

Back Mountain on the move

CONGRATULATIONS TO Ruth and Marty Byrne of Sweet Valley. It's a 50th wedding anniversary for this special couple on August 9.

The Byrnes lived in New York City all their lives until their retirement several years ago when they purchased a home in Sweet Valley and very soon became "natives" of our Back Mountain area.

A celebration will be held in their honor at the Miller Ridge Inn, New York. Marty is that friendly "George Burns double" who delivers flowers for Hillside Farms in



JEAN HILLARD Trucksville. Everyone has a double and Marty Byrne and George Burns are definite look-alikes, right down to the jokes and the cigar.

JOE, CAROL and 8-year-old daughter MICHELLE get a warm welcome to the Back Mountain area.

The family, which joins us in the Sweet Valley area from New Jersey, stopped in to let me know they are now Back Mountain residents, but in the confusion of moving into their new home, failed to provide me with their last name. Regardless, we do welcome these people who recently lived near the shore in Jersey and are enjoying the quietness and slower pace of our area.

I invite Joe, Carol and Michelle to stop by and see me again. This time, let me know what your last name is so I can tell your neighbors who you are.

CAROL, ROB and DANNY NYGREN, also of the Sweet Valley area, have been vacationing for two weeks in Maine.

TENA and RON ZEKAS of Shavertown have spent their vacation this year at Thousand Islands, enjoying the beauty of that area.

CHARLIE HILLARD and daughter, Lori, niece Darci Davis, spent three days last week enjoying the beach at Ocean City, New Jersey.

Darci will be leaving for Virginia the week of August 19th where she will attend Liberty College so this was a special "short stay" vacation for Lori and Darci before summer's end.

Can you believe they left me behind? My favorite place in the world to vacation and I worked while they played! Tanned and happy, they have returned.

THIS WEEK, KEITH, my son also, and his friend, John Luksic, of Huntsville, have become beach bums on the shores of Wildwood Crest for six or seven days.

Surely I must have a turn coming!

CINDY O'BRIAN, daughter of Gloria O'Brian of Dallas spent 1-12

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weeks at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Cindy is a very beautiful young lady with a very beautiful tan. It's so dark and so perfectly even, all eyes turn. I'll bet those lifeguards enjoyed their job the week Cindy was there.

JAY and SEANA CHAPPELL, Fort Dix, New Jersey, are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Sarah Jane, born July 28.

Sarah is their first child and the proud grandparents are Mary and Walter Chappell of Huntsville Road, Dallas.

This is the first grandchild for Gram and Pop Pop Chappell and the very first niece for Uncle Mark. Mark is returning to Fort Dix with his brother where he plans to spoil the brand new baby for a couple of weeks.

Sarah Jane was christened this past Sunday at Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDonald, of Roosevelt St., Shavertown.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of you in your new bundle of joy.

Sarah is the first female born on Jay's mom's side of the family is 42

years. My guess is she will be special.

BRENDA TRAYER, the head cashier at Stapinski's in Dallas, is vacation this week, enjoying short one-day trips to places like Great Adventure, the zoo and lots of mental relaxation.

Brenda's only definite plans for the week were not to touch a cash register or count money.

Hope you're having a happy week, Brenda!
MARK THESE DATES on your calendar - Saturday, September 6, it's an Atlantic City Trip and the bus leaves from Lehman.

Everything right here in the Back Mountain. All details in next week's column. If you can't wait, if you're all excited, call 675-5700 now!

WELL, I'M NOT DOING VERY WELL at wishing my sister, Shirley Major, home from the hospital. As I'm writing this week's column, she is being transferred to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia from the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Shirley has a foot that is giving her problems and it is the hope of all concerned that there is an antibiotic out there somewhere that is going to kill that stubborn germ.

DAN AND LYNN FLEMING and their two children, Jennifer and Brent, spent several days last week enjoying the beach at Ocean City, New Jersey.

The Flemings, who reside in College Manor, stayed at the Commodore, my favorite spot.

THERE IS BEAUTY IN RAIN, as I finish my column this past Sunday evening, I'm looking out over my patio as the rain comes beating down on the pool. It is a beautiful picture.

(Jean Hillard, a Back Mountain resident, is a columnist for The Dallas Post. Her column appears weekly.)

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