

Back Mountain on the move

JUST ONE YEAR AGO this column was created.

Several weeks of "pondering" over a perfect heading finally ended with my husband saying "Just call it Back Mountain on the move."

I thought about it for a few seconds and I agreed, moving meant people, growth, progress, success, all the things I wanted to write about.

One thing I didn't realize it meant was "friendship." The friendships I've made through this column are very special to me, you who support it, read it weekly, stop by my counter at Stapinski's with your comments, and offer me so much info have made it the pleasure to write that it is.

One year later I just want to say "thank you" to all of you, I hope you had a joyous Christmas and may your New Year have something very special in it for you.



Jean HILLARD

at Hanson's, was so excited about spending Christmas with her son and family.

IT WAS PARTY TIME at the Maculloch's home in Haddonfield Hills on Monday night.

George who is manager at Merchants Bank in Shavertown, and his wife, Barb entertained the staff for an evening of relaxing and fun before the holidays.

MRS. MARION KERN, a resident of the Meadows, was entertained last Sunday by her family at her son "Lum's Place" in Fernbrook.

Mrs. Kern's children and 26 grandchildren all joined together to honor their Mom and grandmother at this special time of year.

DID YOU HEAR SLEIGH BELLS ringing on Monday evening? Did you think you saw Santa and his elves walking around looking in windows, checking on who's naughty or nice?

I'll bet it wasn't a dream after all. We heard bells, we saw Elves and Santa Claus came right in our house with presents for our grandchildren.

What a nice thing to do for the children! Thanks goes to the Jack Wartella family who got the message through to North Pole about all those good kids in Haddonfield Hills.

THE HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH BUILDING has been a busy place lately I'm told. Two weeks ago on a Saturday over 250 kids were guests of the Harveys Lake Protective Association.

Each child received a gift, lots of items were raffled off and every one had a lot to eat and a

very good time at the Christmas party.

The Harveys Lake Protective Association sponsored Santa Claus while Mayor T.J. Boyle, Harveys Lake Police Dept., Harveys Lake Borough Council and Harveys Lake Sewer Authority sponsored the event itself.

Dave Wehrer and Gloria Evans did the head work and planning while the kids made it a great success.

ON DEC. 27TH the Harveys Lake Recreation Committee sponsored a dance for the teenagers at the recreation building and it was free admission. Another nice gesture on their part to support their teenagers.

DEC. 20TH the Harveys Lake Borough building was the setting for some 57 guests, all affiliated with the borough, for a Christmas party.

Dancing was to the tunes of the Zodiac and dinner was enjoyed by all. This event was arranged by Gloria Evans.

GET WELL WISHES go to a Dallas Senior High student, Heide Scholz who is a patient in Nesbitt Hospital. Heide will probably be spending New Years in the hospital, so please send her a card to help make her stay a little brighter.

Heide is in room 101, Pediatrics. All your friends send you get well wishes, Heide. They miss you in school.

AS I CLOSE MY COLUMN this week and this year I'm thinking of a very dear lady, Mrs. Virginia Davis of Dallas.

Mrs. Davis left to visit her family in Reading on Monday. She was driving, alone, to be with them for Christmas.

As she stopped by my counter, she wished me a Merry Christmas and said "she hoped to make it to Reading for Christmas. I'm leaving now but I know I'll get lost." I hope she made it.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Mrs. Davis, and everyone out there in the Back Mountain "wherever you are."

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

Ozgo looks inside victories

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

There is more to winning a game than outpointing your opponent on the scoreboard. How a team wins could be just as important as the victories themselves. Just ask Dallas coach Clarence Ozgo.

Coming off a close six-point decision over Meyers nine days ago, the Mountaineers improved

their record to 2-1 in Wyoming Valley Conference Division 11 play with another heart-stopping 66-64 win at home over Seton Catholic on Tuesday night. But, had Dallas lost, the effect might have been devastating.

"If we lost that game it would have been tough to bring them back," said Dallas coach Clarence Ozgo. "It would have been different if they had the lead and we lost. That's one thing. But it was just the opposite and we barely held on for the win."

Indeed they did. In fact,

Seton's Paul Orzel could have sent the game into overtime with a shot from the corner with two seconds remaining. His 15-footer was off the mark, however, to guarantee the Mount win.

But it never should have been that close. Dallas held a 13-point lead after the first quarter and an 11-point margin at the half and the end of the third quarter.

"We lost a little poise in the third quarter," Ozgo explained. "We missed three layups that could have put the game away. But we didn't convert and then they started to come back."

Fortunately for the Mounts the effort fell short. But despite turning the game from a breeze to a breather, Ozgo is pleased with his teams performance.

"They (Seton) were a pretty good team," he said. "In fact Mike Hopkins (Seton's coach) was saying this could be his best team since he's been there."

"But I'm pleased for the most part on how we have been

playing. In the Meyers game we were leading by one when Luksic (Mike) picked up his third foul with five minutes left in the second quarter. Then they scored 13 points in a row. We went up from one up to 12 down," Ozgo continued.

"It did hurt that we lost him. But we still were getting the right shots from the right people. But we only shot 13-49 from the floor. And anytime you shoot 28 per cent from the field you aren't going to win many basketball games."

That wasn't the case against Seton. John Mokyhich knocked in 16 points from the outside while Luksic canned 24 from the inside to go along with Tom Shalata's 16-point, 11 rebound performance. In addition, John Thomas dished out 11 assists and pulled down some key rebounds as did Jerome Matthey.

Still, Ozgo says the team needs to improve defensively if they are to be a factor in the conference. "We are too slow," he said. "We have been doing a better job against the press on offense, but defensively we need to improve."

A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME HOME TO KEN THOMPSON. Ken spent the past several weeks in NPW hospital, has gone through two major surgeries, and is now home recuperating with his family.

A very heartfelt Christmas wish and New Year blessing goes to Ken and his family. May 1987 be filled with health and happiness in abundance for all of you.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for two licensed practical nurses in our Back Mountain Area.

Mary Gulitus of Harveys Lake and Barbara Kasper of Sweet Valley graduated from Pringle Vo Tech school recently. Both of these lovely ladies are now licensed in their field and will continue to share their knowledge and friendly smiles to their patients.

MRS. EVELYN WINTERSTEEN of the Meadows, Dallas, left on the 19th of December to fly to her son's home in Illinois for Christmas.

Mrs. Wintersteen, whom we all remember as the lady who owned the Merry Go Round and those authentic wooden horses

Library news

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will be featuring in the display case for the next four months a collection of American Flyer S gauge trains borrowed from Cliff Garris of Dallas.

There is an American Flyer Circus train which is 30 years old including an engine, tender and two flat cars carrying a tractor with two cages filled with animals. There are two dock-siders, a black one and a blue one. There is a Franklin engine and tender in red and green and a George Washington set in gold, red and blue.

Also included in the display is a yellow handcar; a green switcher; a black No. 322

Hudson steam engine with tender and an Atlantic No. 302 engine. There is a New Haven No. 497 diesel; a Comet No. 446 diesel; and The Royal Blue engine and tender. All of these trains are at least 20 years old.

We are displaying part of Cliff's collection and he has about 60 more of these at home. He had five trains to start with and began collecting them as a hobby in 1980. He belongs to the Train Collectors Association, Northeastern division and Atlantic division. He does repair work at his home on American Flyer engines. This makes an interesting display and will be at the library until January 14th.

The Book Club of the library held its Christmas meeting at the library and had a very diversified Christmas program.

Marilyn Rudolph and Nancy Kozemchak, librarians, presented a program on Teddy Bears, which included a story titled, "A Toy that Bears with us".

Most of us know that the teddy bear was born in 1903 as the result of a hunting trip taken by our 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt, but the story derived from that incident is most interesting. We had a copy of the original Steiff Teddy Bear to tie in with the story; a children's book called, "This is the Bear"; and the new Rudi Bear to conclude the program.

(Nancy Kozemchak is the assistant librarian at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Her column appears regularly in The Dallas Post.)

Around town

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I just can't believe we are entering a new year. It's always fun to make New Year's resolutions (and try not to break them); it's also fun to look back on the past year and reflect on all the nice things that happened.

To all our readers, my family and friends, may 1987 be a year of great blessings and joy.

ALTHOUGH CHRISTMAS vacation is drawing to a close, I must mention two fine holiday programs I attended during the holiday season.

The first one I not only attended but participated in, too. Trinity Nursery School held its annual Christmas program, featuring more than 50 three and four year olds. I know that sounds like loads of children, but they behaved very well (thank goodness), no one cried, everyone sang.

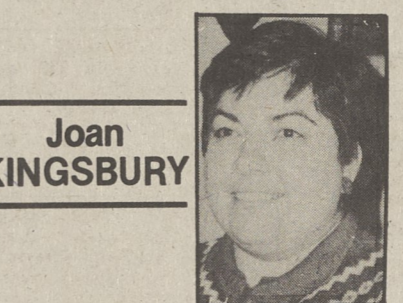
All the children were very cute but one little fellow stole the show. As all the other children faced the audience, this little guy was so enthralled with the beautiful manger scene that was set up on the altar, he spent the entire performance with his back to the audience, enjoying the beautiful creche.

Such seasonal favorites as Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer (complete with antlers and red noses), I'm A Star on a Christmas Tree, and We Are Santa's Helpers were enjoyed by all.

Following the great performance, the children were rewarded with a visit from Santa Claus.

GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL presented its annual Christmas Pageant featuring a Christmas Operetta, The Stockings Were Hung.

A marvelous cast told this cute story about a little mouse and Santa's Elf, who are looking over all the toys Santa will be



Joan KINGSBURY

bringing a family for Christmas.

I also think that the chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Diane Wojciechowski was superb. (Our son Bill participated along with other first, second, third and fourth grade students.)

Special thanks to Mrs. Wojciechowski and to Sister Gracia, who directed the play, for this fine Christmas Program.

A CHORAL GROUP of elementary students from the Dallas School District called the Peacemakers spread Christmas cheers throughout the Wyoming Valley this holiday season.

Under the direction of Mrs. Marilyn O'Connell, these youngsters, performed 22 times, bringing happiness to all who were fortunate enough to hear them.

I'LL CLOSE my column with a funny story about children. Holiday time or not, children are always the same. Many children like certain foods, prepared a certain way.

Before Christmas vacation at our cafeteria at Gate of Heaven School, the menu called for pizza burgers to be served. Sounds good, doesn't it? Adults might think so.

As the children were going through the line one little girl looked particularly sad, the reason: was that she didn't think the extra topping looked very appealing. Her comment, "I don't want any icing on my hamburger."

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

Bowling news

R. DeRemer rolled 223 (506) to lead the Road Runners in shutting out Alley Cats in the Native Textile League, while T. Drago's 174 (474) was high for the losing five. J. Brady, Sr.'s 203 (508) paced the Ringers to blanking Bad News Bowlers, whose R. Clemow hit 213 (520).

In the Sunday Nite Couples League M. Matthews hit 176-178 (508) to aid Superstrikers in shutting out Shaver's Bangers, whose Anne W. rolled 174. Wilson's Menaces picked up three points from Piccolo aided by Donna B.'s 471.

Fashion Vending blanked G.H. Harris in the Ladies Country League sparked by D. Garnett's 180-176 (506) and Back Mt. Bowl clinched the first half title by shutting out Gordon Insurance.

In the Idetown Compacts League LaBarons took four from the Lancers and Citations took all from the Firebirds. The Mazdas picked up three from the Capris, Pintos earned three from the Camaros and the Corvettes divided evenly with Aries.

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