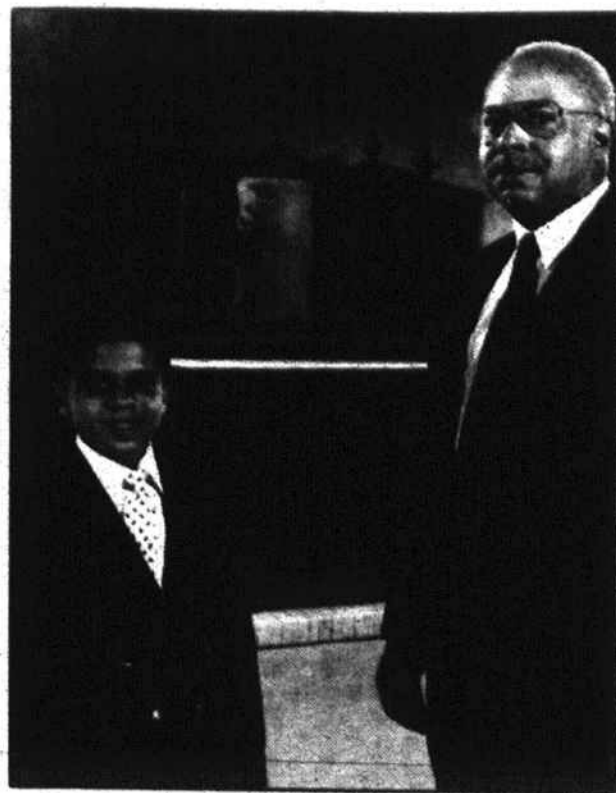


Thomas Day exhibit on view at MESDA

Throughout the month of August, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) in Winston-Salem, N.C. is hosting "Thomas Day, Cabinetmaker," and exhibit of the handwork of African-American Thomas Day, an early nineteenth-century artisan, cabinetmaker, and furniture designer and manufacturer. The exhibit is on loan from the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. Its showing at MESDA is being sponsored by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and is open to the public without admission charge.

Thomas Day V, Day's great-grandson, and great-great-grand-

son Thomas Day VI were among the Day descendants who attended the opening day at MESDA. Also on hand were several members of the Winston-Salem Alumnae chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a national public service sorority. Through its cultural and educational branch, called Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts, Inc., members of this chapter spearheaded efforts to purchase the Day furniture when the collection was initially assembled in the 1970s.



Thomas Day V and Thomas Day VI

"Thomas Day, Cabinetmaker" is a collection of 18 pieces formerly owned by North Carolina governor David S. Reid. In addition to this collection, Day's artistry is preserved in many homes and public buildings in and around Caswell County. Day was as well known for his skill in interior architectural work, such as stairways, room trim, window and door frames, flooring and newel posts, as for his cabinetmaking.

Thomas Day was born in 1801 in Virginia but came to the town of Milton in Caswell County during the 1820s. Why he, a free black man, settled in Milton is not known, but historical records and Day's personal correspondence confirm that he bought property on Main Street in Milton which he established as his residence and shop.

As a craftsman and a businessman, Day was advanced for his time. He understood the assembly-line process, often overseeing apprentices to complete orders on time. History records that he was probably the only manufacturer in the Southeast at that time to work with veneers. Between 1848 and 1858, his furniture workshop was the third largest in the state, at one time having 12 employees.

Day was also a respected citizen of the town of Milton. After he was married to a free woman of Halifax County, Va., he discovered a North Carolina law that prevented her from coming into the state. On their behalf, Milton citizens signed a petition to the General Assembly and an exception was made allowing Mrs. Day to come to the town as a permanent resident.

The Days had three children, Mary Ann, Thomas Jr., and Devreaux. All were educated at Wesleyan Academy in Massachusetts and Thomas Jr. returned to Milton to buy out his father's business in 1866.

The Thomas Day collection may be seen through September 2 on Mondays-Saturdays 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1:30-4:30 p.m. MESDA is located at 924 South Main Street, at the south end of the Old Salem restoration in Winston-Salem.

Choosing a daycare home

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Often parents choose a daycare home because the setting is familiar to the child. Parents also hope that their child will be able to develop a close relationship with the caregiver. A day care home is often located in a private home or a home type setting.

If you choose the daycare home with the right environment and caregiver, your child will grow and develop. What makes a good daycare home? The type and variety of activities offered are marks of quality daycare as opposed to simple baby sitting. Growth and development in infancy and the preschool years is so important and so rapid that caregivers must plan activities to make each day count. Your child needs and deserves the best play environment possible.

Nutrition also plays an important role. While your child may be eating away from home, you are still responsible for seeing that your child eats properly. For example, nutritionists agree that a preschooler should be served two snacks and a lunch. The caregiver should serve food from the daily food guide.

Caregivers need to be familiar with health practices if they are to protect your child from communicable diseases. The caregiver also needs to help your child to learn good personal health habits.

You want your child to stay with someone who is loving, but you also need someone you can depend on. Studies show that caregivers who operate child daycare homes on a businesslike basis are dependable. Ask about

and read over the policies of the caregiver to be sure that you agree with them before you enroll your child.

Regardless of the child daycare home you choose, you must be willing to: provide your child's medical information and emergency instructions; keep the caregiver informed of illnesses, exposure to communicable diseases and situations that may affect your child's behavior; enter the house or yard and identify yourself when bringing or picking up your child.

You probably won't find the perfect daycare home for your child. So how do you weigh all the information and come to the right decision? Trust your feelings. Try to sort out what you feel strongly about. What can you live with and what will you not tolerate? Which home do you feel most comfortable in? Where do you think your child will be happiest? Which caregiver has the best relationship with the children and their parents?

What if you checked out all the possibilities and still have not found satisfactory child care? What do you do then? You might be able to get together with other families and hire someone to care for the children in one of your homes; or maybe you might decide to begin a child-care program in your own home. That's how many providers get started.

As you settle your child into a new daycare arrangement, here are a few guidelines recommended by The National Family Day Care Project that will help make it successful for you, your child and the daycare provider:

Take care of problems as they arise. Make an effort to talk out concerns as soon as they come up. Approach the conversation in a non-critical, cooperative manner, and expect that the caregiver will be interested in solving problems. Most are easily solved if they are talked about soon after they arise, and if both parties act in good faith.

Don't focus just on problems. Be sure to notice the good parts of your child's experience.

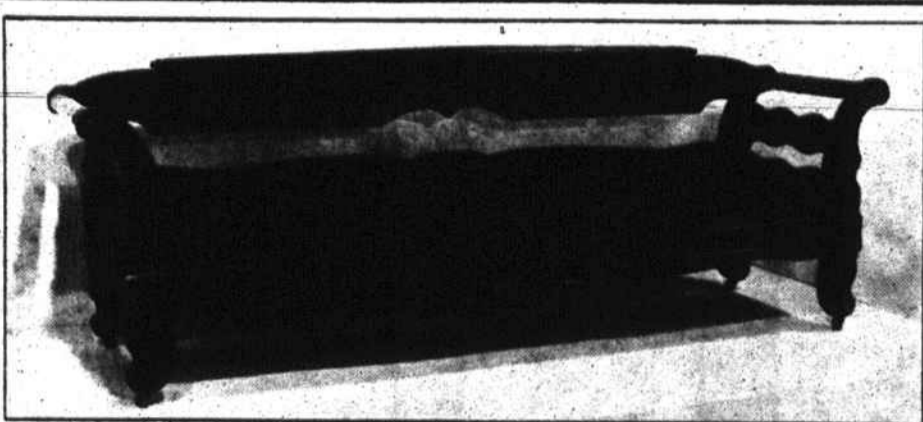
Develop a good relationship with the caregiver. Ideally, parents and caregivers are parents, working together for what's best for the child. Take time to talk regularly. Speak by telephone if it's not convenient when you bring or pick-up your child.

Keep the caregiver well informed. Tell the caregiver when your child does not sleep well, or when something exciting or upsetting is happening at home. Always pay attention to what the caregiver tells you.

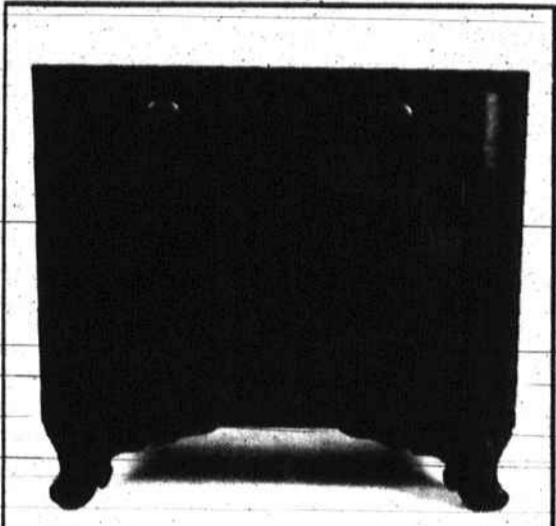
Taking care of little children often is viewed as unimportant work in our society. Caregivers may feel that their efforts go unrecognized and often they are right. Get to know your caregiver as a person. Talk to the caregiver about how the day has been. Be considerate of the caregiver and his or her family. It is especially important that you try not to be late when picking up your child. Thank the caregiver when your child particularly enjoyed something.



Falls



The spacious design of this settee (above) makes it a pleasing piece to look at if not to sit on. Primary wood walnut with secondary pine. A very compact marble top washstand with marble backsplash (right), with carved scroll feet as on preceding bureaus. Mahogany veneer on pine.



Kids' Corner

What's up 'round the 'hood?

THURSDAY, AUG. 22

The Urban Arts of the Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County will sponsor CARTWHEELS (Children's Art on Wheels) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rural Hall/Stanleyville Branch Library, 7125 Broad Street, Rural Hall.

TUESDAY, AUG. 27

The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2301 Patterson Ave., invites the public to Developing Children's Talent, which will be presented by Laura Wall of the Love Community Choir. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call (919) 727-2975.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"All About Ice," a traveling exhibit from the Maryland Science Center, will be shown at the Nature Science Center, Museum Drive, Winston-Salem beginning now through Sept. 29. The exhibition examines every aspect of ice from the simplicity of a snowflake to the grandeur of the Antarctica; looks at polar exploration of the past and present as well as how scientists will continue working to find out all about ice; and explain the effects of ice on human and animal life. The Nature Science Center is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free for members, \$3.50 for adults, and \$2.50 for children.

Registration for Ballet for Adults and Children will be held Sept. 4 - Dec. 18, at the YWCA, 1201 Glade Street. The fee is \$120 a session. Participants do not have to be members. The instructor will be Jackie Lynn Lingelback, who is certified by Dance Masters of America. For more information, call (919) 722-5138.

The Carnivore Preservation Trust will present a lecture on "Helping Perpetuate the Tropical Rain Forests" at the Nature Science Center, Sunday, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. The Nature Science Center is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free for members, \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children and senior citizens. Group rates are available. For more information, call (919) 767-6730.

The Miss Forsyth County Scholarship Pageant Committee is now taking applications for the pageant. The pageant will be held Oct. 28, 1991 at Parkland High School. For more information and applications, contact Janet Talbert at (919) 768-5206.

Registration for Before and After On-Site School Care is going on now through Sept. 2 at the YWCA, 1201 Glade Street. The registration fee is \$10. For more information, call (919) 722-5138.

Blue keynote speaker at EOD dinner

The Winston-Salem Urban League is pleased to announce that Daniel T. Blue Jr., the first African-American speaker of the



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North Carolina House of Representatives, will present the keynote address at the twelfth annual Equal Opportunity Day

Dinner.

The Urban League Board will host this event on September 12, 1991 at the M.C. Benton Convention Center beginning at 7 p.m.

Nigel D. Alston, chairman of the event, urges the community to attend.

"This year we have chosen a speaker who is recognized as a leader in the state and a successful coalition builder. Speaker Blue will have a timely message for our community as he shares his expe-

riences and his vision for North Carolina," Alston said.

"Last year's event drew an audience of 1,000 people to hear Congressman Mike Epsy, and we are anticipating an excellent response again this year," stated Ann MacLeod, vice president for public relations.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Urban League office at 201 W. Fifth Street.

For further information, call (919) 725-5614.

Free fans for senior citizens

The Winston-Salem Urban League Senior Center is doing its part to help senior citizens beat the heat this summer by giving away electric fans.

The Senior Center has fans to distribute to senior citizens 60 years old and over. Seniors need to show one form of identification, and priority will be given to those who do not have access to air conditioning. Phone Senior Center Director Athena Puryear at (919) 725-5614 to schedule a time to pick up a fan from the center, located at 512 N. Trade St.

This is the third year the Urban League has distributed free fans to senior citizens in Forsyth County. The fans were purchased with funds from the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments and Duke Power Company.

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