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Most former Native Textile workers without jobs

By GRACE R. DOVE
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BACK MOUNTAIN - Less than a dozen Native Textiles workers followed when operations from the plant were transferred to Glens Falls, New York.

Native Textiles, which employed 127 workers on three shifts, closed the doors of its Dallas plant at the end of May, when the last of its machines were moved to a new plant in Glens Falls.

About 30 percent of its workers were eligible to transfer to the new

mill in Glens Falls, but only seven or eight - mostly foremen and non-union people - took the company up on its offer, according to plant manager Bill Paculavage.

Another two or three workers, who are in temporary jobs in the new mill, haven't decided yet whether or not to make the move, he added. Others close to age 62 retired.

"Some of our workers wanted to move, but stayed in the Back Mountain because their families didn't want to go," he said.

The union "didn't do a thing" to help the workers get new jobs.

Larry Wolfe
Former union local president

"Roughly a third of our workers in Dallas left for other jobs before the move. They didn't have many years of service with us and had little to lose."

Paculavage said prices and expenses are about the same as in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The schools are somewhat better,

because public school students in New York State must take the Regents' Examination at the end of every school year in order to pass to the next grade level, he added.

"It's a very nice area," he said. The average hourly wage for the Glens Falls plant's 107 work-

ers is \$8.50 per hour, about \$1 less than what workers in the Dallas plant earned. They're represented by the Communications Workers of America instead of the American Clothing and Textile Workers, which represented them here.

Some former workers are going to school for training in other fields, while others are still collecting unemployment benefits, according to former ACTW local president Larry Wolfe, who found a maintenance job at the Lake-Lehman high school.

The unemployment checks last only six months, Wolfe said. If foreign imports had led to the Native Textiles employees losing their jobs, they would have qualified for extended benefits. The union "didn't do a thing" to help the workers get new jobs, he added.

Along with lower wages and a different union, the mill employees who moved with the plant to Glens Falls also face another challenge.

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Tall in the saddle

Jennifer Harteis is national riding winner

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

DALLAS - Jennifer Harteis, 22, of Dallas, is one of the best quarterhorse riders in the nation and she has the awards to prove it.

Last year Jennifer and her horse, Gabs Unlimited (Claude to his friends), earned the American Quarterhorse Association's Rookie of the Year award in the adults under age 30 class for having earned the most points in quarterhorse shows.

She learned to ride with Joe Boyle at Harveys Lake when she was 12 years old, later taking lessons from Donna Lombardi Martelli in Perkaskie, Kathy Shaskas in Dallas and Tracy Gleason in Oxford, PA.

Jennifer rides both English and Western, but her first love is English riding. "I love it," she said. "You can do lots of different things and never get bored."

Neither does Claude, 5, who

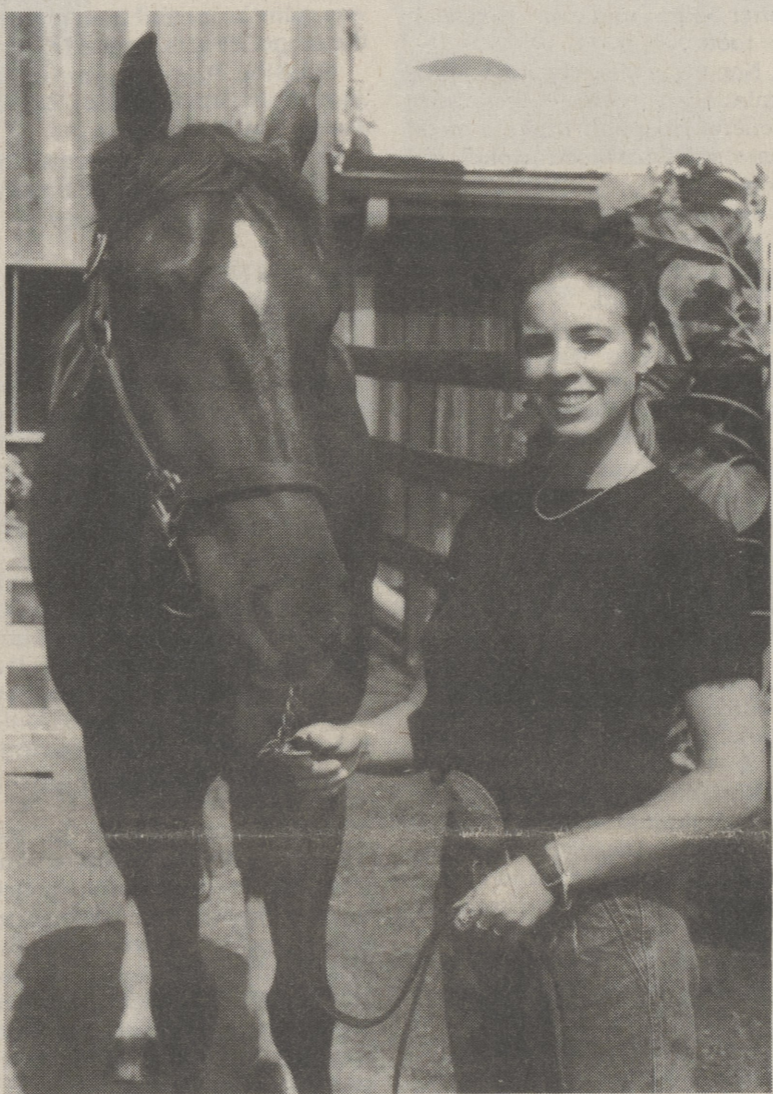
"You must believe you and your horse are the best in the world, even on a bad day."

Jennifer Harteis
Champion rider

does well in either Western or English classes and competed with Jennifer in English classes in hundreds of shows last year in order to earn the Rookie of the Year title.

In order to qualify for Rookie of the Year, Jennifer and Claude had to start out with no ribbons earned in any class in any horse show. They accumulated points for the award by winning ribbons in English classes at the larger quarterhorse shows. Points are awarded based on the size of the

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Jennifer Harteis and her quarterhorse, Gabs Unlimited (Friends call him Claude).

Kids know Shriners do more than parades

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

BACK MOUNTAIN - Kaitlyn Sledzinski may not understand who the Shriners are, but she certainly knows her buddies in Irem Temple's clown unit.

They're the people who stopped a parade in downtown Scranton to say hello to the perky toddler and gave her animals fashioned from balloons.

Kaitlyn joined Tina Pendergast and Eric Jeffries, all patients at the Shriners' Orthopaedic Hospital in Philadelphia, for a visit to Irem Temple Country Club September 2 to meet Shrine Imperial Potentate Illustrious Sir Robert B. Bailey as part of Irem's 100th anniversary celebration.

Tina, 10, and Kaitlyn, 2 1/2, were born with upper limb defi-

"It's hard to put into words what the Shriners have meant to us. They have been a Godsend."

Chris Sledzinski
Mother of child helped by Shriners' Hospitals

ciency, or congenital amputation, in which a child is born without part of a limb. Both girls' right arms end just below the elbow.

"Very little is known about it," said Kaitlyn's mother, Chris. "Very little research has been done."

Kaitlyn was four months old when Chris and Bob Pendergast

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New zone plan spurs flurry of requests

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - The planning commission considered several applications for zoning changes, most of which are related to one another and will be addressed at a special meeting in two weeks, at its regular August 28 meeting.

Ann Marie McAvo, owner of the Chadsford Estates I and II subdivisions, has asked that her land be rezoned from agricultural to residential so she can keep her minimum lot size at two acres after the amendments to the zoning ordinance are passed. The present minimum lot size in the agricultural area is two acres, which will be changed to three acres under the new ordinance.

She told the planning commission she has spent a considerable

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amount of money having Chadsford Estates mapped and surveyed, but didn't bring any records as proof to the meeting.

"I didn't know I was allowed to bring my files with me," she said.

Township engineer Tom Doughton asked her to bring copies of maps, studies and other work to the next meeting.

Other requests for zoning changes will be affected by the planning commission's decision on Chadsford Estates, according to commission chairman Ed Dorrance.

David and John Hilstolsky, Michael Prokopchak and Ray

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High school offers tasty, nutritious lunch choices

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

DALLAS - With the new school year started, students have learned they can get an economical, nutritious and tasty lunch under a unique plan at the Dallas High School cafeteria.

Instead of the standard "issue one each" Type A lunch, students may select either lunch or items priced individually under the a la carte plan, according to Marriott Food Services supervisor Jackie Neare.

"We run specials every day for less than \$2," Neare said. "For example, students can buy a

cheeseburger and salad, pizza and a salad or other things which are good for them and we know they'll like. We serve much more than pizza, fries and sodas."

The staff is open to meal suggestions from the students, she added.

Although the senior high's cafeteria doesn't participate in the federally subsidized free and reduced rate lunch plan, students may apply for a similar program which the district pays for.

Before the a la carte program was set up, only five or six students took advantage of the subsidized Type A lunches, Neare said. Since the district introduced the a

"We don't let them simply get \$1.75 worth of chips."

Jackie Neare
Dallas food supervisor

la carte plan, approximately 65 students are now using the district-funded lunch plan, in which students get \$1.75 of food for free or at a reduced rate.

"We don't let them simply get \$1.75 worth of chips," Neare said. "It must be a nutritious meal."

In addition to the good old standbys of pizza, burgers, fries

and hot dogs, the senior high cafeteria offers three sizes of hoagies ranging in price from \$1.25 to \$2.25, salads for \$2 and under, burritos, tacos (two for \$1.50), soup (75¢) and hot sandwiches. Low-fat dressings and mayonnaise are available upon request, Neare said.

Beverages, all 75¢ and under, include soda, milk, orange drink, Snapple and Gatorade, while desserts include granola bars, fresh fruit, fresh baked cookies, Italian ice, ice cream, chips and snack cakes, all priced between 30¢ and 60¢.



A recent investiture ceremony of "The Brothers in the Ways of Jesus Christ," was held in St. Mary's Annunciation Church on Zerbey Avenue in Kingston. Brother Mark Ponganis, Elder, one of the group's founders and the source for this feature, is second from the right.

must, but founder Mark Ponganis says, "Hopefully we will be able to hire persons who at least know one end of a hoe from the other!"

And so, an ad with "Catholics wanted, 18 years or older, single or married," would not seem to cut it without a fuller explanation. And such an explanation is liable to become complex very quickly, not to speak of possibly becoming suspect.

It's not. Brother Ponganis in the flesh is very persuasive, and has the unique ability to strip complicated explanations down to their bare bones. Balding but with a neatly trimmed and grey-flecked beard, he admits to a half-century on the planet and a long successful career - ex-career really - as a horticulturist, working at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square near Philly. His dad was a baker, he has two brothers, and is single.

Brother Mark's sincerity in the spiritual sense is very evident. As a teen, and again in his 20s, he

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WANTED

Followers of Jesus Christ seek 100-acre farm. All replies acknowledged.

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

The traditional Help Wanted ad probably would not work in the case of a Back Mountain community-in-the-making. That would be community, called by the mouth-filling title "The Brethren in the Ways of Jesus Christ," is a Catholic lay group looking for "would-be farmers."

For candidates to this venture, experience is not an absolute

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