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New officers

New officers for the 1986-87 year were installed by the Dallas Lions Club at ceremonies held last Tuesday at the Castle Inn, Dallas. From left, first row, Joe Harrington, third vice president; Jack Hannigan, president; Russ Stone, first vice president. Second row, John Delvecchio, lion tamer; Paul Nicholson, secretary; Harold Ruth, tail twister; and Frank Rollman, treasurer.

Entertainment

What does the Back Mountain community have in common with an Outback community? You are correct in the assumption that it is obviously not the kangaroo or the koala bear.

It is apparent that the preoccupation with television is not limited to Americans. Watching TV has become a universal pastime. Have you ever wondered what TV is like elsewhere, in Australia, perhaps?

The television industry began in Australia in 1956, approximately 10 years after the first U.S. network began airing shows. Since then, the country has become one of the most important areas for TV programming.



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As Dallas area residents can turn their TV sets to Channels 16 (ABC), 22 (CBS), 28 (NBC), 38 (independent station) and 44 (PBS), Australians can also turn on their sets to receive five channels. Australia's ABC is their equivalent to a public broadcasting system, whereas SBS (Special Broadcast Service) offers ethnic and foreign-language programming. The remaining three stations are the Seven Network, Nine Network and 10 Network.

The Seven Network mainly airs dramatic shows. The Nine Network has had great success with news and sports, and the 10 Network is known for its morning shows, movies, and mini-series.

Favorite series of local fans can be viewed on Australian TV. For example, the Seven Network carries such American TV series as "Falcon Crest," "Cagney & Lacey," "Kate & Allie," and "Knots Landing" (all seen locally on Ch. 22). The Nine Network offers "Dynasty," "The Cosby Show," "Newhart," "Miami Vice," "Moonlighting," and "Murder, She Wrote." Network 10 telecasts "Dallas," "Night Court," "Facts of Life," and "The A-Team."

Even though there exist similarities between American and Australian television, there are unique differences. If a resident from the Back Mountain area of Pennsylvania happened to move to Sydney, Australia, that resident

should be prepared to watch on some nights, an entire night of programming devoted to cricket or the news.

The television industry in Australia is highly-regulated. Commercial stations must have over 100 hours of Australian content drama in a primetime season, and at least 26 weeks of children's programs. TV shows are rated similar to American movies: G-general exhibition, PGR-parental guidance, and AO-adults only. Although there is no pay-cable competition, VCRs are becoming popular.

Sitcoms that are popular here are rarely produced in Australia, and most of the action-adventure shows and mini-series are purchased from the U.S. Television schedules also include game and variety shows, but overall, Australian programming is dominated by serials. Here are typical Australian programs available from April-November 1986:

"Coopers Crossing" - The story of the Royal Flying Doctor service and the Outback people who struggle with the harsh realities of life.

"Whose Baby" - A baby-switching case becomes a life-long nightmare for two Australian families.

"My Brother Tom" - The love

between two youngsters from antagonistic Catholic and Protestant families alienate a small country town.

"Land of Hope" - A sweeping saga of an Irish-Australian family from 1890 - 1980.

Last of all, the ratings...Australia, like the U.S., is a place where battles are fought to win the ratings race. According to Alan L. Gansberg, "It's a fact of broadcasting. Wherever there are commercial stations, there will be rating services, and in Australia, that duty is handled by McNair Anderson."

Leading Programs by Total Persons - 1985 (as appeared in The Hollywood Reporter).

(Ranked according to the average Australian audience in total persons)

1. 60 Minutes: 691
2. A Country Practice: 610
3. Willsee: 592
3. Miniseries: 592
5. The Cosby Show: 580
6. Sale of the Century: 549
7. News, Sports & Weather: 532
8. George & Mildred: 500
9. Benny Hill Show: 485
10. Late Movies: 481

(Debbe Wysocki is the entertainment writer for The Dallas Post. Her column appears weekly.)



Contributions made

The Back Mountain Memorial Library recently received several generous contributions for the development of the Children's Room and its services. The gifts of Ralph K. Garrahan in memory of Ruth H. Garrahan and Mary E. (Garry) Stewart and Robert Scovell, daughters, Christine and Susan, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Walling in memory of Janet Walling Scovell have enabled the library to redecorate the room, add new shelves, tables and chairs and to purchase additional literature and audio-visual materials for the collection. Shown at the recent dedication of the refurbished Children's Room are, left to right: Marilyn Rudolph, children's librarian; Robert Scovell, Susan Scovell, Christine Scovell, Ralph K. Garrahan and Ernest Ashbridge, president, Library Board of Directors.

Obituaries

Sister Mary Lashendock

Sr. Mary Rosita Lashendock, RSM, 75, a resident of the Mercy Center, Dallas, died June 11 in the Mercy Center Nursing Unit, Dallas.

Born in Marion Heights, Sr. Mary Rosita entered the Mercy Novitiate on July 16, 1930 and was professed on August 16, 1936.

In her 50 years of religious life, she served in the following parishes: Sacred Heart, Bay Side; St. Joseph's, Babylon; St. Aloysius, Great Neck; St. Bonafices' Sea Cliff, all in Long Island; St. John's, St. Aloysius and Holy Savior, all in Wilkes-Barre; St. Ann's, Freelance; and St. Agnes', Towanda.

Surviving are sisters, Sr. Mary Cabrini, RSM, Mercy Center, Dallas; Mrs. Terry Provizzi, Beaver Meadows; Mrs. Helen Fulton, Hazleton; brothers, George Gordon, Beaver Meadows; Joseph Gordon, New Jersey; several nieces and nephews.

Joseph Purcell

Joseph L. Purcell, 89, formerly of Pioneer Avenue, Trucksville, died June 10 in the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Freeland, he attended St. Ann's High School, Freeland, and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

He was employed as the promotions manager for the Boston Store, Wilkes-Barre, for 40 years until his retirement. Mr. Purcell was a past director of the Pennsylvania Retailers Association, a three-term director of the National Retail and Dry Goods Association, and on the board of directors of Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Walters Purcell, Dallas; sons, William F., Harveys Lake; Joseph W., Dallas; Attorney James L., Garden City, N.Y.; Robert L., Syosset, N.Y.; daughter, Mrs. Robert Siani, Warren, N.J.; 24 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

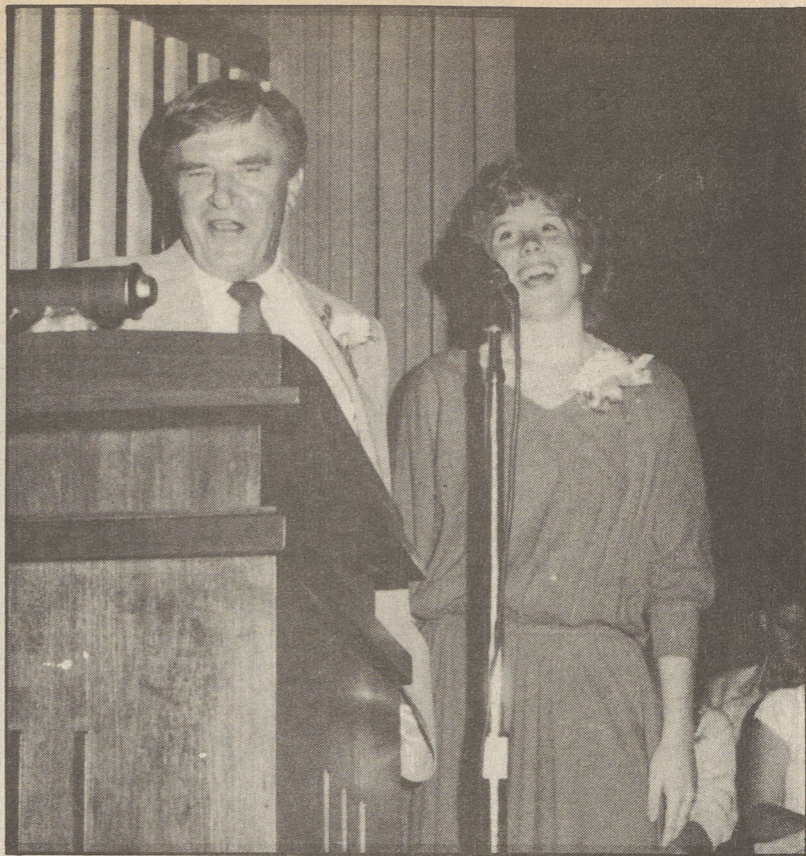
He was preceded in death by brothers, Dr. James D., Wilkes-Barre; and Bernard, Kingston.

Elizabeth Lopuhovsky

Elizabeth T. (Lopsky) Lopuhovsky, 81, of Queen of Peace Road, Harveys Lake, died June 9 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a graduate of the Plains schools and had been employed as a housekeeper by the late Mortimer and Rose Freeman Goldsmith. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

She and her husband, William J., celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on April 15, 1986. Surviving, in addition to her husband, are sister, Mrs. Anna Getzman, Harveys Lake; brother, John Balko, Harveys Lake.



Your thoughts?

Lake-Lehman High School Principal John Zaleskas questions senior Colleen Corbett about her thoughts as a graduate during a recent Moving-Up Day held at the high school.

Lake-Lehman seniors have Moving-Up Day

The Lake-Lehman seniors were honored on Moving-up Day. During this ceremony, a senior roll call is announced, awards are given and a luncheon for the seniors is held.

Those students receiving cash awards are: Marlo Lukas, \$500.00 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship; Stacey Lybolt, Empire Beauty School Scholarship; David Judge, Jay C's Book Scholarship; Christine Kindler, Harveys Lake Women's Club Scholarship; Lisa Yanchunas, Hazel Baer Math Scholarship; Sheryl Clark, Haney Fundraising Scholarship; Judy Hopfer, Lake-Lehman Education Association Scholarship; Jenny Fouchs, Luzerne County Association of Educational Secretaries Award; Kelly Wandel, Wilkes College Dean's Scholarship.

Other honors were bestowed in areas of art, leadership, citizenship, science, athletics, business and music.

The morning also featured the presentation of flowers to the faculty given by the senior class. A farewell from the underclassmen was given by Donald Buzinkai, Junior Class President, with a response from Mark Yaple, Senior Class President. Principal John Zaleskas and Senior Class Advisor, Bob Roberts, also addressed the senior class.

Moving-up Day is a time for seniors to reflect upon their past and for underclassmen to look to their future. It was surely a day to remember.

Miskiels note anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Miskiel, Box 209, RD 2, Harveys Lake will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary June 19, 1986.

They were married June 19, 1976 at St. Therese's Church, Shavertown by Rev. Joseph Sammons.

Attendants were Gloria Grycko Dow, Priscilla Reese Liput, Cathy Goode and Christine Miles. Best man was Richard Miskiel. Ushers

were Steven Goode and Wayne Goode.

Mrs. Miskiel is the former Cheryl Goode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goode, Dallas. She was employed by Dallas School District as an elementary teacher.

Mr. Miskiel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Miskiel, Shavertown. He is employed by Proctor & Gamble, Mehoopany.

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