



MR. AND MRS. MERLE H. BIGELOW

Bigelows celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Merle H. Bigelow of Shavertown, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married September 9, 1944, at the Shavertown United Methodist Church by the Rev. Zaffiro. Their attendants were Hilda Traver and the late Thomas Traver. Mrs. Bigelow, the former Norma Myers, is the daughter of Floyd Myers, Tunkhannock, and the late Elizabeth Cruthers Myers. Mr. Bigelow is the son of the late Harry and Eve Lutes Bigelow of Tunkhannock. Mr. Bigelow was the owner of the Sinclair station in Shavertown for many years. Since 1963 he has been owner of Merl's Garage in Shavertown. They are the parents of two children: a son, Merl C. (Butch), Evans Falls, who is married to the former Carole Rosnick; a daughter, Mrs. Bruce (Jan) Goeringer of Dallas. The couple have five grandchildren: Holly and Megan Bigelow, both students at Penn State, and Eric, Brian and Adam Goeringer. The couple celebrated their anniversary with a family dinner party and a trip to Las Vegas.

Arbor Day Foundation offers free trees to new members

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September, as part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign. The 10 trees are the American Redbud, White Pine, Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, Red Maple, Birch, Silver Maple, Red Oak and Colorado Blue Spruce. Selected to provide benefits every season of the year: springflowers, summer shade, autumn colors and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds, the trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions.

The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, an Arbor Day Foundation wall calendar, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care. To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 1994.

Back Mountain briefs

Rev. Topolewski to preach at Trucksville

The Trucksville United Methodist Church has been blessed with a distinguished list of pastors over the years, and they will be welcomed back as part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration. On September 18, Rev. John R. Topolewski will be the guest speaker. Rev. Topolewski served in Trucksville from 1972 to 1974. All worship services will be at 11 a.m. There will be a refreshment hour following each of the special services.

Girl Scouts to hold roundup Sept. 18

On Sept. 18 the leaders of the Back Mountain Girl Scouts will hold a round-up of girls to start the year of scouting at the Luzerne County Fall Fairgrounds from 1-3 p.m. There will be pony rides, hay rides, games, food, face painting, scarecrow contest and more. This event is open to all Girl Scouts and their families, who may come as a troop or individuals, and to any girl and her family who would like more information about the Scouts in the Back Mountain. Cadette troops will run the games and events. The admission is \$3.50 plus one nickel. We also ask each participating person to bring a cup for drinking. Any questions can be directed to Debbie Dinger at 639-2817.

Trucksville UM to host aerobics classes

Low-impact aerobic classes are being offered at Trucksville United Methodist Church in the basement every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30. The cost will be \$2 per class. Child care will be provided for \$1 per child. For more information call Lois at 696-4297.

Police/Corvette Club autocross Sept. 25

The 7th Annual Police and Corvette Autocross will take place, September 25, from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Wyoming Valley Mall in the JC Penney's parking lot in Wilkes-Barre, featuring a driving competition, booths, prizes and the crash dummies. For more information call 829-3489. The event raises money for the Corvette Club Charity Fund and the NE PA Police Training Fund.

Emergency Response course starts Oct. 15

The Wyoming Valley Chapter, American Red Cross, will conduct an Emergency Response course, on Saturday mornings, from October 15 through December 17. This course is equivalent to the First Responder course and is recognized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as meeting ambulance attendant requirements. To register call the American Red Cross, Health Services Department, at 823-7161, ext. 34.



VERY SPECIAL DAY - Celebrating Sister Jennifer Baker's first vows are, from left, Sister Maureen McCann, RSM, president of the Dallas Regional Community, Sister Jennifer and Sister Marina Culp, RSM, Director of Incorporation.

Sister Baker professes first vows after year at Mercy

Sister Jennifer Baker, RSM a member of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, professed her first vows August 6 in the Regional Community of Dallas.

Sisters of Mercy, family and friends from many sections of the United States, Guyana, Canada and England gathered to celebrate.

Sister Jennifer, 34, a native of Guyana, was employed there as a fashion designer and worked in a legal office. She ministered with the Sisters of Mercy at St. Francis Night Shelter for women and children, was chairperson of a group of young Catholics called

"CHOICE," ministered as a nurse's aide at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Guyana, visited patients of a leprosarium and worked at St. John Bosco Orphanage for Boys.

Sister Jennifer participated in a year-long Mercy Collaborative Novitiate Program in Philadelphia, PA. During that year, she ministered at the Calcutta House, a home for men with AIDS.

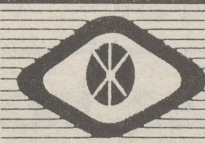
During her ministerial year of novitiate, she worked at Mercy Center Nursing Unit in Dallas, with sisters needing skilled nursing care. Sister Jennifer will return to Guyana in October of this year.

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