

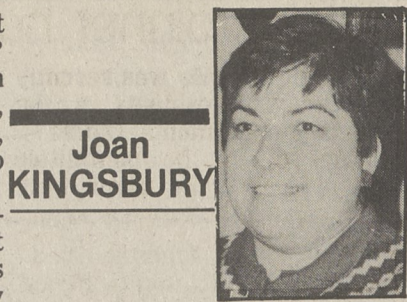
Around town

CAN YOU BELIEVE that Christmas is just a week away? Where does the time go? With Christmas program practices, shopping, wrapping, baking, and partying it seems to go pretty fast.

When I am Christmas shopping I always reminisce about my days as a Christmas employee at Boston Store (now Boscov's). As a shopper I know things get hectic, but believe me, being a salesperson during the holiday season is pretty tough. Please try to be understanding this season when shopping. I'm sure the salespeople are doing the best they can.

MRS. JOANN PRESPPER held a lovely coffee hour at her home last week. The hospitality was gracious, the baked goods delicious and the company was very enjoyable.

What a nice way for me to



Joan KINGSBURY

begin this year's holiday celebrations.

A VICTORIAN HOLIDAY was the theme for the annual Holiday Dinner-Dance of the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre. The event was held at the Westmoreland Club.

Committee members included Robin Ashbridge, Cynthia Eckman, Donna Allan, Cynthia Mailloux, Jonelle Racusin, Karen Gomba and Janine Alexis.

TWO BACK MOUNTAIN WOMEN recently received orientation as volunteers at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Volunteers fill a number of important positions including Emergency Room registration, manning the hospitality shop and working in one of the 15 satellite centers.

Good luck to Dorothy Whalen and Marion Kunigonis, both of Dallas, who are entering the world of the hospital volunteer.

THE SWETLAND HOME, which is maintained by the Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society holds an annual holiday program which is just like being transported back into the 1800's.

The Swetland Home, decorated like it would have been over 100 years ago, with pine and red ribbons, is delightful to visit. Volunteers recreate the roles of the Swetland family,

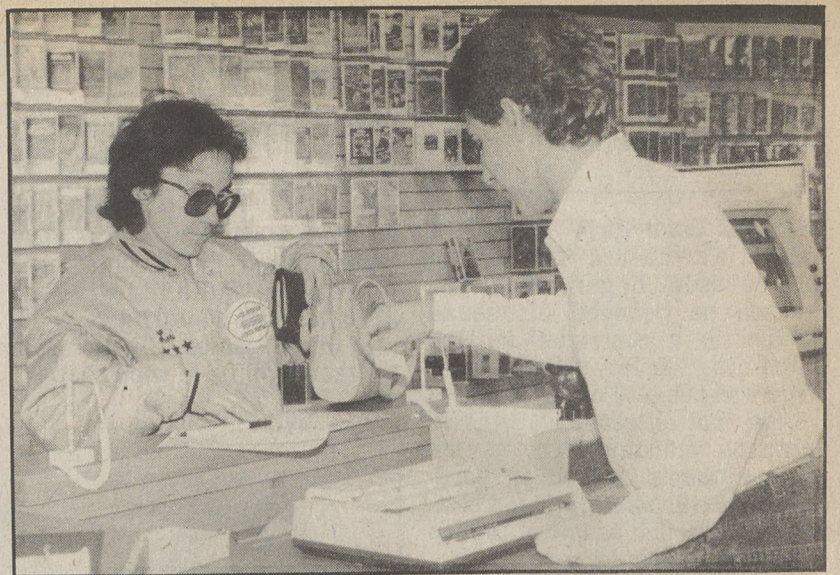
explaining about the house and holiday decorations.

The living room featured a beautiful tree decorated with paper stars, and other hand-crafted ornaments. Originally, candles would have adorned the tree, but of course this is not possible now. Popcorn and cranberries would also have been strung to decorate the tree.

The dining room was set with the finest china for the holiday meal. The bedroom reflects the fashion of the times. In the kitchen Welsh cookies were being baked over an open fire.

The visit this year was special for me because my daughters, Nicole and Nancy, were working as Swetland family members.

(Joan Kingsbury, a Back Mountain resident, is a columnist for The Dallas Post. Her column appears regularly.)



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Video store opens

Janice Baller of Carverton gets some assistance from Eddie Yanalis, of Pittston, at the new National Video store in the Country Club Shopping Center. Yanalis is the assistant manager of the video store, the first of the new shopping center stores to open.

National Video now open

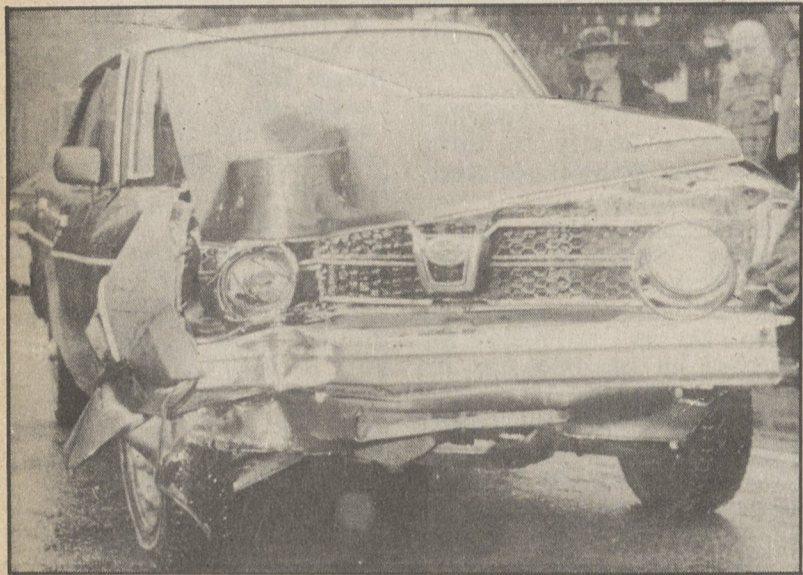
The first store to open in the new Country Club Shopping Center, Dallas Township, was National Video Movie Center which opened on November 20.

National Video is the largest chain of video rental stores in the country, according to manager Dave Evans. For the customer, that means, "We stock more (video tapes) than ordi-

nary stores, inventory-wise," he said.

National Video has multiple copies of many of its 2,000 VHS and Beta movies for sale and rent. The store also offers cameras and VCRs for sale and rent.

Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Two men injured

Two Harveys Lake men were injured as a result of a one-car accident last Tuesday afternoon on Lake Side Drive. Harry Custer, of the Sandy Beach area of the lake, was taken to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and later transferred to the V A Hospital. Donald London, also from Harveys Lake, was taken to the General and eventually released. According to police reports, Custer was driving his vehicle northeast on Lakeside Drive when the car failed to negotiate a turn and struck a utility pole. Both men were taken to the hospital by the Daniel C. Roberts Volunteer Fire Company.

Entertainment

Holiday season of entertainment begins each year at the end of November and continues through Christmas. Various areas of Pennsylvania offer a host of holiday festivities, historic traditions, religious events, and activities that include exhibits, musicals, arts and crafts, tours, and food and entertainment. The Christmas spirit is alive and well in Pennsylvania. There is no question that the state has long been noted for its colorful and resplendent celebration of the Christmas season. Readers, take note:

"A Christmas Carol" (sponsored by the Kiwanis) was presented at the Kirby Center on Nov. 28-29. Also on Nov. 28, Candle-Lite Carolling and the Opening of Santa's House was held at Courthouse Square in Bloomsburg. A Victorian Christmas Soiree with holiday and period music took place at the Slifer House Museum in Lewisburg. Christmas boutiques and

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