

# Back Mountain on the move

OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY, The Commodore, the boardwalk, the shops, the sunshine, the ocean, donuts made fresh on the boardwalk and coffee brought to me in bed every morning for seven days.

I can't believe it but it was all mine last week. The smell of the ocean, the breezes blowing in our faces and the white, white tips on the ocean as the waves came rushing in to shore every night around 11 p.m. was a sight to see.

The most beautiful picture in the world, in my eyes, is the ocean late at night and early in the morning. The next 51 weeks of work will be a pleasure because the 52nd week will be mine once again.

No telephones, no questions, no bad news, no sad stories. When one leaves on vacation the "real life" should be left at home and for me that's a really vacation. But, now it's over and I'm glad to be in touch with reality again and the Back Mountain has been moving along just the same.

THE NEW SHOPPING CENTER on 309 looks like it will be in operation by November in time for the Christmas rush one of the tenants informs me.

THE LUZERNE COUNTY FALL FAIR is ready to open its gates on Sept. 3 with 3 new permanent buildings, 3 times as many exhibitors as last year, 3 times as many cows to show and horse shows going on all day, Saturday and Sunday for your enjoyment.

Ray Hillman, general fair chairman, is ready to collapse, but so proud of the accomplishments made this year that he'll wait until Sept. 8 to let nature catch

up with him. The Job Corps from Red Rock have worked faithfully every day for weeks on end to complete those buildings and without them it would not have been possible.

Plan to attend the fair every day. It is such a great privilege to have this type of entertainment right here in our Back Mountain. Don't miss the one and only Box Car Willie shows! He will perform twice the same evening. See you there!!!

BETTY LOU and DENISE GREY and Lisa Evans, all of Sweet Valley, spent last week enjoying their vacation at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. The three ladies work very hard at keeping people's homes clean all year round. Mrs. Betty Lou Grey is the owner operator of the cleaning business and the other two girls work for her.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill and Jessie Hagenbach of Lehman who celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary on August 26. The Hagenbachs run a guest house at Lehman and are the parents of a son and daughter. Two of the finest people I've known and I wish them 39 more healthy, happy years together. They will be taking a one-day cruise down the Shawnee on the Delaware to celebrate their special day.

THE MANISKAS CHILDREN are both recuperating and ready for school to start after summer sports injuries. Jamie was hit in the mouth with a hockey stick but she looks good now and Jason broke his leg playing soccer, has the cast off after wearing that for a month but is still on crutches. Jamie and Jason are the children of Joe and Wally Maniskas of Susquehanna Ave., Dallas. Joe is owner, operator of "Today's Hair" beauty salon on Main Street.



JEAN HILLARD



### Farmin' talk

More than 70 members of the local agricultural community had a chance to discuss the problems facing farmers with Dr. Lamartine F. Hood, the new Dean of Penn State's College of Agriculture at a dinner recently at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Hood is shown with, from the left seated, Faye Richardson, Regional Family Living Program Leader; Marilyn Trumbower, United Penn Bank; Joan Roginski, President, Luzerne County Executive Committee; Josephine Kotch, County Extension Director; and Mrs. Lina Hood. Standing from left: Jim Cook, PCCEA member; Steven Tuttle, Regional 4-H Program Leader; Dean Hood; Howard Grossman, Exec. Director, Economic Development Council of Northeast Pa; Earl Macarty, Vice President Merchants Bank; and Neal Buss, Regional Agriculture Program Leader.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE FAMILIAR FACES back in our local stores, especially when they've been missing due to accidents. Arline Bergovin is once again greeting customers at Gino's Shoe Store in Dallas. Arline had serious leg injuries in an auto accident a couple months ago and many of her loyal friends and customers have been following her progress. Back on the job is a sure sign of recovery.

NEXT WEEK SCHOOL STARTS, for many it's a great first time experience, either 1st grade, 1st year in high school or 1st time away from home-college. Several of our Back Mountain students are experiencing these 1sts as usual.

DARCI DAVIS, daughter of John and Sharron Davis, Shavertown, is now at Liberty College, Virginia. The Davises spent several days last week in Virginia getting Darci settled and also preparing themselves for their only child's 1st step in the adult world without them. I'm sure Darci will adjust, good luck John and Sharron.

GAIL THOMAS, daughter of Dr. Evan and Carol Thomas, Shavertown is also a student at Liberty. She and her family also went to Virginia last week and Gail is all settled in ready to go. Gail and Darci were fortunate enough to be roommates so that's a big help to both. Gail comes from a family of 7 children, two others who are also in college, so for the Thomases it was a rerun. Good luck Gail.

Marc Ramirez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Modesto Ramirez of Shavertown is also a student at Liberty. Marc and his parents spent last week in Virginia, his parents were returning home to the rest of their family on Sunday evening. Marc, a great baseball enthusiast with a matching personality will do well I'm sure. Good luck Marc!

SARAH ROTHSCHILD, daughter of Dr. and Rena Rothschild, Lake St., Dallas, has left for Cornell University to begin her 1st year in college. Sarah has a younger sister, Rebecca at home. Good luck Sarah. I'm sure there are many more and to all of you, good luck it's such a challenging world out there.

I KNOW THERE ARE HUNDREDS of Back Mountain families who vacation at Ocean City, New Jersey, each summer. We didn't see any of you this year but when we go the first week of August it's like going down town, Dallas. Every other store is a familiar face shopping the boardwalk. It was all of you we were thinking of when Hurricane Charlie passed thru Ocean City. When they announced from the Music Pier to "clear the boardwalk" all facilities and stores will be closed due to the hurricane, the challenge of "reporting" began to build in me. I thought of the Alvin Cragle family of Lehman who frequent the area weekends, the Morans, our teacher at Dallas "Jane" who feels like Ocean City is heaven on earth etc. So I sent my daughter running back to our room for a camera and we were off to capture this ocean on a rampage for you. "If" the pictures take (It was black hurricane skies,) and it wasn't my camera so I was guessing on distance, and "If" our editor, Doty Martin, feels it's of interest to enough people, we may see this great ocean covering our beach area, steps etc. next week. There are a lot of ifs, but isn't that life?

## Marriages

DANIEL MONK, 154 No. Lehigh St., Shavertown, to HOLLY B. FRY, 796 So. Main St., Wilkes-Barre.

JOHN LEVI HOYT, JR., Lot 34 Freemans Tr. Ct., Dallas, to BRENDA ANN YOUNG, Lot 34 Freemans Tr. Ct., Dallas.

DONALD P. CAWLEY, JR., 12 Stout St. Pittston, to JANE ELIZABETH STASH, 1075 Smiths Pond Rd., Shavertown.

ANTHONY J. KERIS, JR., RD 3, Box 232, Dallas, to KATHLEEN S. BAHNER, RD 3, Box 232, Dallas.

WILLIAM B. ROBERTSON, 103 Maffett St., Plains, to KATHLEEN ECKENRODE, Box 154, RD 3, Dallas.

RICHARD CRAKE, 118 Country Club Apts., Dallas, to ANY L. GARDNER, 180 Manor Dr, Shavertown.

CALEB GREISSMAN, RD 2, Warren Dr., Dallas, to CATHERINE A. BOGUTZKI, RD 2, Warren Dr., Dallas.

RUSSELL L. TAYLOR, 411 Rr. S Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, to KAREN JANE SMITH, 147 Meadowcrest, Trucksville.

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