



Breakfast held

Shown here at a Back Mountain Regional Business Breakfast meeting sponsored by the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce are, from left, first row, Louis F. Boeringer, Bertels Can Company and Chairman of the Board of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce; Mary Griffin, M.M. Griffin Real Estate; Jean Innamorati, Innamorati's Century 21; Paul Priebe, Geneco Services; Dolores Tamanini, Back Mountain Video Corporation; Bartt Slocum, Slocum Insurance Agency; Kim E. Michelstein and Robert C. Nause, Jr., Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. Second row, Chuck Mattei, PennDOT; Guy Giordano, Sunset Marina; Jack Krogulski, Northeastern Communications; Hanford Eckman, ENCON; Tom Dombroski, D & L Consultants; Geri Parker, Offset Paperback Mfrs., Inc.; Andrew Mamary, A & M Supply Company; and Deborah Zurinski, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. Absent at the time of the photo were Dr. Joseph Fink, College Misericordia and Jim Harkins, Penn State Seed Company.

Coleman joins Post

Watch out, folks! Here comes Toby Coleman and she's going to make you think.

Coleman, a resident of Dallas since July, joins The Dallas Post as a columnist next week. Author of a column entitled, "Something to Think About," Coleman takes every day ordinary subjects that we all have an opinion on and writes about them. You may find she's writing exactly what you're thinking and, then again, you may find her thinking differs entirely from yours.

A former resident of Wilkes-Barre and Kingston, Toby can remember being interested in writing ever since she served as editor, publisher and senior staff

writer of the Hoyt Street School Journal when she was in sixth grade.

After graduating from high school, she studied journalism at Penn State, University Park, where she also wrote for the school newspaper.

Currently employed as a companion to the elderly, Toby also does volunteer work at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Her column begins next week in The Dallas Post. You won't want to miss it - she just might be hitting the nail on the head as far as you're concerned. But, then she might be missing the point altogether.

Read next week's issue to find out!



TOBY COLEMAN



Dallas Post/Fay Broody

Power outage

The Mahaffey Service Station on the Memorial Highway, Dallas, was the scene of some tense moments early Friday night when a power outage in the Back Mountain caused electrical problems at the station. When power was restored, one of the meters started running too fast and began to smoke. The Kingston Township Volunteer Fire Company, located just across the street, responded to the scene immediately and remained until the situation subsided.

High school students need homes

Host Families are being sought for 25 high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Ecuador, Australia and Japan for the school year 1987-88 in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, age 15 through 17,

will arrive in the United States in August 1987, attend a local high school, and return to their home countries in June 1988. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries and have spending money and medical insurance.

Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. AISE is also seeking American

High School students age 15 through 17, who would like to spend a high school year in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain or Australia or participate in a five week summer host family stay throughout Western Europe.

Families interested in this program should contact the State Coordinator or telephone toll free: 1-800-SIBLING.

Applications taken for structure removal

Residents of Kingston Township interested in having an old shed or similar wooden structure removed from their property are advised that the Board of Supervisors will be accepting applications for such work through October 15, 1986.

The Board of Supervisors intends to make a formal application to the Department of Environmental Resources under the Rat Source Elimination Grant Program, if enough interest is generated in the program. Under the grant program, the State will provide funding for the demolition and removal of the blighted structures which lend

themselves to rodent infestation. The demolition of these unsightly structures also enhances the beauty of the community.

Kingston Township residents

interested in participating in the program, are requested to contact the Township Manager's Office at 696-3809, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Back Mountain business people discuss new 309 traffic patterns

A Back Mountain Regional Breakfast meeting was held by the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce to enhance the involvement of Back Mountain businesses in the activities and programs offered by the Chamber.

Twelve business representatives attended the meeting which featured an overview of the Chamber's programs occurring in the next four to six weeks. Louis F. Goeringer, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, explained the committee and task force structure of the Chamber which addresses the various needs of the greater Wilkes-Barre community. Andrew Mamary, Chairman of the Membership Development Division, and Jack Krogulski, Chairman of the Small Business Council, were on hand to discuss the functions and activities of their respective groups.

The regional Chamber breakfast was attended by Charles Mattei, a representative from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) who unveiled to the breakfast attendees PennDOT's multi-million dollar plan to add a fifth lane to the existing Route 309 four-lane highway. Mattei announced that construction for the proposed plan will begin in March of 1987 and is to be completed by Labor Day.

"Everyone who lives or works in the Back Mountain area will be either personally or professionally affected by this construction project," added Mattei. "How-

ever, PennDOT has decided to divide the construction area into three sections to elivate traffic flow problems. In addition, 12 and 16-hour work shifts will be in effect."

The added fifth lane, a middle lane for left turns, will extend from Shavertown to Dallas with the exception of one area, the Overbrook bridge. Mattei stated that improved drainage systems will be added and retaining walls will be repaired. The fifth lane, PennDOT hopes, will help control the number of collisions and accidents which, at the present time, occur rather frequently.

Mattei confirmed that a regional transportation meeting will be held to discuss the project with Dallas, Shavertown, and other businesses and residents. "PennDOT," Mattei said, "is looking for input on this matter."

Addressing another subject, Mattei announced that by 1990 the Crossvalley Expressway should be completed which would allow motorists to travel from Interstate 81 to the Carverton Road without any interference from a stop light.

Responding to the concern for safety expressed by Dr. Joseph Fink of College Misericordia, Mattei said, "Curbing will be installed to control the ingress and egress of traffic on business fronts which should add to the safety of pedestrians."

Drugs

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year, there were a select few who were doing cocaine at their lockers. But those kids are gone this year. You don't have the heavy drugs now. And the kids who do use them aren't very well liked, so they really don't have much of an influence on those who don't use drugs."

Most students do agree there is a drug problem in the country and, to some extent, in the schools, but all feel the point is a bit exaggerated as far as the high school setting is concerned and may even be having an adverse effect.

"I thought the drug situation in our school was getting better," said a junior from Dallas. "But now you hear so much about drugs that it makes students curious enough to want to try it to see what it's like. Kids who used to smoke pot before, but have gone to alcohol are all of a sudden hearing about drugs again and it reminds them about the times they used to smoke."

Still, students say the overriding problem is alcohol. Many use it, some abuse it and most eventually find themselves in a situation where they have to make a choice to use it or not.

"Sometimes if you want to be

accepted you will give in," said a Lehman student. "You see your friends doing it and you don't see anything wrong with them, so you do it, too."

Another student, a junior girl from Dallas who said she does not use alcohol, sees the situation in a different light, however.

"There is not much peer pressure here," she explained. "It's not like if you're at a party you say, 'Oh, my God! I have to drink.' People don't realize that you will be accepted even if you don't drink. I remember somebody came up to me at a party once and said, 'You

know, I admire you for not drinking.'"

So why do so many kids use alcohol?

"I don't think students see alcohol as a drug," said a Dallas junior. "If you mention drugs, they know they are illegal, but alcohol is sort of accepted."

The best way to curb drug and alcohol abuse, all agree, is by going into the elementary schools and educating children when they are impressionable, a program that both Dallas and Lehman already have.



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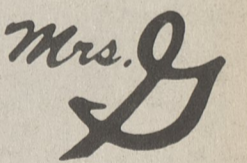
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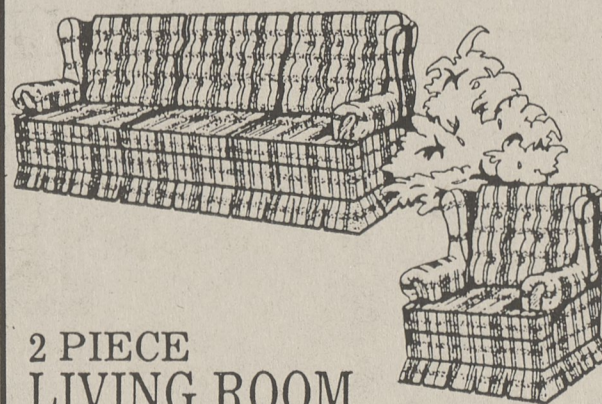
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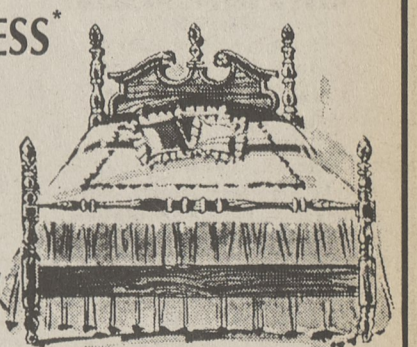


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