

# Frances Slocum's memory lives on

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The story of Frances Slocum lives in all the hearts of those that know about her, those who have a spark of romance left in their souls. The abduction of this little girl and the unfolding tale of her life among the Indians cannot help but capture the imagination of anyone who has even the slightest interest in the beginning of our country and the struggles it entailed. It is therefore most fitting that a State Park be named for this famous little girl, and the cave where she spent her first night as hostage be enclosed within its boundaries. Frances Slocum died at the age of 74 with a large silver cross around her neck. Her grave is known as "God's Acre". A memorial was placed at the Wyoming Historical Society in 1906 and now, she will live in still another place in Wyoming Valley, the Frances Slocum State Park in Carverton.

lake. The elevation of the dam is 1,083 feet above sea level. These projects were combined to form a recreational park, which could give leisurely hours of fun for people in nearby communities.

Frances Slocum State Park is located in

Kingston Township, Luzerne County, with a mailing address of Wyoming, Pa. It has a 165-acre lake which is its center of interest. The lake provides fishing and boating with boat rentals, boat mooring and launching. All qualified non-powered boats and

registered boats with electric motors are allowed on the lake. In the winter time, the lake is available for ice fishing and ice skating.

There are playfields and many areas available for family or group picnicking. The park acreage is 1,006 including 5.5 miles

of hiking trails. A beautiful swimming pool is available with a snack bar concession at the pool. The winter time finds areas marked off for sledding and there is 7 miles for snowmobiling. The park offers activities and seclusion to think, walk, or dream.



CHILDREN'S READING PROGRAM ENDS—Jennifer Spencer, Frank Spencer and Eoin Ennis look over the craft exhibit at the Back Mountain Memorial Library at their end-of-the-summer party given annually at the completion of the Children's Summer Reading Program. (Rod Kaye Photo)

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## JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Laurie Kittle, Arlington, Va., is vacationing with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kittle, Huntsville-Chase Road.

Congratulations to Ferdinand R. Liva, a Dallas High School junior, who has been awarded a scholarship from Capt. and Mrs. Charles N. Yarnum to attend Brevard Music Center. Brevard Music Center is a seven-week summer camp located in the North Carolina Mountains, while at Brevard, Ferdinand will play the violin in the Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra and will study music. Locally he is a member of the Sinfonia da Camera and the Oratorical Society. He has appeared with his family in many public programs.

Ferdinand is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Liva, Overbrook Avenue, Dallas.

Horse Show lovers don't forget the Fifth Annual Back Mt. Horse Show scheduled for Aug. 22 at the Lehman Horse Show grounds. Sponsored by the Back Mountain Jaycees, the show will be judged by Francy Breede, Mt. Kisco, New York.

As a part of the program the Back Mountain Horse Show salutes operation R.I.D.E. a program for exceptional persons under the direction of Georgeann Kostenbauer. A special attraction of the show will be a demonstration at noon presented by these exceptional riders.

Come on out and enjoy some extra-special riding.

Best wishes to Sr. Joanne M. Cepelak, R.S.M. who has been appointed director of continuing education at College Misericordia. Sister Joanne, who holds a

master of science degree in counselor education from the University of Scranton and a bachelor of arts degree from St. Bonaventure University is a certified secondary school counselor.

Sr. Joanne replaces Sr. Mary Glennon, who will pursue her doctorate.

Moms, do you realize that school is only three weeks away. Time to shop, shop, shop!

Best wishes to Jackie Pall, Hunlock Creek and Bert Balliet, Plymouth, who recently announced their engagement. Both are graduates of Lake-Lehman High School and Bloomsburg State College. The couple will be married Oct. 2.

Also best wishes to Joanne Mary Delvecchio of Lehman Avenue, Dallas who will be married to Edward F. Orloski on Sept. 25 in Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Much happiness to Gwen and Charles Keating who were married last Saturday in Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake. Gwen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Salansky, is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and pursued a degree in business administration from King's College. A graduate of the University of Delaware, Charles is employed as personnel specialist with the United States Department of Defense, Philadelphia.

Following a wedding trip to Maine, the Keatings will be relocating to Italy where Charles has accepted a position with the U.S. Government.

The Johnsons are residing in Phoenixville.

Mrs. Kathy Stredny from Dallas Nursery has been a medical patient at Geisinger Medical Pavilion for the past 2 weeks.

Norman and Deborah Darling were recently united in marriage in Holy Trinity Church, Nanticoke. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zabrenski, Plymouth, Deborah is a graduate of Mercy Hospital School of Radiologic Technology and is employed by Dr. Paul J. Andrews, Wilkes-Barre. A graduate of West Side Tech, Norman is employed by his father Norman Darling, Sr.

Best of luck, Norman and Deborah.

Congratulations to Suzanne and Robert Johnson who were recently married in St. Therese's Church, Shavertown. Suzanne, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kapral, Trucksville, is a graduate of West Side Tech and attended Wilkes College. She will continue her studies in computer science and nursing. Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Johnson, Sr., Old Lake Road, Dallas is a graduate of Bucknell University. He is employed as a systems programmer by the Burroughs Corporation in Paoli.

### Music Box Playhouse presents children's play

For one week, from August 18-22, the Music Box Dinner Playhouse in Swoyersville will present a musical play especially for children entitled, "Don't Count Your Chickens Until They Cry Wolf." This play, by Carol Pearson, with music by J.A.C. Redford, is a humorous interweaving of Aesop's fables which will appeal to children of all ages.

Cast members include Frank Marino, E.T. Goman, Nanci Krakosky, Beverly Brennan, Adele Tavella, T. Doyle Leverett, Kevin Costlev,

and Sherrie Keir. The play is directed by Adele Ann Tavella, with musical direction by Kelly Bishop and choreography by Kevin Costlev.

Performances will be theatre only (no meal), and will have a special admission price of \$3 per person. Performance times will be 2 p.m. daily (Wednesday through Sunday) with an additional 7 p.m. performance on Saturday, Aug. 21. The Music Box requests that one adult accompany each group of children. For reservations, call 283-2195.

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