

People, places, and things

Library notes

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The Back Mountain Memorial Library will be showing in its display case for the next four weeks a sampling of different kinds of needlework through the courtesy of the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. Beverly Marchetti of Dallas, a former volunteer worker at the library, was instrumental in the beginning of the local chapter of the Guild. She has gone on to become a regional officer in the organization and Cathy Berkey of Shavertown is the current local president.

Beverly started the organization five years ago when she moved to our area from New York and found that we did not have a local chapter. There are now 54 members of the Wyoming Valley Chapter and 26,000 members in the National Organization. Beverly did a piece of needlework for the library in 1982 and presented it to us for Christmas that year. This is done in cross stitch and it states, "Libraries are more help in a time of no money than money is in a time of no libraries". On the bottom of the piece, it states, "Welcome to the Back Mountain Memorial Library", 1982. This is a lovely piece of work and it hangs in the front entrance of our library but for the next four weeks will accompany the items in the display case. The text is from the closing statement of the American Library Association president in his national address.

The pieces in the display case are from Back Mountain members of the guild. They include: Huck weaving on placemats by Susan Woodling; Smocked sundress by Cathy Burkey; Penguin tote cross-stitch by Lorraine Leonard; Blackwork butterfly by Beverly Marchetti; Whitework by Alice Knepp; Blackwork designs by Susan Woodling; Hearts within hearts metallic blending threads by Mary Lou Swingle; Tyrolean hat, crewel embroidery by Beverly Marchetti; Drawn thread on linen by Lorraine Leonard; In an English Garden by Mary Lou Swingle; Jonah in the Whale by Beverly Marchetti; Battenberg lace collar by Cathy Berkey and Ready for Christmas, a design from Denmark in cross-stitch, by Beverly Marchetti. There is also a pattern of the Misericordia coat of arms in the display which is for sale at the college campus. This makes a very exciting display and will be here until May 25.

The 1988 library auction will be the 42nd auction and the Kick-off Dinner will be held on Friday, May 20 from 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. at The Barn in Newberry Estates. The affair will feature a roast beef dinner, dancing to the "Star Fires" and a mini-auction. A cash bar will be available. Tickets may be purchased at the circulation desk in the library.



Special program to be held

Rev. Isaac and Ruth Mawokomatanda will be sharing the experiences of their ministry in Zimbabwe at a special program at the Trucksville United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 22. Beginning at 6 p.m. with a sandwich supper, the presentation by Rev. "Ike" and Ruth will follow at approximately 7 p.m.

The Mawokotands were, until recently, serving in the Mutare South District of Zimbabwe. They are in the United States for 10 months, and are currently residing in Wilkes-Barre. When they return, Rev. "Ike" will assume his new position as District Superintendent of the newly formed Masvingo-Bulawayo District.

There will be no charge for the supper. Reservations would be appreciated, and can be made by calling the church office, 696-3987, or Morag Michael 675-0488. There will be an offering taken for the work of the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe. This event is also being sponsored by the Dallas United Methodist Church.

The church school classes at Trucksville United Methodist Church recently held a "Mission Sunday" on Zimbabwe. Some of the participants pictured are from left, Blake Bicking, Diane Jones, Corey Pajka, Adrea Daniels, Denae Cole and Brian Blase.

Fund drive to start

The Jackson Township Volunteer Ambulance Association began its Annual Membership-Fund Drive, May 1, 1988. The Fund Drive will continue through July 31, 1988.

A contribution of \$15 will provide ambulance service to a family (wife, husband, and children under 18) for a period of one year May 1, 1988 through April 30, 1989. Single memberships for members of households over 18 years old and residents who live alone is \$7.50 per year. Ambulance service provided to residents who are not members of the ambulance will be charged per trip at a considerably higher rate.

The Jackson Township Ambulance currently has crew members which include 2 paramedics, 4 emergency medical technicians, six advanced first aid or first responders and certified drivers. The Jackson Township Ambulance meets all requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Health for providing emergency pre-hospital care.

Your tax deductible contribution will not only enable the Ambulance to keep up-to-date equipment and supplies onboard, but will also enable continuing and advanced training for the crew.

As with other local volunteer organizations in our region, we are in need of people to give of their time to help others. Anyone interested in becoming an active member of the ambulance should contact the Association and are always welcome to attend a meeting. The meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the ambulance hall, 1160 Chase Road, Shavertown.

Any resident who does not receive a membership letter in the mail within the next two weeks should contact the Fund Drive Chairman, David Sedorovich at 696-8769 after 5 p.m.

Red Cross offers booklet

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross has made available copies of the "Spring Health Services Community Course Schedule" to individuals, groups and organizations seeking Red Cross training.

The Schedule lists class offerings, descriptions, dates, and cost of CPR, First Aid, Water Safety, and Health Education courses for May and June.

Community concert set

The New Community Singers extend a cordial invitation to their many friends and neighbors in the Back Mountain to attend their Spring Concert on Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mercy Center of College Misericordia. This performance will be the finale of a busy Spring Season of appearances at church, social and civic organizations and entertaining at local nursing centers.

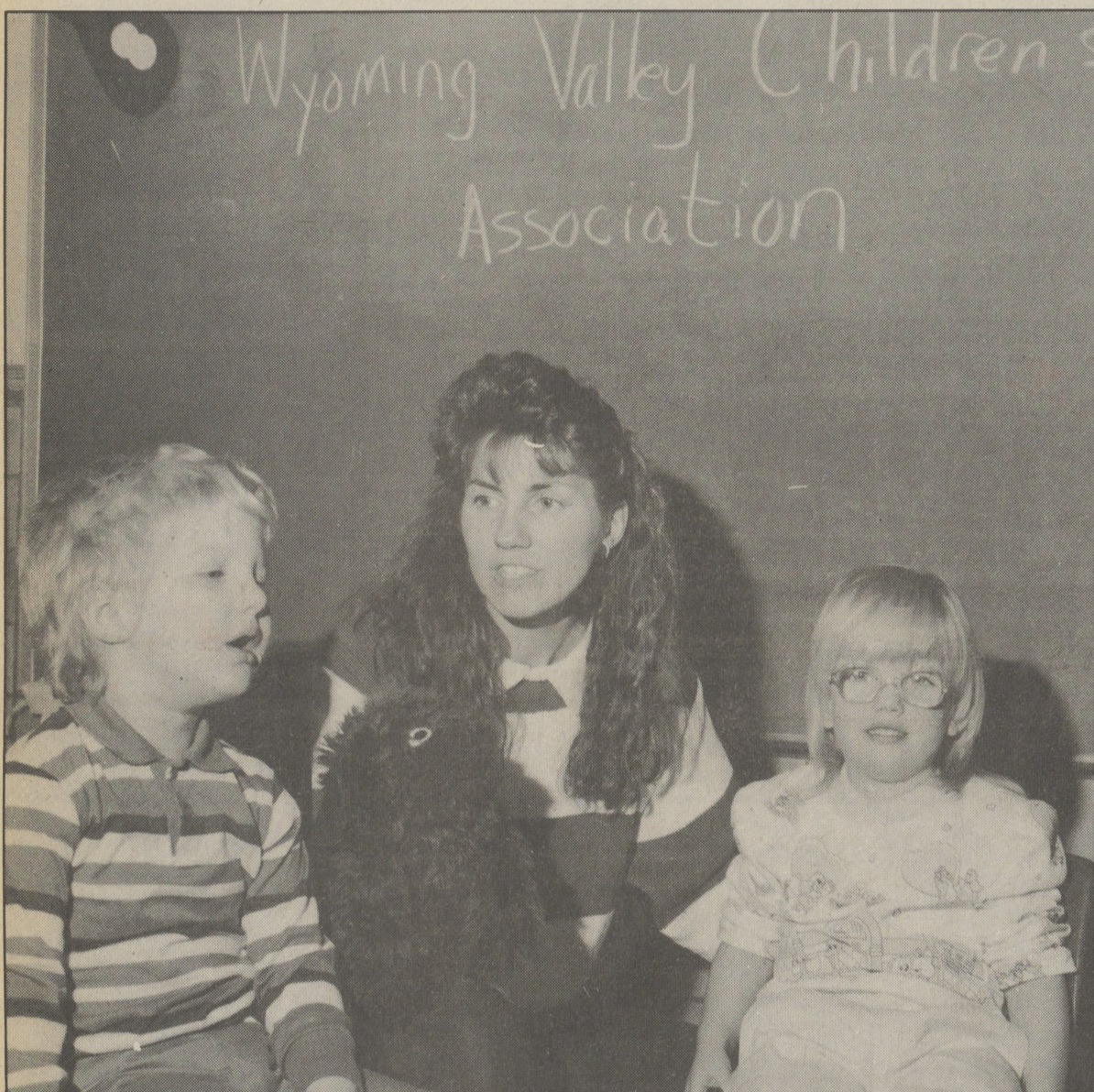
The Chorus will present a program of Choral Music in many moods - Sacred and Secular, Classical and Popular as well as show tunes from Broadway and themes from television.

The New Community Singers, under the direction of Marion P. Mihalko, of Larksville and accompanied by Elaine St. Clair of Dallas, is comprised of about 25 singers who hail mainly from the Back Mountain, but several of the members travel from throughout the Wyoming Valley to sing with the group. The group are happy to share their love of singing with their audiences, and with any women who would like to be a part of a Women's Chorus. If you are



Marion P. Mihalko

interested in joining with the group, we invite you to call Marianne Williams, at 675-3151 or Marion Mihalko at 288-9902 for information.



VERY SPECIAL CHILDREN — Shown with Joan during one of her preschool sessions are from left, preschoolers Joseph Gordon of Wilkes-Barre and Colleen Bronson of Hunlock Creek.

A special place for special children

Wyoming Valley Children's Association is a very special place. It is here that thousands of special-needs children have turned for help since the agency was first formed in 1924. 1988's Children's Association is quite different from the early days, however. Today, the Association concentrates on assessment and treatment of infants, toddlers and preschool children who are at risk or may be delayed in their development. All agency

activities are part of the agency's commitment to early intervention, which is an important goal in that the earlier handicaps or potential handicapping conditions are identified and addressed, the greater the chances are that the therapies and other services will be able to help the child.

The agency's love and commitment to these children is easily seen reflected in the work of Joan Gilbertson, a Shavertown resident.

Having taught handicapped preschool children for seven years, Joan works with her class on weekdays from 9-1. Her students have diagnoses including Cerebral Palsy, Developmental Delays and Speech and Language problems. Mrs. Gilbertson's commitment to excellence in the teaching profession has also been recognized outside the agency. She was one of five classroom teachers honored for "Excellence in Teaching" by College Misericordia this past November.



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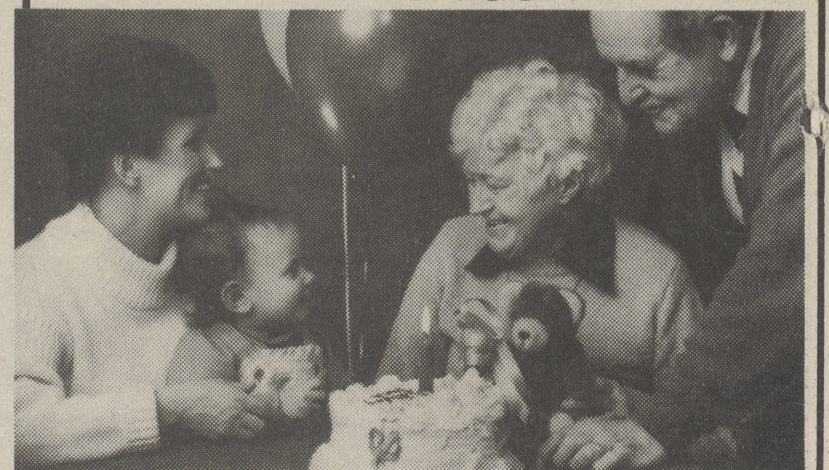
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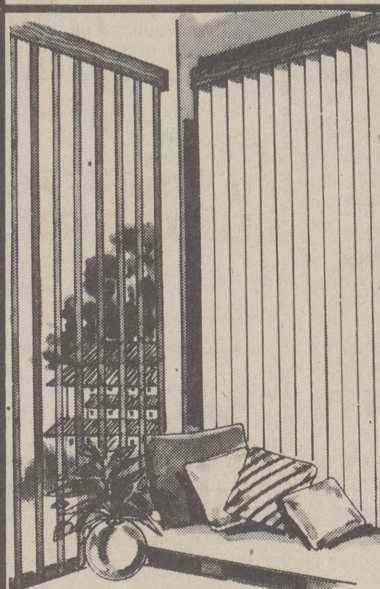
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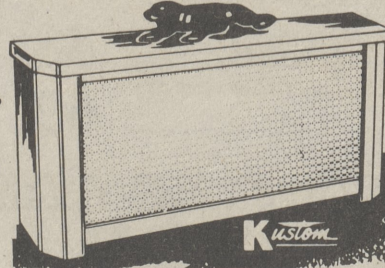
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