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At 86, Harry Crispell's going strong

By JACK HILSHER
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Harry Crispell of Fairground Road, near the Dallas High School, has discovered three secrets of longevity. First, he says, "You must have bacon and eggs every morning and not worry about the cholesterol stuff. Second, smoke at least a pack of unfiltered Camels daily and not worry

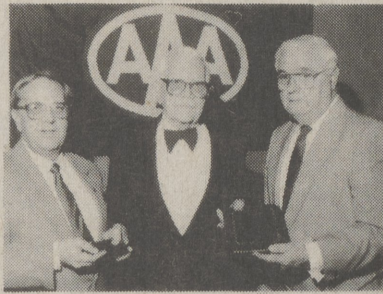
about that cancer stuff. Last, but not least, never retire."

Crispell could have added that you'll never have to worry about what to do in your retirement. He doesn't. At 86 he still works...six days a week from seven to noon at the Back Mountain Auto Specialists in Shavertown. He'd be there all day if he didn't have to head home for housekeeping chores and to help an invalid wife.

There Harry cooks, washes dishes, cleans and also manages to take care of a large lawn and a small garden.

If proof were needed that Harry's secrets work, a close look at him is all that is necessary. Slim. Trim. There is a small white mustache, his hair is mostly intact and combed in place, his complexion is great

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Harry Crispell was presented with a gold honorary lifetime membership in the American Automobile Association in 1990 by Wyoming Valley AAA president Charles Spitale, left, and George Alles, right. Then 81, Crispell was cited as one of the oldest active emergency road service workers.

Officer DAREs kids to avoid drugs, alcohol

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

TRUCKSVILLE - Starting in January, the students at the Westmoreland and Dallas Elementary schools will see a new face, when Kingston Township patrolman Frank Ziegler returns to the classroom.

He's not trading in his uniform and cruiser for a grade book.

Ziegler has been appointed the Back Mountain's first DARE officer, who will teach the 17-week Drug Abuse Resistance Education program in the district's eight fifth-grade classes.

"I love kids," he said. "My wife and I have four - Elizabeth, 17, twins Victoria and Virginia, 14,

"I know I must always tell them the truth - they'll see right through anything else."

Frank Ziegler
DARE officer for Kingston Twp.

and Frank, 5. They tell us about the peer pressures they see in the schools, how the media greatly influences their friends and the choices kids face every day.

A 1974 graduate of Mansfield State with a bachelor's degree in

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KINGS OF THE MOUNTAIN



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Michelle Molesky, right, of Dallas, chased Lehman's Adrienne Miroslaw during last week's district title game between the two Back Mountain teams. Lake-Lehman won 2-0, ending the

Mountaineers' 5-year district championship streak. Kacy Ziomek (24) is in the background. She had both assists. Lehman plays again Thursday. Story, more photos on page 11.

Dallas fifth-grader meets First Family

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS TOWNSHIP - Kelly Lenahan recently had an opportunity which she'll be able to tell her grandchildren about. She met President and Mrs. Clinton when they visited Scranton for the dedication of their godchild, Zachary Rodham.

Kelly's uncle, attorney Patrick Rogan, had received an invitation to the ceremony and reception and was allowed to bring one guest. Naturally he invited his favorite niece.

"I was nervous," Kelly said. "My uncle had to talk to the Secret

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Service people at the church before we could go in."

They sat in the fourth row of pews, right behind the presidential aides. At one point in the service when the congregation exchanges the sign of peace, President Clinton shook Kelly's hand.

Kelly, 10, gave baby Zachary a crystal clock shaped like a child's block and Chelsea Clinton a Waterford crystal ring holder.

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Lake-Lehman race may tip balance on board

By GRACE R. DOVE
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LEHMAN - The race for six seats on the Lake-Lehman school board November 7 promises to be one of the Back Mountain's most interesting elections.

If the Lake-Lehman Taxpayers' Association gets one more candidate elected, it will change the majority and the entire complexion of the board.

Lake-Lehman school directors are elected according to the regions in which they live. Region I is composed of Noxen Township in Wyoming County and Lake Township and Harveys Lake Borough in Luzerne County. Region II is made up of Ross Township and the middle and southwest districts of Lehman Township, while Lehman Township's northwest district and all of Jackson Township comprise Region III.

Two seats are open in each region, with all but one seat in Region III being for the full-four-year term. The two-year seat in Region III was formerly held by Dr. Martin McMahon, who couldn't represent his region after being re-elected and moving from Jackson Township to Lehman Township, in Region II.

The critical seat is in Region II, where the team of McMahon and incumbent Thomas Williams have squared off against taxpayers' association candidate Rosemary Howard. If Howard is elected, the board's majority will shift to the taxpayers' association members. Howard, who won the Republi-

can nomination in the primary, said she's running for office "to make a difference for the common people."

"The schools are the property of all who support them," she said. "They should have a say in how their money is spent."

She wants to end wasteful spending by better planning.

One more seat, and taxpayer association candidates will become the majority.

"The board shouldn't wait until the last minute to advertise for bids," she said. "For example, the paving work at the middle and high schools last year was done in October. The board later admitted it was done too late. Also, the boiler at the high school is inspected every year, but it suddenly needed replacement this year. Shouldn't that have been picked up earlier?"

She also questioned the board's renting of a modular unit for the middle school. Buying it outright might have been cheaper in the long run, she said.

"During the past eight to 10 years the board has passed what it calls 'maintenance budgets' which don't add any new programs," she said. "All they do is pay for the teachers' pay raises. The only new programs are paid

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Dopey? No, just funny



POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Angie Schoonover played Snow White in the group judged best in last weekend's Dallas Kiwanis Halloween Parade. The group of youngsters from Orange was organized by Nancy Kuffa. All the winners' photos appear on page 7.

Library gains support for new funding scheme

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS - Several months ago the Back Mountain Memorial Library proposed a novel method of obtaining financial support from its nine member municipalities and two school districts.

Instead of asking each for a flat yearly contribution, board member Bruce Rosenthal suggested basing yearly municipal contributions on 4¢ for each book checked out by residents, while

the school districts could donate \$2 per student.

"So far we're on target," he said Friday. "One school district and six municipalities have already written the amount we requested into their budgets."

According to Rosenthal's figures, Dallas School District was the first to budget its fair share of \$5,200, an increase of \$4,200 over last year.

Dallas Borough promised

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