



Rebecca Osborn

Mercy Center opens new service

Sr. Rosemary Sabino, administrator of the Mercy Consultation Center in Dallas, has announced the opening of a new service called the Family Service Division. The Mercy Consultation Center, formerly known as the Religious Consultation Center, has served more than 18,000 individuals through its services since 1975. The Center is the 1979 recipient of the Significant Achievement Award from the American Psychiatric Association.

The Family Service division will provide consultation counseling to family, couples and individuals. Two new staff members have been added to staff the Family Service Division part-time, Rebecca Osborn and Grace Bohr.

Rebecca Osborn from Shavertown, is a certified social worker with a Master's degree in Social Work from Ohio State University, and has attended seminars and workshops in Gestalt and Transactional Analysis methods. She is a member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

lecturer at College Misericordia in the social work department, and is in private practice in Wilkes-Barre and Shavertown. Ms. Osborn will lead two groups for separated and divorced partners on Thursdays at 4:15 and 7 p.m. at the Consultation Center Offices.

Grace Bohr is a family therapist from Scranton, who has her Master's degree in Family Therapy from Hahnemann Medical College. She is a clinical consultant to Marriage Tribunal for the Diocese of Scranton, part-time lecturer at Marywood College in Family Counseling and is in private practice. Ms. Bohr will also teach a seminar on Marriage and the Family in the Pastoral Institute in the spring at the Consultation Center.

Other staff members, Sr. Maureen McCann and Sr. Cor Mariae Mulhern, will continue their services of counseling to religious and clergy.

Sr. Constance Koziel will continue her services in educational programs, spiritual direction and director of retreats.

Sinfonia opens season Oct. 4

The Sinfonia da Camera will launch its 1980-81 season on Saturday, Oct. 4 with a concert in Walsh Auditorium on the campus of College Misericordia, Dallas, at 8:30 p.m. Guest soloist for the opening concert is William Barbini performing the Brahms Violin Concerto.

Barbini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barbini, of Scranton, began the study of the violin at the age of seven under Ferdinand Liva. At the age of 13 he won the Pa. Music Teachers' Violin competition by playing the Mendelssohn violin concerto. He joined the Wilkes-Barre Philharmonic where he began to acquire orchestral experience and knowledge of symphonic repertoire, under Ferdinand Liva.

After graduating from high school he was accepted in the Juilliard

School of Music in New York, and arose to the position of Concertmaster in the Wilkes-Barre Philharmonic. During that period he appeared in recitals and as soloist with orchestras in this Country and in Europe.

After his graduation from Juilliard the young Barbini took an audition for the New York Philharmonic and was accepted by the famous orchestra, of which he has been a member since 1970.

Other works to be performed include Song Cycle by Cascardino, with Dolores Ferrara as soloist and the Bloch Concerto Grosso for string orchestra with piano obbligato.

Tickets for the concert are available at the door. Adult and student subscriptions for the season are also available.



William Barbini

Sympathy is a thing to be encouraged, because it supplies us with materials for wisdom. It is probably more instructive to entertain a sneaking kindness for any unpopular person than to give way to perfect raptures of moral indignation against his abstract vices. Robert Louis Stevenson.

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Audubon quartet appears at Lehman

The Audubon Quartet brought a sweet singing tone to music, the Washington Post said of the group's performance at the National Gallery. Their music is "clean, strong, and propulsive," said the New York Times.

They have won international competitions in France, Brazil, and England.

Now they will bring their talents to the Wilkes-Barre area with a free public performance at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m.

The Audubon Quartet has appeared on the nationally televised CBS Sunday Morning Show. On that show they were shown rehearsing, discussing, performing, and examining their life styles. The CBS music critic said, "their beautiful music-making leaves little doubt that this talented group is going right to the top."

The quartet won the International String Quartet Competition held in Evian, France, in 1977. In the same year they also won the First Prize at the International String Quartet Competition of the Festival of Villalobos, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. And in 1979 they won the top prize in the Portsmouth International String Competition held in England.

The quartet consists of Dennis Cleveland on violin, Sharon Smith on violin, Thomas Shaw on violincello, and Doris Lederer on viola.

Smith attended the Oberlin Conservatory and Juilliard. His teachers included Paul Rolland, Stuart Canin, Ivan Galamian, and Paul Mekanowitzky.

Ms. Smith holds bachelor's and master's degree from Juilliard, where she studied with Galamian and Sally Thomas. She has also studied with Christian Ferras, Aaron Rosand, and members of the famed Juilliard Quartet. She has performed with the Chamber Orchestra of Paris in recitals at Carnegie Recital Hall.

Ms. Lederer studied with Michael Tree, Karen Tuttle, Georges Janzer,

and Vilem Sokol. She attended Indiana University and holds a degree from the Curtis Institute of Music, where she performed at the Marlboro Festival. She also participated in a Music-from-Marlboro tour of the United States.

Shaw attended Oberlin Conservatory and Yale University, and he has degrees from Stetson University and the State University of New York. He has studied with Richard Kapuscinski, Einar Holm, and Aldo Parisot.

The Audubon Quartet has performed at the White House for President Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Begin.

Their free public concert at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre will be held in the Hayfield House on the campus in Lehman.

CT's fibers hit headlines

Commonwealth Telephone Company is making national and international headlines these days. And the source of all this attention is something no thicker than a human hair.

Last year Commonwealth Telephone Company installed a 13.5 mile span of fiber optic cable between Mansfield and Wellsboro, two of the telephone utility's exchanges located in North-central Pennsylvania. With that installation, Wellsboro became the first town in America to put a commercial fiber optic telephone system into everyday use.

Optical fibers are threads of ultra pure glass as thin as a human hair. Over them, telephone signals can be transmitted by laser light. Commonwealth's system has the ability to carry 672 simultaneous conversations over two glass fibers.

Today advertisements by ITT, the equipment manufacturer, announcing this first are appearing in national magazines such as Time, Newsweek, Forbes and Fortune. A 30-second television commercial has also been broadcast on NBC Nightly News and weekend sporting events.

The commercial's plot centers around a class tour of Wellsboro's landmarks. While the children are touring, Commonwealth Telephone workers are fitting and splicing fiber optic cables, creating a theme of "looking at past history while history is being made." A professional actress plays the teacher

and students were selected from Wellsboro's Gill Elementary School. Wellsboro was an ideal location for a field trial of fiber optics. The Tioga County town experiences severe winter storms and equally rough summer weather. Wellsboro's terrain demanded diversified cable handling ranging from cable buried in farmers' fields to pole to pole lashing on existing cable, as well as underground ducts.

Fiber optic technology is not new. It has its roots in 19th Century England with the discovery by physicist John Tyndall that light was guided along an arc by a stream of water.

Today, fiber optic technology enables man to harness light in a filament of glass as thin as a hair and use that light to carry literally thousands of voice messages simultaneously. Commonwealth's system of 672 voice channels represents a capacity of 45-million information bits per second. Such capacity could transmit the entire contents of the Bible in less than one second.

In addition to carrying far more telephone conversations than conventional copper lines, fiber optic cables are less expensive and they aren't subject to noise interference from nearby power lines, as copper lines are.

All of this just goes to prove that "the biggest thing in Wellsboro's history will be something no thicker than a human hair."



FINISHING CLINIC-The "Finishing Clinic" held Sept. 26 at the home of Mrs. Lex Hall, Harveys Lake, ended a summer of craft projects manufactured by the Harveys Lake Women's Service Club. Pine cone wreaths and Christmas puff and yo-yo ornaments are among the various items donated to a fall "Talent Auction" sponsored by the club. Mrs. Beverly Vespio announced that the date of the auction will be Sunday, Oct. 26 at the Idetown Fire Hall. Individual craft projects are to be submitted by Friday, Oct. 24. These individual items can either be brought to the next general club meeting or by contacting Mrs. Hall or Mrs. Vespio. Working on the craft items are, bottom row left to right: Ruth Sennett, Beverly Vespio; second row, Nancy Wilson, Dottie Reynolds, Club President; top row, Lex Hall. (Photo by Mark Moran)

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