

Farm
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Brace said that the family started to get into the fruit business in the early 1900's when his grandfather started planting trees. Brace can tell you a lot about his grandfather and the farm because he has many records about his family.

"I spent one whole winter reading a diary of my great-great-grandmother," he said. "There are a lot of things you never realized about the people in that time that I now know."

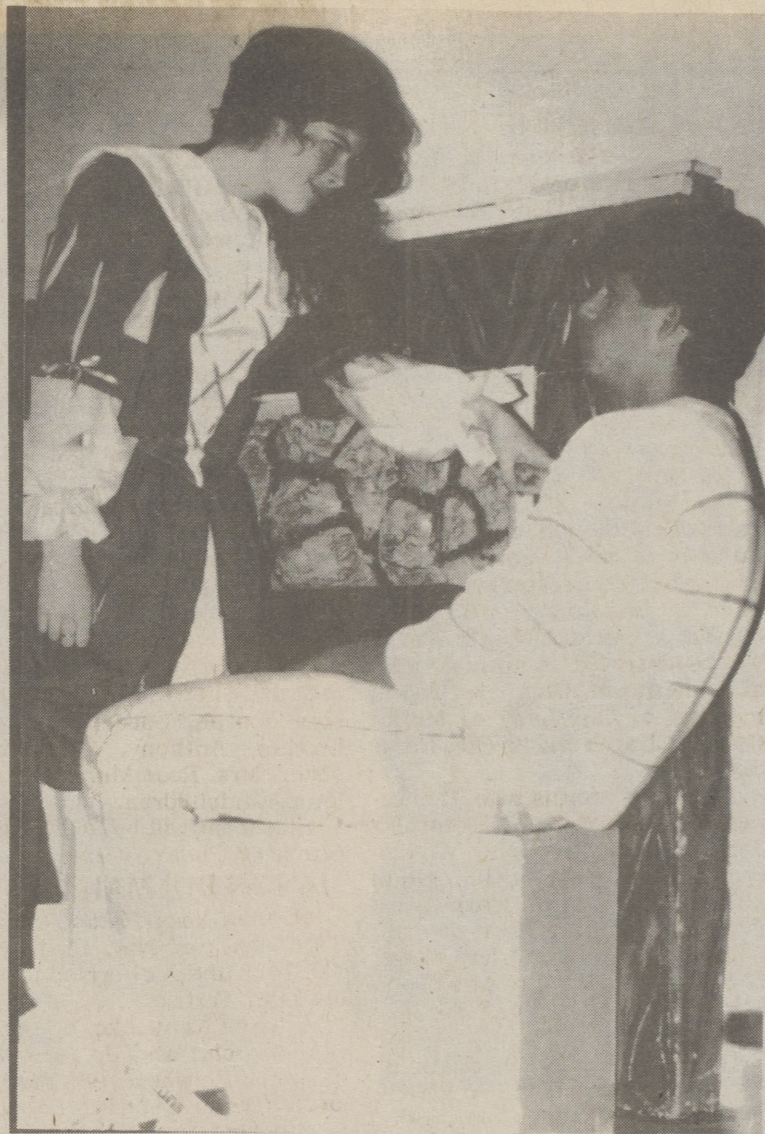
Brace said that he learned about his family history while working towards getting the Century Farm Certificate. "I've found a lot of the early deeds and other records from the farm and really treasure them," he said.

He said that knowing how much time and effort his ancestors put into the farm gives him great pride when he is working.

"I read in the diary that they purchased 59 acres of land at the lower part of the farm for \$3,600," said Brace. He chuckled and added, "My great-great-grandmother wrote, 'It seems like an awful lot of money but it may turn out for the best.'"

It seems to have turned out that way as the family continues to work side by side in a business that is often times a lot of work with no immediate reward.

Brace did not say if he thought the farm would stay in the family for a long time to come but said he works with his son Paul, who is living on the farm. "This business changes a lot so you can't really tell where you will be on down the line, but we are doing what we enjoy," he said with a smile.



At rehearsal Krisen Gurdin and Keith Herstek.

A HAUNTING BUT FUNNY TALE - The Dallas High School fall play "All Because of Agatha" will be shown Nov. 20 and 21 in the school's auditorium. The comedy by Jonathan Troy was rescheduled for the two nights. Filled with funny dialogue and a cast of delightful characters, the play deals with the hilarious plight of a young couple who move into a centuries old home in Salem only to find that it is haunted by a very tenacious yet appealing witch. The young couple is played by Andrea Shone and Keith Herstek while the witch, Agatha, is played by Krisen Gurdin. Also appearing in the show are: Thanh Huynh, Scott Vinnacombe, Mary Lou Baines, Jeff Krehely, Emily Russin, Amanda Marshall, and Marc Labbate. The play is directed by Donald Hopkins, assisted by Audrey Ide. The student stage manager is Renee Egly, assisted by Emily Russin. The show is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. each night and the cost is \$2.00. Shown above rehearsing are Gurdin and Herstek.

Rumble Strips

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office saying they needed another drawing, one done to a different scale. When that is completed and sent to them, PennDOT officials will go ahead with the Wigwag light and the rest of the project," Lutsey said.

Lutsey also said that he has no official notice but he has had reports that Hearststone owner Jim Post has had several prices to tear down the building located along Mill Street and Main Street, Dallas.

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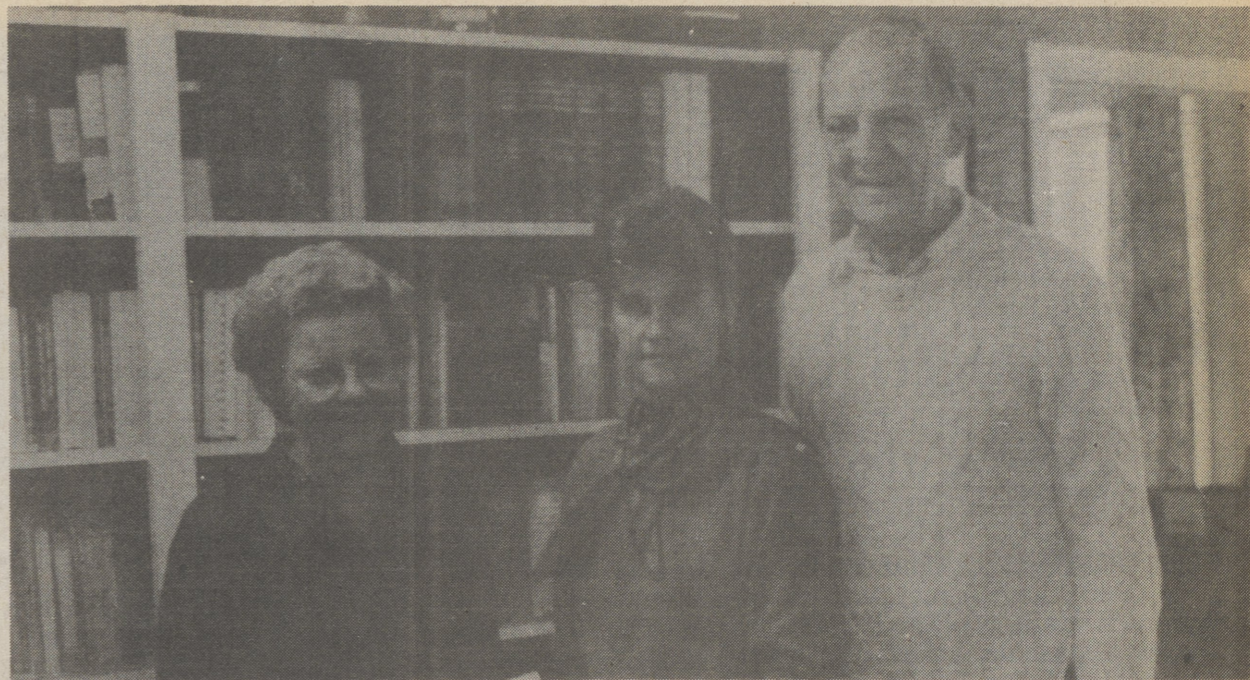
Band

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Over 100 bands from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and North Carolina performed in the two day competition.

The Lake-Lehman Band with a score of 94.5 points out of a possible 100, scored the highest in a field of 25 bands. The Knights took first place overall, first in best music, in best marching, best brass, and best woodwinds.

"This season our band has performed in eight competitions and took first in all of them; six in Pennsylvania, one in New York and one in New Jersey," said Tresscavage. "The complete band will not compete again until spring with the exception of our individual tryouts for district, regional and state band. We are practicing now for our Christmas Concert and for the parade."



GIVING FOR THE HUNGRY - Trucksville United Methodist Church recently donated \$767 to the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre. The money was given by members of the church in response to their September Mission Focus on local hunger. The soup kitchen currently serves a hot midday meal to approximately 300 guests. Trucksville United Methodist has been designated as the sponsor of the day on Thursday, Dec. 13 at the soup kitchen. Above are Rev. James Shillabeer and Morag Michael of Trucksville UMC presenting the check to Anne Marie McCawley, coordinator of the soup kitchen. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

Food Bank

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eligible. Churches in the Back Mountain contribute the food items or cash contributions which they collect from members at special times during the year, as do other organizations from time to time.

"This year the Scouts are giving us food items for Thanksgiving," said the pastor. Christmas time

the food bank is the most active and school children and other groups usually contribute.

"We try to limit the needy families to one two-week order once in a three month period. For perishable items the families are told to call the Commission on Economic Opportunity," Rev. Shillabeer said.

The families are referred to the Back Mountain Food Bank by the CEO in Wilkes-Barre and also through local church pastors' calls. Once the people are approved and recommended to the food bank, the people are notified to come to the municipal building at a certain day and time to pick up their food order.

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