

People



With Jean Hillard

Back Mountain on the move

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES are on the way, well orders are taken anyhow. Jennie Wartella stopped by the house and my husband told her I wasn't home, but I was, I had just come in the back door from exercise classes, starved and we have six boxes coming!

Hurry up spring and hurry up Girl Scout cookies. Jennie was wearing a smile as usual, but this smile was because her cast will be removed from her broken arm this week. She broke her arm skiing.

Jennie is the daughter of Jack and Genie Wartella and skiing is a family sport in their house. Jennie said "I can't wait to get this cast off so I can go skiing again." She must love it.



HILLARD

SPEAKING OF LOVE, it was written all over the face of Mrs. Carolla Herring of Sweet Valley. Mrs. Herring purchased some hand-cream from me and proudly said, "I'll take the pennies because I save them for my granddaughter."

She was speaking of her change and also of her 15-year-old granddaughter. She said, "I waited 70 years for my grandchild, she's very special." So is Mrs. Herring very special to many people. Her talents at the piano have been passed on to hundreds of students over the years and now at the age of 85 she will still teach or give a "tune" that no one else will attempt. Piano lessons or grandchild, her heart is in what she does.

MRS. WINTERS, former owner of the Dallas Motel is probably basking in the sun by now. All her eye shadows intact, her cosmetics in good shape for a long time, she has left Dallas, bag and baggage, to make her home permanently in Florida. She said, "I was a Dallas girl for 21 years and I loved it here but I can't take these winters." The Back Mountain wishes her well in her move, we always hate to see someone leave our area but our best wishes go with them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go to Mrs. Marguerite Dubil of Lehman and her daughter, Debbie Evans of Wyoming. Both ladies celebrated last week and special belated wishes go to them from another daughter, Bonnie Konigus of Hunlock Creek.

The whole family was celebrating one occasion or another for about 10 days in a row. Once the birthdays were over, Bonnie and Joe Konigus were celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary. Bonnie is an instructor at Great Beginnings Fitness Center and keeps us all in shape, while daughter Carrie is taking dance classes and enjoying cheerleaders for the Lake-Lehman High School where she is in the Sr. class. Their son J.J. Konigus has made my column many times with wrestling wins and youngest son Michael is always there to support them all. Happy Anniversary Bonnie and Joe!

SPEAKING OF GREAT BEGINNINGS, I thought the whole "Stapinski staff" had gone in a fitness frenzy Saturday morning. Two more employees joined the class to firm up their bodies. Jacquie Hellman and Betty Sorchick both popped in ready to "get in shape." It ended up with the three of us and Bonnie sprawled all over the floor, just chatting, of course!

THERE ARE SO MANY AREA RESIDENTS suffering from a flu bug, many are stomach virus types and a light-headed feeling, while others are running temperatures and lots of sore throats. Michelle Miller, daughter of Ken and Nancy Miller, Demunds Road, had a more severe case of strep throat. A get well wish goes out to all of you. A very special get well wish this week goes to a dear lady in Sweet Valley, Mrs. Clair Cragle who is recuperating at the home of her daughter, Joan Culver. Mrs. Cragle has been a dear friend of our family's since I

was a very little girl and I really hope she gets well fast.

CIRCLE THIS DATE — March 15 — on your calendar. The Luzerne County Federation of Women's Clubs is preparing for the annual Federation Day to be held at Boscov's in Wilkes-Barre.

Several Back Mountain ladies are actively involved in this day, Mrs. Robert Rowlands and Mrs. Elly Horvath, both Dallas residents will be on the program committee. All proceeds of the day will be earmarked for the benefit of the American Diabetes Association. A percentage of Boscov's profits for the day will also go toward the fund.

The hope for this year is to establish a computerized reference library at Osterhout Library in Wilkes-Barre and if enough monies are realized, we'd like to see one in the Back Mountain Memorial Library also. It is not impossible, it's quite possible really. So, if you can shop Boscov's on March 15 and you can be a special help in bringing a reference library to the Back Mountain Memorial Library by way of computers!

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO Mrs. Margo Swan of Loyalville. Margo, R.N. instructor at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's Education Department was selected ESP of the Year. Extra Special Person of the Year was chosen by her fellow employees. Those of us who know Margo agree she is that, an extra special person. Margo has made headlines several times for her outstanding accomplishments as an R.N. and we are all proud to say she's from the Back Mountain.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the Tupper family on the loss of their son and brother, Robert Tupper, 40 years old of Angleton, Texas. Robert was the son of Robert E. and Alice Tupper of Dallas and he was a graduate of Dallas High School. His brothers are James, Trucksville; Craig, Dallas; and Carl of Mehoopany. He also leaves a wife and two children. His death was the result of an automobile-train accident last Tuesday in Texas.

GET WELL WISHES go to George and Abbey Bronson of Sweet Valley. Both of the Bronsons have been surgical patients in Nesbitt Hospital, but are home now and doing much better.

THE DALLAS CHEERLEADERS had a busy weekend getting all those Super Bowl hoagies ready for delivery. With each bite we took, we thought of Florida. Hope you sup-

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AN ARMED ROBBERY in Dallas, gee it's getting more like the big city each day. The site of the armed robbery was almost the same site of the hit and run death of a 16-year old boy only a few weeks ago. Our safe town is growing and so are the problems. The Back Mountain Auto Sales was robbed at gunpoint last Thursday evening around 6:30 and \$550 in cash taken. The robber fled on foot.

YET ANOTHER TRAGEDY STRIKES the community as a 19 year old boy loses his life, the result of a shotgun blast. Henry C. Tuck IV, a graduate of Dallas High School this past June was fatally shot, details still sketchy but the fact is another teenager is dead from the Back Mountain. Last Friday morning's news will linger on forever in the minds and hearts of his family and friends. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

ON A BRIGHTER NOTE, last Friday morning Miss June McCloskey of New Goss Manor, Dallas, was discharged from Mercy Hospital and returned to her home to recuperate from ankle surgery. Miss MacCloskey and a friend started out for an entertaining Sunday matinee and she slipped and fell going into the movie fracturing her ankle very badly. Corrective surgery and excellent care at Mercy Hospital has her back home sooner than she expected.

FRIDAY WAS ALSO A DAY OF FUN for a group of Senior Citizens, several of them Back Mountain residents who went by bus to Atlantic City for the day. Mary Ann Lilley and Kay Gilford both of Dallas, were two of the Dallas residents who took advantage of a fun trip. Hope you came home "richer" than you left!

IF YOU WERE ROOTING for the Chicago Bears yur Super Bowl Sunday was perfect! What a game, the only great part in my eyes was the first fumble, the first three points. I wasn't rooting for the Chicago Bears!

(Jean Hillard is a Back Mountain resident whose columns appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

One year old

William Stephen Burrell, the son of William and Wendy Burrell of Wilkes-Barre will celebrate his first birthday on January 30.

His grandparents are Sandy and Art Forster of Orange and William Burrell of New York and Kathleen Burrell of New Jersey.

Stephen's great grandmother is Margaret Burrell of Harveys Lake, Mrs. George of Orange, Mrs. Forster of Hudson and a great-great grandmother, Mrs. Belles of Orange.



WILLIAM BURRELL

Births

A son to PAUL AND RASALIE STRASSER, 132 E. Center St., Shawertown, on January 23.

A son to KENNETH AND CHRISTINE TROWBRIDGE, 203 Huntsville Road, Dallas, on January 23.

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Flag presented

Senator Charles Lemmond of Dallas recently presented a flag to members of Boy Scout Troop 530 of Beaumont. Shown here during the presentation are, from left, seated, Scott Wilson, and Carson Gramley III, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Standing, Debra Darling, Carson Gramley Jr., chairman; Bernie Ryan, Jim Ryan, Scoutmaster; Senator Lemmond, Judy Gramley, Unit Commentator. Absent at the time of the photo was Paul Nulton, sponsor.



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New member

Stuart Oakley, left, president of the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club, inducts the club's newest member, John Tasco, into the club as Tasco's wife, Cathy, looks on.

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