

School

Puppet Show, a Special Treat for Westmoreland Students

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, students at the Westmoreland Elementary School received a special treat when Pegasus Productions presented their puppetry rendition of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and "Sleepy Hollow."

The program was another in the Cultural Enrichment series funded by the Westmoreland PTO and organized this year by May Claire McCarthy and Kathleen Reiss, teachers at the school.

The colorful production

featured hand and rod puppets, plus a seven-foot tall body puppet as the sorcerer. Lighting, music and special effects are very sophisticated and add to the drama and suspense.

The students thrilled to the story of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman as the excitement mounted. The story is told with a book as a backdrop, and narrator, Washington Irving, turning the pages.

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice" utilizes the body puppet and a full

array of magic tricks to surprise and delight the youngsters.

The stated intention of Pegasus shows is to entertain. The production company hails from New York City and is owned and managed by Fred Wolinsky. Puppeteers travel and perform throughout the country at elementary schools, libraries and anywhere children gather.

"Instead of making the children come to us, we come to them," explained David Walters, one of the two puppeteers who per-

formed at Westmoreland. Walters was joined by Lois Meyer, a Kingston native.

The performances are held on a large black stage, which stands about five feet high.

The stage takes approximately one hour to assemble and another hour to take down.

Following the performance, Walters and Meyer brought their puppets out to their delighted audience and explained how they work. The children asked a

number of interesting questions and several had the opportunity to touch and view the puppets at close range.

The Cultural Enrichment program at Westmoreland has brought a number of exciting programs for the children this year, including a visit from Clyde Peeler and his reptiles. Upcoming is a visit from Benjamin Franklin, who hails from the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. This performance is scheduled for the spring.



A CLOSEUP LOOK: Students from Miss McCarthy's third grade class at Westmoreland Elementary School get a close look at the puppets following the showing of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and "Sleepy Hollow." Shown from left Christopher Williams, John Iorio, David Knapp, Shannon Dzury, Sherri Kaskey, Robin Dennis, Melissa Wall, Lois Meyers and David Walters, puppeteers, standing in back.

Foreign Language Week at Dallas

Students at Dallas Schools recently celebrated "Foreign Language Week" with a number of events designed to stimulate interest in the study of other cultures and their native tongues.

Highlight of the week was a visit to the junior and senior high schools by the six area American Field Service students. Of course, three of those students presently live in Dallas and study at the

senior high school, so they were no strangers to their hosts. But Dina Mostafa, Sandrine Chane and Anna Rudiger provided even greater insights to the local students.

Dina is from Egypt and presently attends Meyers High School. Sandrine comes from France and attends Lake-Lehman. Anna, from Germany, is a student at Northwest Area.

The six AFS students

spoke at the Junior High School on Wednesday morning, March 9. While there, they taped a series of interviews to be aired on the school's closed circuit television system during the following week.

That afternoon the six were the guests of the AFS club at the high school. While there, they were the subject of an informal discussion, during which they ex-

plained many of the differences between their lives at home and what they see in the United States.

Foreign Language Week was proclaimed by Gov. Thornburgh, and in fact, the entire month of March has been set aside as a time to foster interest in the study of other tongues. At Dallas, foreign language department chairperson Arno Miller said students enjoyed a foreign language

menu in the high school cafeteria, which was put together with the cooperation of Food Services manager Mary Reistetter. On Tuesday, the cafeteria featured German food; on Wednesday, it was Spanish, and French was the order of the day on Thursday. Foreign language students translated the menu items into the appropriate tongue for those who wished to order in vernacular.

At the junior high school, signs noting entrance, exit, and the like, were seen in a variety of foreign languages during the week.

At Dallas, students begin receiving instruction in foreign languages in the seventh grade. At the high school level, such instruction is purely on an elective basis, although a number of fourth level courses are offered. Miller said interest in the study holds its own at this time, after having dropped off with the switch to an elective system. He pointed out, however, four of the six AFS visitors speak more than two languages. All speak English aside from their native language and those with a European background can also converse in other languages.

Coordinating the visit by the AFS students was Mrs. Gwen Quick, French teacher at Dallas. Miller teaches German, and Sam Argento, teaches Spanish.



CELEBRATING FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK: Six American Field Service students visited the Dallas schools recently during a celebration of Foreign Language Week. Shown at an informal gathering are Sandrine Chane, France; Anna Rudiger, Germany;

Maria Coral Tovar, Mexico; Dina Mostafa, Egypt. Second row, left to right, Sam Argento, Spanish teacher at Dallas; Arno Miller, German teacher at Dallas; Gwen Quick, French teacher at Dallas; Roberto Boto, Argentina; Andra Morresi, Italy.

Financial Aid Program Available at Seminary

Whether it was a tuition discount given single-handedly by various presidents of the college prep school, or in more modern times, an actual cash award decided upon by a faculty committee, financial aid has always been a fundamental aspect of life at Wyoming Seminary.

Stories abound of students on work-scholarships in those early years, who otherwise would not have been

able to attend. Before central heating came on the scene, young men carried wood and coal to fire up the pot-bellied stoves in various sections of the dormitories and classroom building. Through those years a whole stream of boys learned how to push back the hot embers, shake down the burnt ash, heave in the fresh coal, and haul out the dead ash. Other students, countless window washers, snow shovelers, floor sweepers,

blackboard washers, grounds keepers and fire stokers have all worked their way through the halls of Wyoming Seminary.

And the beat goes on! Today the hand-fired boilers have been replaced with more sophisticated devices, and maintenance personnel using floor buffers and riding snow plows have made life considerably easier.

But there are still jobs to be done. Students still

work as library aides, office assistants, life guards, lab assistants, dining room porters or clean-up crew members, and of course, a flag-raiser still keeps Old Glory flying in the wind.

Perhaps, however, the oldest workshop of all and the one that still enters into the lives of many valley residents is that of the bell ringer. The cupola bell, still rung by hand, loudly and clearly marks a daily routine for students and faculty. It

offers a morning wake-up call, announces the beginning of the first class, provides an evening dinner call, marks the start and finish of the nightly study time, and even tolls a bedtime hour.

Not all financial aid comes in the form of workshops, however. Actually, only a small portion does. Today, in excess of \$250,000 is awarded annually to more than 125 recipients. At the upper school alone, over one quarter of the student

body receives financial aid. Awards range from a few hundred dollars to the school's full tuition Trustee Achievement Scholarship.

Whatever the amount, though, Wyoming Seminary continues its tradition of offering a substantial financial aid-scholarship program to help ease the impact of tuition expenses on the family budget, making it possible for students to attend the school who otherwise could not.

Kojak Entertains Dallas Elementary Students

Dallas Borough Elementary School

students enjoyed a real treat recently when

Patrolman James DeWald of the Nanticoke

Police Department brought "Kojak" to the

school.

Kojak is DeWald's trained police dog. The students witnessed a planned attack upon building coordinator Fred Wesley during the demonstration.

Along with showing the students how a dog can be a valuable asset in police work, DeWald also gave tips on dog training.

The visit was sponsored by the PTO. DeWald conducts the demonstrations on his own.



ATTACK: Kojak, Nanticoke patrolman James DeWald's trained attack dog, goes after Fred Wesley, Dallas Borough Elementary's building coordinator, while

students and DeWald look on. It was all an act, however, as Kojak is also trained to demonstrate his talents to groups such as the children. (Rod Kaye Photo)



ENCORE: Students from Miss Reiss' class enjoy an extra chat with a few of their favorite puppets. Shown from left, first row, Charles Tamblin, Jane Kilduff, Brian Jayne. Second row, James Reynolds, Susan Amos, Lois Meyers and David Walters, puppeteers.



Musicians Cop Honors

Solo and ensemble competition among Dallas Junior High instrumental music students was recently concluded.

In these annual highlights, every student is involved with the group ensembles, comprised of members in each instrumental class, while the solo competition is on a voluntary basis.

Participation in the events provides all students with an element of musicianship sometimes overlooked,

small group and solo performance.

In seventh grade solo competition, the winners of the brass division were: first, Michael Shaffer, trumpet; second, Walter Delgaudio, trumpet; third, Sean Gray, trombone; fourth, Laura Dover, trombone.

In the woodwind division awards went to: First, Tammy Adamchik, clarinet; second, Eddie Novitski, saxophone; third, Shelby Girard, clarinet; fourth, Nicole Nardone, flute; fifth, Laura Horvath, clarinet; sixth, Lori Niedzwiecki, flute. All received certificates and quality points on their achievement records, while the first two places received small awards.

In the eighth-ninth competition Gena Murphy, clarinetist, earned first place.

Ensemble competition winners in the seventh grade division were: first place, trumpet and

baritone ensemble of Mike Shaeffer, Walter Delgaudio, Matt Quinn, Brad Wall, and Bill Cooper. Second place winners: trombone duet of Laura Dover and Ray Besecker. Third place: flute trio of Traci Mazula, Chris Yezilski and Lori Niedzwiecki.

Top spots in the eighth-ninth ensemble competition were won by: first place, flute ensemble of Kathy Fader, Kiersten Fries, Dawn Rebenack and Karen Niskey. Second place went to a clarinet ensemble of Kristen McHenry, Lori Bartleson, Traci Bush and Gena Murphy and third place to a clarinet ensemble of Traci Cave, Kathy Zikor, Lori Poplawski and Debbie Roginski.

Judging was done by senior high instructor David C. Benn, faculty member Evan Williams, senior high students Kim Moran and Nick Hornack, as well as instructor Reese E. Pelton.

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Rummage Sale

A rummage sale sponsored by the Jackson Twp. United Methodist Church Women will be held in the Jackson church basement on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. There will also be a bake sale and refreshments will be sold.

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