



CLEARBROOK LODGE-The sketch above is the Clearbrook Lodge facility as it will appear when completed about mid-January. When completed the

Lodge will be able to provide lodging for the families of alcoholics who come to participate in the family program.

Clear Brook Lodge details family treatment facility

by Carol Hession
Clear Brook Lodge

You don't quite expect it. You can drive for miles down the Bethel Hill Road near Shickshinny and see nothing but rolling hills, woods and small farms and suddenly there's a structure that looks like the beginning of a mini-cathedral.

What you've come upon is Clear Brook Lodge.

Since its beginning in 1972, the story of Clear Brook has been one of constant growth both in size and services. What began as a small treatment center for alcoholics now offers complete rehabilitative services to nearly 400 men and women each year. With the completion of the new facility, the program will be expanded to include a residential family treatment component.

In commenting on the new addition, Frank Babowicz, director of Clear Brook, pointed out both the ever increasing need for drug and alcohol services and the present gap in services to those most closely affected by the disease—the family members.

"Until now most of the efforts in the field of rehabilitation have been aimed at helping the alcoholic or addict. Their families have been ignored. Clear Brook Lodge is going to do something about that."

For the facility, James C. Kelly, architect with Catania Engineering Associates of Chester, Pa., has designed a central octagon structured with a cathedral ceiling surrounded by sky lights. The split log and stucco facade will continue the rustic appearance of the present Lodge. General construction of the \$350,000 building is under the direction of Elwood E. Scheib of Stillwater.

Under the dome of the octagon, the general assembly room with a seating capacity of 250 will become the hub of program activities: educational lectures, workshops, seminars and socials. Around its perimeter are the executive and business offices and counseling rooms. Extending from the central structure are three residential wings each containing twin bed rooms

with adjoining baths.

Mid-January should see the completion of construction and the beginning of the state's first residential treatment program for families. Under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Stegman, FOCUS—the Family will assist family members in recognizing addiction as the primary cause of family breakdown rather than as a symptom of it.

The goal of FOCUS is to promote the health of all family members and to halt the legacy of addiction as it is passed down through the generations. The program is available to anyone who is living in a troubled family due to addiction whether or not the addicted relative has sought treatment.



Gate of Heaven blood drive surpasses quota

The third meeting of the Gate of Heaven P.T.G. was held Nov. 15 in the school gym. Mrs. Peg Cartier, president, called the meeting to order.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hayer reported they are still accepting memberships. The yearly dues are one dollar per family. Mrs. Cartier reported on the blood drive. Gate of Heaven surpassed its quota of 300 pints. She thanked everyone who had helped make it a success.

Mary Lou Stahovec reported the roller skating party would be held Nov. 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are available in the school office. Admission is \$1.50 plus 50 cents skate rental. Mrs. Cartier presented

the names of the newly formed athletic committee. The group consists of six members, Sister Leonita Mulligan, Dorothy Flynn, Brigitte Correale, Mike Williams, John Kelly and Joe Boyle.

Mary Beth O'Konski, homeroom coordinator, presented the following homeroom mothers: Ellen Casterline 1-214; Barbara Williams, 1-212; Evelyn Napieralski 2-202; Susan James 2-201; Rosalie

Berezick 3-104; Barbara Strazdus 3-203; Rosemary Pakos 4-204; Lorraine Leonard 4-205; Mary Ann Thompson 5-207; Nancy Carsons 5-206; Betty Segrave-Daly 6-216; Dorothy Flynn 6-215; Barbara Drapiewski 7-217; Kathy Malak 8-213 and Lorraine Novicki 8-211.

Rev. Stephen McGough closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mrs. Theodora Berlatzky, assistant to the Executive Director of the Family Services Association of Wilkes-Barre, was guest speaker. She spoke on "What I Believe as a Parent."

With Mrs. Theresa Thompson as chairman the first grade mothers served refreshments. The third grade mothers will serve as hostesses for the Dec. 20 meeting.

Gert Harmond to celebrate 75th

Mrs. Gertrude Harmond, 275 Ferguson Avenue, will celebrate her 75 birthday on Nov. 29.

A surprise dinner party was held at Konefal's Restaurant, Edwardsville, in her honor. The dinner was given by her children, Mrs. Dorothy Kratz and Zigmund Harmond.

Other family members present were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Whitesell, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Whitesell, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whitesell, Stephanie and Nicole Whitesell, and Jerry Kivler.



HEARING SPEAKER—The Harveys Lake Lions held their regular meeting on Nov. 8 at the Sandy Beach Inn. Guest speaker was Mrs. Rose Radzinski who spoke on the hearing impaired. Mrs. Radzinski is associated with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18. Pictured from left to right are: Ron Ritts Attendance chairman, Mrs. Radzinski, Joseph "Red" Jones H.L. Lions President, and Wilfred Ide, treasurer. Lion Bob Pilger was program chairman. (Alex Rebar Photo)

First Eastern sets record dividend

A record 65-cent dividend was declared Nov. 15 at the November board meeting of First Eastern Bank held at the bank's main offices in Wilkes-Barre.

The announcement was made by Richard M. Ross, Jr., president and chief executive officer, who said the dividend represents an increase of five cents a share, from the 60 cents paid quarterly since November of 1976 when it was increased from 55 cents. The dividend is payable Jan. 2 to

shareholders of record Dec. 13.

The bank president pointed out that this increase was in addition to the five percent stock dividend that was paid on Nov. 1, 1978.

Ross said First Eastern's directors felt the action was appropriate due to the bank's continuing growth, which is reflected in three record quarters so far this year.

As of Sept. 30, earnings for the first nine months of 1978 were \$4.99 per share, an increase of 33 percent

over a similar period in 1977 and 47 cents, or more than 30 percent, over this year's second quarter.

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Jay-C-ettes meet at Mercy Center

The November meeting of the Back Mountain Jay-C-ettes was held on Monday, Nov. 13, at the Sisters of Mercy Center, Dallas. President Debra Bayer presided.

Reports from the standing committees were as follows:

Auditing - the bi-annual audit was completed.

Awards - names were presented for approval by the memberships for presentation of certificates of appreciation. Guidelines were established.

Memberships - several women who expressed interest in attending the November meeting were contacted and invited.

Newsletter - Articles are due by Friday, Nov. 24.

Special Programs - it was announced that a car pool will leave from Franklins Restaurant in Dallas at 5 p.m. for dinner and a show on Dec. 9th at the Gennetti's playhouse in Hazleton. Also, a member from the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council will speak at the December meeting.

Special committee reports included: CPR - A special class for the Jaycees and Jay-C-ettes was completed on Oct. 29th. Letters will be sent to the local Back Mountain churches through November and December. Anyone interested in taking

the course may call 675-3436 or 696-2009 for further details.

The Thanksgiving Food Basket will be presented on Sunday Nov. 19th to a family of nine.

Pictures with Santa is underway and the date will be Saturday, Dec. 2nd, with Santa flying in by helicopter, and then parading to the Dallas American Legion on top of the Dallas Fire truck. Pictures with Santa can then be taken with a gift for each child.

Cards will be sent to the elderly for Christmas. A budget was approved.

Folk Arts Festival - The final tally has not as yet been complete. The meeting was then turned over to Special Programs for a craft auction. Sumner Bachman acted as auctioneer. Crafts were brought in by each member and auctioned-off with the proceeds funding Special Programs.

The board of directors meeting will be held on Nov. 27th at the home of Mary Ann Friar. The next general membership meeting will be held on the second Monday in December at 7:30 p.m. Mercy Center, Dallas.

Anyone interested in attending may call 675-2217. Spouses do not have to be a member of the Jaycees in order to attend.

Sammy Hall Singers to appear in Dallas

Sammy Hall Singers will appear in concert at Dallas Junior High School, Nov. 28 and 29, at 8 p.m. Admission to the concert is free.

Hall features a multimedia show with lights, anti-drug, pro-religion messages in song.

Sammy Hall travelled as the lead vocalist for two years. His group did warm-up acts for the Beach Boys, Glen Campbell, The Dave

Clark Five, Paul Revere and the Raiders.

The group consists of Sammy, and a three member band with acoustic and bass guitars, keyboards, drums and other musical equipment; a special effects man and a projectionist.

The concert is sponsored by Wyoming Valley and Back Mountain business men who are concerned with drug and alcohol abuse.

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