

People

Back Mountain on the move

MOVING RIGHT ALONG. A lot has happened in one week's time. I am now looking forward to being back on the job and, hopefully when you read this, I'll be selling cosmetics again. Each day I feel a little stronger and the pain is getting less, it's now time to fill my mind with other things and work is the best medicine.



Jean HILLARD

THE FIRST SNOWSTORM of this season on Tuesday of last week was beautiful, because I was inside looking out. Many accidents were reported and two of my friends JoAnn Long and Joyce Sabol of Sweet Valley were the unfortunate ones who were involved in an accident. JoAnn's dog was in the car with her and was killed while JoAnn was hurt and Joyce badly shaken. I'm glad to know they are both O.K. now. Both of their cars were very badly damaged, one being totalled. The first snowstorm never goes unnoticed, unfortunately.

MY MOTHER, Ann Farver, watched Channel 16 with anxiety as she had chosen Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. as the first snowfall of one inch or more. The winner, of which there were 39, had 7 a.m. and that 's when the first inch was measured. The snow blower didn't go to the Back Mountain this year.

A CONTRACT was signed for the sale of our home, if all legal procedures go as planned the new family will move in January 23. That's an interesting story also, but until it's final I won't share it.

We have chosen our wooded lots and hopefully all zoning etc. will be O.K. and we can begin plans for our log home which we also have chosen plans for. Even our Siberian Husky, "Bo," who no one wants to take care of, has a temporary home as he will be a guest at "Creature Comforts" while we are in an apartment. Finding an apartment for just a few months is a chore as everyone wants at least a year lease. Add a dog to that and you're out in the cold.

We do have an opportunity to sublet an apartment that will help us and the person who would like to move into a home in December. Funny but it looks like everything will work out after all. "Bo," who's a number one priority in my husband's life, has been our toughest problem. His rent will be more than mine but he's our responsibility so off to a doggie motel he goes.

NANCY ROWLANDS of Pear Tree Lane, Dallas, is moving right along as chairman of Federation Day, 1987. Nancy will lead all of the women's clubs in Luzerne County toward a goal of \$40,000 over a two year period, to benefit the F.M. Kirby Center for Performing Arts.

Each year the Luzerne County clubs set one specific cause aside and donate towards it. The average has been \$20,000 each year and I'm sure this year will top it. Nancy and her husband Bob own Rowlands Appliances in Kingston. They are Back Mountain residents and Nancy is a past president of the Dallas Area Federated Womens Club. Volunteers do a lot for our community, support Nancy.

AL AND MARGE DURAN, Haddonfield Hills got a jump on Christmas. They spent last

week visiting daughter, Doreen, her husband and their grandchildren in Chicago, Illinois. The Durans took a full load of Christmas presents with them and I'm sure they took the holiday spirit. It's really not that far away and I have not bought one present yet, not one!

BRAD BRYANT, CLAIRE RUSSELL AND DWIGHT HODNE stopped by one evening last week with an apple strudel and for a visit with my husband. They informed me they came to "chat and have coffee with Charlie." I guess they thought I was getting too much attention and I guess they were right. Charlie has been happier ever since their visit.

ERMA AND GERALDINE TRAVER, Tunkhannock celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 14. Fifty years of marriage gave this fine couple seven sons, 31 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

An open house was held on Saturday at the Beaumont School where family and friends turned out in numbers to congratulate and enjoy their long time friends. We too added our congratulations to the Travers and wish them many more years of health and happiness in their marriage.

BARB MACULLOCH and daughter Megan were involved in an auto accident last week at the intersection of Center Hill Road and Memorial Highway, Dallas. A lady came through the stop sign and hit Barb's new Ford Taurus broadside on the passenger side. Luckily Megan was in the back seat and on one was injured.

JERRY HARRISON, an employee at Russ Major's Yamaha-Honda shop in Trucks-ville had a surprise on Friday. Jerry has been employed at Majors for quite some time now and Friday was his last day there as he will be leaving for the service and stationed in Texas.

Not only did his fellow workers surprise him with a going away party at work, but also with a "belly dancer" to send him off in a happy way. Jerry, a redhead by nature, was red-faced as well but his embarrassment was well covered by his smile. Everyone will miss you Jerry, workers and customers alike. May your future be filled with fun, and belly dancers if you so choose! Good luck to you.

DENISE DAVIS, a student at Lake-Lehman High School has won special recognitions again. Denise, who lives in Sweet Valley is the daughter of Donna Davis and Ernie Davis.

Denise has been selected for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Award, she will represent Lake-Lehman in Lancaster for a 4-day Seminar in April 1987.

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



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She practices what she preaches
Stacey Fitch prepares to take a bit of "Betcha' Life" candy bar, a product which she has been promoting through television commercials.

Is Stacey enjoying herself? You 'betcha'

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Stacey Fitch of Dallas, only a sophomore at Dallas High School, is already becoming known to television viewers throughout this part of the East.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fitch, Jr., Stacey is the young lady you're seeing enjoying a "Betcha' Life" candy bar almost daily on WBRE-TV/Channel 28. The commercial has been on the air for nearly a month now.

Stacey did her second commercial last Thursday. This time the commercial was a big promotion including a display case filled with candy bars, a filming that was set up after the agency called to tell Stacey the Linette Company wanted to do a second promotional film. Linette is the maker of the candy bar.

Stacey studied at Holmes Modeling School and Agency in Kingston. She enrolled in a 16-week course of three hour classes, beginning last November and had classes in commercials, public speaking, make-up, modeling, etc.

Following the course, Stacey did a photo session and went to the agency office to view the slides. While there, the head of the agency told her she and one other student were to try for the commercial.

"We had to bite an imaginary candy bar," said Stacey. "The other girl was adorable, I was sure she made it."

Stacey said she was surprised but overjoyed when Richard Holmes called her and told her the company had selected her as the model. "He told me they chose me because they wanted someone young, vigorous, very outgoing and blonde," she said.

"I've had a ball doing the commercials," Stacey added. "I would like to do some modeling but I have other goals in the future. I hope to become a doctor. Presently, I am very active in school and in my studies."

She is an honor roll student, member of the Student Council, member of the sophomore class steering committee, Nesbitt Hospital Explorers and also a member of S.A.D.D. She enjoys ice skating, takes vocal lessons and took tap and jazz lessons for six years.

"The candy is delicious, it's similar to a Peanut Melt. It has a peanut butter center and is covered with rich milk chocolate," Stacey said. "The company is trying the candy bar as a pilot project in this part of the East. It isn't in stores all over the country as yet."

Around town

BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to a dear friend, Mrs. Ruby Elston, Overbrook Road, Dallas, who celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday.

Mrs. Elston is the daughter of the late B. Frank and Ella Duckworth Bulford. She is a descendant of early Back Mountain settlers and is a life resident of our community.

For many years, she has made great contributions to our community through her civic and church volunteer work.

An active member of Huntsville United Methodist Church, Mrs. Elston is a member of the administrative board, past president of the Women's Society and a former Sunday School teacher. She was listed in "Who's Who in the Methodist Church". She is a member of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Her husband, was the late Clarence Elston, to whom she was married for more than 60 years.

She is the mother of two children, Harold Elston, Huntsville and Nancy Schimmel, State College. She has also been blessed with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

God Bless you, Grandma Elston, and best wishes for many more happy birthdays!

ALTHOUGH THANKSGIVING hasn't passed yet, almost every merchant and organization is gearing up for the Christmas holiday season by featuring special preholiday shows and sales.

Last weekend, the Porches and Bay Windows held their open house featuring some very unique gift ideas. The Gallery at College Misericordia will be featuring a variety of interesting crafts and jewelry for the next few weeks.

Gate of Heaven PTG will hold their Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 29 and Sunday, Nov. 30. The fair will be preceded by an auction on Friday evening, Nov. 28 at 7:30.

The P.T.G. of Gate of Heaven School will hold a meeting on Nov. 20 at 8:30. Following a brief meeting, a Workshop for the Holiday Fair will be held. Please try to attend the meeting if your child is a student at the school.



Joan KINGSBURY

BEST WISHES to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. MacGregor III who were married November 1. Mrs. MacGregor is the former Tracey Snowdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Snowdon, Jr. Mr. MacGregor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. MacGregor, Jr., Wellesley, Mass.

The wedding ceremony was performed in Hamilton, Bermuda in the Wesley Methodist Church with Rev. Raymond Hagerman officiating.

Mrs. MacGregor is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston, having completed an accelerated program. She served her pharmaceutical internship at Massachusetts General Hospital and Framingham Hospital. She is employed as a pharmacist in Boston.

Mr. MacGregor is a graduate of Suffield Academy, Suffield, Connecticut. He received his degree from Lafayette College, Easton. He is a real estate broker in Boston.

The MacGregors reside in Natick, Massachusetts.

HAVING GROWN UP in the Back Mountain, I can't believe how built up it has become. It has definitely changed from a rural to more residential area.

Many new businesses are opening giving us lots of places to shop.

Best of luck to the new pet shop located on East Overbrook Avenue and the Craft Room, Memorial Highway in Dallas.

Pet lovers will appreciate the Pet Shop, since it is the only one in our community. The Craft Room not only sells many beautiful items, but offers classes in various crafts, too.

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

Marriage licenses

(The following Back Mountain couples have filed for marriage licenses at the Luzerne County Courthouse:)

KENNETH J. DAVID, RD 1, Box 378, Dallas, and LAURIE L. SCOUTON, RD 1, Box 378, Dallas.
FLOYD K. TRUDGEN, Valley

View Park, Dallas, and DEBORAH ANN SANTASANIA, 195 Seventh St., Wyoming.


ANTONINO C. BENNICI, JR. RD 1, Box 177, New Milford, Pa., and SUZANNE A. SABA-LUSKI, RD 1, Box 281F, Sweet Valley.

Divorces

(The following Back Mountain couples have filed for divorce at the Luzerne County Courthouse:)

CAROL SHAVER, plaintiff,

RD 1, Box 380, Lot 41, Pellams Trailer Park, Dallas, and WALTER SHAVER, defendant, Box 380, Lot 41, Pellams Trailer Park, Dallas.



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