

Booklets being sold

The Diner's Club booklets will be sold again this year and are now available for holiday gift-giving, according to an announcement by Carol Eyet, Chairman of the Diner's Club booklet project for the American Cancer Society. Booklets prices will remain at \$30 per booklet. Purchasers receive coupons to get one meal free with purchase of another meal at 11 participating restaurants. This year, participating restaurants include: Arlene's Wilkes-Barre; Chapter V, Pittston; Coscia's, Callas; K-G's, Harveys Lake; Murray's Place, Georgetown; Pickett's Charge, Dallas; The Sabre Room, Wilkes-Barre; Sheraton-Crossgates, Wilkes-Barre; The Station, Wilkes-Barre; Uptwon, Wilkes-Barre; and the Village Bistro, Wilkes-Barre. Booklet coupons will expire Aug. 1, 1986. They may be purchased by enclosing a self-stamped addressed envelope (with 44c in stamps) and a check of money order to The American Cancer Society office, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or by calling the office at 825-7763. Seated, Carol Eyet, Chairman, Diner's Club Project; standing, Dottie Henry, President, A.C.S.



Party planned

The members of the St. David's Society of Wyoming Valley will hold their Annual Christmas Party at the Elks Lodge, Wilkes-Barre, Saturday, Dec. 14, 1985 at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Oscar Jones, Christmas party chairman, says that the program will feature Welsh singing and other Welsh music. Members of the committee are shown in the photo, from left, are Richard Pierce, Jones and Walter George.

Party held

West Side Business and Professional Women will hold its Christmas party Tuesday at Sheraton Crossgates, Wilkes-Barre. Shown here are chairman of the affair. From left, Irene Sodak, committee chairman; and committee member Ann Williams. Absent from photo is committee member Mary Ann Petcavage.



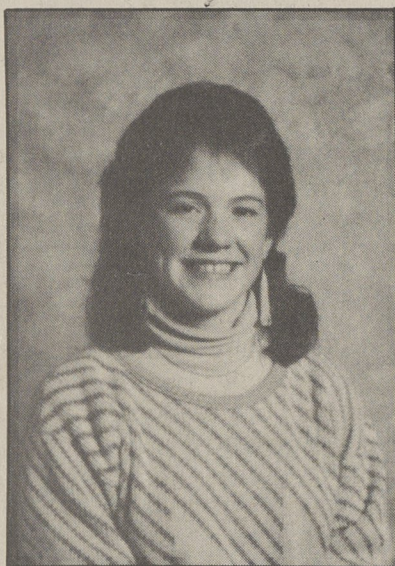
Group opens Xmas store

In time for holiday gift-giving, the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre is currently conducting its annual Christmas Boutique at its family thrift shop, The Bargain Barrel. Located at 96 South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, the shop is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

According to committee chairperson Jerry Kowalski, the store is filled with top quality new and next-to-new items: women's holiday fashions, including gowns, dresses, and sweaters; men's suits and tuxedos; children's wear; a collection of brand new handbags, including a large selection of Bermuda bag covers; housewares and holiday decorations.

In addition to the sale, patrons may register to win a \$25 in-store gift certificate on the six foot decorated Christmas tree on display in the shop window. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Proceeds from the sale and drawing benefit the the Leagues' Community Trust Fund, from which grants are awarded to community agencies. In the past, such grants have been received by the Victims' Resource Center and Hospice St. John.

The shop's popular Linen Sale, coordinated by the organization's sustaining members, will begin January 7.



SUSAN STEINKIRCHNER

Recital set

Susan Steinkirchner will present a piano recital Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. at Regina Hall, College Misericordia.

Susan participated in the National playing auditions, PMTA Festival and the Mozart Festival at Lycoming College. She received superior ratings and an international certificate.

She was recipient of the Tressa Chopin Award and the Louise Ayres Award.

Susan is an eighth grade student at Dallas Jr. High School, and is on the Dallas Dodgers Softball team, plays basketball and tennis.

She is a member of the Junior Mozart Club.

Susan is a student of Michelle Millington Drago, Dallas.

The public is invited.



Concert planned

The Chancel Choir of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will present its fourth annual Advent concert on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The program will include traditional carols, works by John Rutter and a new composition, Poets' Requiem, by music director, Harry Trebilcox. The text of Poets' Requiem is drawn from the Latin of the Requiem and the poetry of John Donne, Emily Dickinson and Rupert Brooke. Members of the chorus featured as soloists will be Sherri Hinkle, Vivian Jayne and Donna Trebilcox. Joining them as guest soloists will be Helen Ralston, alto, and William Kennard, bass. Instrumentalists will be Marilyn Koby, flute, Stephen Broskoskoe, organ, and Sharon Korus and Harry Trebilcox, piano. Pictured above are members of the choir. From left, first row, Vivian Jayne, Bert Lohmann, Blanche Atherholt, Ruth Pichert, Helen Gaylord. Second row, Tillie Croom, June Bennett, Ruth Reynolds, Donna Tribilcox, Walter Phillips. Third row, Harry Trebilcox, Sherri Hinkle, Clarence Michael, Janet Phillips, Robert Gardner. The concert is free of charge and will be followed by a reception.



Church singers

Pictured are members of the Parish Singers from the Forty Fort UM Church. From left, first row, Basil Russin, Joanne Herron, Raymond Smith, Gale Evans, Daisy Hughes, Marlene Smith, Peggy Dantona, Tom Supchak, Evelyn Tomascovic, Linda Overman and James Evans. Second row, Shirley Ann Smith, Nancy Delinski, Janis Fawbush, Eugene Kelleher, director, Mark VanValin, Joseph Tomascovic and Don Anderson. Absent at the time of the photo was Jane Phillips.

'Parish Singers' will perform

On Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. the Guild for Cultural Events of the Forty Fort United Methodist Church will sponsor its first concert by presenting "The Parish Singers" in a Yuletide celebration.

Under the direction of Eugene Kelleher, the group, comprised of artists from the Wyoming Valley, Hazleton and Williamsport, will perform the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" with chamber orchestra. Soloists for the Handel will be Joanne Herron, soprano, of Wyoming Valley; Raymond Smith,

tenor, of Hazleton; and Mark VanValin, bass, of Williamsport.

The second half of the concert will feature a selection of a capella European carols such as "The Boar's Head Carol," "The Coventry Carol" and "Midwinter." Also celebrating the beauty of Christmas during this program will be a special children's chorus, singing "Angels and Lambs," "Will You Go?" and "This Little Light O' Mine." Soloists from the children's chorus will be Kristin Kelleher and

Rebecca Hoover. A medley of Christmas carols including audience, children and The Parish Singers will conclude the program. "Christmas by Candlelight" will be open to the general public free of charge. A free will offering will be taken to defray costs of the program, and a reception will follow immediately in the Chandelier Room. Pastors of the Forty Fort United Methodist Church are Dr. James A. Baker and Reverend W. James Pall. Music directors are Eugene and Deborah Kelleher.

Swetland Home conducts tours

Candlelit rooms, old-fashioned carols, yuletide warmth, and delicious refreshments await holiday visitors at the Swetland Homestead. During the first two weekends of December, this historic home comes to life with the holiday festivities of the 1800s.

The home is decorated in stylish fashion of the 1880s. The custom, then, was to gather greens from nearby fields and woods, or to purchase them in the city. The most common used were hemlock, spruce, laurel, cedar, ground pine, and arbor vitae. An 1880 Wilkes-

Barre newspaper reported, "Great numbers of evergreens for Christmas trees were to be seen in the city yesterday. They were greatly in demand for decorative purposes." Visitors to the Swetland Homestead will enjoy the aroma of fresh greenery throughout the home.

Nowhere is fresh greenery more evident than with the Christmas tree. Although the tree has become a part of modern Christmas custom, its use in 1880 was limited. Only a few homes could boast a tree. More common in 1880 was the decoration of trees in area churches.

The place and tradition of Christmas music will not be forgotten. Visitors will enjoy the strains of a Christmas ensemble as well-known Christmas favorites fill the air.

This delightful tour of the Swetland Homestead is open to the public. Hours will be 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 and on Saturday, Dec. 14. Sunday hours will be 2-4 p.m. on Dec. 15. Group tours for organizations can be made by calling 823-6244. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The Swetland Homestead is located at 885 Wyoming Avenue in Wyoming, Pa.

Calendar

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Ratchford at Wilkes College K, 824-4651, ext. 279, now through December 17.

WILKES-BARRE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB cordially invites you to attend their breakfast buffet at Gus Genetti's Restaurant, Market St., Wilkes-Barre, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Cost \$4.75 inclusive. Special speaker will be Doris Archer, from Montrose, Pa. Special music by Elizabeth Purnell, Handbell musician. Special feature: Doris Archer with artifacts from Israel. Free nursery at Gus Genetti's for pre-school children.

For buffet and nursery reservations, please call Laura at 477-5005, Vera at 824-5937 or Marvette at 288-1316.

THE TRUCKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHANCEL

CHOIR will present their fourth annual Advent Concert on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The program will include traditional carols as well as selections from the popular Oxford Book of Carols arranged by John Rutter. Featured in the program will be a new composition, Poets' Requiem, written by Harry Trebilcox, Director of Music.

The choir will be joined by guest vocalists Helen Ralston, alto and William Kennard, bass.

There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited.

THE SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will have Youth Bell Choir at 7 p.m.; Evening Bible Study at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA PHILHARMONIC will present its annual Family Pops, "Holiday Magic" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20 at Masonic Temple in Scranton and Saturday, Dec. 21 at Irem Temple in Wilkes-Barre. The Orchestra will be conducted by Maestro Christopher Wilkins, Assistant Conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra. Featured will be Soprano Christine Donahue and the Singing Boys of Pennsylvania.

The program will feature a wonderful mix of light classics and favorite carols of the season including excerpts from The Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky, "Greensleeves" by Vaughan Williams, "Alleluia" from Exultate Jubilate by Mozart, along with a Christmas Medley including, "Sleigh Ride", "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth", "Oh Holy Night", "March of the Toys" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

Tickets may be ordered through the Philharmonic Ticket Hotlines 342-0920 or 287-1916 or purchased from the following ticket outlets: Paperback Booksmith and Gianetta Music in Scranton and Gallery of Sound and the Book and Record Mart in Wilkes-Barre. Tickets are priced at \$16, \$14 and \$8.50. All students are 1/2 price and groups of 10 or more receive a 15 percent discount. Information about group sales may be obtained from the Ticket Hotlines or by writing to NPP, Box 71, Avoca, PA 18641.

This potpourri will appeal to an audience of all ages and is an excellent opportunity to introduce children to the live music of a symphony orchestra. According to Music Director Hugh Wolff, "The program has been designed to encourage families to "Think Philharmonic when planning the holiday calendar."

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THE TRUCKSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S Annual Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 21 at the Trucksville Fire Company Building on Carverton Road from noon until 2 p.m.

Township residents 11 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. No tickets are required for the Trucksville Vol. Fire Co. party.

WILKES-BARRE GENERAL HOSPITAL will offer a new "Pre-Surgical Class" for patients scheduled for surgery and their family members, as well as for parents

whose children will undergo surgery. The first class will be held Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in Alumni Hall on the hospital's third floor. Next class date is Wednesday, Jan. 22. Classes, which are free-of-charge, will be held every other Wednesday evening.

For more information or to register, call General's Nursing Services Department at 829-8111, extension 2205.

THE BACK MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER, Route 415, Lehman, will hold a free blood pressure and diabetes-cholesterol screening on Monday, December 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Back Mountain Medical Center is an Outpatient Satellite Center of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Coming events

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