

**Look-alike**

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to drugs only available by prescription.

Locata pointed out that it is unlawful to copy illegal or controlled substances, but these companies often find a way around the law. "They make changes so the pills are not exactly the same," he explained.

Also on the advertisement, were capsules. "It is hard to say what is in a capsule," Locata said. "Just about anything could be in them."

Dallas Borough Police Chief John R. Fowler explained that companies advertise duplicates of illegal narcotics simply to sell their product. "These companies do not care about the individual," he said. "They just want to make money."

Fowler explained that youths will purchase these drugs because they look like illegal narcotics. "Kids think it is nice to be seen with them. They let their friends see them with the pills," Fowler said, describing a popularity scale built around illegal narcotics.

Noxen Police Chief Joseph Bren said people will buy the simulated narcotics because of curiosity. He pointed out what he said he feels is the greatest danger associated with the simulated narcotics: "If the pills look like real drugs, the person may see other pills laying around and take them. Those drugs may turn out to be real drugs."

Dallas Borough Patrolman James Martin said companies advertise depicting copies of illegal narcotics because illegal narcotics mean money in today's society. "There is such a big abuse problem with drugs in the United States that illegal drugs are in demand," he explained. "People will make money making look-alike drugs."

Martin also sees a danger with this business practice. "The individual buys (simulated narcotics). Sometime someone might run into the real thing. Thinking the drugs are fake, they may take four or five. The drug may turn out to be the real thing."

Emergency Medical Technician Chris Davis, Kingston Township, recalled an old episode of *Quincy* (a television show based on a coroner/investigator). In the episode, fake drugs were being sold to youths. The kids then started dying. It turned out later in the show that the fake drugs were laced.

"It is a lure to get kids to come thinking they are going to buy real drugs," Davis said.

"They should be shut down," said Emergency Medical Technician Margaret Davis, "because they are going after the kids to make money. They just cash in on the fad of taking drugs."

**Double the fun**

The Gallagher twins, Peter and Christian, 3, of Dallas, enjoyed riding the flying elephants at this year's Luzerne County Fair. (Photo by Ron Bartizek)

**Encampment reenacts times of Frances Slocum**

By SCOTT A. DAVIS

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Frances Slocum State Park was pushed back in time this past weekend, when a colonial encampment was reenacted to commemorate the kidnapping of Frances Slocum in 1778.

The second annual celebration of the life and times of Frances Slocum was held at the park this past weekend. To commemorate the "Lost Sister of the Wyoming Valley," the 24th Connecticut Regiment Militia 1st Independent Company reenacted the encamp-

ment of the same regiment, which would have been located in the same area on November 2, 1778.

That was the date that a colonial girl named Frances Slocum, then five years old, was kidnapped by Delaware Indians. Her mother, brother, and two sisters were home with her when the Indians attacked. The two sisters and the mother escaped and hid from the Indians. Frances and her brother, however, were captured.

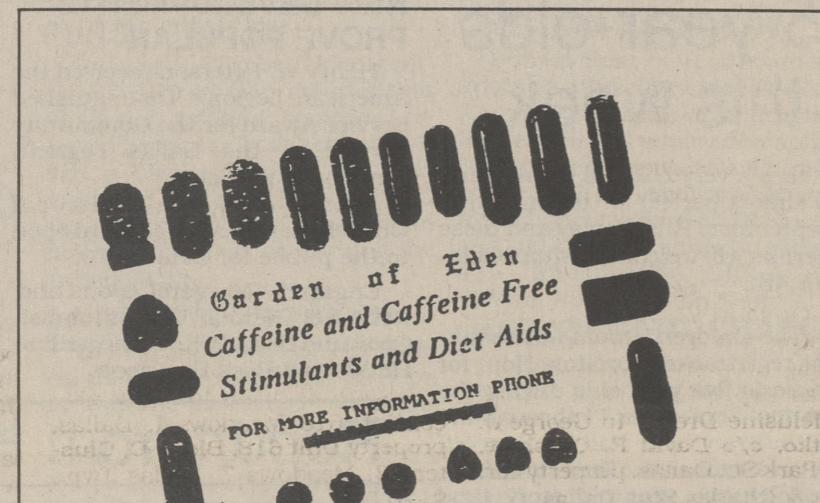
Frances' mother came out of hiding to plead for her children's lives, and the Indians released Frances' ailing brother, Frances,

however, was taken away by the Indians.

It is believed she was raised and lived as an Indian for the remainder of her life.

The camp was made up of men, women, and children. Tents lined the site, which was located along the shore of the reservoir. Food was cooked over an open fire; Saturday's supper was chicken. Muskets stood ready on a rack, just in case Indians might attack.

Mock battles, skirmishes, musket firing, and other activities highlighted the event.

**'Look-alikes'**

Many of the pills and capsules shown on this business card look identical to prescription drugs often used illicitly. The card was one of many left on car windshields in Dallas recently.

**Crack**

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Noxen Police Chief Joseph Bren agrees that 'crack' is a growing problem in the Back Mountain.

"Certainly it is here," Bren said. Although he has not made any arrests personally, Bren said he has talked with kids and found 'crack' does exist in the Back Mountain.

Bren said that if 'crack' is appearing everywhere else in the country, there is no reason the Back Mountain should be any different.

Dallas Borough Police Chief John R. Fowler, however, is not so ready to say 'crack' has invaded the region.

"It is possible that 'crack' is in the Back Mountain," Fowler said, "but I have not run across it yet."

Fowler said he has spoken to known drug users and has found

they are afraid of the drug. "People are afraid of 'crack' because it is so potent," he said.

Kingston Township Emergency Medical Technicians Margaret Davis and Chris Davis (no relation) said they have no doubts 'crack' is in the Back Mountain.

Chris said, "I think there is 'crack' in the area, but I do not think it is a big problem."

Margaret said, "We are no different than any other area. Our kids have everything the big cities have. If the kids do not go to Wilkes-Barre for 'crack', Wilkes-Barre will bring it to them."

Both EMTs admit they cannot confirm 'crack' is in the area. "We have taken in drug overdoses, but we can not confirm they were 'crack'-related," Chris said.

range from \$9.62 per hour for the top custodial/maintenance employee to \$4.90 for the lowest paid secretarial-clerical employee.

• Appointed Ann Marie Gries as library department chairperson for the 1989-1990 school year replacing Ann Camp who resigned from the position Aug. 12.

• Approved an unpaid leave of absence for personal reasons for Rita Lyons for the 1989-1990 school year. Ms. Lyons is a part time clerical employee in the senior high guidance department.

• Approved Nancy Nelen as sophomore class advisor and M. Jay Pope as junior class advisor, and

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