



People



With Joan Kingsbury

Around town

CAN YOU BELIEVE that Thanksgiving is so close. Once the children go back to school after the summer vacation, the months just seem to fly until after Christmas. With the holidays approaching, our schedules get busier and busier, sometimes just ruining the real meaning of the holiday.

Concerning Thanksgiving, we all should really try to find a few minutes to reflect on this holiday's true meaning. After all, no matter how bad things seem, we all still have many things to be thankful for.



A WARM WELCOME HOME to Rev. Andrew Pillarella, pastor of Trinity United Presbyterian Church and his wife Edith who have returned from a fabulous vacation to the Holy Lands. Other Back Mountain residents making the trip included their daughter, Mary Pillarella, Liz Taylor, Judy Taylor, Michelene Sgarlat, Karen Givens, Mary Jane Ashbridge, Mary Brown and Grace Resio.

The first stop on their tour was in Tiberias where they began their trip with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. They also visited the Mount of the Beatitudes. According to Edith Pillarella, it was fascinating to visit this area where Jesus did so much of his ministry.

In Jerusalem, highlights included the Garden of Gethsemane, the Wailing Wall, Church of All Nations, room where the Last Supper was held, Pool of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa, the pathway Jesus followed while carrying the Cross, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Calvary and Jesus Tomb in the Garden of Joseph of Arimathea.

Swimming in the Dead Sea is quite an experience since you float no matter how much you want to go under water. Masada, a huge rock fortress, symbol of courage where the Jews held out against their Roman enemies in 40 B.C., had to be traveled to by cable car. Lazarus Tomb and the Jordan River were other notable sights.

Four of the tour group continued on to Egypt and Greece following their Holy Land tour; Edith Pillarella, Michelene Sgarlat, Liz Taylor

and Judy Taylor.

In Egypt the group were privileged to see the Pyramids, the Sphinx and the King Tut Museum. In Greece, they viewed many of the ancient ruins. The trip was concluded with a beautiful cruise to three of the Greek Islands.

THE SAYING it's a small world really applied to Edith and Andrew Pillarella's trip. While in Tiberias, they met Father Jim Doyle from King's College; In Haifa they enjoyed a visit with the former Vera Balshaw, daughter of the late Clifford Balshaw of New Goss Manor. The most amazing thing happened in an Egyptian hotel when Edith met a Forty Fort couple, John and Mary Stoner, whom she had not seen in nearly 20 years.

COLLEGE MISERICORDIA'S MADRIGAL DINNER is scheduled for Dec. 6 and 7 in Merrick Hall. This wonderful recreation of an Old English Christmas Dinner complete with traditional costumes, music and menu is a great way to begin your holiday season. For tickets, call the college.

BEST WISHES TO Mr. and Mrs. Alan T. Gillette who were recently married in Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Mrs. Gillette is the former Mari Jo Manganello, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manganello, Dallas. A graduate of Dallas High School, Mrs. Gillette also graduated from Empire Beauty School.

Mr. Gillette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gillette, Waymart, is a graduate of Western Wayne High School, attended Keystone Jr. College and College Misericordia. He is employed by Gillette Contracting.

Following a wedding trip to Florida, the Gillettes are residing in Waymart.

GATE OF HEAVEN PTG is sponsoring a wonderful Holiday Fair, Dec. 1 and 2 at the school. Featured will be a Santa's Workshop, pictures with Santa, as well as a wide variety of lovely holiday and specialty items. Keep this fair in mind to help complete your Christmas list.

GET WELL WISHES to Fran Roginski who has been a patient at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.



MR. AND MRS. MATTHEW C. PERRY

Couple takes vows

Deborah Sue Lansberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Lansberry, Dallas, and Matthew Charles Perry, son of Gerald Perry, Charlotte, N.C. and Kathleen Perry, Dallas, were recently united in marriage.

The double-ring, candlelight ceremony was held in the Lehman United Methodist Church. Rev. Michael Shambora united the couple in Holy Matrimony. The floral arrangements in the church were provided by Mrs. Celia Ellsworth. The organist was Mrs. Vera Tough. The brides mother performed a solo for the Lord's Prayer.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a white formal-length gown tiered with lace. The scoop neckline was trimmed with lace and accented by sequins. Her veil consisted of a halo of lace with lace trim bordering the veil. The veil was handmade by her great

aunt, Sarah Major. She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, miniature carnations, daisy mums, stephanotis and baby's breath.

Matron of honor was Denise Symonds, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaid was Kim Burk. The attendants wore light blue gowns of chiffon and taffeta accented with bows and roses. They each carried two white with blue roses, babies breath and ferns and wore a matching sweetheart rose in their hair. The flower girl, Tiffany Crispell, carried a basket of white daisies and white with blue carnations.

Darrell Farmer was best man. Larry Lansberry brother of the bride was usher. Ring bearer was Timothy Weidner, cousin of the bride.

Following a dinner reception at Pickett's Charge Restaurant, the couple honeymooned in the Poconos.

Volunteers needed

The Wyoming County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to serve on the Blood Service committee.

The committee meets four times a year. They oversee the blood services in Wyoming County. They are kept informed on the latest developments in blood research and studies.

Anyone that would like more information or would like to serve on the committee may contact Cindy Tinna at the Chapter office, (836-2626), or Karen Lord (836-2889), Committee Secretary. The next meeting is December 10.

People in the news

CHRISTOPHER J. PURCELL, of Dallas, was among 15 police officers, representing 12 departments in seven counties who completed the 12 week Municipal Police Officer Training course at the State Police Northeast Training Center in Wyoming on November 15.

The course of instruction, covering all phases of police work, was designed to improve the skills and techniques of the municipal law enforcement officer.

SGT. DAVID B. CEVASCO, son of John and Gladys Chappel of 36 Long Dale Ave., Shavertown, has completed a U.S. Army primary leadership course while serving with the 3rd Infantry Division in West Germany.

Students received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment.

Cevasco, a missile crew member, is a 1979 graduate of Dallas High School.

CHARLES BATKA, RR 4, Box 425, Dallas, has been named to the Presidential Honor Society at the DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, OH.

To be eligible for the prestigious honor, students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 (out of a possible 4.0) after two terms of study. Batka, a student in the Computer Information Systems program, has a 4.0 GPA.

DeVry Institute of Technology is part of the DeVRY INC. network of 11 campuses that specialize in Electronics Technology and Computer Information Systems. DeVRY INC. is one of the largest postsecondary technical education organizations in North America.

WALTER D. ROBERTS has been named manager of administrative services for the Administration and External Affairs Department of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc.

His responsibilities will include long range planning of buildings and lands for the corporation, security functions, furniture acquisition, building maintenance and property sales and leasing.

Roberts joined Commonwealth in 1982 as building and lands administrator for Commonwealth Telephone Company, a subsidiary of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises. Prior to joining Commonwealth, he was executive vice president for Lacy Atherton & Davis Architects and Engineers.

Roberts and his wife, Sally, reside in Kingston Township.

Diabetes Society seeking members

The Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, in establishing its goals and objectives for the coming fiscal year, has placed a major emphasis on member involvement and service. Although the thrust of local ADA chapters is in fact service oriented, the Wilkes-Barre Chapter intends to take their efforts several steps further.

According to Michael Simko, Wilkes-Barre Chapter President, the chapter's Board of Directors "seeks to be responsive to the needs of its members in terms of public awareness programs, diabetic education, dietary management, support groups and other vital areas of concern to today's diabetic population" which numbers in excess of 12 million.

Upcoming events geared toward public awareness of the chapter's efforts include a fashion show to be held November 21 at 8 p.m. AT The Woodlands; Foot Care lecture by Dr. Thomas Giunta, Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m., Kingston Township Municipal Building; Physical Fitness lecture by Dr. Al Janerich on June 4, 1986 at 7 p.m. in Pomeroy Community Room, Wyoming Valley Mall.



Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Officers installed

The Dallas Fire and Ambulance Auxiliary recently conducted installation of officers at Pickett's Charge Restaurant, Dallas. Shown here, from left, are Linda Culver, treasurer; Karen Spudis, vice-president; Jannette Grieves, president; Barbara Straub, secretary; Blodween Shaffer, board of directors; Sandra Sheehan, board of directors; and Naomi Ward, board of directors.

Church Colwell Class meets

The Colwell Class of the Dallas United Methodist Church met recently at the home of Louise Frantz, Machell Avenue, Dallas. Emma Jean Pittman preside and Sylvia Kuhnert gave devotions.

Plans were made for a Christmas dinner party for all ladies of the

church and guests, December 16, at 6 p.m.

Others present were Ruth Owens, Mary Reese, Alberta Oliver, Dorothy Blase, Louise Dickinson, Louise James, Harriet Miller, Helen Eggleston, Alice Brown, Theta Dickson, Doris Carey.

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