

Sound of Music

Brownie Leaders of 649 took troop members and their friends to the Sound of Music presentation in Wilkes-Barre last Sunday. Members attending were first row, from left, Aliah Kvashay, Kristyn Race, Addie Groblewski, Robin Jones, Laura Gammage, Becky Yeisley, Janelle Klein, Tamara Mussman, Eric Klein and Eddie ODell; back row, Robin Groblewski, Linda ODell, Jennifer Gramps, Faith ODell, Robyn Weber, Marla Brown and Eleanor Klein. (C.M. Denmon Photo)



Miller

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the beginning Miller worked mostly on shopping centers, but now his office does a mixed bag of developments from residential to commercial and industrial. He designed his own home in Bulford Farms where he now resides with his wife, Elly, and two sons, ages 14 and 18. The Millers are a skiing family and they enjoy getting up in the morning and can be on the mountain in 45 minutes. They also enjoy the summers when there is a myriad of activities to enjoy from swimming to water skiing, to first class shows.

Both Murray and Elly Miller are active in the community despite their busy professional schedules. Elly is an assistant academic dean at Luzerne County Community College, but still finds time to work with numerous organizations and community projects.

Miller's casual manner and congenial personality belie the busy schedule necessary in his business career which requires him to make quick trips to New York, New Jersey and the Poconos as well as to keep numerous local appointments.

His first civic involvement was with the Jewish Community Center where he is a member of the board of directors. His sons are swimmers and he has always found time to become involved with their sport. He has assisted in running the Valley Aquatic Club and the Eastern Championships.

Miller is a member of the Shelter Management Group of the Domestic Violence Center, on the board of Temple B'Nai

B'Rith and a director for the Pennsylvania Society of Architects, and is a representative for the local chapter.

His major interest is in the newly-organized Back Mountain Citizens Council, not only as a professional helping to maintain proper growth in the community, but as a Back Mountain resident willing to share his experience with rapid growth.

According to Miller, much of the growth is due to the influx of people from New Jersey and New York who have discovered it is much more economical to live in this area than there.

"We like the Back Mountain and want to see development property controlled. The area has grown rapidly since we first moved here. The people coming here are looking for a place to escape the city. They first came into Stroudsburg area, many before the CEG and are still coming," Miller said.

"There are good people here and the economy, despite the national trend, is on a steady increase. If we make it through the next five years, we will be looking at a Dallas-Tunkhannock community. Development is headed out that way now."

Miller pointed out that the local colleges, Kirby Center and the Jewish Community Center are bringing in some first class entertainment, which adds to the quality of life here.

He is pleased with the progress being made by the Back Mountain Citizens Council and says that the council is getting some positive feedback. Miller

stated that zoning is a key in the development; that the municipalities need only to hire a professional to review plans to determine if they are in compliance with the code.

A professional will make it easier for the local planning board and his fees could be paid by the developer, Miller said. The fees are determined by the size and complexity of the development.

"The council is only an advisory group and has no intention of infringing on local municipalities but just assist them in setting up standard ordinances for everyone's benefit," Miller explained. "It's a pleasure to work in communities who have professionals."

Miller sees the Back Mountain as a very interesting place in the future with growing density and proximity to metropolitan areas.

He feels the Back Mountain Citizens Council would like to see growth as a positive force by which everyone will be able to enjoy the facilities that can be added along with the increased population.

"If planning is not done properly, development pushes all of the natives out, citizens who were born and raised here and whose ancestors founded the communities. This would be disastrous. Good management begets a good community," Miller stated.

Miller wants to see the Back Mountain remain what it is—a pleasant place to live. "The key to growth is control. We can't stop growth but we can control it," Miller concluded.

It was a great day for a great game

It was a beautiful day. The sun shone brightly in the bright blue sky highlighted by cotton white clouds. Its bright rays warmed the hint of Fall in the light winds as it beamed down on the host of fans swarming in the gate and those already filling up the stands on both sides of the field.

It was the game of the year! The 'Old Shoe' game between the Knights and the Mountaineers; but more than that—it was the game that could decide a single or three-way title holder.

Enthusiasm and excitement was at a high as photographers lined the side of the playing field early—even before the Lake-Lehman Band lined up on the field. Cheerleaders in black and gold ran busily like squirrels gathering tidbits for the winter as they darted in and out of the stadium to make certain all preparations were in order.

The Lake-Lehman Award-Winning Band as usual played 'au excellence' and performed its original and beautiful field show to perfection. As it marched from the field to its seats in the stand, all eyes looked to the sky, watching for the promised performance of the Rip-Cords nationally known parachutists.

Sounds of a plane overhead heightened the excitement as fans, students, administrators and pho-

tographers watched patiently for the performers. Then a voice over the public address system announced the jumpers were overhead. A plane appeared from behind the clouds, circled overhead several times then cruised slowly high over the lower end of the field as first one, then a second and yet another figure jumped from the plane.

Fans waited breathlessly as they watched the parachutists begin their descent. Leaving the plane at about 5,000 feet, the jumpers' parachutes opened immediately and they began descending toward midfield.

The first landed with the American Flag and that was the signal for the Knights Band to begin the Star-Spangled Banner as the other parachutists made their landing.

The performance over, the players came on the field - first the Knights in yellow and black, then the Mountaineers in their Columbia blue and white.

Warm-ups over, captains approached the officials, shook hands and waited for the toss of the coin.

Mountaineers won the toss, chose to receive and the play was underway. Play of a great game, a great day, great fans—a great day for the Back Mountain.

It was a well-played game played by two great teams of athletes. Yes, tempers flared at times but no more than natural when two high school teams comprised of friends with the exception of that one "big" game meet. They are high school students—not pros, not Olympians—but sons of parents, one of whom may have come from Dallas, one from Lake-Lehman.

That's the joy of living in the Back Mountain—a Knight's girlfriend is from Dallas; a Mountaineer's girlfriend may be from Lake-Lehman. They have relatives in each district, they have brothers and sisters, some in one district, some in the other. Their father may teach in Dallas, their mother in Lake-Lehman or vice-versa.

They are friends—friends who for one day of the year become rivals and play as such.

Property transfers

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from November 4, through November 9, 1988. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Many transactions are exempt from tax, so no amounts are now shown.

David E. Schwager to David E. Schwager, 121 Orchard East, Newberry Estates, Dallas, property Unit 121, 36, 37, Orchard East, Dallas.

Leonard Morris to Charles A. Iacoma, PO Box 7, Sweet Valley, property Dallas Twp., \$3,333.

Gertrude Distasio to Catherine M. Mendrzycki, property Lake Silkworth, Lehman Twp.

Lynn Hoover to David D. Hoover, RD 4, Box 276-B, Dallas, property 1. 4.47 acres, 2. 1 acre, Lake Twp.

Charles E. Chiampi to Bonnie A. Taylor, 257 S. Memorial Hwy, Dallas, property Kingston Twp., \$48,900.

Florence MacDonald to Michael McCann, 14 Mayling Court, Edison, N.J. property 2 parcels, Harveys Lake, \$21,000.

Flamar Realty Inc. to Stephen N. Clementi, 96 1/2 Dennison St., Swoyersville, property Kimberly Lane, Kingston Twp., \$35,000.

George Zick to Grant R. Cooper, 63 Newhart Rd., Shavertown, property 2 parcels, Jackson Twp., \$10,000.

Ida Marie Morris to Michael Leo Marino, 121 E. Overbrook Ave, Shavertown, property Dallas Twp.

Estate Florence A. Coon to Frank W. Coon, c/o Lawrence C. Moss, 145 N. Plum St., Lancaster, property Mt. Airy Rd., 2 parcels, Kingston Twp.

Estate John St. Cave, Jr. to Kenneth Wentzel, RD 1, Box 519B, Harveys Lake, property 3 parcels, Lehman Twp., \$2,500.

Anthony C. Lizza, to Frank S. Zeske, 68 W. Pettebone St., Forty Fort, property Ransom Rd., Franklin Twp., \$16,000.

John J. Manganiello to Township of Kingston, 11 Carverton Rd., Trucksville, property Kingston Twp.

Robert Bruce Brown to John P. Cole III, 510 N. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, property Harveys Lake, \$13,250.

Thomas L. Adolph to Susan Raineri, 126 Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre, property L-13 Worden Place, Center St., Harveys Lake Boro.

Shirlee Jones to Robt. B. Brown, 143 E. Overbrook Ave., Shavertown, Dallas, property L-9-10, 2 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$43,000.

Flamar Realty Inc. to Thomas N. Crossin, 96 Dennison St., Swoyersville, property Kimberly Lane, Kingston Twp., \$40,000.

Per Commisioners Elmer Rummage to Lee Sorbers, 166 Harris Hill Rd., Trucksville, property Sec. C., Oak St., Dallas Twp.

Domenic P. Fino to Wm. D. Toth, 532 Beverly Dr., Kingston Twp., property 4 parcels, Kingston Twp., \$105,000.

Laura Gelsleicher to Robt. R. Gelsleicher, RD 3, Dallas, property Garbutt Ave., Dallas Twp.

Frank Nemeec to Frank Nemeec, RD 3, Box 157-A, Wyoming, property Sickler Rd., Franklin Twp.

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