

# Summer readers end program with a play

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**DALLAS** - Maid Marian thrust her trusty sword into the air, trying with all her might to fight the ne'er-do-well, Dithero. Even with the help of 80 local children telling her not to listen to Dithero's lies, Marian fell wounded.

But, alas, Robin Hood came out of his hide-a-way tree to fight the monstrous Dithero, who can shred a person's confidence with a single spoken sentence. "Don't listen!, Don't listen!," the crowd of three to 12-year-olds screamed in unison. This time it worked. Instead of reaching the same fate as Maid Marian, Robin Hood turned the tables on Dithero and shattered his confidence, thereby destroying him altogether.

After that, Robin Hood saved Maid Marian with the help of their loyal gang, which included Colin the Cobbler, who kept Friar Tuck's shoes tied; Will the Wisp, who could hear anything; Little John, Phoebe, the dragon fighter; and Pamela Pond.

The gang was hand-picked from the summer reading group at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, which celebrated the end of the nine-week program Friday with a play and cookies. This year's reading program was called, *Click On Adventure*.



and was sponsored by the Luzerne County Library System.

The Northeast Junior Players gave a witty, wicked and winning performance of *The Further Adventures of Maid Marian*. The play explored Maid Marian's fight to get Robin Hood back after he retreated to a tall tree in Sherwood Forest, where he hid because he lost his confidence.

This is only the second year of the performance, although the summer reading program goes back many years. This year the play coincided with the program's medieval theme.

"I liked when Robin Hood saved Maid Marian," said Cara Symons of Shavertown, an aspiring teacher who helps with the reading program.

"The program gives me a chance to work with younger kids. I want to be a teacher and it gives me experience," said the 12-year-old. "And Mrs. (Marilyn) Rudolph is



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Most of the summer readers enjoyed the freedom of the program. They were able to choose from a variety of categories, including mythology, animals, sports, history and biography.

"I picked out a lot of books that I wanted," said Ashley Howell, 9, of Harveys Lake. "I really liked the fact we could read whatever book we wanted. Other libraries you have to wait for the bigger (longer) books." Ashley, much like the rest of the country, is a Titanic buff. Her favorite book this summer was on the history of the famous fallen vessel.

She also "liked it when they defeated Dithero and when Tuck told the Sorceress she was pretty."

Rachel Symons, 9, of Shavertown, has experienced the summer reading program twice now. "It's good because we get to pick our books. It's also a lot of fun."

Kaity Birch, 10, of Dallas, was impressed with the program's medieval theme. "In Medieval times people had to bring their own dishes with them when they went to other people's homes for dinner," explained Kaity, who loves to read.

For Mrs. Rudolph, children's librarian, the final party with the performance is a nice present for her young readers. "It gives them a goal to get finished. We require them to read nine books, but most read many more than that," said Mrs. Rudolph.

"It's very enjoyable to see them develop an appreciation for the library and books," she said.

**Maid Marian** (Ann Marie Eddy) squared off with Dithero (Rachel Smith), far left, at Friday's closing ceremony. In center, Rebecca Anne Rosser brought her blankie to an earlier reading event, center. Chowling down, below, from left, Tyler Morgan, Rachel Symons, Molly Savage, Courtney Nalagsee, Sarah Gallis.



**ONLY YESTERDAY**

60 Years Ago - Aug. 26, 1938  
**NO PARKING SIGNS TO GO UP ON LAKE STREET**

In accordance with an order from the State Motor Police, filed with Council the early part of this month that no parking signs be placed on the North side of Lake Street across from the Himmler Theater, the police committee of Dallas Council had the signs bought and installed on Wednesday. People have been very good about the new regulation so far, stated Councilman Morgan Wilcox of the police committee, "and we expect that the no parking signs will remove the blind spot which has existed heretofore motorists approaching the railroad tracks." Wilcox expressed a belief, however, that cars will be inclined to speed on account of the greater vision, and create a hazard worse than the one just disposed of.

Now playing at Himmler Theater - "Rascals" with Jane Withers.

50 Years Ago - Aug. 27, 1948

**BMT CITIZEN TO RECEIVE MEMORIAL AWARD**

Rev. Frederick W. Reinfurt, chairman of the committee to select the Back Mountain citizen, man or woman who will receive the Frank H. Hemmelright Memorial Award and \$50 Savings Bond for community service, has announced that a meeting of representatives to make nominations and to vote will be held shortly. It

will be presented in October at a joint meeting of service clubs at Irem Temple Country Club.

Lehman schools will open Sept. 9 with a record enrollment and several changes in faculty. Classes will begin at 8:45 and the school cafeteria will serve lunches opening day. Cost of lunches has been increased to 15¢ to take care of rising costs. Lunches last year were served for 12¢.

40 Years Ago - Aug. 22, 1958  
**ACME MARKETS COME TO BACK MOUNTAIN**

There was a bustle of activity at Back Mountain Shopping Center where employees of Edward Eyerman Construction Co. are putting finishing touches on the new Acme Markets, first of nine units to be completed. Opening date of the market has been set for Sept. 24 but there is a possibility that it may be advanced to Sept. 17 if everything moves a pace.

Monroe Township School District became part of the Tunkhannock Joint School System this week. Admission of Mon-

roe was approved by a majority of the Joint School Directors last Thursday at Tunkhannock. Until this year, Monroe Township was a part of the Dallas-Franklin-Monroe Jointure, but the township voted against becoming a part of the Dallas School Union District.

30 Years Ago - Aug. 29, 1968  
**LUMBER TRUCK CRASHES INTO STONE WALL**

A lumber truck with a 9-10 ton load lost its brakes on Chase Road, Jackson Township plummeted down hill across busy Rte. 29 and crashed against a stone wall, early Monday afternoon. The heavy truck turned over on impact, stoving the cab and spewing huge logs all over the road and into the creek nearby. Both occupants, the driver and six year old boy received relatively minor injuries but were taken to Nanticoke Hospital where they were treated.

Seventeen new professional employees have been added to the staff in the Dallas School District for the coming semester: seven will join the Senior High Faculty

and two the Junior High. Seven have been added to the staffs at Westmoreland, Trucksville and Dallas Elementary schools and a part time librarian has been assigned to the elementary schools of the district.

20 Years Ago - Aug. 24, 1978  
**DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE BURGLARIZED**

The Dallas Borough Police and the Criminal Investigation Unit of Pennsylvania State Police, Wyoming Barracks, are investigating the weekend breakin and burglary of the office of District Magistrate Leonard Harvey, Main Street, Dallas. Taken was a sum of money reported at several hundred dollars. The burglary took place sometime overnight between Friday and Saturday. First evidence was discovered by a neighbor who noticed that the office window and shutters were open.

You could get - Round steak, \$1.69 lb.; rump roast, \$1.59 lb.; bch. celery, 49¢; Italian prunes, 3 lbs., \$1; Campbell's tomato soup, 5 - 15 1/2 oz. cans \$1.

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Dallas

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