

—Back Country Briefs—

PENNDOT CREWS completed the initial phase of repairs to West Eighth Street last week with the laying of asphalt on a three mile-plus stretch from Bodle Road to the village of Orange. Final phase of the work - oiling and spreading of fine cinders - was expected to get underway this week. The improvement was welcomed by motorists, who travel the route to and from Wilkes-Barre.

CHRISTIAN ICKINGER of West Eighth Street, Carverton, is a patient in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, having been admitted last Wednesday evening. Christian was taken to the hospital by a Franklin Township Volunteer Ambulance crew.

THE BOB HORLACHER MEMORIAL LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STARS were eliminated from further competition for the District 16 Little League playoffs Wednesday evening when they were defeated by St. Theresa's Little Leaguers from South Wilkes-Barre, 5-2, in a playoff game at Beaumont Wednesday evening.

REV. AND MRS. JAMES HOWELL and children of Centermoreland have returned after a 10-day fishing vacation at Bear Lake, Canada.

A BENEFIT ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be held Saturday at the East Dallas United Methodist Church on Lower Demunds Road. Serving will be from 4 to 8 p.m. and will include homemade ice cream, fresh strawberries, wimpies and other delicious food.

BARNEY AND BARBARA MILLER of Hartford, Conn., have returned after several days with Barbara's mother, Mrs. Marian Brace of Orange, who is coming along nicely at home following hospitalization for a fracture suffered sometime ago at home.

PLANS ARE COMPLETE for the benefit bazaar and carnival to be held by the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company on the fire company grounds in Orange starting tomorrow evening and continuing through Saturday evening. A band will play for dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Highlight of the affair will be the parade Saturday evening at 7.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN of Dymond Hollow UM Church will meet this evening at 7:30.

A SPECIAL MEETING to complete plans for the annual Centermoreland Barbecue and Auction will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Centermoreland UM Church social rooms.

FRIENDS OF MRS. GLENN MAJOR of Centermoreland will be glad to learn she is recuperating at home after a stay at NPW Hospital in Plains Twp.

WYOMING SEMINARY STUDENT ROBERT EGGLESTON, JR. and his cousin, Paul Bartley returned from the Wyoming Seminary educational tour of Europe. They accompanied other Seminary students and four faculty members.

H. LEE BREHM will be the

guest speaker at services on Sunday in the three churches of the Centermoreland UM Charge at East Dallas at 8:45; Dymond Hollow at 10, and Centermoreland at 11:15.

MRS. ALICE FRONZEK of Centermoreland returned home on Wednesday after spending several days as a medical patient in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

REV. DAVID VIRKLER of Towaco, N.J., an evangelist with the Word and World Broadcast group, was the guest speaker at both services on Sunday in Northmoreland Baptist Church at Centermoreland. Plans also were completed for an Evangelistic Crusade to be held at the Centermoreland Church in the Fall.

HARDING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AND RESCUE SQUAD will hold its annual bazaar Aug. 5-6-7 on the fire company grounds in Harding.

BINGO has become a way of fundraising for volunteer fire companies in the area. On Monday evenings, the recently organized Northmoreland Twp. Volunteer Fire Company holds its bingo parties in its new hall in Centermoreland with an early bird special at 6:30; Wednesday evenings, Franklin Twp. Volunteer Fire Company holds its weekly benefit bingo parties in the fire hall in Orange, and on Friday evenings, the Falls Twp. Volunteer Fire Company holds its benefit social parties in the fire hall at Falls, starting with an early bird special at 6:45.



Sailboat Auctioned

This 11-foot two-seater SNARK sailboat will be auctioned off at the annual three-day Festival and Auction scheduled for July 22, 23 and 24 at St. Maria Goretti Church, Laffin. Shown in the boat are, from left, Elizabeth Callahan, Gary White and Jason Wrazen. Standing, Robert Wrazen, auction floor manager, and the Rev. Philip A. Gray, pastor and honorary chairman.

Laffin Church Plans Festival

St. Maria Goretti Church, Laffin, will hold its annual three-day Festival and Auction on the church grounds, Laffin Road, on July 22, 23, 24. The hours on Friday and Saturday are 6 p.m. and 5 p.m., Sunday.

The auction will feature over 1,000 items ranging from antiques of sterling silver, gold trimmed stemware, depression glass, lead crystal, to two-tier oak tables, oak

chests, mahogany tables, and many, many collectibles such as an antique knick-knack collection, old framed pictures, solid brass items, coal memorabilia, and a juke box.

An 11-foot two-seater SNARK sailboat will be auctioned, as well as new clothing, tickets for dinners, merchandise, and sporting events, and many more articles too numerous to mention. The auction will be conducted by Chuck Tedrow with

ample seating available under a tent.

As in past years, the Festival will include delicious homecooked ethnic and American foods, including sausage and peppers, cheese steak hoagies with sauce, fresh French fries, clam chowder, halusky, pierogies, and a variety of other foods with special lines for the popular potato pancakes.

—Noxen News Notes—

ABOUT 100 PERSONS attended the 31st annual reunion of descendants of David and Florence Traver, which was held on Sunday, July 10, at Dymond's Grove in Noxen.

NOXEN AMBULANCE CORPS is sponsoring benefit bingo parties Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons at Hanson's Amusement Park at Harveys Lake.

NOXEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY is completing plans for its annual bazaar and carnival to be held July 28-30 on the fire company grounds on Market Street. This year's affair will feature various rides, ethnic foods, a talent show, music each evening and the annual parade to be held Saturday, July 30 at 2 p.m.

Heading the various committees are John Lyons, chairman; James Strohl, entertainment; Earl May, games; food and refreshments by members of the Ladies Auxiliary under the chairmanship of Mrs. Shirley Strohl. Mrs. Wilma Hopper is president of the auxiliary.

KUNKLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY will hold its annual benefit bazaar on the fire company grounds in Kunkle on July 28-30. Walter Derhammer

is president.

FRIENDS OF MRS. WALTER WANDELL of Noxen will be glad to learn she has returned home after a stay at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

DR. AND MRS. CLARENCE D. PARKS of Noxen have returned home after several days in Brookfield, N.Y., where Dr. Parks officiated at a competitive trail ride.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MCGOVERN and son, Robert, of Canandaigua, N.Y. have returned home after spending several days with Mrs. McGovern's father, Edgar Engelman, of Noxen.

MRS. CLARENCE PARKS and daughter, Sylvia Shaffer, have returned home after attending the four-day grand chapter sessions of the Order of Eastern Star in Pittsburgh.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Mr. and

Mrs. Thomas Lane of Noxen, who observed their 49th wedding anniversary on July 4 and Mrs. Lane's 67th birthday anniversary on July 2. Scores of friends and relatives attended the July 4 celebration at their home.

FRIENDS OF MRS. LORI VAN ETEN will be glad to learn she is home after a stay at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York. Mrs. Van Eten is the wife of David Van Eten, junior pastor at the Noxen Independent Bible Church.

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended the family of Fred May of Williamsport, who passed away on July 8. He is the brother of Lewis May of Noxen.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Lewis R. Hackling, who completed training at the Johnson School of Technology in Scranton last month. He earned listing on the President's List for having completed a quality point index of better than 3.30 for the Spring semester.

Blood Drive Successful

The summer vacation period caught up with the Back Mountain Blood Drive on July 12 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Laffin.

"Donations were down on previous collections," reported Jeff Townsend, co-chairman of the council. "We had considerable difficulty in finding enough volunteers to help us contact donors - there were 250 people we could not reach."

In all, 204 people registered, of whom 195 successfully donated against a target of 230. Over 100 units were rushed to the Blood Center in Hanover Township for processing for platelets, which are used in the treatment of cancer and bleeding disorders. The Red Cross reports a high demand for platelets and difficulty in meeting hospital requirements. An additional need arises during the summer, due to an increase in the number of snake bites (rattlesnakes) and large quantities of platelets are needed in the treatment of victims.

Despite a hot and humid day, all

concerned were in good spirits and the volunteers and nurses who worked the drive are due a vote of thanks for a very smooth operation.

Jane Ellis, the Red Cross Head Nurse, commented that for the time of year and the weather, there was a good turnout. Almost all those who donated made appointments for the next community drive on Sept. 13 at the Shavertown United Methodist Church. At this drive, the Red Cross will start enrollment for the newly formed Decca Donor Club. Many Back Mountain residents have already qualified for the distinctive pin that is awarded to members.

Those helping at this drive were Ruth Helgemo, coordinator; Barbara Barakat, assistant coordinator; registrars Catherine Bolinski, Erma Kelchner, Charlotte Calkins and Lorretta Iveson; canteen helpers Kathy Gregory, Florence Niezgodna, Peg Frydlewicz, Betty Gutch and Carol Evanish; escorts Susan Baer, Rita Lyons, Sheryl Price, Carol Schmig, Vivian Griffin, Jill Urbanas and Dorothy Andes; nur-

sery attendants Debbie Roginski, Amy Urbanas, Heather Rorick and Jenny Ondish.

Plastics preparation was done by Mary Brown, Beulah Root, Arlene Rood, Elta Jones and James Clinton. Loaders were Richard Jones, Robert Lizza, George Brague, Donald Radner, Bill Richards and Dave Iveson.

Drivers were Willard Bullock, Paul Hodges and Bill Helgemo; forward bookers were Toni Ritter and Shirley Good; volunteer nurses coordinated by Janet West were Janice Congdon, Marion Young, Dorothy Wadas, Margaret Lalwar, Margaret Spencer, Dolores Havrilla, Barbara Adams, Pat Smaka, Marge Janosik, Mary Ellen Moylan, Monica Mickiewicz, Lorretta Skammer, Mrl Fiorini, Kimberley Gutman and Beverly Connolly; callers were provided by the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas Fire and Ambulance Auxiliary, St. Frances X. Cabrini Church, the Jaycees and members of the Blood Council.

Party Held at Recreation Center

The Dallas Recreation Center celebrated "Everybody's Birthday Party" on Tuesday, July 12. Approximately 50 children from ages four through 13 joined in the fun. Relays, team events and skill games were played, followed by snacks and a giant birthday cake. The children exchanged birthday gifts and then enjoyed a 45-minute magic show performed by professional magicians, Cosmic Louie

and Faye from Scranton. The second bi-weekly library trip to the Back Mountain Library was held July 14. Approximately 30 children hiked to the library and stopped for a picnic lunch before returning to the center.

A Fire Engine Demonstration was conducted by the Dallas Borough Fire Department on July 19. Group games are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to

noon and again from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Arts and crafts are held every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. with Story Hour following at 11 a.m.

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