

1966-1967

McGinn School children now share Shackamaxon!!!

P.T.A. President - Dorothy Metro

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SHACKAMAXON

New staff members of the Shackamaxon School, Scotch Plains, were welcomed at a luncheon at the home of PTA President, Mrs. Donald Holmgaard, 5 Oxford Road, early this week. Their "buddy" teachers for the year and Dr. Charles Tinari, Principal, were also guests.

The PTA Executive Board assisted Mrs. Holmgaard in being host to the new teachers: Mr. Roland MacKenzie (6th grade); Mrs. George Stainer and Mrs. Angela Valgenti (both 5th grade); Miss Sandra M. Feit (4th grade); Mrs. Abram Urban (2nd grade) and Mrs. W. Gary Bruhns (1st grade). Mrs. Muriel Blum, who will be full-time Librarian for the new school library, was also one of the special guests. The "buddy" teachers included Mrs. Leo Fuchs, Mrs. Telford Bean, Mrs. Donald Vanderbilt, Miss Marilyn Coombs and Mrs. William Kirner.

January - 1967
 "Helping Hand Program"
 Initiated by Joint P.T.A. Council ... on home on every block where a child can go to find help in time of emergency.

Helping Hands Sign



Parents may buy a book for the new library to come. A book plate with name of family to be inserted in all books.



Shack Staff



1967-1968

P.T.A. President - Alice Holmgaard

The TIMES, May 2, 1968

Win Art and Music Scholarships

Cynthia Sayer and Michael Ungar, both sixth graders at Shackamaxon School, were awarded the annual Art and Music PTA Scholarships at last night's meeting. New officers for 1968-69 were also elected. Mrs. Samuel Fraser will be president.

Cynthia Sayer, age 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Sayer of 14 Essex Road, Scotch Plains, received the Art award and will attend special classes at the Atlas Art Studio, Westfield. Michael Ungar, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Ungar, 10 Brandywine Court, Scotch Plains, an accomplished trumpeter, will attend the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Band and Orchestra School this summer.

This is the sixth year the Shackamaxon PTA has awarded summer school scholarships to outstanding Fine Arts students. Originally the scholarships were given only to gifted music students. Then, in 1966, an Art scholarship was added.



MICHAEL UNGAR

The first to receive a music scholarship in 1962 was Miss Carol Skiba of 1973 Inverness Drive, now a Junior in the Scotch Plains - Fanwood High School where she is a member of the Band. Her college plans include a music major. Carl Brown of 1412 Sylvan Lane, now a Sophomore at the High School, was the 1963 winner. His sister, Theresa, a Terrill Junior High ninth grader, an Oboe player, received the music award in 1964. She has been a member of the Plainfield Youth Symphony the past two years and she and her brother will attend the six week Music Camp Brevard in North Carolina this summer. As a fifth grader, Sandy Kimes of 1418 Sylvan Lane, was another 1964 winner. She, too, is now a Terrill Junior High ninth grader. In seventh and eighth grade she tried out for and made the Regional II Intermediate Band playing the French Horn and she



CYNTHIA SAYER

was a member of the Plainfield Youth Symphony all last year.

These early awards were for instruction in the Union County Band and Orchestra School in Roselle. In 1965, Scotch Plains-Fanwood opened its own Summer Music School and the scholarships have since been issued to this school. Debbie Quinn of 2130 Seward Drive and William Denlinger of 1948 Farmdale Road, as

1965 winners, were the first to attend.

1966 was the first year to expand the scholarship awards. This year two outstanding Shackamaxon students were selected: one for Music, one for Art. Carol Anderson of 2260 Jersey Avenue received the Music Award and Conrad Mielnik of 1484 Lamberts Mill Road, the Art. Carol is an Eighth grader at Terrill and has been a member of the Flute section of the school's Concert Band. Conrad, an eighth grader also, has a water color and engraving display at the Fanwood Memorial Library. Last year's winners were Cynthia Davis of 1991 Wood Road, the Art Scholarship and Joseph Foster of 1997 Duncan Drive, Music. Both have continued their Fine Arts study.

"It has been most gratifying to find," said Mrs. Homgaard, PTA President, "that - with all the winners - receiving the scholarship award was an important step in encouraging their artistic talents. The PTA considers their assistance very worth while".

New PTA officers for the 1968-69 year elected were: Mrs. William Mason, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Robert Davie, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Marvin Norcross, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Jeremiah O'Neill, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. Eugene White-horne as Treasurer.

Due to Defeat of School Budget...

busing of children will be changed to legal state limits for next year

Only children living more than 2 miles from school will be eligible for transportation at public expense.

Artistic work of Shack parents exhibited or donated to benefit library fund.

LIBRARY

Many parents have inquired lately about progress of our school library. While there have been unavoidable delays in the shipment of shelving and furniture which have held up the official opening of this much-anticipated facility, it is, nevertheless, functioning in a limited fashion. Work has continued steadily in the acquisition and processing of books so that we now have an excellent -- though small -- collection of books which is already being used by many of our children. We are especially grateful to the many faithful PTA volunteers who give regularly of their time to this important task. The fifth and sixth graders, in particular, are being instructed in library skills and are being helped in the location of reference materials for special reports and projects. In addition, each of our sixth grade classes will visit the library at Terrill at least once this spring. Mrs. Blum will take the children, by school bus, for an orientation to the junior high school library program.

An official "Open House" will be held at such time when the library is operating fully so that all interested parents may see and appreciate this fine new addition to our school.