

LIBRARY BOOKS

The following new memorial and honor books have been donated to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas. For more information about donating a book in someone's memory or honor, call the library at 675-1182.

In memory of Murray Popky: "The Plot Thickens" by Noah Lukeman, presented by Mary and Walter Mohr

In memory of Thelma Gildea: "Forever a Soldier" edited by Tom Wiener, presented by Kim and Jerry Reisch

In memory of Pauline Abraham: "Recipes and Remembrances from an Eastern Mediterranean Kitchen" by Sonia Uvezian, presented by Dorothy and Dan Simon

In memory of Heidi Allen: "The Search" by John Battelle, presented by William and Carol Cragle

In memory of Teina Foell: "P. Allen Smith's Color for the Garden" by P. Allen Smith, presented by Debbie, Ron, Molly and Michael Murphy

In memory of Kyle Wega: "How Computers Work" by Ron White, presented by Jack and Jennie Martin

In memory of Catherine Morris: "Beethoven" by Edmund Morris, presented by Hal and Jane Kishbaugh

In memory of Nancy Daileda: "Mistress Bradstreet" by Charlotte Gordon, presented by Thomas J. Reed

In memory of Hal Snowden: "American Vertigo" by Bernard-Henri Levy, presented by Louise and Jack Moore

In memory of Norman Carlson: "Volcanoes" by Philippe Bourseiller, presented by John and Dorene Rhoads

In memory of Nicholas Stredny: "Outside the Not So Big House" by Julie Moir Messervy, presented by Betsy and Ken Sorber

In memory of Hazel Wink: "The 7 Laws of the Golf Swing" by Nick Bradley, presented by Lehman Ladies Golf League

In memory of Thelma Gregory Gildea: "National Geographic Complete Birds of North America", presented by Jeanne M. Snyder

In memory of Elvira "Mom" Sindoni: "Molto Italiano" by Mario Batali, presented by Jack and Jennie Martin

The following books have been donated in memory of Nancy Kozemchak and are being presented by the Clifford Kozemchak family:

"Song of the Water Boatman" by Joyce Sidma

"Zoo: an animal alphabet" by Gianna Marino

"Children of the Great Depression" by Russell Freedman

"Hot Air: the (mostly) true story of the first hot-air balloon ride" by Marjorie Priceman

"If Only I Had a Green Nose" by Max Lucado

"The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" by Kate DiCamillo

"Emily Dickinson's Letters to the World" by Jeanette Winter

"Criss Cross" by Lynne Rae Perkins

"Princess Academy" by Shannon Hale

"Resues" by Sandra Markle

"The Problem with Chickens" by Bruce McMillan

"Big Chickens" by Leslie Helakoski

"Here's Looking at Me: how artists see themselves" by Bob Raczka

"A Good Night Walk" by Elisha Cooper

"ER Vets: life in an animal emergency room" by Donna M. Jackson

"Mr. Chickee's Funny Money" by Christopher Paul Curtis

HONOR BOOKS

In honor of Margaret Thompson: "Mozart" by Julian Rushton, presented by Kathy Simpson

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On April 17, 1790, American statesman, printer, scientist and writer Benjamin Franklin dies in Philadelphia at age 84. In his scientific papers Franklin coined many terms still used in discussing electricity, including positive, negative, battery and conductor.

• On April 20, 1841, Edgar Allan Poe's story "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" first appears in Graham's Lady's and Gentleman's Magazine. The tale is generally considered to be the first detective story, and like the later Sherlock Holmes stories is narrated by the detective's roommate.

• On April 22, 1886, Ohio passes a statute that makes seduction unlawful for all men over the age of 21 who work as teachers or instructors of women. The penalty for disobeying the law ranged from two to 10 years in prison.

• On April 19, 1903, Eliot Ness, the man best known for using the tax code to take down Al Capone, is born. Ness led the charge against gin joints, speakeasies and other illegal institutions. Along the way, Treasury agents gathered the information that led to Capone's conviction for tax evasion.

• On April 21, 1918, in the skies over Vauz sur Somme, France, Manfred von Richthofen, the notorious German flying ace known as "The Red Baron," is killed by Allied fire. He was 25 years old.

• On April 18, 1945, journalist Ernie Pyle, America's most popular war correspondent, is killed by Japanese machine-gun fire on the island of Ie Shima in the Pacific. Pyle, who won the Pulitzer Prize a year earlier, always wrote about the experiences of enlisted men rather than the battles they participated in.

• On April 23, 1956, Elvis makes his first appearance in Las Vegas. The audience, mostly middle-aged, was so unimpressed with the rock-and-roll star that his two-week run was canceled after only a week.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

• Talk about overkill - if you'll excuse the pun. In May 1996, 39-year-old General Fleming ("General" was his given name, not a rank) decided to "shuffle off this mortal coil" in Akron, Ohio. His suicide note didn't explain why he found life to be so unbearable, but he evidently felt very strongly about the matter and left nothing to chance. Carrying a .38-caliber handgun, Fleming jumped off the balcony of his apartment, which was on the 14th floor. It seems he was carrying the gun because he was afraid the fall might not be enough to kill him; on the way down, he shot himself in the head.

• Finley Peter Dunne was a journalist and humorist - and an apt student of human nature, evidently. He's the one who made the following sage observation: "Trust everybody, but cut the cards."

• If you're average, over the course of your lifetime your mouth will produce about 10,000 gallons of saliva.

• Those who are among the ranks of the "single and searching" will want to take note of the results of a recent survey of those on the dating scene. When asked what they considered to be the worst topics of conversation on a date, 46 percent of respondents cited past relationships. At 21 percent, dieting or body image was the second-ranked conversation killer. Marriage and politics tied for third place, each receiving 15 percent of the vote.

• I hope you are not among the unfortunate people who know this from experience, but a human can detect the smell of a skunk from a mile away.

• Researchers have found that toddlers are surprisingly strong, especially in their leg muscles. Stronger even than oxen, they say, on a pound-for-pound basis.

Thought for the Day: "People don't choose their careers; they are engulfed by them." - novelist John Dos Passos

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After the purple drapes of Lent and the black shroud of Good Friday, Christians wake today looking forward to a sanctuary graced with folds of white and gold and a day of hope, and life and light.

70 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1936

OLD-FASHIONED SPELLING BEE SET

A public Spelling Bee will be held at Dallas Borough High School on Tuesday evening May 12 with four classes of contestants competing, from tiniest school children to the adults with an orthographic

ONLY YESTERDAY

belt. The first class will be open to all children twelve years of age and younger. The second class all public school children will be invited to compete. Anyone will be eligible for the third class. The most unique division will be the fourth a general information test open to anyone.

Possibility that Dallas Borough School Board may be forced to adopt a millage higher than that fixed at its meeting a few weeks ago loomed this week. Under pressure of the minority faction, which protested a suggestion 3 mill levy, the board agreed to adopt a basic millage of 28.5, the same as of last year. Since then there has been a growing demand for a higher millage which will insure against a deficit at the end of the year.

The management of Harveys Lake Picnic Grounds, which is cleaning its beach, equipment and grounds in preparation for its summer opening next month, believes this will be one of the best resort seasons in many years. With that optimistic view, the owners will introduce several new features this year and at least one new amusement, the Pretzel Ride, a covered structure said to be the latest in fun-making thrills.

60 YEARS AGO
April 19, 1946

LEHMAN PRINCIPAL TO LEAD SAYRE SCHOOLS

H. Austin Snyder, former supervising principal of Lehman schools, and for the past three years in a similar capacity at Clark's Summit, has been elected superintendent of schools at Sayre, succeeding D.L. Delaney who will retire this spring after 43 years of service. At Sayre, Mr. Snyder will supervise a staff of 58 teachers and five school principals. There are 1,200 pupils attending the schools in one modern Junior-Senior High School building and five grade buildings.

Dr. Henry M. Laing Community Band has advanced the date of its annual spring concert from Friday to Thursday evening, April 25, in order that several of its members can take part in the State Music League competi-

tions with Lehman Band in Johnston on Saturday.

Ralph Paul, president of the Community Band, said that more than 200 tickets bearing the date, April 26, have already been sold, but he believes that most people will be able to attend the concert a night earlier. "If this change in our plans make it possible for Lehman High School Band to win the State music contest everybody should be proud and happy."

Plans are being made by the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Shavertown to completely liquidate by January 1, 1947 the remaining unpaid debt of \$5,321 on the church property. The original debt was \$27,000. A house to house canvass of the membership is being made by members of the debt reduction committee to secure pledges for the entire amount. Contributions from other people in the community will be welcome.

50 YEARS AGO
April 20, 1956

CONGRESSMAN FLOOD HONORED BY CLUB

Declaring that he is a Congressman for all of the citizens of Luzerne County, Congressman Daniel J. Flood expressed appreciation for the support given him by Republican voters in an address delivered at a testimonial dinner in his honor at Castle Saturday night. Joseph Mundry, president of the Jefferson Club presided at the dinner attended by 250. In acknowledging a beautiful gift presented to him by Mr. Mundry on behalf of the club, Congressman Flood said, "Please know that when I am elected as Congressman, for every Democratic vote, I receive three Republican votes. The fact is I receive three times as many Republican votes, as I do Democrats. I hope this is because I try to be the Congressman for all of the people in Luzerne County."

Fredrick Rudolph, assistant professor of History at Williams College, will be the speaker at the annual commemorative exercises at Wyoming Monument on July 4. Attorney Harold Schooley, general chairman has disclosed. Date of the exercises has been moved to the fourth from the traditional July 3. Mr. Rudolph's new book, "Mark Hopkins and the Log," will be published tomorrow. He is a native of Wyoming Valley, and former editor of Wyoming Seminary Opinator. He will be guest at a coffee hour sponsored by Wide Awake Book Shop at its new location in Hotel Sterling on Saturday, May 28.

With their \$50,000 church expansion and renovation program completed except for some minor details, the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, is making plans for a three-day rededication service

in early May. Former pastors of the church which was formed in 1925 will play a leading part in the services.

40 YEARS AGO
April 21, 1966

SHAVERTOWN NURSE LEAVING FOR ECUADOR

Judy Woolbert, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Woolbert, Main Street in Shavertown, left by plane from Philadelphia yesterday for Miami, Fla., where at midnight tonight she will fly to Bogota, Columbia, and Quito, Ecuador. The young lady will spend two months in the South American country where she will work and study with the underprivileged children of the Mestizo Indians, who live at the foothills of the Andes Mountains, which rise 28,000 feet above sea level. Since this region is now entering its fall season, warm clothing will have to be taken by the participants.

Among the fifty people interested in crafts who gathered at the Acme Auditorium in Kingston Tuesday evening to compare notes and garner ideas were a number from the Back Mountain. At the desk were Janet Crosson and Janet Miller, both interested in establishment of a group producing folk-art. Mrs. Miller, Luzerne County, Agricultural Extension economist, is presently teaching a class in furniture refinishing at the local YMCA. Mrs. Crosson, Dallas in the mainspring for the newly formed organization, Cocalus-chu Craftsman.

Mrs. Fanny Sutton, Harveys Lake, celebrated her 89th birthday with a family dinner held at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Dennis Mahoney, Sweet Valley, on Sunday. Born April 14, 1877, near Ear Hollow, which lies between Loyalville and Sandy Beach, Mrs. Sutton is the daughter of the late Thomas T. and Edire Sharp Kocher. One of six children, she attended several school in the area, Laketon, Ruggles Hollow and Outlet. Her father was secretary of the school board while she was growing up and she is the last surviving member of her family.

30 YEARS AGO
April 22, 1976

KLEIN NAMED MERIT SEMIFINALIST

Wyoming Seminary academic dean Robert Klarsch has been notified by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation that three students who entered the scholarship competition as Seminary Juniors are one step closer to being winners. Beverly T. Block, Mountaintop; Barbara Klein, Shavertown, and Steven Strongin, Plains, have attained finalist standing in the national competition. The three were notified in the fall of 1975 that they

were Merit Semifinalists.

The board advisors for the outstanding young men of America Awards program announced today that John F. Sheehan, Dallas, Overbrook, has been selected for inclusion in the 1976 edition of Outstanding Young Men in America. The Outstanding Young Men of America Program is sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees and numerous other leading men's civic and service organizations throughout the nation. Serving as chairman of its 12-man Advisory Board is Doug Blankenship, U.S. Jaycee past president.

"The Risen Jesus in our Midst," will be the theme of a Charismatic Day of Renewal April 25 at College Misericordia, Dallas, according to Coordinator Martha Ann Tomczak. Beginning with registration at 9 a.m., the day will include Liturgy, prayer meeting, workshops, dinner and sharing Miss Tomczak said, as well as a special session for children.

20 YEARS AGO
April 23, 1986

SINGING GROUP READY FOR SPRING

The New Community Singers, under the direction of Shirley Mahle, and accompanied by Elaine St. Clair, are now in rehearsal for the spring season. The group is comprised of 25 women from the Back Mountain Area, who enjoy music and entertaining for church, social, and civic organizations, and who are richly rewarded by visiting the many nursing homes in the Wyoming Valley.

Boy Scout Troop 331 of Harveys Lake recently won six ribbons when its members attended Polar Bear Camp Out at Frances Slocum State Park. The boys won ribbons for: first place in the sack race; second place for fire building; third place in the ice awl; third place in overall competition, and a Participation Ribbon. All the boys attending received a Snoopy Polar Bear Badge.

Lady Mountaineers Christie Fairchild and Anne Balonis turned in outstanding performances last week to lead the Dallas track team to 6-0, taking meets from Coughlin, Northwest and Bishop Hoban. In a tri-meet with Northwest and Bishop Hoban, Dallas girls took Northwest 74-69 and defeated Bishop Hoban, by a convincing 96-45 score. Balonis placed first in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs, and Fairchild continued her strong performances in the field events by winning discus and the shot put. Northwestern defeated Bishop Hoban 79 1/2-60 1/2 with Jennifer and Lisa Bombay and Marcy Davis posting three wins each.

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