20, 1982, at the Noxen United Methodist Church, Noxen.



#### **BACK COUNTRY** BRIEFS

patient at the NPW Medical Center in Plains.

Friends of Bill Smith of Orange will be glad to learn he came home on Aug. 9 after a stay in Wilkes-Barre General

September meeting of Vacation Bible School,

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Frank Wagner, Sr. of the Franklin Township Demunds Road is a board of supervisors will be held Tuesday evening, Sept. 7, at 8 in the Orange United Methodist Church basement. The meeting is being setback because of the Labor Day holiday.

About 90 children attended the annual Daily

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which was held during the week ended Aug. 7 at the Northmoreland Baptist Church in termoreland. Theme of this year's VBS was "Making Christ Known Around The World."

Mrs. Robert Statnick was director of the school and teachers included the nursery, Mrs. Ralph Johns, Nancy Rowlands; kindergarten, Mrs. Dana Race and Elaine Race; primary, Mrs. Allan Malkemes. Sharon Statnick; junior girls, Mrs. James Howell junior boys, Mrs. Ted Montross and Mrs. William Weidner; teenagers, Ralph Johns. Craft-time for all classes was in charge of Mrs. Lois Button and Mrs. Al Dixon.

Closing program for the school was held Sunday evening, Aug. 8. In charge of music for the school was Mrs. Ara Charney. Mrs. Michael Rowlands served as secretary. A poster contest was held and contest winners were the Michael Rowlands family



## Christine Gamble named 'Little Miss Bathing Beauty'

Prestige Pool Inc. of Wilkes-Barre recently held a "Little Miss Bathing Beauty Contest" for young women from age one to seven. More than 100 young women participated in the twohour event, held poolside at the Wilkes-Barre establishment.

Jim Ward of WARD radio was master of ceremonies. All of the was named "Little Miss

youngsters involved in the pageant were awarded prizes and the young lady who captured the title also received a bicycle. Judges for the event were Manny Gordon, WNEP-TV personality; Mark Sinclair from KRZ radio, and Faye Brown, director of the In Vogue School of Modeling, Kingston.

Miss Christine Gamble

Financial Management I

Tuesday 6-8:30 PM

Bathing Beauty" and young Megan Murphy was the winner of the Junior Miss Scholarship offered by In Vogue School.

Shown from left: Mark Sinclair, Manny Gordon, Faye Brown, Michael Minichello and Bill dickinson of Prestige Pools. In front is Christine Gamble.

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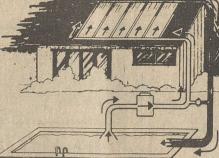
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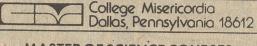
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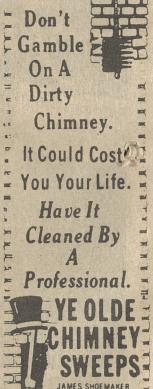
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