

Library news



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Librarian's report

On Sept. 20 Martha Butler attended a Library District retreat at the Kirby Episcopal House in Mountaintop, where librarians put together their district plan and county funding proposal. The theme at the Pennsylvania Library Association Conference, which Martha attended on Sept. 23 and 24 in Lancaster, was Pennsylvania Libraries: Information, Innovation, Imagination. Discussion focused on the wealth of resources available today at Pennsylvania's libraries, as well as how libraries are responding to the ever-increasing need for excellent library service in a rapidly changing world. Over 800 registrants attended workshops, visited library ven-

Active borrowers top 13,000

dors, and networked with colleagues from around the state. The annual banquet featured Malachy McCourt, actor, storyteller and author of *A Monk Swimming*. Martha felt it was a great opportunity for her to learn from not just the speakers on the program, but from the many colleagues with whom she compared notes.

On Sept. 27, thirty 4-year-olds from Small Wonders Day Care Center visited the library. They toured the rooms, asked questions, and enjoyed stories in the Children's Room.

Statistics for September: total circulation, 6,310; books added, 181; new borrowers, 68; active borrowers, 13,211.

Annual Citrus Fruit Sale

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library announce that they will hold their annual citrus fruit sale again this year. Orders will be taken until Nov. 20, and the fruit will be available for pickup on Dec. 8 and 9. This fundraiser for the library has

proved to be a popular one among both individuals and businesses in the Back Mountain area. Order forms and more details will be available in the near future. In the meantime, call the library at 675-1182 if you have any questions.

Book discussion groups

Pam Olivieri, of the Monday evening group, reported that those attending the September meeting "gave no high praises" for Red Tent, the assigned book. Their evaluation of the books discussed at their October 9 meeting will be given next time. Call Pam at 674-9935 if you are interested in joining the group.

Panama, by Eric Zency, was discussed by the Monday morning group at its first meeting of the fall season. The story, classified as a mystery, is based on the life of Henry Adams, 19th century historian, and grandson of one president of the United States and great-grandson of another. The book was one of the most challenging that the group has read.

Henry Adams was a complicated character; his pedantic analyses of just about everything he experienced were enjoyed by some and found annoying by others. A member commented that the book included mini-courses in history and politics, especially the scandalous attempt by the French to build the Panama Canal; sociology, art, and, ah yes, a mystery. The average of the votes taken rated the book at 6.6 out of 10, with 7 being the mode and 7.5 the median (the latter statistics just for fun, a mini-course in statistics to fit the mood).

Other fund raisers (and great holiday gifts)

Prints of the painting which Sue Hand produced at this year's Auction are available in miniature (4" x 6") at the library. Attractively matted in a variety of colors, they are priced at \$15 each.

The "Entertainment 2001" book is now available at the library desk for \$25. It offers substantial discounts on entertainment and in many areas of everyday life.



70 Years Ago - Oct. 10, 1930

DAIRYMEN CHARGED

Eight dairymen who were supplying milk to a receiving station were prosecuted for delivering watered-down milk. Pure food agents of the bureau of foods and chemistry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, discovered that the farmers were delivering milk that had considerable amounts of water added to it. It was also discovered that some of the milk had been skimmed, causing it to be deficient in butterfat and milk solids. The farmers involved were promptly arrested, plead guilty and paid the fine required by law.

60 Years Ago - Oct. 11, 1940

TABLES TURNED ON PARENTS AT PTA MEETING

The tables were going to be turned on parents at a meeting of the Dallas Borough PTA, when students would sit in the audience and watch their parents' display their spelling ability. Henry Peterson, president of the PTA, reported that enough mothers had responded to make up a team, but the fathers had been timid about volunteering.

The first air raid shelter in Pennsylvania was being constructed under Walter Hoffa's store in Dushore. The shelter was expected to be air conditioned, heated and well stocked for any emergency. Tunnels had been driven underground to nearby stores so food supplies could be

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

BACK MOUNTAIN HARVEST ASSEMBLY - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. 696-1128. Pastor, Daniel S. Miller. Christian Education for all ages, 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m., "Genos" youth service. Midweek home groups; call for days and times. Weekday prayer 6:30-7:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. William D. Lewis, Pastor. Sunday School 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 420 Main St., Dallas. 675-1723. The Rev. Robert A. Nagy, Rector. Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 a.m. All are welcome!

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. Douglas and Janet Bryant Clark. Music Dir., John Vaida. Saturday Service, 5:30 p.m., short, informal casual worship; Sunday Service, 9 a.m., family oriented worship with children's sermon and Jr. Church; Sunday Service, 11 a.m., traditional service. For more information call the office at 675-3616.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Sat. Worship 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Phone 675-3859 or e-mail: stpaul@epix.net for more information. Everyone welcome! Rev. Charles H. Grube, Pastor.

replenished in case of long air raids.

You could get: Asco Delicious fresh pumpkins, 3 large cans, 25¢; Fancy ripe bananas, 5¢/lb.; Iceberg lettuce, 2 large heads, 15¢; Musselman's apple sauce, 17 oz. can, 15¢; Cauliflower, 10¢/head; California oranges, 19¢/dozen.

50 Years Ago - Oct. 13, 1950

DALLAS POST OFFICE TOO SMALL

The present Dallas Post Office was unsatisfactory for its 1,500 patrons and its 11 postal employees who served them. The 920 square feet of floor space was once adequate in the days when two clerks could quickly sort through the small cart of mail that was brought over twice a day from the Lehigh Valley station, but it had not been able to meet the demands that were now needed. Narrow aisles, poor lighting, inadequate storage space and

inferior equipment slowed the employee's work. During the holidays and over busy periods, it was almost impossible for employees to go from one end of the room to the other. Throughout the years, many postmasters had attempted to remedy the situation by urging the Government to construct its own post office building in the town, to no avail.

40 Years Ago - Oct. 13, 1960

FIRST AID STATION OPENS IN TRUCKSVILLE

Red Cross officials gathered at the Kingston Township building to dedicate an official First Aid Station. The station was stocked with stretchers, crutches, bandages and other necessary equipment. Signs were also erected 3/4 mile away in either direction to show resident's where the station was located. An outside telephone booth was also installed on the premises, easily accessible in the event of an emergency.

Pink Ribbon Ball Oct. 27

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold the second annual Pink Ribbon Ball on Friday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at the Woodlands Inn and Resort. The host of this year's event will be Valley Open MRI and Diagnostic Center. All proceeds will benefit breast cancer research as well as local education and patient service programs. For more information call 825-7763 Ext. 3317.

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Celebrity Luncheons to host journalist Helen Thomas

Celebrity Luncheons will host one of America's most widely known and distinguished journalists on Friday, October 27, at the Woodlands Inn in Wilkes-Barre. Helen Thomas has reported the activities of six presidents and first ladies since 1960, longer than any journalist today.

United Press International's (UPI) White House bureau chief and the dean of White House correspondence, Thomas joined UPI's Washington bureau in 1943 as a radio writer after working as a reporter for the now defunct Washington, D.C. *Daily News*. Thomas transferred to UPI's national staff in 1965, covering the Justice Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

She covered the then-president-elect John F. Kennedy in November 1960 and joined the White House staff in January 1961. She became the first woman to close a presidential news conference with the traditional "Thank you, Mr. President", which she has continued to use for 23 years. In 1974, Thomas became the first woman in charge of a wire service White House bureau.

Cited by *World Almanac* in 1976 as one of the 25 most influential

women in America, Thomas has received the Distinguished Achievement Award for Newspaper Journalism for the University of Southern California and the Aldo Beckman Award for overall White House news coverage from the White House Correspondent's Association of which she was the first woman officer as well as its first woman president.

She was also the first woman member of the historic Gridiron Club after it opened its doors to women journalists following 90 years of all-male membership. In 1984, Thomas was the first woman and first wire service reporter honored by the National Press Club's Fourth Estate Award for an outstanding career in journalism.

Other featured guests for the 2000-2001 Celebrity Luncheons season include: Arthur Frommer on April 19 and Ted Kennedy, Jr. on May 17.

Guest celebrities speak from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by a question and answer period. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$50 each. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please call 696-3967. Gift certificates are available.

'Reading Readiness' Pre-school program at Lake-Lehman

Mr. Robert Kunkle and Mr. Dave McLaughlin-Smith, Elementary Principals for the Lake-Lehman School District, announce the Pre-School Program for parents and preschool (4 years old) children for the 2000-2001 school year.

The first installment of Lake-Lehman's Early Childhood/Pre-school Program is scheduled for October 17, 18 and 19, and will feature "Reading Readiness: Activities and Strategies for Parents and Children."

The schedule for this preschool presentation is as follows: **Ross**, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;

Lake-Noxen, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; **Lehman-Jackson**, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Please register for this first presentation by calling the neighboring elementary school office and letting us know how many adults and children will be attending. Telephone numbers for the elementary schools are as follows: **Ross**, 477-5050 or 256-7897; **Lake-Noxen**, 639-1129; **Lehman-Jackson**, 675-2165.

This program is intended for 4 year olds only. It is requested that you not bring younger siblings unless there is no alternative.

In the next 30 days, over 1,600 people will be injured in residential fires. Over 300 will die! Most while they're asleep.*

Do these statistics concern you? They should, because we're entering the peak season for residential structural fires. But you can do something *today* that will help protect your loved ones for a *lifetime*.

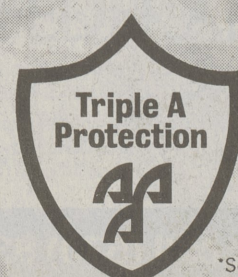
During the month of October, Triple A Protection will donate \$50.00 *in your name*, to your responding fire department when you purchase a National Fire Protection Association approved Household Fire Warning System, installed and

monitored by us. Protect the things you cherish most, and help support those who may someday be called upon to save your life.

Call us today for a free fire analysis of your home and we'll give you a free EDITH home evacuation plan just for the opportunity to provide this lifesaving information. Don't hesitate, this offer expires on October 31st.

System can be easily upgraded to provide home security services.

Got an existing residential fire detection system? Are you sure it's working properly? We'll conduct a complete test of your existing system for only \$49. And if the test indicates you need a repair, we'll deduct the testing fee if you allow us to upgrade your system to current NFPA codes.



Be safe, not sorry... Call **800.222.6565**

*Source: NFPA US Fire Problem Report April 2000