



**NEW OFFICERS**—Back Mountain Jaycees installed their new officers at last week's meeting at Irem Temple Country Club. Left to right are seated, Summer Bachman, Deming Yaun, directors; Craig Tupper, president; Dennis Garvey, external vice president; James Regan,

internal vice president; Dale Burleigh, immediate past president; standing, J. Tal Richards, director; Paul Clemson, treasurer; Curt Beardsworth and Lee Johnson, directors. (Photo by Mark Moran)

## Mary Chappell brings celebrity items to auction

Mary Chappell of Dallas has been active in the Back Mountain Library auction for only the past four years but she has found it fascinating and is very much involved. The first year Mary worked only with general solicitation but for the past three years she has been in charge of ob-

taining celebrity items for the auction. For the past two years she also has worked with the antique committee. This year she is in charge of the antique sales table which usually has some antiques and some nearly antique items. The auction is not the only event in which Mary

is active, however. Since moving to the Back Mountain, she has been active in Cub Scouts, the PTO, her church, and has been busy with her doll collection which she started many years ago. The former Mary Harned, she is a native of Camptown, about 12 miles from Wyalusing where she was born and raised on the family farm.



Mary Chappell

Mary graduated from Wyalusing Valley High School, now Wyalusing Area, and worked in a bank in the Wyalusing area until she married her husband, Walter in 1969. Walter was a native of the Back Mountain and immediately after their marriage, Mary and Walt moved to the Back Mountain. In 1971, they purchased their home in Dallas where they now reside.

Mary has a stepson, Jay, 17 years of age this year, and a son, Mark, eight years of age. Her husband, Walt, was a member of the first graduating class of the school jointure in 1959. The farm where Mary lived has been in the family for more than 200 years. When she was growing up, items which are now antiques, then were considered junk.

Mary first became interested in antiques with Walt and later became more involved through the auction. She always liked farm sales, however. In and around Wyalusing, going to these sales was a form of recreation. Mary and her family went to them all-house, barns, farms, whatever.

Mary starts early to collect celebrity items and each day something new arrives. She has a Pittsburgh Steeler license plate, Debbie Boone's autographed photo, Baltimore Colts pennant, several hockey pucks, and U.S. Army books. This year she is trying to obtain items or photos from the Country-Western stars. Last year the auction cleared over \$300 on celebrity items. Mary started gathering names and addresses in March and sent out letters requesting items in early April.

She said that the antiques committee is farther ahead this year as far as the sales table is concerned but that it is getting more difficult each year to obtain antiques. And more expensive, Mary added.

When the Chappells son, Jay, was younger, Mary was active with Cub Scouts. She has been an assistant den mother, den mother, and den mother coach. She continues to

work with the Cub Scout program. Mary started as a volunteer with Pack 281 and later went into Pack 132. She is now an alternate delegate for the Pathfinder District.

Mary also is active with the Dallas Borough Elementary PTO. She also served as hospitality chairman for two years. Mary has collected dolls all of her life and has a large collection with dolls from all over the world. She has some that are antiques, her grandmother's doll, modern dolls from different states, and at least one of Mrs. Newman's dolls from each year beginning with 1972.

She has numerous antiques which are pieces which have been in Mary's family for years. Mary likes to cook and bake. She has a green thumb as is evidenced by the many beautiful plants in her home. Mary also enjoys sewing and makes most of her clothes. She likes sports but hesitates about getting too involved because she gets excited, as was evident at her son's first farm

league baseball game. Mary also is an active member of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas.

She likes to travel but Mary did most of her traveling before she was married. She finds it too difficult to do much traveling while raising a family. Most of the Chappell's traveling now is limited to going to and from the farm in Wyalusing.

"Coming from a dairy farm to Dallas is like coming from the country to the city," said Mary, but she likes the Back Mountain and would not want to live anywhere else unless it was in Wyalusing.

"Wyalusing is still home," said Mary. With the school year coming to an end, a new year as president of the PTO coming up, and presently working with the antiques and celebrity items for the auction, Mary says she has a busy few months ahead of her but she is on of those rare people who thrive on being involved...it's obvious that she likes it.

## People in the News

### PennDOT thanks local scouts

Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation Superintendent, David Skrocki of Luzerne County, has stated that the annual "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Days" were very successful and publicly thanked the many scout and civic groups for their participation in the program. This year, two days were scheduled for the cleanup; Saturday, April 19 and Saturday, April 26. "Their time and effort was sincerely ap-

preciated, and as a result has made the area highways more attractive and cleaner," said Skrocki.

Miss Leona Novak, coordinator, also expressed her gratitude to the various groups. "They have been great to work with."

Miss Novak reported for both days 19 groups have participated, consisting of 92 adults and 197 children. Men and trucks from the Pennsylvania Vector Control Association, also aided

with their services.

A total of 103.5 cubic yards of litter and debris was picked up and cleaned by the groups. Miss Novak was notified, that among some little treasures found, one child's lucky strike was a \$5 bill. The weather was beautiful and the children and adults enjoyed the great outdoors.

Following is a list of the local leaders and groups that helped in this cleanup.

Nick Stull coordinated Boy Scout Troop 281 of Dallas, Boy Scout Troop 233 and Boy Scout Troop 232 of Dallas, and the Round-a-Bout 4-H Club of Dallas. Adults were: Jane

Stull, Sandy Sharkus, Lynn Lewis, Sue Ciehoski, and Jody Kostenbauder. Children were: Robert Hoffman, Greg Reinner, Chris Baylor, Don Dickson, Glenn Sterling, Patrick McDonald, Rich Tidas, Don Ide, Dene Stull, Jessie Gallagher, Cindy Kern, Jean Zaykowski, Bill Reynolds, Robert Carter, Andy Yench, Dianne Williams, Kathy Follmer, Kris Ciehoski, Paul Nizik, Joey Dwinchik. Cathy Follmer, PennDOT employee's daughter also enjoyed the cleanup.

Badges will be issued to the children. Certificates will be issued to the adults.

### Democrats elect officers

The Back Mountain Democratic Organization recently elected their officers: chairman--Richard Fuller; co-chairman--Christine Mascali; treasurer--Florence Shively; and

secretary--Barbara Pitcavage.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 22 at 8 p.m. at the Fernbrook Inn, Fernbrook.

New members are welcome. The public is invited.



Donna Dajnowski

### Dajnowski aide to Cultural Center

Donna Dajnowski has been appointed cultural affairs aide for Penn State-Wilkes-Barre and the Back Mountain Cultural Center. The announcement of Ms. Dajnowski's appointment was made by John R. Murphy, dean of student affairs at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre, and Priscilla Allison, president of the Back Mountain Cultural Center.

Ms. Allison is an assistant professor of speech communication at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre.

Ms. Dajnowski, who resides at 310 Delaware Ave., West Pittston, will assist Diane Hunt, assistant to the dean of student affairs, in the coordination of cultural events at Penn State-Wilkes-Barre.

For the Back Mountain Cultural Center she will also coordinate cultural events, assist with educational classes, arranges bus trips for cultural events, and performs public relations duties.

Penn State-Wilkes-Barre and the Back Mountain Cultural Center frequently cooperate in offering cultural events open to the public.

Ms. Dajnowski will work out of an office in the Hayfield House on the Penn State-Wilkes-Barre campus.

She is a graduate of Wyoming Area High School and holds two B.A. degrees from Bloomsburg State College, one in Art Studio and one in Art History. She took additional graduate courses in Art Studio at Bloomsburg.

Ms. Dajnowski is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and a free lance artist with a special interest in nature.

### MacAvoy performs with chorus

An area musician performed with the Susquehanna University Festival Chorus and Orchestra in a concert May 11 at Susquehanna University.

Thomas MacAvoy, a senior marketing and management major, sings tenor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon MacAvoy of 63 N. Main St., Shavertown, and a graduate of Dallas High School.

### Sigma Nu's appoint Cross

Lafayette College's Sigma Nu Fraternity has elected officers for the 1980-81 school year.

Alumni contact will be Timothy C. Cross, a junior

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