

Good News! Mrs. Elsie Nulton of Lehman Township called Tuesday morning (Feb. 16) to inform everyone that a flock of Canadian

honkers had just flow over, meaning that Spring (at last!) is on the way.

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The Millettes

'Love the Back Mountain!'

BY JESSIE MORGAN

"People from this area don't really know how lucky they are," says Pat Millette.

Originally from Rhode Island and the Hartford area, Mrs. Millette and her family have recently moved to the Back Mountain area and are very excited about living in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"Everybody in Connecticut gave us the impression that this area was full of smokestacks. Nobody ever moves to Wilkes-Barre. Everybody leaves this area," she laughs, "but the landscaping around here is beautiful. Parts of Northeastern Pennsylvania look a lot like Connecticut."

Both she and her family were sold on the area after their first visit to Wyoming Valley. "In New England it takes 50 years of living in a community before you feel you're really part of it," she says.

"We weren't used to people being this open. We had almost turned away from being pleasant. But here I have to plan to spend at least an extra 15 minutes in the grocery store whenever I go shopping. Everybody has suggestions on what to buy, the state of economy, and the weather. I like it."

The people of this area have really made the Millette's feel at home. "Everybody from the garbage collector to the president of my husband's company has been really kind and helpful," says Pat Millette. Her husband, is vice president with Petro and Jennings, a local engineering firm. "I've lived in 15 different places and never have I had so many people be so nice to me."

The Millettes have spent the past two years in Israel where Mr. Millette worked for an international engineering company and Pat taught art at an American school.

"Israel was a tough place in which to live and try to raise three children," she says. "We experienced a real cultural shock. People over there have totally different attitudes about life, and living in a military-type housing unit for two full years was just two years too long. But we did get to travel," she says, "so it did have it's positive points too."

While living in Israel, the family was able to vacation in Paris, Thailand, and Hong Kong. "The children were able to grow socially, worldly, but not academically," says Pat. The school they attended in Israel was a six room school-house where the first three grades were in one room while the next three grades were in another.

"When the children started school here in Dallas, I realized that our youngest, Keith, was behind in reading," recalls Mrs. Millette. Although she considered having her son repeat the first grade, she decided to seek the aide of the elementary guidance counselor. "He was very helpful and supportive, and convinced me to allow my son to go to second grade. He has a good teacher who really cares and everything has worked out well. After we were here a month, the counselor called me to see if everything was alright. I just can't tell you how pleased I am with this school district. The teachers are in control and the guidance counselors know what their function is."

The Millettes are so impressed with the area that they hope to realize a life-long dream here. An industrial-commercial estimator, and free-lance muralist, Pat hopes to work in her own studio by the end of this summer. When she and her husband bought their home in Carverton, they also purchased an adjoining ten acres of land. They plan to break ground in Spring for a barn. "The children were so good all the while we were overseas. We haven't seen grass for two years and they would like to have some horses. So my husband and I decided to buy some land and allow them to have what they have



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Contest Closes APRIL 10, 1982

Second anniversary

Bank will give money away

DALLAS—Hanover Bank of Pennsylvania's Dallas Office is sponsoring a special instant winner contest and grand prize drawing that will offer over \$1,850 in prize money to Back Mountain residents as part of their second anniversary celebration, Michael Kerkowski, the Dallas Office Manager has announced.

As part of the celebration, Back Mountain residents will receive by mail a lucky instant winner number, which can be matched against a list of instant winners located in the bank lobby. If the number matches, the lucky number holder wins the designated cash prize, which ranges from one \$500 winner to ninety \$10 winners. The lucky instant winner numbers will be mailed on various days throughout the month of March.

In addition, anyone can complete a coupon for a drawing for a treasure chest filled with \$1,000 in cash. The grand prize drawing will be held April 14, 1982. No deposit is necessary.

As a special premium, customers are offered an LED quartz time and date pen with a deposit of \$300 or more to a new or existing account. The pen gives the time and date in seconds and is offered exclusively at the Dallas Office.

Free Job Ads

If you are unemployed and looking for work, we may be able to help you. Call the Dallas Post and see our free Job Wanted Classifieds. Ask for John Allen. Back Mountain residents call 675-5211. Wilkes-Barre residents call 825-6868.

Dallas Lions aid many funds

Frank Rollman, president of the Dallas Lions Club, has announced the following donations to Lions district programs: \$50 each to Leader Dog Camp for the Blind, Sight Conservation, Northeast Eye Bank, Beacon Lodge, Camp for the Blind, Lions International Foundation and Hearing Conservation;

\$100 to provide a campership at Beacon Lodge.

The donations are based on a suggested \$2 per member for each program.

The service club will observe their annual charter night dinner dance Saturday, February 27 at the Castle Inn, Dallas. The ladies night

affair is being chaired by Lion Paul McCue. Jack Dee will provide the entertainment.

On Monday, March 15, the Dallas Lions will hold a joint meeting with the Kingston Twp. Lions at the Checkerboard Inn.

Back Mt. residents lined up for cheese last week

ST PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH



The prisoners

'We don't pat their backs'

BY JOHN ALLEN

Someday, with few exceptions, every prisoner at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas will be released.

Theoretically, at least, the public was secure in the knowledge that it was safe as long as they were behind bars, but what about the future, when they are once again on the streets?

"We can guarantee they will come out worse," says Sister Barbara Craig and Ingrid Prater, two women whose fear is that if the community does not help, does not concern itself with what happens to the men in prison, the cycle of prison-release-prison, continues, unabated.

"We are not do-gooders. We don't pat them on the back. We are teaching them responsibility, to take charge of their lives." Sister Barbara and Mrs. Prater teach and counsel convicts through an organization called Thresholds. It is a program - ten weeks - in decision making and problem solving and is taught to prisoners by volunteers.

The two women have no ready statistics as to the numbers of ex-convicts who have been inspired enough by Thresholds to stay out once released, but they do know that the average nationally is about 80 to 85 percent.

"The whole issue of overcrowding in our prisons is a national problem. Judges are 'coming down hard' when handing out sentences. The public is demanding mandatory sentencing, we are informed daily, but what are the alternatives to overcrowding? We are going to be forced into alternatives. It costs anywhere from \$12,000 to \$20,000 to keep a man locked up. If the ordinary citizen could understand just what it costs, he would benefit. Instead we quite often hear, 'what are you doing for the victims?'"

The answer is that the convict, through decision-making, determines that he alone is responsible for his life, and will therefore take charge of his own life.

The Dallas area Thresholds program, which is four years old this month, grew out of research done in Orleans Parish Prison in New Orleans in 1965. Early work focused on the teaching of literacy and remedial reading. But due to a lack of skills in language, perception, ability to retain and recall information (by some of the prisoners) decision-making was added to the studies. The results were impressive enough to establish the program at the national level.

"I determine my life by the choices I make. I live out that life by choices I make," is the basic philosophy behind the decision-making process says Mrs. Prater, a Dallas bank employee.

Says Sister Barbara, who teaches Spanish at Penn State and who works with Hispanics at the prison, "It's a corny phrase, but 'born to lose' also means born to choose. We teach them they don't have to be a victim of society, or circumstances, or whatever, unless they choose to be one."

But Dallas Thresholds is faced with the problem of finding enough concerned and bright people to serve as volunteers. The demand for decision-making by prisoners at the state prison is growing. Many of them are school drop-outs, mostly from the ghettos of Philadelphia. They are also volunteers to the program, and they are carefully screened and selected by prison administrators.

"We have a very long list of prisoners waiting to get into the program, but we can only take as many as we have volunteers for," says Sister Barbara. "The course is ten weeks, and Thresholds volunteers go to the prison once a week."

Threshold volunteers (any concerned citizen, 18 years or older) are trained in the method during a basic training weekend.

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