

Back Mountain on the move

"THE GREATEST FEAR IS FEAT ITSELF." I learned the greatest lesson of fear first hand this past week. Coming home from work Monday night to be greeted at the door by my "entire" family (a rarity in itself when you have teenagers).

Before I even had my coat off, I was informed my doctor was waiting for me to get home from work and return a call to him. The tears started, the anxiety began and the fear in me was so great I didn't even know what I was afraid of. In minutes I learned my cardiogram was not what it should have been, I had to be admitted to the hospital and surgery would be Thursday morning. The rest is history, I had the surgery Thursday morning, am home and doing fine, about a week to recuperate from the surgery (that's my diagnosis) and I hope back to work on the 17th and if the surgeon "tells me true" my generator will do its job for 10 more years.

REMEMBER PATROLMAN RALPH SELTZER who was injured so badly when he was run down while on duty as a part time police officer in our area two years ago?

Well when I arrived at the hospital and was settled in my room a very friendly caring nurse, Carol Seltzer, became my angel in white.

I recognized the name and soon I felt a little relaxed and Carol updated me on her husband (who's doing fine, is back working at Danche's full time, but not doing police work) and together we talked and relived her terrible nightmare, somehow it made mine seem minor for a few moments. Carol was my day time nurse until I left third floor Thursday to go to surgery and then back to Coronary Care Unit so I didn't see her again.

DR. MARK KATLIC, was my surgeon, we too soon became friends, I had never met him before but he was the choice surgeon of my cardiologist, Dr. Udoshi and my family doctor, Dr. Anzalone so it sounded OK to me. After talking a few times Dr. Katlic informed me he reads my column in The Dallas Post. He knew we were moving, he knew I worked at Stapinski's, gee I think I found another friend.

Dr. Katlic is a young, intelligent surgeon who also happens to live in the Back Mountain. He and his wife, Atty. Diane Katlic purchased the Nesbitt Estate off Huntsville Road and reside there.

It just so happens that Dr. Katlic is a very good friend of one of our favorite nephews, Ron Hillard. Ron Hillard also happens to be a sales rep for Pacemakers and he and his lovely wife, Suzanne, an R.N. just purchased some land in Sutton Hills, Shavertown. They plan to have a home built and hopefully be in by April. The friends you make, good times or or bad, are always my most important memories, and they always seem to tie in with the Back Mountain Area.

JUDY WILLIAMS of Lehigh Street, Shavertown, also had an unexpected hospital stay last week. Judy developed severe pain and ended up in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital having her appendix removed on Saturday morning. Judy has three beautiful "very young" children at home and husband, Walt has his hands full I know. I sure



Jean HILLARD

hope you're feeling better soon Judy and the pain from surgery goes away soon.

GEORGE MACULLOCH, who lives next door, has been on the sick list all week too. George has a very, very bad cold, sore throat, bronchitis and all those uncomfortable things that go along with it. Hope you're feeling better and back at the bank soon George!

SPEAKING OF THE BANK, Merchants Bank in Shavertown, I had a call from one of the girls Saturday. The well known Pat Rapotski, Asst. Branch Manager, is now finished at Shavertown and going full speed ahead on getting ready for her family's move to Georgia.

Pat, her husband Mike and children, Chris and Jenny, are making a drastic move to the South as soon as they sell their home. The Rapotskis will both look for new jobs when they get settled in Georgia, a great step to take, we'll miss them a lot in the Back Mountain, but we wish them a very healthy, successful future filled with happiness and prosperity.

WE WELCOME BARBARA TOCZKO, who resides in the Tunkhannock Area to serve Pat's customers. Barb and her husband are building a new home near the Pink Apple in Tunkhannock. Barb is a Branch Level I Assistant and will be assuming the duties that Pat held. We wish you a warm welcome and happy career in Shavertown Branch.

A banner was flying outside the Merchants Bank in Shavertown, Friday. It read "Farewell Pat." Customers and fellow workers were autographing it and Pat will add it to her cherished memories of our Back Mountain Area and good friends.

Reports are Carol Novajosky, Carol Rogers, and Ann Ondish, are feeling very sad and having a hard time letting their best friend of many years go. I'm told there were four spokes in that wheel, and with one spoke gone, it will not be a perfect circle now.

THE KLEINS, Dr. Albert and Dr. Roberta Day Klein, chiropractors have returned from a two week business-pleasure trip to Florida. The doctors attended a chiropractic seminar and also

enjoyed Disneyworld, Epcot, sunshine and relaxation with their two children Becky and Daniel.

JERRI SPENCER took advantage of the Kleins being on vacation and took her week's vacation with her mother and they enjoyed touring the Boston Area. Jerri has been employed at the Klein Chiropractic Center for several years.

DON AND KAREN COX and children Tony and Scott of Shavertown, vacationed in Indiana when they visited family, recently.

GET WELL WISHES go to Mrs. Mary Shaver of Overbrook Avenue who is a patient at the John Heinz Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Shaver has been having lots of trouble with her leg since June when she fractured it. Hopefully a couple weeks of extensive therapy will solve her problems and relieve her pain.

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE Jim Post of Dallas walking around town last week. Mr. Post as a surgical patient at NPW in Plains, and is doing very good now.

THINKING OF SHOPPING at Vanity Fair in Reading? Think twice before you go on a Saturday. Gracey Hicks and daughter, Louise went down last Saturday only to find lines and busses of people waiting in lines to the point of frustration.

Gracey reports all she got was a headache and Louise was so sick by the time they got home, she didn't have any desire to shop. A trip to the Reading outlets on a Saturday from now until Christmas is only for people with lots of patience who aren't looking for any special gift. A day out maybe, but not a day to shop.

SHOP YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS. You get more for your money, and they are the ones who will support your community. Get your ideas from the special gift buying section in The Dallas Post.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS are sent to Lisa Chaney, who celebrated her 19th birthday on November 9.

A graduate of Dallas Senior High School, Lisa is now a freshman at College Misericordia where she is majoring in Nursing.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chaney of Trucks-ville.

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



SUSAN DANOFF

Storyteller will be at library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, in conjunction with Children's Book Week November 17th through the 22nd, will present Storyteller Susan Danoff on Friday afternoon, November 21st at 1:00. Ninety-one fourth grade children from Dallas Elementary School have been invited to hear an hour of storytelling.

The public is also invited to attend this program but reservations are necessary and can be made by calling the library at 675-1182.

In recent years, Susan has been teaching children to tell

stories and has conducted residencies in Franklin Township, at P.J. Hill School in Trenton, Maplewood Middle School, Fleetwood School in Mt. Laurel, Birchwood School in Dover, and most recently at Princeton University's Forbes College. Workshops include creative writing, drawing, and movement. She also teaches in the English Department at Princeton University. She earned her B.A. in East Asian Studies from Princeton University; M.A. in English from Rutgers University and English Teaching Credential from the University of California, Berkeley.

Calendar

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Holiday Bazaar on Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

Lunch, featuring hot turkey casserole, jello salads and desserts, will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

A BOWL-A-THON for Luzerne County Special Olympics will be held November 20, 21 and 22 from noon through 3 p.m. each day at Chacko's East, S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre.

A free t-shirt will be awarded to each participant exceeding the \$10 minimum. Trophies will be awarded to top bowlers.

For further information, contact Deb McGovern or Janie Griffin at 824-6825.

JACKSON GRANGE meets the third Friday of every month at 8 p.m. at Osage Hall, Lehman.

For more information, contact Edwin Wright at 675-3870.

THE DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has scheduled a

VCR presentation for parents on November 19, 1986, at 2 p.m. titled "Dallas Elementary Educational Programs and Activities". Also, scheduled at 2:45 p.m. is a "Parent Teacher Tea".

The above activities will be held at the Dallas Elementary School.

THE NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP SUPPER will be served at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Huntsville Christian Church overlooking the Huntsville Dam. There will be a Thanksgiving Theme for the evening.

Guests are welcome to the covered dish supper and may obtain more information from Rev. Cliff Jones, Pastor of the Church at 675-0611.

ASSOCIATION announces that the Thanksgiving Eve Service this year will take place at the Huntsville Christian Church overlooking the Huntsville Dam on Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Louis A. Grippe from Our Lady of Victory Church of Harveys Lake will bring the message.

There will be nursery provided for children under 4 years. Refreshments will follow the service.

A HOLIDAY STRESS WORKSHOP will be conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Maria Goretti Annex, 42 Redwood Drive, Laffin.

The workshop is open to all who may be feeling the effects of stress, anxiety, and loneliness during holiday time. Men and women who have recently suffered a loss through death, separation, or divorce are especially encouraged to attend. Martha Mary Whelan, R.S.M., Diocesan Director of the Office for Family Life will facilitate the session.

Coming events

THE BACK MT. CLERGY



Out for dinner

Mary and Rob Blase and children, Karla and Brian, of Dallas, enjoy dinner at the Trucks-ville Methodist Church Fall Bazaar last week. The baby of the family, Brooke, was being held by a friend so the older Blases could eat dinner.

Caputo, Strasser misidentified

In the November 5 issue of The Dallas Post, the photos of Rosemary Caputo and Rosalie Strasser were inadvertently reversed.

Rosemary Caputo, of Shavertown, has accepted the position of phonathon chairman for the

1986-87 Wyoming Seminary Annual Fund.

Rosalie Strasser has been promoted to the position of Systems Officer at Merchants Bank North. She is also a resident of Shavertown.

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