



Major Performing Arts to open here

The Back Mountain satellite of Major Performing Arts Center will open Friday, October 1 at the American Legion in Dallas. The center is under the direction of Gina Major, a Lake-Lehman High School graduate who was Miss Pennsylvania in 1984. Major also has an extensive background in performing arts on stage and television. The center initially will offer dance instruction for toddlers through teens, including the "Mom and Me Club" for 18-36 month-olds. Charm and good grooming classes are also

available. Future programs will include vocal, theater, piano, adult dance, baton and dance twirl. A full staff of instructors including Linda O'Boyle, also a former Miss Pennsylvania, will instruct. Shown above are some of the performers and staff featured in a stage production held in June. Back Mountain students will be part of next year's stage show produced by major Productions. For additional information, contact Gina Major at 655-1059. Those wishing not to place a long-distance call may leave a message at 675-1761.

Guest column

Optimist International seeks interest in local club

I am grateful to the Dallas Post for permitting me to address friends of our youth. Many must realize that our biggest investment in the future is our youth. I wish to inform you about an international service club that lives up to its motto, Friend of Youth, by developing programs that serve the needs of the youth today. The Optimist Clubs throughout the United States and Canada, and now spreading throughout the free world, have been dedicated to this purpose since 1919.

years, I realized that, although there are great organizations helping young people in various specific ways, an Optimist Club does not exist in this part of Pennsylvania. The reason is simple. No one has made the effort to introduce the idea. Optimist Clubs provide a somewhat unique opportunity for fellowship and community service on projects chosen by the members themselves. Our national and international offices do not direct individual clubs to specific projects. The focus of the club is determined by the creativity and interest of the men and women

who are members because they know their areas best. As a long-standing member of the Optimist Club of Dundalk, Maryland, I would like to explain the workings of the organization to interested men and women with the ultimate goal of forming a club in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area. I am asking anyone who wants to learn more about the Optimist Club to write me at the address below or to call so that I can send you materials and perhaps arrange a group meeting. I am sure that when you hear of the programs and the successes the organization has had in the devel-

opment of youth, you will want to be a part of its future in North-eastern Pennsylvania. Please write me at : 1964 Eastfield Road, Dundalk, MD 21222. Or, phone me at: (410) 285-3899 at any time or a local contact (717) 941-7500 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Thank you in advance for considering this request to help serve young people. I look forward to hearing from you.

Charles J. Panuska
Past Vice President
Optimist International

Having had the opportunity to visit this area for the past several

Library news

Library is taking orders for 'Best of PA' cookbook

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will be taking orders for the cookbook, "Best of the Best from Pennsylvania", selected recipes from Pennsylvania's favorite cookbooks, until Tuesday, Oct. 12. The order will be sent to Quail Ridge Press in Branden, Mississippi on October 15. As of today, we have orders for 46 cookbooks. The book was edited by Gwen McKee and Barbara Moseley with illustrations by Tupper Division. The cover photo is done through the courtesy of Pennsylvania Dutch Visitors Bureau. The authors traveled throughout Pennsylvania including Pennsylvania Dutch Country, Hershey, Philadelphia, Northeast Pennsylvania and other sections of Pennsylvania. There are recipes from 74 different cookbooks included in this outstanding collection of Pennsylvania cookbooks and each is deserving of special notice and praise. The 'Friends of the Library' group is sponsoring this project and selling the cookbook for the special price of \$12.00 each. Payment is due with the order.

This cookbook includes seven recipes from the library cookbook "Chefs and Artists", the Back Mountain Memorial Library's first published cookbook. Sign up sheet for orders is at the front desk in the library. This cookbook would make an ideal birthday or Christmas gift for some special cook on your gift list. The cookbooks should be at our library in plenty of time for Christmas giving.

New books at the library: "Pronto" by Elmore Leonard is a novel with a fascinating array of colorful characters who discover that the Atlantic can't separate the good guys from the bad when a bookie, a U.S. Marshal, and a trio of thugs from Miami's underworld pay a visit to Rapallo, on the Italian Riviera. Harry Arno becomes the fall guy in an FBI assault on crime, and has to run for his life. The story is filled with razor-sharp wit and crackling suspense. "Lasher" by Anne Rice magically brings us into the midst of the dynasty of witches she introduced in her other novel. The beautiful Rowan Mayfair, queen of the coven, and Lasher, the

darkly compelling demon whom she finds irresistible and from whose evil spell and vision she must now flee. She takes with her their terrifying and exquisite child, one of 'a brood of children born knowing, able to stand and talk on the first day'. A chilling hyp-

notic story. "Houses of Stone" by Barbara Michaels tells of a young professor of English Karen Holloway who happens on a privately printed volume of verse dating from the early 19th century, and feels it's all in a day's work. A

battered manuscript bearing the same mysterious attribution, "Ismeme" turns up and Karen realizes it is an important discovery that could be the making of her academic career. Painful truths emerge with terrifying impressions of fire and ice.

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