



People



Shriners parade

Irem Temple participated in the 42nd Annual Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Convention, held recently in Virginia Beach, Virginia. M.A.S.A. comprises of 21 Shrine Temple's from Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. There were approximately 27,000 Shriners and their families in attendance, with the weather being in the high 90's for the four day affair. Irem had a very good representation with 785 members and families attending. Irem's Chanters, under the direction of Merle R. Edwards, for the third consecutive year captured the first place award in competition. In parade competition they were awarded first place for the best Chanters in the parade and were also awarded the Judge's Trophy for the best unit of the parade. Irem's Legion of Honor in Drill Competition, under the command of Drill Captain Daniel L. Kuehn was awarded first place. In parade competition, under the command of Commander Robert C. Hontz they were awarded second place. The Motor Corps, under the direction of Donald Lewis, captured three first place awards for the 70's in competition, slow race and the obstacle course, the 1200's were awarded second place in the obstacle course and third place in the low race. In parade competition they were awarded second place for the four wheelers. The Provost Guard, under the direction of Kenneth Stecker, Chief, was awarded second place in parade competition. Irem's Uniformed Units received a total of 12 trophies. Nobles Clifford L. Jones and Carl R. Loucks were parade marshalls for Irem Temple's Uniformed Units. Irem's Divan attending were: Paul Schramm, Illustrious Potentate; James O. Brokenshire, Chief Rabban; Harold B. Parry, High Priest and Prophet; Dr. Richard C. Post, Oriental Guide; Lawrence E. Pace, P.P. Recorder; Edward L. Herbert and Clifford L. Jones, Imperial Representatives.

Project will aid parents

Parents concerned about how their children learn, and what tests are used to determine or measure their abilities to make sense out of classroom instruction, will be given some help through a project funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

This unique project involves parents with some basic information about the evaluation and testing process used by schools to place children in appropriate classes. This area is especially important for children thought to be exceptional, either gifted or children with learning problems.

During the 1985-86 school year, this training will be conducted statewide, one workshop in each intermediate unit, two in Luzerne County cosponsored by local parent organizations, and the Pennsylvania Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities.

The Training of Parents of Exceptional Children (TOPEC) for this area will be conducted on Monday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. at Penn State University's Hazleton Campus, Physical Education Bldg., Room 106. There is no registered fee.

Professionals from I.L. 18-Luzerne Intermediate Unit will provide a resource panel to respond to the parents' questions and needs, following the program.

Paul Irzinski, Director of Special Education, Luzerne Intermediate Unit will be responsible for selecting the multi-disciplinary team panel. Joan Felty and Pat Kwetkauskowski will serve as panel moderator and program sponsor.

For additional information call Joan at 675-5907 or Pat 788-1229.



MRS. H. KENNETH VENABLE

Former resident weds

Miss Pamela Anne Maniskas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Maniskas, 10800 Coachman Circle, Matthews, N.C., former Dallas residents, was married in a late

summer wedding to H. Kenneth Venable, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold K. Venable, High Point, N.C.

Rev. Paul Martin performed the double ring ceremony in Saint John's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, N.C.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose her cousin, Linda Bricek Shusta, as her matron of honor. Amy Maniskas, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

The bridegroom chose his father as his best man. Ushers were John Thorn and Michael Venable, brother of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Cedarwood Country Club, Charlotte, N.C.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the bridegroom's parents, was held at Darryl's Restaurant, Charlotte, N.C.

The bride was entertained at a luncheon shower at the Golden Palace in Wilkes Barre, given by Gerry Bricek, her Godmother and Linda Shusta. The couple were also honored at a party in High Point, N.C. at the home of the groom's parents.

The bride is a graduate of Dallas Area High School and North Carolina State University, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Mathematics. She is employed by Jefferson Pilot Information Services, Greensboro, N.C. as a computer analyst.

Mr. Venable is a graduate of Ragsdale High School, Jamestown, N.C., received a technical degree in air-conditioning from Davidson College, and also received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University. He is employed as a mechanical engineer by Industrial Air, Greensboro, N.C.

The couple will reside at 1604 G Pinecroft Road, Greensboro, N.C. 27407.

Group changes course

Wyoming Valley Children's Association, serving handicapped children since 1924 as Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association, is embarking on a new course as an independent agency.

The organization has been closely affiliated with Pennsylvania and National Easter Seal Society from 1948 to 1985.

Over the years, however, the focus of Easter Seals has broadened to include all age ranges and the National-State approach is necessarily more global, encompassing a broad variety of programs and people who are disabled.

Wyoming Valley Children's Association is somewhat more specialized and has limited its scope of approach to children who have disabling conditions. There is an existing network of agencies in our area which serves and will continue to serve adults and others who are disabled.

The Wyoming Valley Children's Association Board has determined that its agency can better serve their constituents in and around Wyoming Valley by maintaining a local autonomy and keeping most of the donated funds in this locale for local service. Standards of quality will be maintained by adhering to licensing requirements of the Private Academic School Association and further requiring that all professional staff have appropriate certification in their field.

The agency is financed by United Way, donations from clubs and organizations, Kirby Memorial Health Center Grant, endowment and bequests, Department of Health contract, purchase of services contracts with local agencies, patient fees, and special fund raising events.

Volunteers are sought

Parents Anonymous of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. is seeking volunteers to help form a chapter in the Tunkhannock area.

Parents Anonymous coordinates self-help for parents experiencing difficulties in coping with their children.

Weekly meetings provide parents with a support system and practical suggestions on child-rearing.

The meetings are confidential and on a first-name basis only.

Parents share phone numbers and there is a 24-hour hotline to prevent possible abusive incidents. No dues or fees are required.

Parents Anonymous needs volunteers to serve as group sponsors and child care workers.

Group sponsors are volunteers who attend the weekly chapter meetings to provide guidance and stability to the parents in attendance. They are volunteers who have training in group or family dynamics and possess a sincere interest in preserving the family lifestyle.

Qualified individuals should have knowledge of child development and child abuse dynamics as well.

The position requires a time commitment of three to five hours per week.

Child care volunteers provide child care to the children of Parents Anonymous parents at weekly parent group meetings.

As opposed to simple babysitting, child care implies creating a positive experience for the children involved.

Any interested persons should call the parents Anonymous office at 822-9666 or write Parents Anonymous of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. 71 North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701.

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on entertainment with Debbey Wysocki

September is usually synonymous with the start of a new school term, but for TV buffs like myself, it also means television's fall season of programming. Viewers, young and old alike, eagerly anticipate the debut of new TV shows and new episodes of old ones. The official season actually began on September 23 with some programs debuting as late as November.

Both CBS, narrowly winning the Nielsen ratings race, and NBC have added six new series to their prime-time lineups for the 1985-86 season. ABC, trying to improve its third place Nielsen finish, has nine new shows ready. Some, unfortunately, will be short-lived.

NBC and CBS will once again be in close competition for the ratings, but CBS should edge out a victory for the upcoming season. CBS gets the nod on Monday nights on the strength of such programs as "Kate and Allie," "Newhart," and "Cagney & Lacey" unless NBC airs a better-than-average movie or mini-series.

Tuesday nights will pit CBS's "Hometown" against the popular NBC series "A-Team." "Stir Crazy" might take some ratings points away from "Highway to Heaven," but all in all, Wednesday nights should belong to ABC. Even though "Hell Town" will do well, it will not affect the success of "Dynasty," the top-rated primetime program in the 1984-85 season. In fact, "Dynasty" provides little hope for its other competitor "Charlie &

Company" (CBS's answer to "The Bill Cosby Show") starring Flip Wilson and Gladys Knight.

Thursday, from 9-10 p.m. will indeed be the battle of networks. The viewing public will have to decide among "Cheers" and "Night Court" on NBC, "Simon and Simon" on CBS, and premiering in November, "Dynasty II: The Colbys" on ABC. (Until then, the spot will be filled with ABC's hope to "Cagney & Lacey," "Lady in Blue" starring Jamie Rose).

An interesting matchup should occur on Friday nights between NBC's "Knight Rider" and CBS's "Twilight Zone," which returns after a 21-year hiatus.

It's a tossup among the networks for the 8-10 p.m. time slot on Saturday. "Golden Girls," "Lime Street" and "Hollywood Beat" (ABC's "Miami Vice") are all new shows that have potential to gain wide acceptance from television fans.

Finally on Sunday, "Amazing Stories" and "Alfred Hitchcock" will find stiff competition in CBS's "Murder, She Wrote," winner of this year's Golden Globe Award for best dramatic series. Now for a sneak preview of the new "hit" programs...

"Hell Town" (NBC, Wed., 9-10 p.m.) stars Emmy Award winner Robert Blake of "Baretta" fame as a ghetto priest in Hell Town, a fictitious district of Los Angeles.

"Dynasty II: The Colbys" (ABC, Thurs., 9-10 p.m.) stars John James, Emma Samms, Charlton Heston, Barbara Stanwyck, and Katherine Ross in this much-publicized spinoff from Richard and Esther Shapiro in association with Aaron Spelling Productions.

"The Golden Girls" (NBC, Sat. 9-9:30 p.m.) stars Bea Arthur, Betty White, Rue McClanahan, and Estelle Getty in a comedy series that focuses on the escapades of

women spending their "golden" years in Miami.

"Hollywood Beat" (ABC, Sat., 8-9 p.m.) stars Jack Scalia and Jay Acovone as two ingenious, undercover cops who patrol Hollywood's famous boulevard.

"Lime Street" (ABC, Sat., 8-9 p.m.) originally entitled J.G. CULVER, stars Robert Wagner as J.G. Culver, an investigator for one of the world's largest insurance brokers in London.

The success of "Twilight Zone" (CBS, Fri., 8-9 p.m.), Steven Spielberg's AMAZING STORIES (NBC, Sun., 8-8:30 p.m.), and "Alfred Hitchcock" (NBC, Sun., 8:30-9 p.m.) depends upon how much mass appeal the genre of "anthologies" will have with TV viewers.

Sowa speaks

Stan Sowa, Editor of The Outdoor Scene in the Sunday Independent, was the speaker at the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club's Saturday morning breakfast meeting at its new location in Irem Temple Country Club.

Stan is also a member of the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association and the Out door Writers Association of America, and is Northeast Regional Field Editor for "Pennsylvania Outdoors" Magazine.

Sowa delivered an interesting and informative message, accompanied by a video-tape presentation on the many aspects of outdoor life in Pennsylvania: Hunting, Fishing, Hang Gliding, Sled Dogs Races, White Water Rafting, etc.

Sowa also described a program termed "Preservation Packages" designed to save endangered species: otters, eagles, etc.

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