

People, places, and things

Library notes

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Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library display case has an unusual collection of hearts and flowers to commemorate the month of February and the Valentine's Day holiday. We have some unique antique valentines borrowed from Sharon Meyernick of Dallas, some of the old style moveable ones which date back to 1927. Marilyn Rudolph, our children's librarian, found some very stylish valentines in her storage area which are also rather old and we included some of them in the display. Gina Oplinger, of Harveys Lake, a sophomore at Lake-Lehman High School added some very pretty heart shaped boxes to the collection. She has been collecting these for about 10 years and they include hearts made of glass, ceramic and porcelain. One small one is decorated with flowers inside and outside; an oriental one is beautifully painted and there is a hand painted wooden one. Gina also added to the display some heart jewelry including a bracelet, necklace and many heart shaped pins. The display certainly brightens up one corner of the library during these gloomy days, and will be here until February 29.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library was very busy during the month of January, the time for term papers, tax reference study, pleasure reading, and other related new year activities.

We have four large tables in our reading room and a larger table in the reference room and on many evenings, all five tables have been occupied with students and adults studying and writing reports. This makes the staff feel great, knowing the patrons have a quiet place to work in and that our library is being used by them. One thing for sure, your library and its facilities are in use.

Our 1988 Book Club membership drive has been in progress for a few weeks and as of two weeks into the drive, 110 members have joined the Book Club contributing \$965.00 to the library to be used for the purchase of Book Club books.

Our 1988 Friends of the Library campaign has just begun and one week into the campaign, we are one quarter of the way to our goal with \$1,000.00 donated to date. The Friends campaign goal for 1988 is budgeted at \$4,000.00.

Our 1987 Library Auction final figures are in and our net profit for the year was \$32,000.00. This amount is \$8,000.00 short of the budget amount, which means our financial year was a little tight at the end of 1987. The budgeted amount for the 1988 auction is \$35,000.00 and we are hoping to raise this amount with an enthused committee and committed involvement by volunteers and community residents. Auction committee meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at the library and all interested community members are invited to attend and get involved and make the 1988 Library Auction a success!

The library has a collection of fishing videos which may be borrowed for home use. These were donated to the library by the Endless Mountains Chapter of Trout Unlimited and include titles such as Anatomy of a Trout Stream, Tying Trout Flies, Flyfishing for Bass, and The Way of a Trout. These videos have been very popular with the patrons and some of the favorites have been borrowed two and three times by some patrons.

New books at the library: "The Great Depression of 1990" by Dr. Ravi Batra is startling in its revelations, bold in its predictions and overwhelmingly convincing in the evidence it offers. It demonstrated that we are headed toward an economic disaster of unprecedented proportions that will occur in 1990 and continue to plague the world at least until 1996. Symptoms pinpointed are the mushrooming federal budget deficits and trade deficits and the increasing concentration of wealth among the rich. Crucial reading for survival.

The annual meeting of the Back Mountain Memorial Library was held recently in the reference room at the library. It was the reorganization of the Library Board of Directors. Officers elected for the coming year include: President, Ernest Ashbridge; Vice President, Elizabeth Lloyd; Treasurer, Glenn W. Eyet, Jr.; and Secretary, Pauline Kutz. New board members are Debbie Dinger and Frank Popaski.

Goals for 1988 include the final completion on the renovation of the library building with plaques installed to commemorate special contributions and to completely renovate the Community Room and make it available for the public to use. A special fund raising project is planned to raise money for this room.

The Building and Grounds committee includes Kerry Freeman, chairman, George Schall, John Shaskas and Frank Popaski.



Robin Engelman and Steve Yatsko

Engagement announced

Mrs. Louis M. Engelman, Noxen announces the engagement of her daughter, Robin, to Steve W. Yatsko, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Yatsko of Centermoreland.

Miss Engelman is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Siglin Sr. of Noxen. Mr. Yatsko is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Yatsko Sr. of Centermoreland and also Mrs. Mary Wahlgren of Shavertown.

The bride elect, a graduate of Lake-Lehman H.S. is employed at Nancy Fashions, Tunkhannock.

Mr. Yatsko, a graduate of Tunkhannock H.S. is self-employed.

The wedding will be solemnized September 24, 1988 in the Prince of Peace Church, Dallas.

FM station benefits Tunkhannock

"The most historic FCC Rule change in the past two decades has benefited Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania according to Communications Specialist Jim Price of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Tunkhannock, has been chosen by the FCC to receive a new FM radio frequency for which any citizen may apply.

Mr. Price, with his company Sterling Communications, Inc., has been successful in helping individuals all across the United States establish new broadcasting stations for their communities.

In an unprecedented proceeding known as "Docket 80-90", the FCC determined that its Rules governing FM stations were too restrictive.

The proceeding designates Tunkhannock, as one of the communities to receive a new FM radio frequency providing that someone applies for it within the proper "Filing Window".

A "Filing Window" is a 30 day period of time in which interested persons may apply for the FM frequency.

According to Mr. Price, the Tunkhannock, "Filing Window" closes March 1, 1988, and this may be the last opportunity for a new FM station at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania.

More information may be obtained by contacting Sterling Communications, Inc., in Chattanooga, Tennessee, (615) 899-9393.



4-H ACHIEVERS AWARDED — Four outstanding members of 4-H received special recognition at the Sixth Annual 4-H Horse Achievement Banquet Sunday. Above, from left are, Michelle Wolfe, Kristin Nardone, Beth Finn and Melanie Raspen. (Charlot M. Denmon Photo)

4-H awards banquet held Sunday

The Luzerne County Sixth Annual 4-H Horse Achievement Banquet was held Sunday, Feb. 14 at the Northmoreland Township Fire Hall with Beth Finn and Melanie Raspen as mistresses of ceremonies.

Miss Finn and Miss Raspen welcomed more than 150 4-H members and their families to the recognition event which was followed by the pledge of allegiance and 4-H pledge led by Kristin Nardone and Michelle Wolfe.

Invocation was delivered by Anthony Lipinski, a leader of the Showin' Blue Club. Following a dinner served by Weaver's Market Catering, leaders of the area's 4-H Clubs were introduced as follows:

Country Riders - Betsy Desiderio, Tara Lawson, Jennifer Rebarchak, Donna Strittmatter; Hayburners - Margie Bart, Denise Castellano, Connie Grasso, Mary Parente, Mary Jo Scutt; Hoof Prints - Debbie Kopac, Michele Krohn, Debbie

Sudol; Manes and Tails - Norma Chest, Deborah Stewart, Ann Wolfe; Tail Ends - Pam Morgan, Jane Stull; Riding Ho-Geri Brown, Mike Brown, Dana Campbell, Harold Grey, Tom Martin, Wendy Martin, Lorraine Raspen, Tom Raspen; Showin' Lipinski, Carol Malig, Ed Malig, Kathryn Nardone; and Yellow Rose - Gail Heller, Karen Heller, Nancy Honeywell, Lynn Lauri and Linda McLaughlin.

Margie Bart of the Hayburners introduced special guests Don Clark, Fran Clark, Dave Spencer, Dave Crisman, Dr. Horn, VMD; Dr. Jerry McDonald, VMD. Debbie Kopac of Hoof Prints presented certificates and trophies to those members who had shown their animals in competition at county, regional and state levels during the past year and Dana Campbell presented member year pins to 4-H members from one to 10 years.

Showin' Blue leader Carol Malig acknowledged the young

men and women, who because of age, were graduating as members in 4-H activities. Donna Grey paid special recognition to members who displayed outstanding 4-H service over and above normal horse project work on a club, community, state or national basis. Ms. Grey is affiliated with the Luzerne County Extension Office. Ann Wolfe of Manes & Tails presented an engraved plaque and a \$50 savings bond to outstanding members, whose names will be engraved on a permanent plaque displayed in the county extension office. Outstanding members were Michelle Wolfe, Kristin Nardone, Beth Finn and Melanie Raspen.

Following the awarding of door prizes, extension agent Donna Grey expressed appreciation to all those present for their hard work and cooperation during the year which helped make the 4-H projects successful.



AWARE TO THE DANGER — By Congressional proclamation, Feb. 8-14 was designated "National Burn Awareness Week." February also marks the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Cincinnati Shriners Burns Institute. Pictured, from left, Chief William Eck, Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Gary Beisel, Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department; Irem Temple Potentate, Richard C. Post, VMD; Chief Jack Dodson, Kunkle Volunteer Fire Department and President Back Mountain Firemen's Association and Chief Bob Besecker, Dallas Volunteer Fire Department.

Free safety pamphlets available

Irem Temple Shrine, Wilkes-Barre, is offering a series of pamphlets at no charge which outline the ways area individuals can "burn-proof" their homes and learn to practice

safety techniques to prevent burn injuries. Topics covered include kitchen safety, home fire escape plans, and microwave burn prevention.

Anyone interested in receiving

the complimentary pamphlets can send a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope to: International Shrine Headquarters, P. O. Box 31356, Tampa, Fl., 33631.

Students call for parent involvement

America's high-achieving high school students call for more parental involvement to raise the nation's level of academic achievement, according to results of a survey recently released by Who's Who Among American High School Students.

The Eighteenth Annual Survey of High Achievers, conducted by Who's Who in the spring of 1987, shows 58 percent of high-achieving students surveyed believe that more parental involvement in their children's academic activities will raise the level of academic achievement in U.S. public schools. In 1986, only 47 percent of students felt that parental involvement was important in academic achievement.

According to the high-achieving students, the most important factor in raising the nation's level of academic achievement is periodic evaluations of teachers and school administrators. Sixty-nine percent of the students surveyed feel that public school teachers should be evaluated periodically; 60 percent believe school

administrators should be evaluated as well.

Reflecting the teens' high regard for parental involvement, 78 percent of the high achieving teens surveyed stated that their own parents impressed upon them the importance of a good education, helping them to do well in school. The teens also stated that their parents encouraged them to get good grades (78 percent).

Obviously these teens take education seriously. The students feel that a "C" or better should be maintained in all classes in order to participate in extracurricular activities (63 percent). But, they would give their peers a grace period before invoking a no-pass, no-play rule. Sixty-four percent of the high achievers surveyed believe that students should be allowed a probationary period to raise their grades before being denied participation.

Who's Who students are just as serious about their college education as they are about high school. Ninety-one percent

Services reduced

The U.S. Postal Service announced plans for meeting operating budget reductions mandated by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act passed by Congress in December. The bill specifically requires the Postal Service to reduce budget levels by \$1.25 billion over the next 20 months. This includes \$815 million in capital expenditures and \$430 million in operating expenses.

Cuts in capital expenditures will result in eliminating building and equipment purchases planned in 1988 and 1989. "By canceling construction projects," said Harrisburg Division Manager George T. Harkins, "we will be paying a heavy premium in terms of our ability to process and deliver anticipated growing volumes of mail."

On the operating side, decisions have been formalized for meeting the reductions targeted by the legislation. The decision is made, according to Harkins, will have a minimal effect upon our customers.

Specifically, two thirds of the reductions in the operating budget will be absorbed solely by the Postal Service through reduced administrative expenditures and adjustments in work-hours. The remaining third of the savings will come from adjustments in service.

Beginning Feb. 14, Sunday collections will be eliminated and as such there will be no processing of outgoing mail. Other mail processing operations such as the handling of incoming mail will be maintained. Express Mail and Special Delivery will also continue as normal.

In addition, beginning the same week, individual post offices will adjust their retail hours by about 10 percent, an average half-day a week. According to Harkins, this means some offices may reduce retail hours one day a week while others will realign hours to meet individual community needs.

To make it convenient for customers to continue purchasing stamps on weekends and during the week, Harkins emphasizes use of the "Stamps by Mail" program, self-service vending equipment and contract stations established throughout the division.

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