

Antiquing with Joel Sater



Two pin cushion dolls, part of a collection of over 1,000 owned by Frank Pietrantonio of New York City. Typical of many "pin cushion" dolls these, as the hat on the doll on the left and the hair style of the other, date from the 1920's, a period which combined with the 1930's has come to be labeled "Art Deco."

"Pin Cushion Dolls"

Frank Pietrantonio is really a collector, dealer and expert in fine bronzes. One day while searching for bronzes, which can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars each, he happened to notice four small dolls on sale at a shop for \$1.00 each. The dealer told him they were called "Pin cushion dolls" and he could have all four for three dollars.

"So, I bought them," says Frank, "mainly because they fascinated me. And that was how I started the collection which now counts up to over 1000 of them."

Pin cushion is not a perfect name for these dolls. Perhaps half doll would be a better one since they were almost always designed from the waist up, with holes around a flange at the bottom to attach a skirt to. The skirt of course was the outer cover for the stuffed pin cushion underneath.

The owner usually dressed her own doll, buying the form only as a starter. That accounts for the huge variety of costumes found. Of course they were dressed and sold commercially too.

The reason I say "pin cushion" is not the best name is because they were used in so many other ways. Some were

made into boudoir light covers, others concealed telephones. Some half doll bodices became wisk broom handles, ash trays and powder jar lids. But the name "Pin cushion" was the original intention for these half forms and it stuck.

"The dolls come in all types," Frank says, "My collection has school teachers, flappers, a Dutch girl, lady in a riding habit, Hansel and Gretle, clowns, harlequins, mermaids and others."

Most pin cushion bodies were inexpensive and were popular ten cent store items, though they were also found in the fine department and gift shops. One advantage to collectors, most pin cushion dolls bear identification marks and when they are eventually catalogued there will be little guess work about who made them and when. To my knowledge no one has yet done this.

Pin cushion dolls are not yet among those highly sought after by collectors but the smart antiquer doesn't wait around till that happens. He tries to guess what is going to be tomorrow's antique. And my guess is anyone who starts a pin cushion doll collection now while prices are reasonable will be making a good investment.

Spring Weekend Set At College Misericordia

The weekend of April 29-30 has been selected as the annual Parents' Spring Weekend at College Misericordia, it was announced by Parents Association president, Carl Loiacono of Scranton. The dates for the annual affair for parents of College Misericordia students were finalized at the Parents Association's monthly meeting last Tuesday evening.

Activities for Parents Spring Weekend will include a dinner dance and a Communion Breakfast.

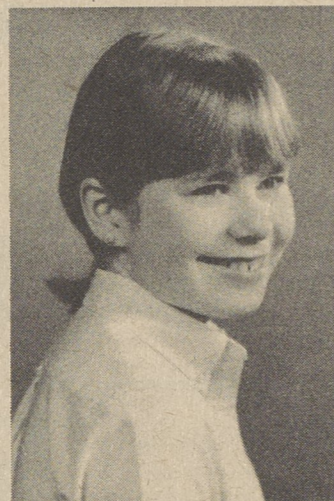
The dinner dance will be held in Merrick Hall on Saturday evening with a buffet dinner provided by Saga Food Services and music provided by the Gene Boylan Orchestra of Wilkes-Barre.

On Sunday morning, Toast-

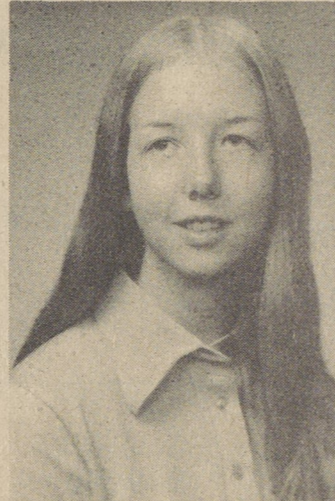
master Joseph Dente of West Pittston will host the Communion Breakfast, also to be held in Merrick Hall on campus. The guest speaker for the breakfast will be Msgr. Andrew J. McGowan, Rector of Pius X Seminary in Dalton.

Co-chairmen for the dinner dance will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Gower of Scranton and Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Ryan of Wyoming. The co-chairmen for the Communion Breakfast will be Mr. and Mrs. Neal McDermott of Kingston and Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Stambaugh of Wyoming.

Invitations to attend Parents' Spring Weekend will be sent to the parents of College Misericordia's entire student body, according to Loiacono.



Barbara Moen



Debbie Philo

Rainbow Girls Install New Worthy Advisor

Debbie Philo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Philo of Wyoming, RD 3, will be installed as Worthy Advisor of Charles James Memorial Assembly 144 on Jan. 22 at the Eastern Star Building, Dallas.

A senior at Dallas High School, Debbie has been very active in Rainbow Girls, having served the assembly as Musician, Fidelity, Drill Leader, Chaplain, Faith, Hope, Charity and Worthy Associate Advisor.

Retiring Worthy Advisor is Barbara Moen, daughter of Margaret Moen, Split Rail Lane, Dallas. Barbara has enjoyed a busy four-month term of office, and during her term the assembly sponsored "Dad's Night," a fashion show and sold Christmas candy. On Dec. 1, several of the girls assembled all of the artificial Christmas trees needed for each ward within the Veterans' Administration Hospital; a party was given for patients at the hospital.

Installing officers will be Barbara Moen, Ruth Ann Nixon, marshall; Dorothy Banks, chaplain; Patricia Repotski, recorder; Becky Stout, treasurer; Julie Evans, soloist; Susan Hoddle, musician.

Other officers include Nancy Howells, Worthy Associate Advisor; Ruth LaBar, Debbie Ostrum, Bonnie Portor, Ruth Ann Nixon, Kim Martin, Dianne Logan, Royann Meeker, Debbie Werts, Jayne McCough, Holly Dieterick, Cindy Jones, Cindy

Barakat, Donna Richardson, Susan Hoddle, Kim Bonawitz, Karen Aicher, Linda LaBar, Dyanna Barbose, Claire LaBarre, Annlyn Ostrum, Sara Barakat, Melinda Warmouth, Evelyn Kivasnik, Susan Rifensherry and Roberta Condon.

Plan Spring Garden Work During Winter—Winter is a good time to make plans for developing our vegetable and flower gardens, sav Extension horticultural specialists at The Pennsylvania State University. Study seed catalogs, nursery catalogs and other garden literature. Spend some time during winter evenings to gain helpful ideas for the coming spring and summer. It is also a good time to study and make landscaping plans.

New Officers Installed By Altar and Rosary

Gate of Heaven's Altar and Rosary Society celebrated a Mass installing their new officers, Jan. 12. Upon acceptance of their duties, each officer received a long stem American Beauty Rose.

President Mrs. Vince Correale introduced her standing committee: Altar cleaning, Dorothy Whalen; altar boys, Gail Barry; courtesy, Mary Elenchik; flowers, Linda Scholl; medals, Catherine



Dianne Ide

Couple Observe Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodrich of Alderson Road, Harveys Lake, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary recently. They are the parents of five children: Carlton, Edwardsville; Charles Jr., Dallas; Edward, Harveys Lake; George and Robert, at home. The Goodriches also have four grandchildren.

The couple were honored with

a surprise dinner party at their home hosted by their children. Those present included Pearl Goodrich, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Goodrich and children; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodrich Jr. and son; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goodrich and daughter; George and Robert Goodrich, Mr. and Mrs. Gersham Hoyt, Ray Williams, Phyllis and Kimberly Smith, Cindy Hoyt.

Pianist Plans College Concert

Concert pianist Martin Canin will perform at College Misericordia at 8 p.m., Jan. 26, to open the college's spring semester cultural events series. The concert will be held in Walsh Auditorium and will be open to the public.

Noted as a performer and an educator, Mr. Canin is currently an assistant to Mme. Rosina Lhevinne at Juillard and also serves on the faculties of Manhattanville College, Columbia University Teachers College, and the New York State University at Stony Brook.

His past performances include four New York solo recitals and appearances with orchestras and chamber ensembles in Europe and the United States. Following a recent New York performance of the Brahms D minor Piano

Concerto, music critic Virgil Thompson of the New York Herald-Tribune, proclaimed Canin's piano-playing "beautiful from every point of view." Critic Harold Schonberg wrote that Canin's recital "equalled the accomplishment of any young American pianist this listener has heard."

For his concert at College Misericordia, Canin will concentrate on Schumann, presenting "Six Intermezzi, Op. 4," "Phantasie, Op. 17," and "Carnival, Op. 9."

Ceramics Exhibit Now at Lehman

Four Pennsylvania State University MFA and MA candidates are exhibiting their ceramic works at the Wilkes-Barre Campus of the Penn State University located at Lehman.

The exhibit by these four students from the department of art, college of arts and architecture, opened Jan. 11 and will continue through Jan. 25 through the cooperation of the Continuing Education program.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend the exhibit which is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The ceramics are on display in the ballroom on the main floor of Hayfield House.

Music Festival Reorganizes Top-notch Young Musicians

March 27 has been established as the date for the 1972 Kiwanis Music Festival, with an evening of superlative musical entertainment planned for participants and audience alike.

The Festival of Music, a contest established in 1967 to recognize the musical talent of young people in Northeastern Pennsylvania, has gained international recognition during the past several years. The judges for last year's contest included E. Jon deRevere, international concerts manager who flew in from Switzerland for the judging; Albert DeRenzis of Fred Waring Enterprises, and Daniel Coren of the University of Pennsylvania.

The contest is open to vocalists and instrumentalists, both individually and in ensembles. Classical, pop-folk, and western classes are judged separately, as are the high school and open divisions. All contestants selected by audition

judges who appear in the finals at the Wilkes-College Theatre of the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre will be awarded prizes.

A new feature for the upcoming show is the stage band contest which will be held in conjunction with the Festival of Music. The festival of stage bands will be held March 11 at King's College Gymnasium; winners will appear in the finals at Wilkes College March 27.

Applications are available from most high schools, colleges, music stores or from Reese E. Pelton, 10 Gordon St., Dallas. A filing fee of two dollars should accompany the application, which should be submitted prior to Jan. 31.

Officers Elected by Roberts Auxiliary

The auxiliary of the Daniel C. Roberts Fire Co., met Monday night at the firehouse. Mrs. Arden Kocher presided. Reports from the secretary, Pauline Davis, and treasurer, Mrs. Malcolm Nelson, were read.

Under new business, forthcoming projects were discussed, and the following officers were elected for 1972: president, Mrs. Arden Kocher; vice president, June Swanson; secretary, Mrs. Thomas Coburn; treasurer, Mrs. Malcolm Nelson; hospitality, Mrs. Taft Truska; publicity, Mrs. Albert Armitage; auditing committee, Mrs. James McCaffery, Mrs. Howard Jones, and Tanya Kocher.

Hostesses were Mrs. Truska and Mrs. Swanson. The next meeting will be Feb. 14. All women are cordially invited.

Miss Ide Plans July Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Ide, RD 4, Dallas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dianne, to Robert Rickenbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Rickenbach, Audubon, N.J.

Miss Ide, a graduate of Lake Lehman High School, is a senior at Pennsylvania State University, University Park. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Mr. Rickenbach, a graduate of Audubon High School, also attends Pennsylvania State University, where he is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

A July wedding is planned.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dissinger Flack, New Goss Manor, Dallas, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janet Elizabeth, to Ronald Stuart Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stuart Burt, McLean, Va.

Miss Flack graduated from Wyoming Seminary and Endicott Junior College, Beverly, Mass. She is employed as an interior decorator with M.B. Bedding Co., Wilkes-Barre. She

is the granddaughter of Sen. and Mrs. Harold E. Flack, Dallas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Powell, Dallas.

Mr. Burt was graduated from John Hopkins University and is a doctoral candidate in sociology at State University of New York, Albany. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burt, Boston.

February Nuptials Planned by Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Balshaw, New Goss Manor, Dallas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Joel M. Rodney, Elmira, N.Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Rodney, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Miss Balshaw graduated from Dallas High School and received a B.A. degree from

Elmira College in June, 1971. She is presently in the doctoral study program in comparative literature at State University of New York, Binghamton. She is also a teaching assistant in the classics department.

Mr. Rodney was graduated from Brandeis University and received his doctorate degree from Cornell University where he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. He is associate professor of history at Elmira College and chairman of the division of social sciences. He is also editor of ALBION—the proceedings of the Conference on British Studies.

A February wedding is planned

On Dean's List

Marie Gensel, daughter of Betty O'Brien, RD 4, Dallas, has been named to the dean's list at East Stroudsburg State College, where she is a senior. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.



Photo by Alex Rebar

Newly-installed officers of Gate of Heaven's Altar and Rosary Society are, from left to right: Mrs. John Thompson, second vice president; Mrs. Thomas Newman, treasurer; Linda Scholl, financial secretary; Father Jordan, pastor and moderator; Mrs. Vince Correale, president; Father McGough, Mrs. Richard Malak, secretary; Mrs. John Hawk, first vice president.

Truckville Resident To Observe 70th Year

Ruth Houser, Carverton Road, Truckville, will observe her 70th birthday anniversary, Jan. 28. She will celebrate the occasion as guest of honor at an open house Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elton Brace, RD 1, Dallas. Hostesses will be her daughters, Mrs. Brace and Mrs. W. Dean Johnson, Carverton Road, Truckville. No invitations have been issued.



Models in the "Make It Yourself Fashion Show" presented recently for the Back Mountain Branch of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary pose with Mrs. Thomas Brislun, far left, following the show. Next to Mrs. Brislun are Mrs. Hans Hacker, Mrs. Jorge Abrantes, Mrs. Hans Dreher and Betty Mitchell.