



Art students

Art students from the Dallas Senior High School gathered recently at the First Eastern Bank, Dallas, to decorate the windows for the Christmas season. Shown here are those students who participated. From left, first row, Liz Phillips, Heather Fazzi, Diane Douglass. Second row, Deb Kelly, Patricia Bove, Beth Sutcavage, and Mrs. Walzak, art teacher. Third row, Joe Petrillo, Pat Lundy, Sharon Chupas.

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Sing-In is scheduled

A spirited holiday joining of the local community, the region's public radio station and the area's professional chamber choir will take place when WVIA-90 FM and the Robert Dale Chorale co-sponsor their second annual Messiah Sing-In.

The sing-along will take place Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. The event will serve as a celebration of the tercentenary birthday anniversary of Georg Friedrich Handel, the composer of "Messiah."

Eminent area guest conductors, soloists and musicians will be featured at the sing-along. Special guest soloist will be soprano Christine Donahue, a native of Kingston, Donahue, who now resides in New York City, was a winner at the recent Pavorotti Competition in Philadelphia.

The community is urged to participate in the Messiah Sing-In. Seating will be designed to accommodate specific vocal sections. Those who do not wish to participate but would like to attend the performance are also invited.

As a holiday gift to the community and a special "thank you" to its supporters, WVIA-90 FM, will record the performance for broadcast on Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. 90 FM's audience includes listeners in northeastern Pennsylvania, as well as southern New York and northern New Jersey. The region's fine arts station now serves residents in metropolitan Allentown on 99.3 FM.

The Robert Dale Chorale was organized in 1978 and is northeastern Pennsylvania's only professional chamber choir. The Chorale consists of 20 voices and has performed a variety of programs since its inception. Robert D. Herema, an assistant professor of music at Marywood College, is the Chorale's founder and director.

Participants of the Sing-In are encouraged to provide their own copy of the "Messiah" musical score. A limited number of copies will be available at the door for \$5.

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and may be obtained from Chorale members; The Book & Record Mart, 44 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre; King's College Center for Parttime Studies, located in the college's Administration Building; the Cetta Parrish Music Co., 517 Linden St., Scranton; by calling WVIA-90 FM at (717) 655-2808; or by writing the Robert Dale Chorale, 301 Tulip Circle, Clarks Summit, Pa. 18411.

Free parking for the Messiah Sing-In will be available at the United Penn Bank Parkade. A reception will be held immediately following the performance.



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Students paint windows

Dallas Senior High School art students, under the direction of Mrs. Jane Walzak, art instructor, recently spent the day at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, creating Christmas scenes on many windows in the facility for residents, families and staff to enjoy during this special season. Shown here are the students who participated. From left, first row, Inci Turkoglu, Kim Metzger. Second row, Cindy King, Kristen Piatkowski, Lisa Gorman, Helen Fine, Cathy Hodle, Doreen Karrott. Standing, Mike Luksic, Joe Gilbert, Mrs. Jane Walzak.



Contest held

The Harveys Lake Protective Association is sponsoring a "Holiday Home" lighting contest for borough residents. Judging will take place on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1985 between the hours of 7-10. Anyone interested in entering their home (or a neighbor's home) should mail a postcard to: Harveys Lake Protective Association, P.O. Box 45, Harveys Lake, PA 18618. Entries must include resident's name, street address (along with Box No., Pole No., and RD No.), phone number and must be postmarked no later than Saturday, Dec. 21. Only homes entered by postcard and lighted during the hours of 7-10 on Dec. 22, will be judged. A plaque will be awarded to the first place winners with trophies given to the first and second runner-ups. Questions may be directed to any member of the Holiday Home committee. Committee members are left to right: Bernard Boback, Mary Jo Shisko, Michael Shisko and Karen Boback.

Webspinners plan party

December 21 has been set as the date for the Webspinners Square Dance Club Annual Christmas Party. Festivities will begin at 8 p.m. and will conclude at 10 p.m.; with refreshments being served after the dance. The dance will be held in the Educational Building of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, Church Road, Trucksville. Both class and club members of area clubs are invited to come and participate in the evening of fun and fellowship. Two dollar gifts will be exchanged. Calling for the evenings activities will be club caller, Andy Glowach.

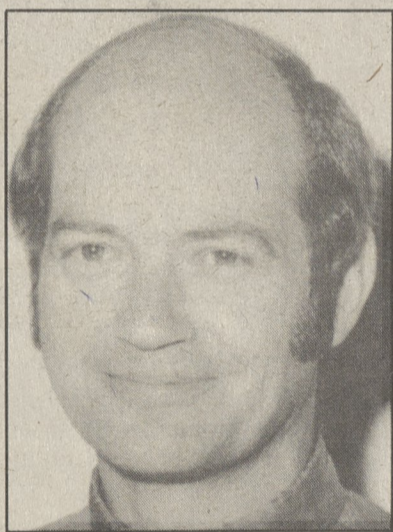
The Webspinners will be guests of the Shavertown United Methodist Church Couples Club on the evening of January 4. They will give a demonstration of modern western square dancing; and will provide an opportunity for the Couples Club members to participate in the activity. Since many may never had an opportunity to try their hand in this activity before, this will be their first time at what is fast becoming a very popular pastime.

Rev. Kennard is bass soloist

The Reverend William Kennard, Chaplain of Hospice Saint John and Pastor of the Alderson United Methodist Church, will be the featured bass soloist in the fourth annual Advent concert presented by the Trucksville United Methodist Chancel Choir.

Other guest soloists will be Helen Raiston, alto, Sharon Korus, piano, Stephen Broskoske, organ and Marilyn Kobe, flute. The program will include traditional carols and a new work, Poets' Requiem, by music director, Harry Trebilcox.

The concert will take place Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. It will be followed by a reception in the church hospitality room. There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited.



REV. WILLIAM KENNARD

SCID staff plans holiday events

With the holidays fast approaching, staff at the state correctional institutions (SCI's) have been busy scheduling extra activities and special events to help inmates celebrate the season.

Activities at each institution will range from Religious services and programs, to extra movies and a special Christmas turkey dinner.

Each institution's activities department is responsible for arranging the holiday schedule. In some institutions, inmates are part of the holiday planning committees.

Most institutions have decoration contests and concerts featuring all types of music. For example, the national champion "Sweet Adelines" will perform at SCI Pittsburgh on Dec. 14; "The Look", a country rock band will perform at the State Regional Correctional Facility (SRCF) at Mercer on Jan. 3; and SCI Graterford will feature several of their own bands in concerts on Dec. 23, 26, 30 and Jan. 2.

Athletics always an important activity at the institutions, are especially popular during the holidays. SCI Camp Hill, SCI Graterford, SCI Pittsburgh and SRCF Greensburg sponsor basketball tournaments. SCI Rockview holds and "All Star" basketball game on Dec. 24 and SRCF Mercer holds a body building contest. Volleyball tournaments are also held at several institutions.

The holidays are also a fine time for theatrical productions at the institutions. On Dec. 14, the Penn State Players will visit SCI Rockview to perform "Hamlet". Several religious services will feature holiday readings and cantata presentations.

Inmate organizations at some institutions host groups for holiday festivities. On Dec. 15, the SCI Muncy Chapter of the Pennsylvania Lifer's Association (PLA) will host a group of Muncy area senior

citizens. In addition, the PLA will also host the Crippled Children's Society of Williamsport for an afternoon of fun and games on Dec. 20.

During the holidays institution commissaries usually expand their list of items to include specialty holiday candles, fruitcakes and cheeses. The institutions will also deliver a stocking or package to each inmate during the holidays. Each packet is usually filled with personal hygiene items and a candy and is paid for through the Inmate General Welfare Fund.

The holidays are also a time when visitation with family and friends is encouraged as much as possible. Some institutions will be extending visiting hours. The Jaycees at SCI Camp Hill, Dallas, Graterford and the activities department at SCI Muncy have arranged to have Santa Claus stop by their visiting areas to greet visiting children and present them with treats and gifts.

Some of the holiday activities have become annual events. For instance, SCI Huntingdon Music Director James Salko has, for several years, put together a "New Year's Eve Bash" which is an inmate talent show. Because of the popularity of the show, several performances have to be scheduled to accommodate all interested inmates.

Costs for all inmate activities are paid out of the Inmate General Welfare Fund, a non-tax supported fund that comes from profits from food sales, commissary and other fund drives by inmates.

Being away from home for the holidays is never easy, and for those who are incarcerated, the holidays can be especially trying. Through the efforts of department staff, the outlook for the holidays is a little brighter for those serving time.

For more information on the holiday activities, contact any state correctional institution or facility.

'Dream Makers'

Photo of the donors of "Dream Makers" prizes taken at the recent concert of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Orchestra. From left, Charie Aponic, President of the Philharmonic League of Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Charles Spitale of the Valley Automobile Club AAA, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kozemchak of Ace Hoffman Studio, Christian Usavage representing Chapter V Restaurant and Mr. Gary Baker of the Barn in Lehman. Mr. Baker and Ms. Usavage are holding a custom woven rag rug similar to the one being offered as a prize.

'Dream Makers' booklets available

"Dream Maker" booklets are still available and would make an excellent stocking stuffer at Christmas for that hard to shop for person on your list.

The "Dream Makers", 12 prizes, each with a value of over \$300 is a fund-raising project of the Philharmonic League of Wilkes-Barre. One ticket will be used for all 12 drawings and the winner doesn't have to be present to claim the prize. The booklets are \$10.00 and can be purchased through the offices of the Philharmonic Orchestra, 287-1916, at the business establishments of the donating merchants and at the Philharmonic League functions. Tickets are also available at the Philharmonic Orchestra concerts.

The next "Dream Maker" drawing will be held on December 21 during the intermission of the Holiday Concert of the Philharmonic Orchestra. The December prize is a \$500 shopping spree at Lane's in Wilkes-Barre.

Future prizes are: January-4 days in Freeport, the Bahamas, donated by the Valley Auto Club AAA; February-a weekday dinner for 10 at the Chapter V Restaurant in Pittston; March-\$300 selection of flower arrangements by Hill the Florist; April-a local landscape watercolor by Ann Parkhurst; May-a cultured pearl bracelet from Valentine's Fine Jewelry; June-a \$400 gift from Country Carousel; July-a portrait sitting at Ace Hoffman Studio; August-a custom woven rag rug from the Barn in Lehman; September-a navy cashmere blazer from Bevan's Men's Wear; October-a Girard Perregaux wristwatch from Bartkowsky Jewelers.

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Mrs. Sannie Cornell is the chair-lady of the "Dream Makers" committee. She has been assisted by Karen Valentine, Elva Valentine and Charlie Aponick, President of the Philharmonic League of Wilkes-Barre. All funds raised through the "Dream Makers" will be used for the support of the orchestra and its allied programs.

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