

Getting ready for the Science Fair

Donegal High School students, who last year wiped out the opposition at the Lancaster County Science Fair, are working hard on their projects in hopes of outsmarting the rest of the county again this year.

The Times dropped in on Mr. Loercher's 2nd year chem class, and got some nice photos but little idea of what the young scientists were up to. Our reporter saw Bruce Eyer laboriously wrapping a meter-long glass capillary tube into a helix, and asked him what it was for.

"A gas chromatograph," he replied. He and Mr. Loercher, who had wandered over, tried to explain how the gas chromatograph works; we did get that various gasses rush through the tiny glass tube, that a voltmeter has something to do with it, and that it can analyse mixtures of compounds. The tube was Bruce's 30th try—capillary tubes are about half a millimeter thick and break easily.

Michelle Fisher was getting iron to rust at different rates by applying electricity and heat in varying proportions. She was pleased with the results: "This one's rusting really fast!"

Denise Grimm was trying to change one sulphur crystal into another. Karen Albright had dozens of beakers in a tray. We didn't comprehend her experiment at all.



Bruce Eyer and his capillary tube



Michelle Fisher

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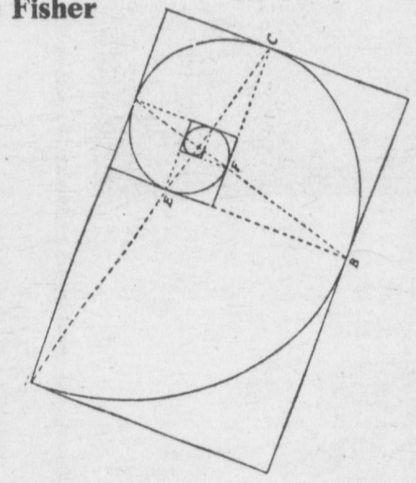
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"Thinking Day" is the Girl Scouts' celebration of the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting. It also honors Lady Baden-Powell, whose title was World Chief Guide. (Girl Scouts were formerly called Girl Guides, hence the title.)

This year Thinking Day will be celebrated at Beahm Jr. High School. Girl Scouts from the entire township will attend.

There will be an international flag ceremony, and each troop will present a skit, song, or dance. Donations for the Juliette Low World Friendship fund will be collected, and will be used to promote peace.

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