

French students visit Back Mountain area

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Staff Writer

Fifteen young French students, through the sponsorship of Inter-Study, are visiting Wyoming Valley and the Back Mountain. Nine of the members of the group are staying with families in the Back Mountain where they are gaining first-hand knowledge of suburban living in America.

This is the second summer that such a group has come to the local area and each year many residents look forward to meeting the young French students and making new friends.

Mrs. Richard (Drena) Gorgone, Dallas, and Mrs. David (Chris) Sutton, Lake-Lehman, have been accompanying the European visitors and their escort, Veronique Cordier, on various field trips to other parts of the East coast.

Drena, a teacher at Lake-Lehman, has been teaching them language each morning at the Lake-Lehman High School, and Chris acts as the group's representative for Inter-Study.

Chris and her family are also hosting one of the students, David Combet, from the east of France, the city of Mulhouse, near the German border.

David, a tall, slender blond-haired, blue-eyed young man, is enjoying his first trip to the United States, and will be in the Back Mountain for a month. With the other French students, he landed at LaGuardia Airport, July 2, where they were greeted by their American families.

His first impression of the United States was that it was much larger than France and that the people were very friendly. David lives in the city at home and finds it enjoyable living in the suburban area here, which he says is about the same as in his native country.

"The Americans eat more fast foods than the French," David said. "All of the food for our meals is cooked at home. We have a McDonald's Restaurant but no Burger King."

David also said that they can buy Coke in France but they average about five liters per person in a year while in the United States, Americans average approximately 39 liters per person per year.

"In France we eat many fruit pies, homemade cookies and candies but my mother never buys them, she makes them," David explained.

Many of the French enjoy dancing but David isn't too fond of it, although he likes listening to rock 'n roll and like nearly everyone in France, he has a "Walkman".

Unlike the United States, there is no age limit in France on purchasing and drinking wine or beer and they are the same price as soda. It was surprising to the young French students that Americans had to be 21 years of age, although most of those in the group who came to the United States do not drink. In France, the driving age is higher since a person must be 18 years of age before they can get a license.

Arriving in the States just before July 4, the French students got the impression Americans liked to do a lot of partying and they are also surprised at all the entertaining that is being done for them since they have arrived.

David and the students' French escort, Veronique Cordier, enjoy the relaxed informal living in the Back Mountain area. Veronique has been to America many times but this is the first time she has been



FRENCH VISIT AREA—Fifteen French students are spending part of the summer visiting the Back Mountain area. Recently, they spent the afternoon at the Back Mountain miniature golf course playing the game for the first time. Above, taking time out to pose for the photographer, are Veronique Cordier, tour escort; Thomas Chast, Florent Gautreau, David Combet, Nicolas Barranco, Celin Riviere, Andy Tijus, Stephane Hagelauer, Sophie Bosset, Alex Rousset, Antoine Marmoiton, Hubert Amoisenu, Jerome Guidez, Vanessa Rocchi and Alexander Termete. (Charlot M. Denmon Photo)

in the local area. Her uncle owns the Cordier Winery, famous for Bordeaux wines. This is her first visit to Pennsylvania.

On July 14, Veronique and the students will hold a Bastille Day ceremony at Sordoni's and Veronique is planning to provide the champagne for the party. Today, they are visiting Philadelphia and they also plan to spend a day in New York City. The group will also visit Washington, D.C., for two days and are looking forward to staying in an American hotel.

David likes to swim and is delighted that he is staying with the Suttons where he swims in their in-ground pool daily. He also likes snow skiing and at home goes skiing in Austria.

David has one more year to finish in college (comparable to our high school), then he will take a test for entrance to the university where he plans to study accounting and eventually become a certified

public accountant.

Since he is not yet old enough to drive, David has a motor bike which are popular in Europe, especially 'dirt' bikes which are used in racing. Many people also ride regular bikes and in France, people travel a lot by train. He said those

with cars drive very fast since there is no speed limit.

"When I first came to America, I thought Americans were 'crazy' but after a while, I realized they were really very friendly, informal and relaxed. I like them," David said. "Everybody is very good to us."

Brush fire contained in Jackson Township

By SARA J. LUNDBERG
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A fire was reported on the side of a mountain on Weavertown Road in Jackson Township Monday. The fire was contained at press time.

Jackson Township Supervisor Joe Stager urged residents to comply with a voluntary ban on open burning put into effect at a Supervisors meeting Monday. Voluntary fire fighters have been called on to

handle brush fires several times since the drought.

Dallas Fire & Ambulance Chief Robert Besecker reported only one brush fire in the Dallas area in the last week. He mentioned that the danger of brush fire is very high right now because of the severe weather conditions.

"Brush fires are particularly difficult to contain right now because the soil is so dry" said Assistant District Forester Gerald Kelly.

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