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### This is Spring?

Treat Drive-In Restaurant on Route 309 suffering extensive damage when an awning fell down during last Thursday's snowstorm. This photo depicts what the Back Mountain looked like during the worst snowstorm in 10 years. Reports indicated this area received approximately a foot of the white stuff — more than a week after the beginning of Spring!

### Observance may be too lax

## Residents make sacrifices during this season of Lent

By WALLY KOCHER  
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The season of Lent is a very serious and meaningful one for those who choose to observe it. During the six weeks of sacrifice, anything from sweets and cigarettes to television and alcohol may be given up. Some parishioners of local churches are bothered by the fact that many people fail to keep Lent even though their churches observe it.

Mrs. Chris Sutton is one such person. Along with her three daughters, Jennifer, Nicky and Becky, Mrs. Sutton attends the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church of Dallas.

"Sometimes I feel people don't take Lent seriously enough," Mrs. Sutton said. "It (Lent) has become too lax."

Although she admits to forgetting about Lent every once in a while, Mrs. Sutton tries to adhere to the "rules."

"Our minister announces every Sunday to the children what they are to give up for the following week," she said. "The first week was gum and the second week was soda. Since it's basically directed to the children, the parents aren't pressured as much to make the sacrifice, but I try to give up whatever the kids are giving up for that week."

Mrs. Sutton's oldest daughter, Jennifer, age 11, says that it hasn't been too difficult for her.

"It's been pretty easy," said Jennifer. "The only time it really bothered me was when I went to the movies during the week I had to give up soda. All they had to drink at the theater was soda. That was hard!"

"Sunday is the best day," she added with a gleam in

her eye. "On Sunday, you're allowed to have whatever you want. You can really pig out!"

Nicky, age 9, thought it was most difficult to give up the gum.

"So far, that has bothered me the most of anything," she said. "I'm always chewing gum, but, somehow, I made it," she said with a laugh.

Although Becky, the youngest of the girls, is only 4 years old, she's still helping out all she can, as her Mom explains.

"I don't think Becky understood at first why we were supposed to give up these things," Mrs. Sutton said. "When I explained it to her, though, that we're to sacrifice something and then donate the money we would normally spend on it to the poor children, she began to pitch in. Now, she has her offering box filled with pennies and if she finds any loose change lying around, it goes in the box."

Mrs. Sutton and her children aren't the only ones from the area who are doing their best at sacrificing, however. Mrs. Diane Duda of Dallas also feels people should try their best at denying themselves of something they enjoy.

Mrs. Duda, who attends Our Lady of Victory Church at Harveys Lake, has given up "junk food" and also fasts on Wednesdays and Fridays.

"I do this because I want to, not necessarily because the church says I have to," she said. "If someone really wants to sacrifice something, they will."

Mrs. Duda feels this is the least she can do.

"The sacrifice is small compared to what the Lord went through for us," she said. "Actually, I don't think we could sacrifice enough."

Again, the money that would be used to support Mrs. Duda's junk food habit is donated to the missions of her church.



Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

### Lenten observers

The Sutton family views Lent as a time of mourning and makes it a point to sacrifice something for the 40-day period. From left, Jenny, Chris and Nikki Sutton.

## Rural delivery postal vehicles can function as outdoor offices also

Area residents may conduct postal business outdoors this spring, Postmaster, Thomas P. Bly of the Dallas Post Office said today.

"Our rural delivery vehicles function as post offices-on-wheels," explained Bly. "As rural customers catch spring fever, we'll be there to serve them."

Rural carrier services include stamp and money order sales, parcel pickup, and acceptance of registered and Express Mail. Busi-

ness transactions are completed on-the-spot, at delivery stops along each route.

"These 'open-air offices' are a world apart from their city counterparts," said Bly, "yet they bring a wide range of postal services right to your door."

"Rural delivery developed a personal touch in its early days," he added. "(Postmen would) bring families food, newspaper, tobacco, dry goods, and items that were otherwise difficult to get.

"Today, for some older residents who live in secluded areas, rural carriers serve as a lifeline to the outside world, bringing food to shut-ins during emergencies or alerting the telephone company when a storm interrupts service," Bly added.

Likewise, on a clear spring day, the rural carrier's post office-on-wheels makes sure some of that personal touch remains, the postmaster said.

### Primary election April 10

## Two area residents vie for delegate positions

By WALLY KOCHER  
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As April 10th and the 1984 Pennsylvania Presidential Primary Election quickly approach, Back Mountain residents have begun to debate the subject of who will make the best president of the United States. Although many will vote, few will actually actively take part in the elections.

Two area residents, however, have gotten deeply involved in the election process.

Attorney Gerald R. Schultz of

Dallas is a candidate for the position of delegate to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco this year while Barbara Pitcavage is running for the position of Alternate Delegate for the same convention.

Schultz, who was committed to Senator Alan Cranston before Cranston's withdrawal from the race, was initially contacted by Cranston's campaign organization and asked if he would be willing to run for the position of delegate.

After presenting the required petition of 200 names of Luzerne County

citizens to the Luzerne County Courthouse, Schultz was an official candidate.

Now that Cranston has dropped out of the race, Schultz has been forced to choose another presidential candidate. He chose Senator Gary Hart because he feels Hart appeals to the majority of the people.

"I believe he (Hart) has a better chance of winning an election against President Reagan than Walter Mondale has," said Schultz. "Actually, though, both men - Hart and Mondale - are better than Reagan. I don't really think there is much of a difference in either man's position on the issues, but Hart seems to be more realistic for the 80's."

Mrs. Pitcavage, of Trucksville, agrees with Schultz.

"Mondale and Hart may think their stands on the issues are different," she said. "But I don't see it."

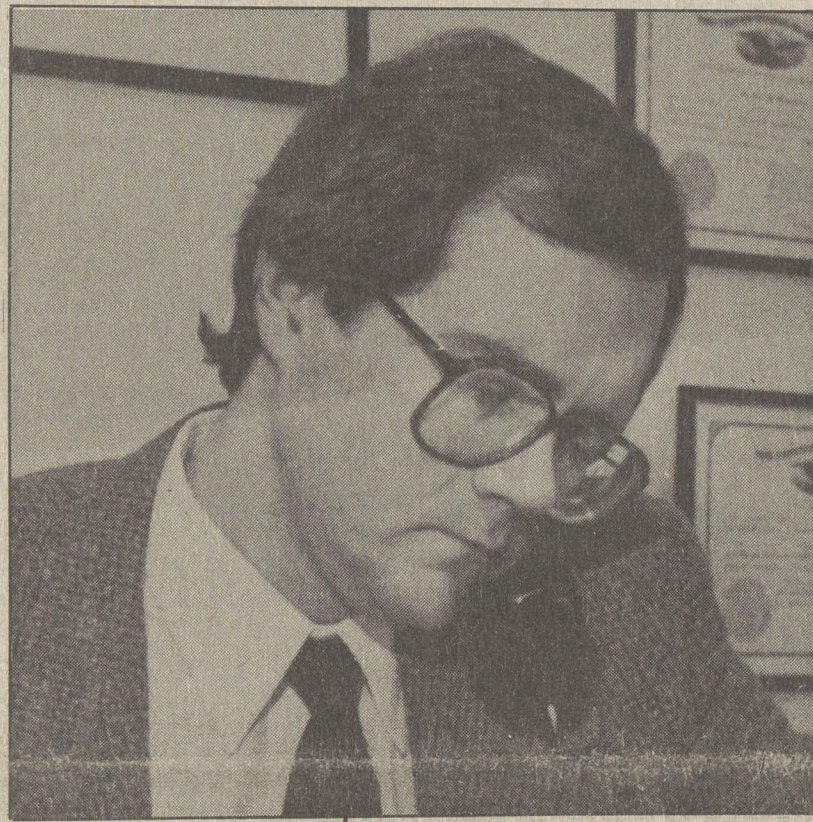
Mrs. Pitcavage was committed to Senator John Glenn until he, too, dropped from the race. Now, she is undecided as to what candidate will get her vote.

"I think the people like Hart better because he is younger and has the Kennedy personality," she said. "However, I haven't decided as to whether I will vote for him or for Mondale."

Both Schultz and Mrs. Pitcavage believe the majority of the Back Mountain residents will vote for President Reagan.

"Since it's a closed election and the majority of the people (in the Back Mountain) are Republicans, I think it's safe to say that Reagan will get most of the votes (in the Back Mountain)," said Schultz.

However, when trying to predict a winner for the Democratic ticket, Schultz and Mrs. Pitcavage both feel the race is too close right now. Only time will tell.



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### Patton named chairman

## Gate of Heaven conducts second-ever fund-raising drive

Robert T. Patton, Dallas resident, was named this week as Chairman of a major fund drive in Gate of Heaven parish, Dallas, to raise a minimum of \$350,000.

The announcement was made by Rev. William Cusick, pastor, who revealed all funds realized in the campaign are to be used to repay renovation expenditures incurred this past year for major repairs and redecorations made to the church-school building and other outstanding parish obligations.

This drive represents the second time in the 33 year history of the parish a fund raising drive is being held. The last effort was in 1957.

An area native, Patton graduated from King's College and, following

service as a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corp., returned to the Wilkes-Barre area. Until his appointment as Vice-President Marketing, New Business Development and Public Relations, Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre in 1970, he was associated with other financial organizations in the area.

As active member in several civic, educational and social organizations, Patton has also lectured at King's College. He is married to the former Patrice Dougherty and they have seven children, Robert, Jr., John, Jerry, Patrick (Deceased), Carol, Mary Ellen and Joseph.

As campaign chairman, Patton will be responsible for coordinating

the efforts of the volunteer workers to reach the goal.

Assisting him as leaders are: John Lyons, Special Gifts Chairman; Art Legrave-Daly and Richard Laux, Co-Chairman, Memorial Gifts; and Curt Beadsworth and Steve Morenko, Co-Chairmen, General Gifts.

### Drive begins

The 1984 Fund Drive of the Jackson Township Volunteer Ambulance Association began April 1 and will continue until June 1. Township residents will soon receive membership information by mail.

Individuals may join the Association for \$7.50. Family memberships are \$15.00, including children under the age of 18. A member is entitled to emergency treatment and transportation to area hospitals at no cost. The service fee for non-members is \$50.

The Jackson Twp. Ambulance has received the "Seal of Excellence" from the Pa. Dept. of Health, and provides emergency medical service 24 hours a day.

Ambulance Association meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the ambulance hall on Chase Road. Anyone interested in either learning more about the Association, or in becoming an ambulance attendant is encouraged to attend the meetings.

Please support the Ambulance Association as its volunteers provide an important and valuable service to all the residents of the community.



Dallas Post/Joan Kingsbury

### Selling daffodils

Kathy Greger and Pat Jones, members of the Newcomers Club of Wyoming Valley, sold daffodils at Coscia's Restaurant in Dallas last week. The sale was for the benefit of the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society.

## Kingston Twp. plans police training course

Kingston Township Police Chief Paul M. Sabol and Township Manager Mark A. Kunkle announced recently that the Kingston Township Police Department will initiate a 40 hour in-service training program in cooperation with the National Academy of Criminal Justice.

This training is being instituted because of the need in police work today to provide officers with pertinent on-the-job continuing education designed to assist them in adjusting to a complex and changing world and to help them in providing the very best police service.

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