



on entertainment

with Debbey Wysocki

There are many worthwhile places to go, all in driving distance, that will get the average person in the yuletide spirit.

Ballet North-east puts on a splendid production of "The Nutcracker." College Misericordia has the lovely tradition of The Mad-rigal



Dinner. While Berwick has its Christmas Boulevard, Bernsville has the wonderful Christmas Village. In addition, there are countless Christmas boutiques, holiday fairs, Christmas in Eckley, holiday festivities such as The Festival of Trees, and Christmas shows and Ice Capades in Harrisburg and Hershey. The holiday extravaganza of them all, however, is Radio City Music Hall's "Magnificent Christmas Spectacular." Calling this Christmas show a "spectacular" is an understatement. It is a production you don't want to miss!

The all-live extravaganza, which had its premiere in 1979, is presented in a new version for this year's Christmas season. To accommodate the demand for tickets, which are priced at \$24 for reserved seats and \$19 for general admission, 10 shows have been added to bring the total to 120. Performances began on Friday, Nov. 15, and will conclude on Thursday, Jan. 9. It is expected that all former attendance records at the Music Hall will be

broken this holiday season. It is worth a trip to New York City simply to see impressive Rockefeller Center. The Music Hall itself has a seating capacity of over 6000, and has the largest curtain in the world, weighing approximately 6000 lb. The hall is magnificent, and has over 25,000 light bulbs and over 400 handles to control the lighting. An added attraction, of course, is the beautifully-lit and decorated Christmas tree, which came from our area, and stands in Rockefeller Plaza.

The 1985 Spectacular lasts 90 minutes and includes the world-renowned Rockettes, the Radio City Music Hall orchestra, and a cast of nearly 120 performers.

New this year are 32 Teddy Bears dancing to Tchaikovsky's ballet. What a scene these bears make with their beautiful costumes and clever choreography!

In "Christmas in New York," part of the stage is transformed into an ice-skating rink, much to the audience's delight, with snowmen and ice dancers putting in a grand performance.

Along with routines by "The New Yorkers," the Rockettes perform a new tap number, further augmented by the Music Hall's intricate elevator system and grand organ.

In the segment called "In Santa's Workshop," little "elves" perform to the tune of "They Can't Start Without Us." The Rockettes, of course, perform their precision dance routine in the traditional

"Parade of the Wooden Soldier." The grand finale places the audience in total awe. It is the "Living Nativity" scene replete with wise men, kings, shepherds, angels, and live animals depicting the very first Christmas. What a breathtaking sight!

Credit must go to a number of talented people for this superb production. Robert Jani produced and directed the "Magnificent Christmas Spectacular." Violet Holmes, Marilyn Magness, and Linda Lemar are to be commended for the show's choreography. Charles Lisnby for set designs, Boi Ayers and Sheldon Desind for music, and last of all, Ken Bellington for overall lighting.

(Debbey Wysocki is the entertainment writer for The Dallas Post.)

Twp. needs commission secretary

The Township of Kingston is currently seeking an individual to serve as recording secretary for the Planning Commission and Recreation Commission. Interested applicants should possess basic clerical skills such as typing and shorthand. The recording secretary's primary responsibility is to take notes of

each meeting and prepare the minutes of the meeting.

last Friday of the month. The recording secretary is paid \$10.00 for each meeting attended. Persons interested in applying for this position should contact Fred A. Potzer, Kingston Township Manager at 696-3809, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Obituaries

WILMA JAMES
Mrs. Wilma M. James, 34, of Orange Road, Dallas, died December 17 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital following a prolonged illness.

Surviving are her husband, David; daughters, Melissa, Lora, Katie, all at home; brother, Robert Weaver, Plymouth.

Memorial services were held December 20 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas, with Elder Clair Mabus, of Kingdom Hall, Dallas, officiating.

THOMAS J. OCHMAN
Thomas J. Ochman, 48, of 204

Goeringer Ave., Shavertown, died suddenly at home on December 19.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Anna Romahcheck Ochman, Wilkes-Barre; his wife, the former Frances Arnt; son, John T., at home; daughter, Maryann, at home; brother, Paul, Kingston; sisters, Mrs. Mary

Ann Harman, Nanticoke.

Funeral services were held from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas, with Mass of Christian Burial in St. Therese's Church, Shavertown. Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Many have weight problems

As many as 40 million Americans may have weight problems. According to Dairy, Food and Nutrition Council, surveys say the numbers are rising-making obesity one of the most common as well as serious health problems that Americans face today.

The desire of Americans to lose

weight (whether they need it or not) is reflected by the over 9½ million people who are enrolled in some kind of weight-loss program. Studies estimate that Americans spend between \$150-500 million per year trying to achieve thinness through diet pills, diet books, diet supplements and weight-loss programs.

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