

Party planned

Committee members planning the annual Arline Phillips Christmas dinner party, sponsored by Wilkes-Barre Branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, which is slated for December 2, 5:30 p.m., at the American Legion Home, North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, met recently to finalize arrangements. Shown here, from left, seated are Mrs. Lillian Smith, Dallas, board member; Mrs. Marilyn Maslow, Dallas, president and co-chairman; Betty Frith, Wilkes-Barre, administrative assistant. Standing, Thomas W. Jones, Forty Fort, vice president and cochairman; Dr. Ronald V. Petrilla, Hazleton, executive director; Mary Legenz, Trucksville, association staff member; Mrs. Frances Nork, Kingston, board member. Also assisting are Mrs. Barbara Koehl, Dallas, board member; Mrs. Nancy Brown, Dallas, board member; Mrs. Marie Rimple, Kingston, board member; Mildred Shapiro, Jane Slabinski, Wilkes-Barre; Eilene Kaska, Mountaintop, staff members of Wilkes-Barre Branch, PAB. The holiday dinner event for visually impaired persons of Greater Wyoming Valley honors the memory of Arline Phillips, late Wilkes-Barre Educator, who 67 years ago, helped establish Wilkes-Barre Branch, PAB.



Program set

The Veterans Administration Medical Center of Wilkes-Barre, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, will conduct a unique eight week educational and support program entitled "I Can Cope." Professionals conducting the "I Can Cope'' program are shown here. From left, Shirley Smith, RN, MSN, Clinical Specialist Oncology, Dallas; John Shalanski, MSW, Convngham; Mary Ann Osmun. RN, Enterostomal Therapist, Dunmore; and Mary Simons, RN, Dallas. Absent at the time of the photo was Maria Andrews, R.D., Plains.

Group plans tree show

Planning to trim a tree for the Christmas holidays? Mercy Hospital Auxiliary of Wilkes-Barre is planning a very special trimming - not one, but 55 trees. Perhaps you have friends and relatives in to help you or to gaze in awe at the fancy decorations you have done yourself; Mercy Hospital is bringing in professional florists and decorators to do the original and creative work of trimming each tree to fit a theme.

Then, according to Auxiliary 'Festival of Trees' Chair, Marge Klockgether, all finished 55 trees will be displayed at Genetti's Best Western Motor Inn, Nov. 27, 29, 30 and Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for the display will be available at the Auxiliary office located in Mercy Hospital at 25 Church Street, Wilkes-Barre. Telephone number 826-3682.

The "Festival of Trees" idea is a "first" in the Wilkes-Barre area, even though hospital auxiliaries across the country have successfully sponsored such an event for the past few years.

The breath-taking spectacle of 55 fancy trees in one large hall, where refreshments and entertainment are available, is appropriately named, "Festival", because it virtually opens the holiday season by providing a truly festive sight. Viewers can discover 55 creative and original ways to trim a tree, to carry out a theme, to celebrate the coming of Christmas in a unique and beautiful

Perhaps, the most outstanding feature of this first "Festival of Trees" is that all monies generated by the event will go to support the new Oncology services (for treatment of cancer) at Mercy Hospital, enabling the Hospital to serve the community in still another branch of health care.

Our tremendous benefit, before, during, and after the "Festival of Trees" is that the entire local community has several opportunities to participate in many different facets of the whole event. For example, local businesses and industries are invited to sponsor a tree; local florists and professional designers are invited to create original designs, follow creative themes, and place their very own work on display; and, beyond all that, the people who make up Wyoming Valley are invited to purchase tickets so that children and adults, families and friends may all benefit from viewing the dazzling display. After Dec. 1, each tree will be housed in a designated institution or favorite charity for the entire Christmas season.

Trimmed trees are terrific, fancy festivals are fun — a "Festival of Trees" is 55 times as much fun and it is available to the entire local



Play cast

In a scene from the Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Crimes of the Heart," cousin Chick is chased out of the Magrath house, but, unfortunately, not out of town. Misericordia student performers portraying this southern family include, from left: Bethany Szymusick, Nanty Glo, Erin Kriedler, Wilkes-Barre; and Kelley Scott, White Plains, MD.

Misericordia Players schedule production

"Crimes of the Heart", the Walter Kierzkowski, Scranton; Col-Pulitzer Prize winning play by Beth leen Kerins, Westmont, N.J.; Beth-Henley, is being presented by the College Misericordia Players. Showtimes are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22, 23, 24 at 8 p.m. in Walsh Auditorium at the Dallas campus.

"Crimes of the Heart" is a warmhearted, zany play set in the town of Hazlehurst, Mississippi. It chronicles two days in the manic lives of the Magrath sisters. The eldest, Lenny, is trying o celebrate her 30th birthday while mourning the death of her lightning-struck horse. Meg, the visiting sister from Los Angeles, has resigned from her failing singing carer to work in a dog food factory. Finally, there is Bage who just killed her husband "because I didn't like his looks." Unfortunately for Babe, her husband just happened to be the best lawyer in town.

Director Rusty Andersen, in conjunction with the college's Cultural Events Committee, is presenting the proeuction with the support of Misericordia staff and alumni. Alumni involved in the technical direction, costuming, set design and props include Gene Garber, Donna Connery and Frank Lutinski.

Student performers include: Kelley Scott, White Plains, MD; Erin Marie Kriedler, Wilkes-Barre;

any Szymusick, Nanty Glo; and Joseph Scofield, Scranton.

Tickets may be obtsained by calling College Misericordia at 675-3862

Church School sets programs

New sessions in Adult Education are currently underway during the 9:30 a.m. Church School hour each Sunday at the Shavertown United Methodist Church. Current topics of special interest to Christian adults of all ages are being presented.

The schedule for the balance of

November is as follows: Nov. 24, "Gambling," wit hthe film "Gambling and the Church," with Pastor James Wert as discussion leader. Topics are based on the United Methodist Church's stand on public issues, based on its Social Princi-

All sessions are held in the Church's Memorial Lounge, main floor. They begin with a coffee-tea time of fellowship. Arrangements are being made by the Adult Education Committee composed of Beverly Bunney, Sharon and Keith Atherholt, Mary Lou Swingle, Judi Mitchell and Pastor Harriet Santos.

Jaycees

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of the local Jaycees, organized in 1975. At that time, their first community project was moving The Dallas Post from its location at 41 Lehman Avenue, Dallas, to 44 Main Street, Dallas. "It was a lot of hard work,"

said Kelley, "But we had a lot of fun and the publisher at the time insisted on giving us some money which we used to charter our organization."

Today's members, particularly the four female members who joined this month were attracted to the Back Mountain Jaycees because of their program and leadership training.

Cathy Rubbico of Nanticoke first joined the Nanticoke Chapter where she was elected vice president. That chapter, however, has disbanded and because Cathy wanted to continue in the

Jaycees program she applied to the local chapter. She has attended a Leadership Training Course and, during the past week, attended a workshop on Stress in Management and How to Deal With it. While a member of the Nanticoke Chapter, Cathy also attended a seminar of Family Life Development. She is a graduate of John S. Fine High School and King's College. Her husband, Joseph, is also a member of the local Jaycees.

Michelle Daubert of Dallas was urged by a friend, who is a member to join the Back Mountain Jaycees. A graduate of Dallas Senior High School, 1983, Michelle is employed at Muskin Pool Mfg. Corp. She is especially interested in the Individual Development College Program.

Kim Gaetano of Swoyersville,

wife of Rick Gaetano employed at United Penn Bank of Dallas, became interested in the Jaycees through a friend of hers. Her friend was a member of another Jaycee Chapter and her enthusiasm about the club's many community projects was decisive in Kim's joining the Back Mountain Jaycees. Kim's husband, Rick, also joined the local club during the past two weeks.

A graduate of Crestwood High School and East Stroudsburg, Kim is looking forward to participating in community programs as well as meeting and working with the other members.

Mary Jo Shisko of Harveys Lake was a member of the Jay-C-ettes for five years so she was familiar with the Jaycee organization since the two organizations worked closely with one

another. Her husband, Michael, is also a member of the Back

Mountain Jaycees. Mary Jo graduated from Dallas Senior High School, received a baccalaureate degree from King's College and a Master's in Social Work from Marywood. She is presently employed with Luzerne Intermediate Unit in Kingston. She is looking forward to becoming involved in the various Leadership Development Programs of the local chapter.

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