

People

Yencha receives Youth Award

The Penn Mountains Council of the Boy Scouts of America have announced that Andrew Yencha of Troop 232 has won the Dewitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Youth in America Leadership Award.

Andrew first qualified for the leadership award at the troop level in his Troop 232, Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. Then he won for his district, the west side, and the Council, the whole Wyoming Valley. He is presently entered in the competition for his region which represents several Northeastern states.

Andy won the medal for outstanding leadership given to his troop in carrying out a very ambitious scouting program and in doing many public service projects with the troop, among which were a conservation project for the YMCA, an international education project for College Misericordia, and several instructional programs for the Girl Scouts. Andy was also selected because of his broad interests and achievements.

In recognition of his award, Andy was chosen as the representative of area youth to address the 800 community leaders assembled for the United Way Campaign dinner.

Andy is an Eagle Scout, member of the Order of the Arrow, a winner of the World Conservation Award and Senior Patrol Leader of his troop.

Receiving the Eagle Award at the age of 16, Andy was presented at a Court of Honor at College Misericordia on Sept. 30. The Eagle award, the highest award in scouting, is attained by only one out of every 100 boys who enter scouting.

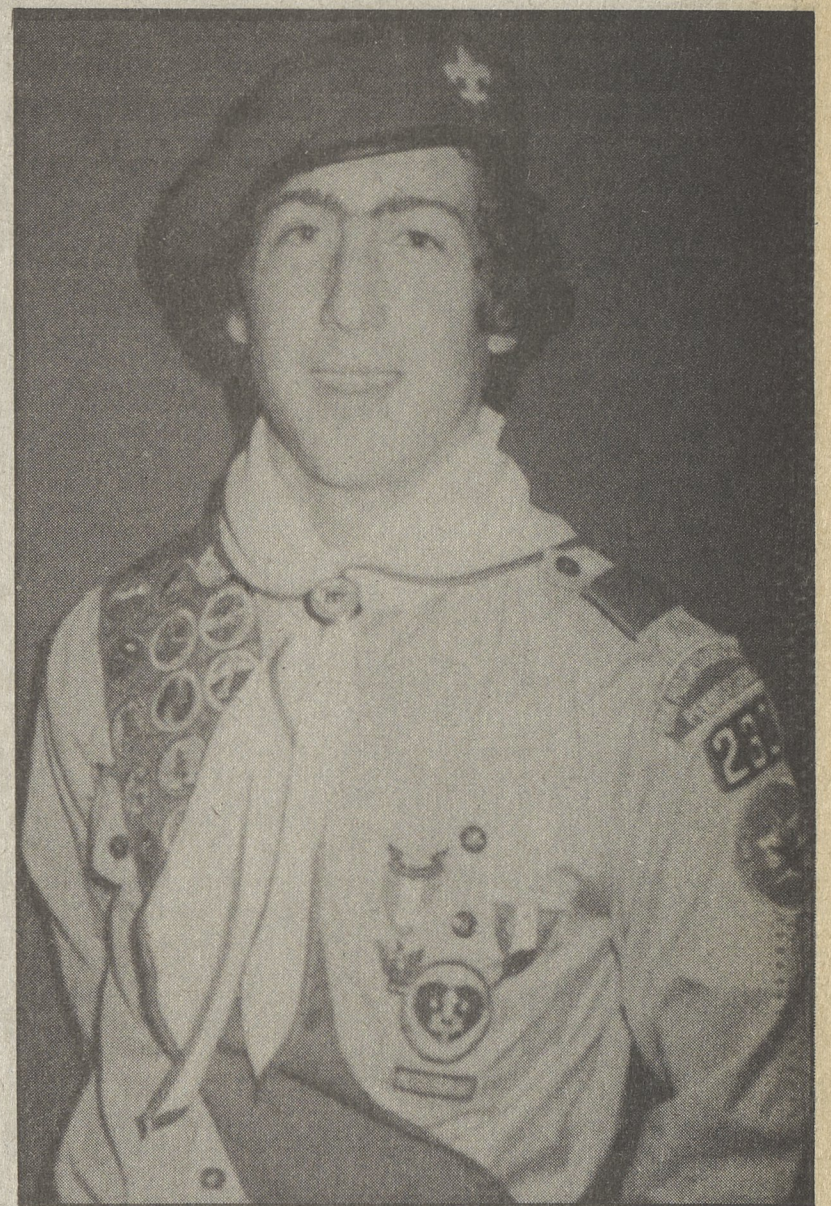
Andy's Eagle project was to set up, train and lead the Guide Program for the Window on the World Education Program. Andy was also responsible for registration. Under his leadership 35 scouts and college students registered and guided 300 young people through three Saturday programs. Andy was responsible for the movement of a total of 1,000 young people. He and his volunteers put in over 400 service hours in his project. This was a substantial leadership achievement and a significant public service.

He also holds the World Conservation Award, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. This summer Andy was one of six young people chosen from all across the country to be a member of the Student Conservation Corps to work with the National Park Service at Lassen Volcano National Park in California.

As Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 232, Andy leads a troop of 30 boys with his Scoutmaster Dr. Lee Williams.

Dr. Williams feels that, "Andy is a truly outstanding young man who risked, cared and worked enough to earn the Eagle. He is an example of and for all area youth."

Andy is a senior student at Dallas High School where he



ANDREW YENCHA

participated in cross country for two years. He enjoys the life sciences and hopes to pursue a career in Environmental Science or Forestry.

He is currently looking at several colleges in the Northeast for next year. In the summer, Andy works as a pioneering instructor and lifeguard at the Wilkes Barre YMCA's Camp Kresge.

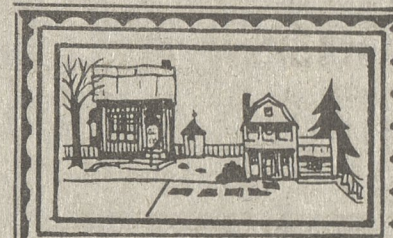
Andy resides with his parents, Andrew and Bernadine Yencha and his sister Vicki in Midway Manor, Trucksville.

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Camporee winners

Members of Boy Scout Troop 232, Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, who recently placed first in District Camporee competition are shown here. From left, first row, Jarrett Rittenhouse, Walter Fry, Samuel Wilkes, Shane Williams, Danny McDonald, Chris Kuhar, Tony Finarelli. Second row, John Mitchell, James Fry, James Strange, John Kristan, Roni Fitch, Nathan Kelley, Lee Williams. Third row, Mike Dzanko, Bradley Banks, Dr. Lee Williams, scoutmaster; Andrew Yencha, senior patrol leader; Aaron Kelley, Bob Skursky, Bob Rowlands and Jeff Kubasti.

Troop 232 Scouts awarded

Troop 232 Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, placed first over all in competition among 14 area troops. The troops on the West Side of the river met in their Fall Camporee at Frances Slocum Park. In the skill contests held as part of the three day camp the scouts from Troop 232 placed first or second in all of the events. Out of the 19 patrols competing the Kodiak Patrol from Troop 232 won first over all, and the Panther Patrol from Troop 232 won third place over all. The troop under the leadership of Senior Patrol Leader Andy Yencha, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Lee D. Williams, Patrol Leaders, Nathan Kelley, James Strange and Bob Skursky has had a very challenging

and successful year.

At their recent recognition ceremony, the troop members were recognized for their achievements. The troop qualified as an Honor Unit, earned the National Camping Award, and won first place in the District window display contest.

The scouts individually earned awards also. Ronald Fitch earned merit badges for nature, forestry, canoeing and skill awards in camping, First Aid, hiking and swimming as well as second class rank. Walter Fry received the citizenship and swimming skill awards and Tenderfoot rank. David Casey received a 2 year pin. Jeff Kubasti was awarded merit badges in forestry, mammals and nature.

Jim Fry earned nature, forestry and canoeing merit badges and a Second Class rank. Mike Dzanko received forestry merit badge and a 3 year pin. Aaron Kelley completed the forestry merit badge and a 3 year pin. Shane Fegley received a three year pin.

Chris Kuhar was awarded siming and citizenship skill awards as well as Tenderfoot rank. Nathan Kelley earned canoeing, forestry and nature merit badges with a three year pin. Samuel Wilkes received the citizenship skill award. James Strange received forestry, canoeing, and nature merit badges.

Bob Rowlands earned Indian Lore, nature, canoeing, and swimming merit badges with a three year pin. Lee Williams earned safety, camping, personal management, forestry, nature and rowing merit badges. John Mitchell earned canoeing and forestry merit badges and a two yearpin. Andy Yencha received rowing and nature merit badges, the Youth Leadership award for the troop, the District, and the Council and the Eagle Scout Rank.

Shane Williams earned his citizenship an swimming skill awards and Tenderfoot rank. Danny McDonald received his citizenship skill award. David Sigman received a 4 year pin. Jarrett Rittenhouse received his citizenship skill award. Anthony Finarelli received his citizenship and swimming skill awards and Tenderfoot rank.

John Kristan received his canoeing, nature and forestry merit badges as well as swimming, First Aid and hiking skill awards earning Second Class rank. Bob Skursky earned nature, forestry, canoeing and camping merit badges completing his Star Scout rank. Alan Landis received the canoeing, nature and the forestry merit badges.

Sem Madrigal Singers perform in Switzerland

The Wyoming Seminary Madrigal Singers, under the direction of John M. Vaida, chairman of the school's music department, have been selected to perform at the Luzern "World of Music" Festival in Luzern, Switzerland.

The singers will perform in choral competition at this highly prestigious and world class event which

attracts artists, orchestras and conductors from around the world.

At the festival the madrigals will premier an original selection entitled "Touch Tenderly", which is being composed by Miss Maria Agati, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Agati, 26 James Street, Kingston. Miss Agati is a 1980 Wyoming Seminary graduate.

DALLAS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER NEWS

Division of Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging

THANKS TO THE WILKES COLLEGE senior nursing students for their professional handling of the Health Fair at the Dallas Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, Oct. 18.

THE WOMEN TOOK OVER in bowling on October 18 and four of them came up with high scores for single games: Jean Johnson bowled a 172, Muriel Pealer turned in a 175 and Lillian Sayre rolled a 182. Nell Robbins had a three-game high of 453.

WE LIKE THE WAY OUR DIRECTOR of Senior Center Services, Mrs. Patricia Werner, expressed her thoughts: "You will find warmth, companionship and interesting things to do at the centers. Don't be lonely or bored during the coming months - get with the "now" people and "go for it."

A BUSLOAD OF DALLAS SENIORS will leave on October 30 for Brown's Resort in the Catskills. Join the center now and enjoy these kinds of trips next year.

HAZEL FOSTER has reported the committee has everything in order for the Halloween Party on October 25.

AND, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, call for a reservation for a nutritious lunch. Call 24 hours in advance, 675-2170 or 675-2179.



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