

'Round the Mountain

Back Mountain on the move

BY JEAN HILLARD
Back Mountain Correspondent

NICK AND CATHY WALTOS, Haddonfield Hills, spent a week vacationing in Freeport, in the Bahamas. They returned relaxed, rested, tanned and ready to face the world of work again.

MARILYN KILBOURN, known as "The Pastie Lady" now has her pastie shop open on Lower Demunds Road, behind Don's Market. They're the best I've ever eaten, treat yourself—order a pastie!

VIRGINIA MARCHAKITUS is a patient in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where she has had surgery and will be a patient in General for a while. Send her a card, Room 534.

KEITH AND LARISSA HILLARD, Joseph St., Dallas, spent a weekend visiting his sister Lori and cousin Darci Davis at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. We had the pleasure of our granddaughter Brittney with us for the weekend while her Mom and Dad visited.

BOB LASCO, Sweet Valley was a medical patient in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital. His wife, Donna reports he's doing better. Stay well, Bob!

STAN AND ALBINA LEVANDOWSKI, Demunds Road, Dallas attended the funeral of Stan's sister-in-law in Michigan and spent a few days enjoying their daughter's family.

KIM PARKER our former pharmacist at Stapinski's in Dallas, transferred to the Edwardsville store. LORI EVANS is our new pharmacist that replaced Kim.

HAPPY SWEET 16 to Denise Davis who celebrated her 16th birthday on Jan. 29. Denise is a student at Lehman High School.

BOB CULP of Jackson To7nship, was admitted to Nesbitt Hospital with pneumonia over a week ago. Mr. Culp has since developed other problems and had surgery last Monday. His family reports he was doing great after the surgery but remains a patient in Room 239, bed 1. Get well soon Mr. Culp!

GRAYCE HICKS, Main St., Dallas, is sporting a black eye you wouldn't believe unless you've seen her plus a black and blue body, here and there. Grayce fell down her cellar steps and what a job she did.

TANYA KRAUSE, 1½ year old daughter of Cindy Krause, a twin sister of Joshua fell in her living room in Beaumont and sports 4 stitches in her eye area. How it happened we're not sure and Joshua is not telling.

LITTLE BILLY PIEKANSKI, our 2 year old grandson fell down 14 steps at his home last Saturday and he has 6 stitches in his eyebrow area and a sore face. How do the statistics read? Something like this, more accidents are caused in homes than anywhere else.

CONGRADULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Harold LaBar, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, Feb. 8. Happy 25 years and many more!



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Groundhogs? Hogwash!

Spring six weeks away! You've got to be kidding! Back Mountain Billy, our own answer to that glorified woodchuck from the western part of the state, says spring is nowhere in sight! Caught trying to make the most out of the recent, nasty weather, Billy was snapped frolicking in the snow by Dallas Post staff photographer, Linda Shurmaitis.



Womens Club winners

The Harveys Lake Women's Service Club recently held its Quilt Raffle. The tickets cost \$1.00 and the three prizes were: the Handmade Quilt made by the Club's Honorary Members as first prize; a silk and dried flower bouquet in peach, brown and cream colors as 2nd prize; and handmade ceramic canister in beige and white country geese design, 3rd prize. The winners were: Quilt, Doris Tuman; Floral Arrangement, Joyce Birt; Canister Set, Jennie Valick. Pictured from left, Denise Sult, Co-chairman of the raffle; honorary members Peg Williams, Esther Grey, Bethia King, Hilda Leinthal, and Nancy Smith, co-chairman of the raffle.

LCCC dental health students participate

Dental Health students at LCCC, Nanticoke, will participate in Dental Health Day, Saturday. Among those participating are Pam Pienta, Gwen Larson, Michelle Rusnak, Rachel Regalis and Robin Foy.

In recognition of National Children's Dental Health Month, students enrolled in the Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs at Luzerne County Community College will participate in a Dental Health Day which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Wyoming Valley Mall.

Free dental exams, informational booths, games and magic shows are some of the events scheduled throughout the day, and are open to the public, free of charge. Children will also have the opportunity to meet and obtain prizes from a variety of Dental Health Characters including Tina Toothbrush, Tommy Toothpaste, Mary the Tooth Fairy, Mrs. Wisdom Tooth and many others.

LCCC students who will be participating as Dental Health Characters are, Pam Pienta as

Pammy Popcorn, Wilkes-Barre, a second year LCCC dental hygiene student; and Gwen Larson as Andy Apple, Shavertown, a second year LCCC dental hygiene student; Michelle Rusnak as Florence Floss, Bear Creek, a 1987 graduate of the LCCC Dental Hygiene Program; Rachel Regalis as Mrs. Wisdom Tooth, Plymouth, a 1986 graduate of the LCCC Dental Hygiene Program; and Robin Foy as Tommy Toothbrush, West Pittston, a second year LCCC dental hygiene student.

This year, four groups of dental health professionals will cooperate to send a positive dental health message to area children and their parents by sponsoring the day-long program and they include Luzerne County Community College Dental Programs, Luzerne County Dental Society, Luzerne Dental Hygienists' Association, and the Auxiliary to the Luzerne County Dental Society.

Further information may be obtained from any of the above organizations, or by calling the community college at 829-7448.

Meadows appoints Loeffler



Judy Loeffler

Dallas resident, Judy Loeffler, was recently named Director of Staff Development at The Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas. In her new position, she will be responsible for orientation of new employees and continuing education for staff throughout the center.

She has been employed at The Meadows since December, 1985, and was previously a Medication Nurse for second floor residents.

A graduate of Nazareth Area High School and Bethlehem Vocational Technical School of Practical Nursing, she also received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Moravian College in 1981.

She and her husband, Ron, are the parents of four children.

Detector dogs on duty

Colonel Ronald M. Sharpe, Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Police, has announced the completion of training for three Narcotic Detector dogs which are now assigned to the field and available for assignments. The dogs have been trained to detect marijuana, cocaine and heroin under a variety of conditions.

Colonel Sharpe noted, "The dogs were donated to the State Police by citizens who wanted to make a contribution to our war against drug traffickers. The animals were presented for necessary traits and were selected from a field of 51 dogs. The breeds are Labrador Retrievers, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, and Weimaraner. All are high quality purebred dogs. During training, a dog's natural scenting ability, retrieving instincts and desire to please a master, are channeled into behavior patterns that will reliably indicate the presence of narcotics."

The training was conducted by Cpl. Charles A. McCreary, State Police Academy, Hershey; Cpl. Leonard Maharowski, Troop "B", Pittsburgh and Tpr. Richard Marsilli, Troop "N", Swiftpwater. The officers were selected for their skills, knowledge and training of dogs. The handlers have a combined 60 years of canine experience, including combat dog service in Vietnam, American Kennel Club exhibitions, training and professional grooming.

The Commissioner explained, "The dogs and handlers will provide a support function to all levels of law enforcement, state and local, including State Police Strike Force operations, Troop Vice Operations, Liquor Control Enforcements raids where narcotics trade is suspected, prison, school and institutional searches."

There are currently three more dogs in training and the State Police is recruiting high quality dogs for expansion of the program. Dogs should be purebred, of the sporting or working class, and should be males between the ages of one and three years.

Colonel Sharpe concluded, "The three dogs now in use were trained utilizing funds from the State Police budget. All future training will be funded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. With the federal funds, the State Police will be able to have a dog and handler assigned to each of our 15 troops around the state. This will provide the State Police with an effective and efficient tool to combat the drug abuse problem. It's expected to take two years to phase in the entire program."

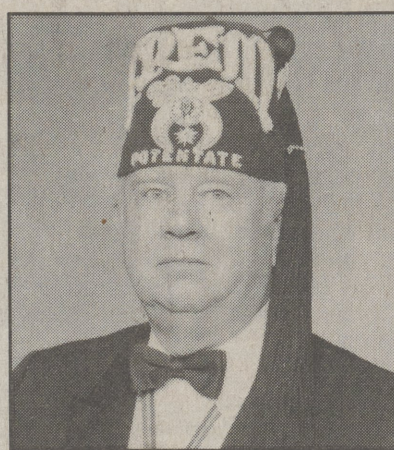
Post elected Potentate

Irem Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., conducted its annual business meeting at Irem's Mosque, Saturday afternoon, January 16, at which time Richard C. Post, V.M.D., Dallas, was elected 54th Illustrious Potentate of Irem Temple.

He is a resident of the Dallas area, graduated from Kingston High School, Penn State University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. He holds an Honorary Membership in the Phi Zeta Fraternity and a professional membership in the Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Noble Post has been a practicing veterinarian for the past 35 years and served as staff Equine veterinarian with the Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Masonically, Post is a member of George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F and A.M., Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, where he is an active participant in the 27th and 31st degrees. He has been a member of Irem Temple for 27 years, is a former member of Irem's Motor Corps, a member of the Clown Unit, Irem's Golf Association and the



Richard C. Post

Royal Order of Jesters. Other officers elected were: Walter H.R. Mohr, chief rabban; Clifford L. Jones, assistant rabban; Donald S. Anthony, high priest and prophet; Fred J. Dietrich, Sr., oriental guide; Martin D. Popky, treasurer; Cromwell E. Thomas, recorder; Richard C. Post, V.M.D., Walter H.R. Mohr, Alfred Luff and Gordon E. Dussinger, Jr., Imperial Representatives.

Derby winners announced

Lehman Cub Scout Pack 241 recently held its Pinewood Derby at the Lehman Jackson Elementary School. The top three winners of the Race Cars Best Overall Appearance category were first place, John Fielding, Dallas; second place, Allen Scott, Hunlock Creek; and third place, David San Fandre, Hunlock Creek.

The derby race winners were first place, Barry Ide, Idetown; second place, Matt Bullock, Dallas; third place, Allen Scott, Hunlock Creek; fourth place, Jeff Eyet, Shavertown; fifth place, Tom Postock, Shavertown; and sixth place Joey Cortegone, Shavertown.



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