

The Back Mt. Police and Dallas Kiwanis will co-sponsor a ham and egg breakfast on Sunday, March 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dallas Senior High School cafeteria for the benefit of the Association for the Retarded Citizens of Luzerne County.

This event is one of the many

being planned during the month of March which is "National Mental Retardation Month" being observed here and throughout the nation. The proceeds of the breakfast will be presented to the Association to support their work and help achieve its many objectives in advocating for retarded

citizens and the rights they have to education, treatment and training.

The public is invited to attend and tickets may be purchased from any member of the Back Mt. Police, Dallas Kiwanis or at the ARC office, 71 N. Franklin St., W-B. Adult tickets are \$4.00 and children under 12 are \$2.00.

Shown above at a recent planning meeting are left to right, Walter "Skip" Davis, Back Mt. Police Assoc., Paul Sabol, Back Mt. Police Assoc., Mark Kunkle, Assoc. for Retarded Citizens, Tim Carroll, Back Mt. Police Assoc., and Bill Kalinowski, Dallas Kiwanis.



Little William Alan Lewis Jr. is being as cooperative as he possibly can while being fingerprinted by Stewart Oakley and Dick Alters of the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club.

The Kiwanis, on invitation from the Lehman Ladies Auxiliary, held the fingerprinting session at the Lehman Fire Hall. (Photo by Ed Campbell)



Shown here are students of Team C of the Dallas Intermediate School who baked and contributed to a bake sale held recently at the school. Proceeds of the sale were donated to the John Charney

family to help defray medical and transportation expenses for John "Jack" Charney, who was injured recently in Egypt. Charney's brother, Kevin, is a student at the Dallas Intermediate School.

## Jack Charney - a 'Renaissance Man'

Jack Charney is not just a young man who was an accident victim in Egypt. He is an ex-teacher, a poet, a vegetarian, a world traveler, a potter, a playwright and aspires to be many more things. Twenty-eight year old Charney, whose major love is "the Arts", did not object when the term "Renaissance Man" was used to describe him.

Charney, who was in Egypt on the last leg of a two-year trip studying native crafts worldwide, comes by his love of travel honestly. During the 22 years his father John Charney served in the Air Force, the family moved 18 times and lived in numerous foreign countries.

Jack himself stayed in Florida to graduate from South Dade County High School after his dad retired and returned to the area. He then went on to Abioch College in Ohio where he majored in Art and Education.

"I designed my own college program which included spending two years in South America," he explained. "I studied native craftsmen in Guatemala, Mexico, El Salvador and Peru." His interest in traditional art continues to this day. "I want to be influenced by the people...the craftsmen, the original artists who are still producing in this century," he stated.

Jack's interest in pottery also has its practical side with his mug and a clay bowl fashioned by him using an ancient Mexican process displayed prominently on his hospital tray. The bowl was filled

with chopped beets which his girlfriend, Lynda Feman of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, had brought him along with a bouquet of bright, green parsley.

Lynda, who had left Egypt only weeks before Jack's accident had been a college classmate as well as a fellow teacher at The Stowe School in Vermont. While at Stowe, Jack taught art, theater, literature and philosophy.

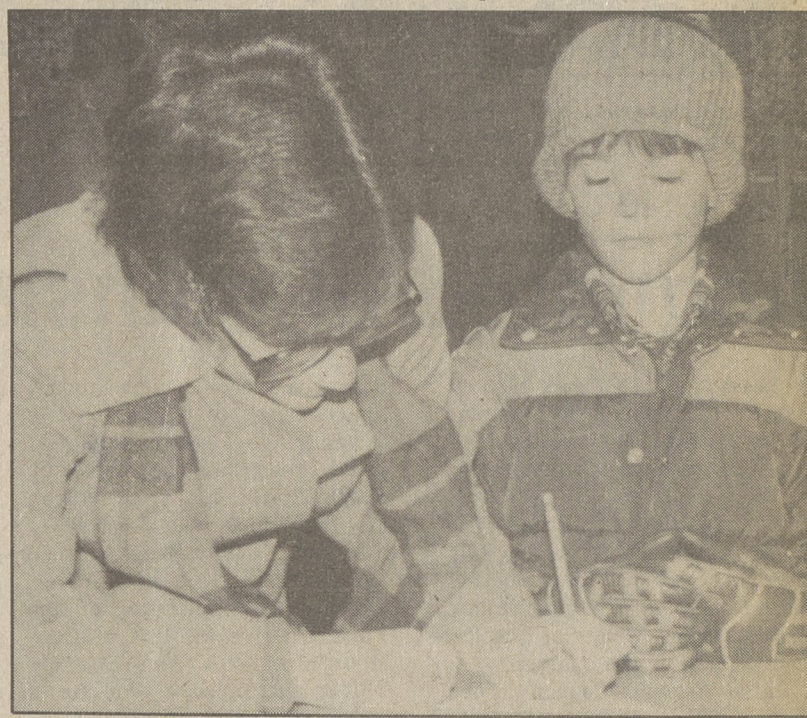
He is presently writing a play about "whole people-art types that society produced in the past" who have been "displaced, forgotten in modern industrial society." He hopes we "are entering a post-industrial union of art types."

A native craft particular to this area is also prominently displayed in his hospital room. It is a cross fashioned of wooden match sticks which Jack says is "unique - I've never seen them anyplace else in the world."

After his recuperation at the family home in Dallas, Jack who definitely has more than a glint of wanderlust in his eye, will be off to see the world again. This time he and Lynda plan to go to Santa Fe, New Mexico and "make Art" as it is represented in the Southwestern United States.

Despite his experience, Jack does not rule out the possibility that some day he might return to Egypt, expressing understanding that "things are different in a Third World country." In his own words, traveling and seeing what's out there are Jack Charney's thing - "It sets my imagination on fire."

-JANE C. BOLGER



Seven-year-old Charlie Malpass gets some help from his mother Molly as he signs up to play baseball with Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. this is the first year

seven-year-olds are allowed to register. A second registration will be held Saturday, Feb. 25. (Photo by George Poynton)

## Baseball sign-ups slated

Back Mountain Baseball, Inc., will hold its final registration for the 1984 season on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown.

Registration will be conducted for the following groups: Boys Teeners, ages 13-15; Boys 13-year old league, ages 13; Boys and Girls

Little League Hardball, ages 7-12; and Girls Little League Softball, ages 9-15. Parents are asked to note the sign-up age for Boys and Girls Little League Hardball has been lowered from eight to seven years old.

First-year players must bring their birth certificates and must be accompanied by an adult. A registration fee is required.

## Quick to attend seminar

Kathryn S. Quick, a sophomore from Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School in Kingston, has been selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar set for March 29 to April 1, in Lancaster.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Quick, Harveys Lake, Miss Quick was chosen to attend the program based on her activities at the prep school and a recommendation from a Faculty-Student Selection Committee. The purpose of the seminar is to provide high school sophomores

with an opportunity to utilize their capabilities of leadership.

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