

Schedules play for March 26

Family Service Association notes 90 years of helping

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This year, 1985, has been designated "The Year of the Family."

Family Service Association is celebrating its 90th year of improving the lives of families in Wyoming Valley.

Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley was organized in 1895 when a number of distinguished area citizens led by W.H. Conyngham formed an organization that combined both religious charities and social services to help local families and their members.

The original organization was named United Charities. With the addition of the Luzerne County Humane Society in 1896, United Charities provided "cooperative, effective and economical aid" to those unable to help themselves.

According to the agency's executive director Anne Vernon of Trucksville, although the services have changed somewhat since its inception 90 years ago, Family Service Association's goal is still to serve families and individuals seeking help for problems or life enhancement through counseling, educational and advocacy pro-



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The staff is composed of social workers with graduate degrees who have had diverse experience in treating family problems. The agency is governed by a volunteer board of directors. To determine fees, a sliding scale based on income and size of family is used.

In addition to the Wilkes-Barre Office, located on 73 West Union Street, an office is maintained at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas. That office is open one day per week with Bob Musser serving as counselor.

Special celebrations for the 90th anniversary include a flag raising ceremony on Public Square April 1 and presentation of one act plays "We the Family".

"We the Family" deals with inter-family relationships and the critical and emotional attitudes which affect personal and community growth. The play focuses on one family's response to changing values with four generations searching for new lifestyles. Following the presentation, trained discussion leaders will seek audience response.

"We the Family" will be presented May 26 at 8:15 p.m. at Dallas Junior High School. There will be no admission charge.

grams. During the early days, the needs included food, shelter, clothing and fuel while today problems like marriage and divorce, parent-child relationships, money management, unemployment, family violence, alcohol and drug abuse are common problems dealt with.



Banquet held

The Ninth Annual Dallas Band Awards banquet was held recently at the Gus Genetti Motor Inn in Wilkes-Barre. The event which honors the high school Marching Band was the culmination of the busy award winning year for the band members and band booster group. The band finished the season as Chapter VII Champions. Each senior member of the band was presented with a framed photo remembrance of themselves and the graduating members. School letters were also presented to the seniors. Shown here are, from left, first row, Mrs. Helen Davis, booster treasurer; Mrs. Alice Niskey, booster president; Mrs. Karen Arnaud, strutter advisor; and Mrs. Jean Myers, Booster secretary; 2nd row, Mrs. Joan Benn, advisor for the Silk Squad, Mr. Al Winkler, chairman band banquet; Mr. David C. Benn, band director; Mrs. Anna Winkler, banquet chairlady and Mrs. Naomi Ward, bosster vice-president.

Drive cancelled

Inability to secure a truck due to the depressed market for paper makes it necessary for the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club to cancel the paperdrive that had been scheduled for March 23.

Art Show scheduled

The Art Gallery at College Misericordia will be the exhibition site for the Fourth Annual Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Show from April 21 through May 10.

This juried show is open to young artists of the Back Mountain in grades seven through 12 who reside in the Dallas, Lehman, Tunkhannock, or Northwest Area School Districts, or any area student grades 7-12 who studies art with a private art teacher working in those districts.

The contest is sponsored by Joe and Sue Hand in honor of Miss Rossetti, who was murdered near Phoenix, Arizona in January, 1981. Suzanne's family will be at the opening of the exhibit on April 21 to meet the talented art students of our area.

All entries must be framed (with secure hanger) or matted attrac-

tively, since all winners will be exhibited immediately at the Gallery. All entries must be labeled on the back with the name of the student, grade, phone number, category and name of the art teacher.

Entries may not exceed four feet in either dimension. Entries may be delivered to Sue Hand's Imagery, 35 Main St., Dallas from Saturday, April 6 until Saturday, April 13. All entries must be delivered by 3 p.m. on April 13.

Categories are pencil or charcoal, pastel or colored pencil, watercolor, or gouache, acrylic or egg tempera, oil or alkyd, ink or scratchboard, or mixed media. Ribbons will be awarded on each grade level for each category. There will also be a "Best of Grade Level" rosette for each of the 6 graders.

Additional information is available by calling 675-5094.

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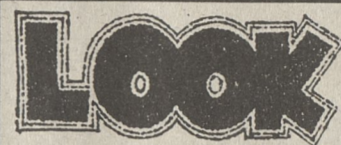
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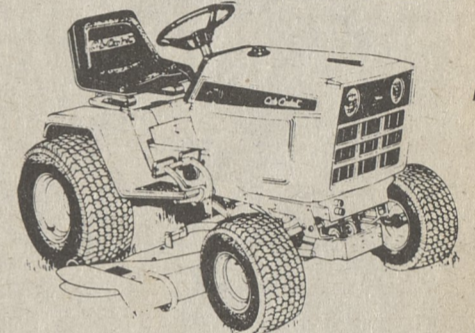


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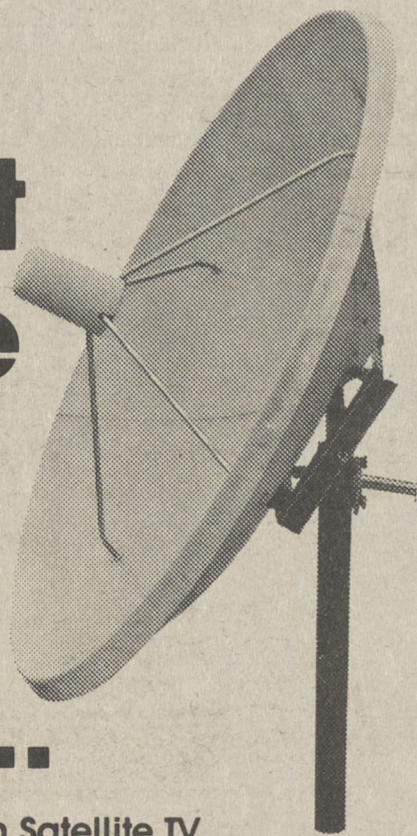
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