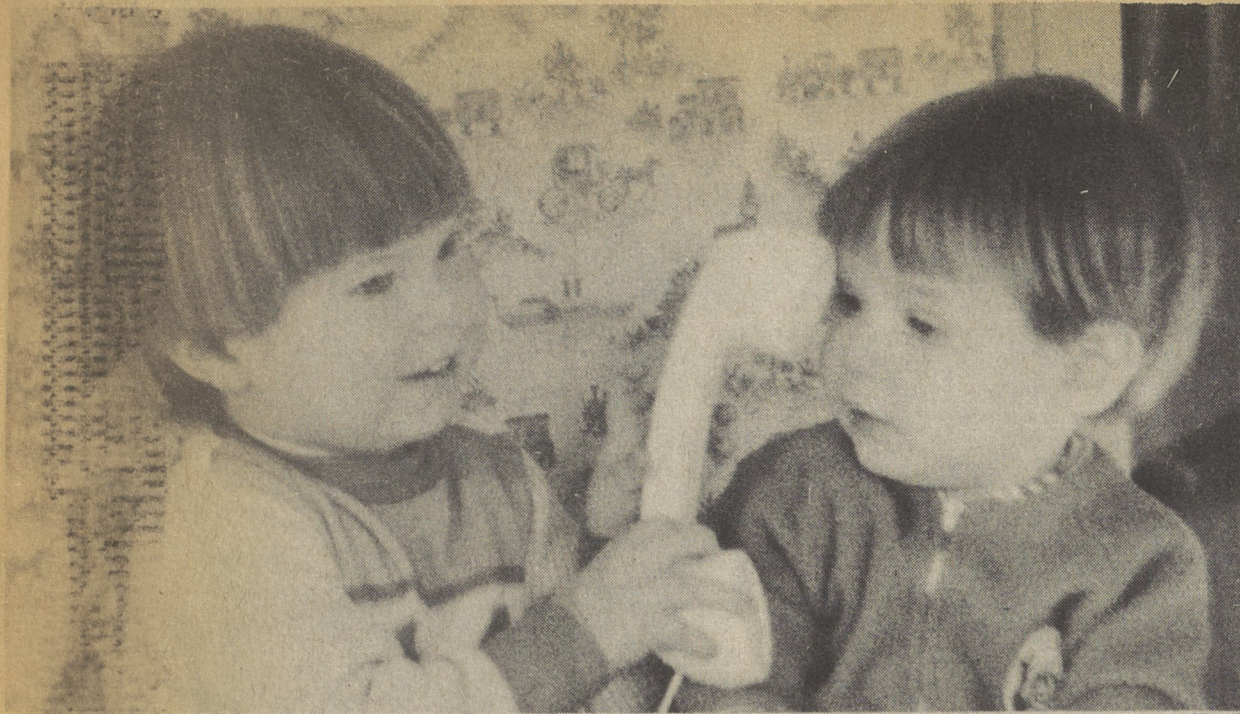


OAK HILL

The 20-cent tour...



TALK WITH SANTA—Two Back Mountain children received the telephone call from Santa last week told him what they wanted for Christmas. Left to right, Michael Koch, 22 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Koch,

Dallas, and B. F. Jamison, 14 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blair Jamison, Dallas, share the phone conversation.

by Bridgette Correale  
Have so much to write about, won't know where to begin...The weather seems to be on a happy note these days and I'm hoping it sings happy tunes until Spring. If the Hawaiians can Christmas shop in 70 and 80 degree weather, so can I. Writing out your Christmas cards by the pool...I love it.

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. We traveled to New York to share out turkey with the Amalfitano family. (That's my side of the mad duo.) It was one dizzy circle of relatives and friends.

Wednesday we planned to leave Dallas around noon-time, but on Tuesday calls from New York came informing us of repairs on the Brooklyn Bridge, Route 80, the Battery Tunnel and other roads leading into Fun City.

Pleading sanity, we took off about 10 a.m. giving us clear sailing and some time to sightsee. It took us 2½ hours from Pennsylvania to 42nd St., New York and another two hours to drive around four blocks to find a parking lot by the World Trade Center.

After driving under and up the Twin Towers and around those blocks for two hours, I already had enough of New York and the traffic jams. But you had to be in the car to appreciate the acid indigestion...Louis wasn't interested in sight-seeing or anything else for that matter, Adele wanted to get to Grandma's house, only Vin and George were looking forward to stand on line and see New York.

ME - I was ready to bite anyone in the neck. Between the traffic, the occupants of the car and the price to park the car, I was ready for the funny farm!

Could you believe \$3.77 for a half hour to park your car. It would take you a half hour just to cross the street in New York. Madness.

If I thought New York City was wild with traffic, Thanksgiving Day was a joke. What usually takes a quarter of hour from my parents home to my brother Jim's in Lynbrook, took us 2½ hours. Bumper-to-bumper all the way but it was worth it.

After everyone ate the 94 course dinner, the talent events began. First the nieces gave professional ballet and gymnastic performances. Then my husband Vin and brothers Jim and Tony did their bit with ballet and gymnastics. Everyone in the Back Mountain knows Uncle Tony - could you imagine a "tu'tu" on him. We laughed so much we were getting sick.

Such fun and great memories and the best part—as we grow older we get crazier.

On Friday we all went over to Vin's mom's house for

another family get together. They're another crazy bunch full of life and spirit. Thank goodness we live out here in Pennsylvania, otherwise I'd kill myself with food and laughter.

I know there are many people in Dallas who were very thankful this past season...Mary Beth Schall and her two young daughters escaped with their lives from a bad accident involving their car and another on Wyoming Ave. last week. Happy to report that everyone is home recuperating and good wishes for a speedy recovery to a beautiful family.

Back to this column...Happy birthday to Susie Slocum who will celebrate a birthday, Nov. 28.

Wedding anniversary wishes to Gene and Eleanor Menges, their 32, Nov. 29, John and Ann Chesnovitch, Nov. 28, Walter and Mary Weir, Nov. 28, Joe and Hetty McGraw their 23rd anniversary and Skip and Pat Bonham. Congratulations.

Aunt Catherine and Uncle Tony, Bayonne, New Jersey enjoyed their turkey with the Annettas. Hurray for Aunt Catherine!!

The best to Gate of Heaven cheerleaders for placing first place in Bishop O'Reilly's Annual Cheerleading Competition. Eighteen teams competed in the three day contest. Gate of Heaven girls received 143 points out of 160. Our congratulations to a sparkling, enthusiastic and well-mannered squad.

Remember last week I said I'd fill you in on the trip to the Scotch and Sirlain Restaurant...well here goes. Last Saturday evening a group of us zanies from the Back Mt. traveled to the Abingtons for a business meeting and right then and there I should have known something was in the air. Vin made it from Oak Hill to Abington High School in a half hour. No wrong turn, no wrong hill. No nothing until we departed for the Scotch and Sirlain Restaurant, which is 10 minutes from the Abingtons.

Two car-loads, containing Frank and Arlene Terascavage and Jack and Marlene Cacoza, Roy and Carol Smith, ann Pickering, Emily and yours truly and what's his name.

What's his name said, "Follow me, I know exactly where it is." He knew exactly where it was, but he could not get there. First we drove to the Moosic exit of Route 81. (Don't ask how from Route 6 we landed on 81 and please don't ask why we landed in Moosic twice.) One time we drove down a dead-end street with the Terascavage's car right behind us and there was no room to make a U-turn or back out. And Vin kept saying he was giving us the 20-cent tour of Wilkes-Barre and points north.

ACS plans calls from Santa

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring telephone calls from Santa to be made Dec. 19, 20, 21 and 22 between 6 and 9 p.m.

Through previously obtained information, Santa will talk to the children about toys he may be bringing, pets,

friends, etc. The calls will be made for a \$3 donation to the American Cancer Society, plus \$1 per child if additional children are in the family.

The calls can be arranged by calling the American Cancer Society office at 825-7763.

Bunnies observe 11th

Mr. and Mrs. John Bunney of Chase observes their 11th wedding anniversary yesterday. They were married on Nov. 23, 1968, in Shavertown United Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Robert DeWitt Yost.

Mrs. Bunney is the former Miss Beverly Bonning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bonning of Shavertown. A graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, she received

her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from College Misericordia and is an elementary grade teacher in Dallas Area schools.

Bunney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bunney of Shavertown and is an electrician at the Procter and Gamble plant in Mehoopany.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunney are parents of a daughter, Andrea, seven years young.

Fire Aux. plans party

The ladies auxiliary of the Shavertown Fire Department will have their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 12, at the

Castle Inn. Reservations must be in by Dec. 1. Please contact Mrs. Flo Pugh or Mrs. Eleanor Fredricks.

Gardners observe 4th

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gardner, 97 West Elmcrest Drive, Dallas, will observe their fourth wedding anniversary tomorrow. They were married by Rev. William Price, pastor of the Town Hill United Methodist Church on Nov. 30, 1975.

Mrs. Gardner is the former Miss Priscilla Klein, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Anthony of Hunlocks Creek and the late Montgomery Klein. A graduate of Darien, Conn. High School, she also holds degrees in English and interior decorating from Boston University.

Gardner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gardner of Orange. A

graduate of Dallas Area High School, he received his bachelor of science degree and master's degree in education from Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre. He is a member of the Northwest Area High School faculty where he is an instructor of psychology.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are parents of two children: Elizabeth and Nicole.

The anniversary will be marked with a family dinner.

Santa Claus arrives

Santa Claus will arrive on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the Dallas Township Elementary School, Church Street, Dallas. He will be waiting to meet everyone until 3:30 p.m.

Come and greet the Jolly Old man and get your child's picture taken. Santa will be sitting in his sleigh with a small surprise for everyone who has his picture taken. A nominal fee will be charged.

A Christmas Bake Sale also will be held. There will be many different cakes and cookies to choose from.

The Back Mountain Jay-Cettes are sponsoring the bake sale and pictures with Santa.

Jack Bertis note ninth

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bertis of Demunds Road, East Dallas, observed their ninth wedding anniversary on Monday. They were married in St. Therese's R.C. Church, Shavertown, by the pastor, Rev. Joseph Sammons, on Nov. 26, 1970.

Their attendants were Mrs. Carol Carey of Sayre, Pa., a twin sister of Mrs. Bertis, and Ted Montross of Dallas.

Mrs. Bertis is the former Miss Catherine Hudak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hudak, West Overbrook Avenue, Dallas. Bertis is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nort Bertis of Dallas. A graduate of Westmoreland High School, he is employed by Ralph Fitch and Sons of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertis are parents of two children - John Anthony and James Timothy.

Class of 1950 plans reunion

The Kingston Township High School Class of 1950 will hold a reunion planning meeting on Monday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Johnson, 54 Carverton Road, Trucksville.

All class members are urged to attend.



Santa with Brian and Allyson Berlew

British club to meet

The monthly meeting of British Women will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the home of Norah Hughes, 46 Tripp Street, Forty Fort. Co-Hostesses will be Janet Kolesar and Mary Milligan. All who attend are asked to bring something they have

made, for sale at this time.

Final plans will be made for the children's party to be held on Dec. 9 and also for the club's Christmas party which will be at the Golden Palace, Plains, on Dec. 15.

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