

Hastings and Vicinity

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Mrs. Martucci, 64, Buried On Monday

Funeral services were conducted in St. Bernard's Church Monday morning with a Solemn Requiem High Mass at ten o'clock for Mrs. Elizabeth Martucci, 64, who died at her home here Sept. 15, following an extended period of illness. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Born in Italy, Nov. 15, 1890, she was a daughter of Joseph and Grace (Camarda) Coccora. Mrs. Martucci had come to America while quite young and had been a vicinity resident for many years.

Surviving are her husband, Anthony, and seven daughters, as follows: Mrs. Mary Byrne, Barnesboro; Mrs. Grace Spinsky, Bakerton; Mrs. Eleanor Tindiglia, Ardmore; Mrs. Gloria Pacella, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Gilda Byrne, Barnesboro; Mrs. Josephine and Sylvia Martucci, at home. There are six grandchildren.

Mrs. Martucci was a sister of Mrs. Adaline de Paula of Trenton, N. J., and Mrs. Nims Amato of Shamokin.

Possessing a genial and kindly personality, Mrs. Martucci had a host of friends who mourn her passing. Our sympathy goes to the bereaved family.

St. Boniface Lady Dies In Hospital

Funeral services for Mrs. Magdalena (Lena) Huber, 68, of St. Boniface, were held Wednesday morning at nine o'clock with a requiem high mass in the St. Boniface Church. Interment was in the church cemetery. Following an extended period of ill health Mrs. Huber passed away Sept. 17 in Miness' Hospital, Spangier.

Born in St. Boniface Dec. 28, 1886, she was a daughter of Louis and Mary Ann (Endler) Burkhardt. She had resided in St. Boniface all her life. Her husband, Jacob, died a number of years ago.

Surviving are three children: Mrs. Agnes Burley, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Regina Whitford and Bernard, both of St. Boniface, and Robert, Carrolltown. There are 11 grandchildren. Surviving also are two sisters—Mrs. Carrie Burley, Alabama, and Mrs. Mary Dixon, Youngstown, Ohio, and two brothers—John, of St. Boniface, and Charles, of Altoona.

Mrs. Huber was a member of the Rosary Society of St. Boniface Church. Friends were received in Easly Funeral Home here.

Cathy Ann Kalis Feted On Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. John Kalis entertained a number of youngsters at their East End home Sunday evening in observance of their daughter, Cathy Ann's, ninth birthday, and an enjoyable time was reported. Merry games and a picnic lunch with individual favors were features. The little girl received a nice assortment of gifts. In addition to Cathy Ann and her brother, Jack, those present were: Ariens and Darlene Easly, Judy Adams, Bonnie Miller, Gail and Patty Miller, Barbara Kusma, Mary Ann Milosavich, Gloria Panzer, Agnes Basista, Judy Green, Theresa Angert, Judy Bernberger, Judy Bush, Carol Woodley, Margaret Noel, Sandra Mock, Gloria Worchesky, Nancy Firmant, Joyce Hnaskovich, Virginia Born, Shirley Shilling, Elizabeth Westover, Patricia Gavlik, Dick Miller, Jody Onderko, Earl Born and Bob Miller, all of this place, and Denise Ann Shatrovsky, of Patton. The latter, Cathy Ann's cousin, was two years old on the same day.

Adult guests present Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shatrovsky and Miss Ann Shatrovsky, of Patton.

Hastings Clocks To Be Turned Back

Vicinity folks are advised to turn their clocks back an hour before retiring Saturday evening, as Standard Time goes into effect once more on Sunday.

Borough council meeting last Thursday evening in special session, announced that Daylight Saving Time would not be extended in the community. Some sections in the county, however, will observe Daylight Saving Time.

Bids were opened at last week's council meeting for a new heating system for the Borough building but they were tabled for further consideration at a special meeting this week.

Ruthie Pontzer Grateful For Thoughts of Friends

We were delighted Saturday to receive a communication from friend Ruthie Pontzer, of State College, former Hastings resident, who has been a patient in Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte, past three weeks. Ruthie had quite a nasty case of virus pneumonia.

Of interest to vicinity readers, we'd like to quote part of Mrs. Pontzer's message, as follows: "Some place in your column will you thank my countless Hastings friends for their cards and prayers for my recovery. It would mean personally. But I have everyone of them."

This being Ember Week, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, are observed as fast and abstinence days by Catholics throughout the world.

Night Bloomer Puts On Annual Show Friday On Evening

Once more the night-blooming cereus at the neighbor's across the way has been on its annual "spruce." On Friday night it really put on a show. Five of the huge saucer-size white flowers had burst open at the same time, and the scent was overwhelming. Several nights before one had bloomed, and another had opened several weeks ago. There are still a number of buds to open later.

This unusual plant at the Walter Lumadue home is now quite a veteran, standing about six feet in height. It has been blooming annually for many years and people come to view the beautiful sight. This year, however, the plant bloom is more extensive than ever before.

The word cereus, a Latin word, means wax candle, and the flowers do look like wax. Inside the flower-cup is an unusual scene, resembling a crib, guarded by a huge star. This nocturnal bloomer is a genus of cacti, native to Western United States and tropical America. It flourishes in this climate only if taken indoors in winter months, as it could never stand the subfreezing temperatures of local winters.

MY ROSARY
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Additional verse:
Mother, dearest, virgin pure,
Help me earthly grief endure,
So to meet Heaven's crown.
Greater for the world renown,
Please influence my appeal,
Praying softly, as I kneel,
My Rosary! My Rosary!

Mother, brightest morning star,
Crown of roses be spread afar,
May the atom harnessed be,
Global in security,
Thus may nations concord reach,
Pray in union, I beseech,
My Rosary! My Rosary!

Dorothy Commons Has Fine Program

Miss Dorothy Commons of this place, Public Affairs Chairman of the Barnesboro FBW, and the members of her committee, are to be commended for the excellent program presented last week in conjunction with the club's dinner meeting held in the Parish House in Barnesboro.

Demonstrating excellent work being accomplished here by Carol Ann Inc., women's garment factory, Mr. Paul Mangarella, manager, and Assistant Ginger Owens ably handled their part of the program. While Mr. Mangarella outlined work being done—Ginger did it? The result? A woman's wool tweed dress put together in exactly 27 minutes. Ginger wasted no time at the electric Singer, sewing it steady seam while Mr. Mangarella kept the audience entertained. Various samples of garments made at the factory then were displayed. Needless to say, the ladies present greatly appreciated and enjoyed the unusual program.

Business Women To Observe Week

Barnesboro Business and Professional Women's Club of which the writer is News Service chairman, will sponsor an observance the week of Sept. 25 to Oct. 1, inclusive, which is known as National Business Women's Week. As a feature, Lipman's Store will appropriately decorate a window of the store, displaying an attractive display of the business and professional women will wear this fall.

Former Hastings Folks Return for Visit Here

Former neighbor, William Tervit, now a resident of Indiana, returned to visit with us last Wednesday. With him was the son of Mrs. Tervit, whom he married four months ago. The first Mrs. Tervit passed away six years ago. It is 28 years since the Tervits left Hastings, having resided in what is known as the Abrain home. They lived in Cleveland, Ohio, for many years, where their two daughters, Nan and Mae, now make their home. Both are married.

And, after all these years, Billy still talks with a decided Scotch burr, quite pleasant to the ears. It is always nice to renew old acquaintances.

TO SPONSOR CARD PARTY

The Barnesboro BPW will sponsor a public card party on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 8 p. m. in American Legion Home, Barnesboro. Score awards will be given at club, bridge and bingo, and a door prize will be given and luncheon served. Everyone is invited.

Two vicinity ladies—Mimi Block and Gertrude Houck—are members of the committee in charge and tickets may be obtained from them or other vicinity members.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackstone and children of Pittsburgh were guests Sunday at the Frank Walters-Anthony Dumm home in East End.

Miss Camilla Abel and Clair Abel of Cleveland, Ohio, were at their home on Spangier Street for the week end.

Link-Hrobchak Wedding Saturday

A beautiful Sodality wedding took place Saturday in St. Bernard's Church here. Miss Joan Hrobchak became the bride. Her groom was Link Hrobchak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Link. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Frances Hrobchak, all of Hastings. Father: Adalbert Kalsch, OSD, sang the nuptial high mass and officiated at the double-ring ceremony at 9 o'clock.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Harry Leno, was attired in a floor-length gown of lace. Sequins trimmed the gown and long train. Her fingertip veil was held by a large carrying a bride's missal, with carnations, she placed a bouquet of white blooms on the Blessed Virgin Altar, while Miss Eleanor Dietrick of Akron, O., sang "Mother, At Thy Feet I'm Kneeling." Miss Dietrick sang the "Ave Maria" as an offertory number.

The bride's sisters, Ann and Betty Jane, as maid of honor and bridesmaid, respectively, wore identical gowns. Ann's was pastel blue and Betty Jane's was cotton. They wore matching headpieces and carried cascades of yellow carnations. Bouquets of gladiol adorned the altars of the church.

Dr. Erick Link served as his brother's best man, while another brother, Russell, ushered.

Breakfast was served at the Link home on Spangier Street and dinner at Commercial Hotel, Patton. A reception took place in the Moose Home, Barnesboro.

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After a honeymoon tour of the Central and Southern States, Mr. and Mrs. Link will reside in Texas.

Snowball Bush Is Abloom At Thomas

The unusually warm, summer-like weather the past few weeks has caused some unique occurrences in the vicinity as far as native shrubs and flowering bushes are concerned. For instance, a snowball bush, whose annual blooming season comes each spring, usually the latter part of May, burst into bloom last week at the Raymond Thomas home near Hastings.

Mr. Thomas informs us that several years ago the bush also bloomed in July, but this is the first time it put out its "balls of snow" in September.

Climbing roses at several homes which bloom in June or early July, also burst into bloom along the new-growth branches the past week, it is reported.

Clarks On Airplane Trip Around World

With a group of 28 people, George and Marie Clark, Hastings residents, are on an airplane trip around the world.

After a TWA Tourist flight from Pittsburgh to New York, they took off for London. From there the itinerary includes Paris, Zurich, Geneva, Rome, Athens, Cairo, Bombay, Agra, Calcutta, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Honolulu and some points in between. The group will return in 35 days.

In the crew are 10 men and 28 women.

Mrs. Clark is the former Marie Beckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beckley of Portage.

Trash Barrels Are For Trash, Please!

For many years we've been urging a "one man campaign" against unkept, trash-littered streets and alleys. All to no avail! A majority of pedestrians and motorists continue to cast candy wrappers, cigarette papers, etc., to the four winds.

As has been pointed out many times, there are barrels placed at convenient points along the streets for depositing of the trash. Why not use them?

Vicinity residents are kept busy each morning, sweeping away papers, peanut shells and other trash from the front of property. Streets are littered each day from an accumulation of the previous night. And, as we sweep up the dirt and deposit it in the nearby container, we can not help to wonder why it continues, and what the solution might be.

David Commons Enrolled At Indiana State Teachers

David Commons, only son of Oliver and Eleanor (Paterick) Commons, is enrolled in the Music Department at Indiana State Teachers College. He is a 1954 graduate of Hastings-Elder High School, where he was a member of the school band.

David's mother, a graduate of the Indiana school, is a faculty member of Spangier Unit of the North Cambria High School, where she is art instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Corey of Steubenville, O., and Miss Eleanor Owens, who is enrolled at Robert Morris School, Pittsburgh, were at the Owens home on Easler Street over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bonfill, son Frank and daughter Alida, and Mrs. Camilla Columbus of Bakerton were guests here Saturday at the John Valenty home.

David Commons, a student at State Teachers College, Indiana, was at his home here for the week end.

Misses Bernice Holtz and Margie Houck, student nurses at

Indiana Hospital Nurses Training School, were at their homes here for the week end.

Recent visitors at the Melvin Routh home here were Mr. and Mrs. James Palmquist and the former Linnis Palmquist of Cleveland, O. Mrs. Agnes Longwell of Wooster, O. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett of DuBois and Mr. and Mrs. Larue Peoples of Pittsburgh.

After visiting at Lansing, Mich., with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Brown Jr., Dr. and Mrs. C. L. McCoy returned last week to their home here.

Recent real estate transfer: Ralph H. and Rose Marie Keefe, Hastings, from Bernard A. Lantzy, Hastings, property in Hastings, \$5,900.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lumadue visited one evening last week with friends in St. Augustines.

Mrs. Paul Easly graciously entertained members of her bridge club at her home here last Thursday evening. Score award winners were Mrs. Gertrude Houck, Mrs. Marie Soisson, Mrs. Tillie Cassidy, and Mrs. Mary Strittnatter. Mrs. Zita Kline won the travel prize.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shatrovsky, their daughter, Denise Ann,

and Miss Ann Shatrovsky, R. N., of Patton, were guests here on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kolis.

Miss Doris Koval, employed in Washington, D. C., was at her home here for the week end.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Block and children visited with relatives in Pittsburgh over the week end.

Miss Eleanor Dietrick of Akron, Ohio, was in town with relatives over the week end.

Paul Yeager of Detroit, Mich., is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Weiland in East End. On Sunday the Weiland family and Mr. Yeager visited relatives in Altoona.

Miss Emilie Yabner of Johnstown was at her home here the first of this week.

Miss Amy Commons is serving as a juror for the second week of Federal Court term in Pittsburgh.

Cpl. John J. Pyaz, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pyaz Sr. of this place, is now serving with the U. S. Marines at Pearl Harbor.

Work on raising of old St. Bernard's Church is progressing favorably. It is reported, this back end having been taken down. Phil Cronauer is in charge of the work from morning till about 9 p. m., with crews of volunteer labor working at the extensive demolishing project.

John Pyaz, on vacation in Detroit, Mich., served as godfather for a niece, daughter of Andrew Pyaz, the local man's brother.

Our Conducted Tour to Canada

(Conclusion)
On Thursday, Aug. 18, we started on our return trip to the good old Keystone State, none more beautiful, we can truly vouch. Not the quaint little town of Duchow, we were served a "splendidiferous" meal, a banquet rather.

Our meals all along the way were unusually fine. We enjoyed every one of them, and we always had an assorted variety of fruit which to choose. No complaints were heard at any time about the menu. In fact, the ladies enjoyed the meals as much as anything

for it is wonderful to get away from one's own cooking now and then. What a joy it is to sit down to a meal and be served without being required to do the serving!

But the meal at "The Rendezvous," rustic eating-place between New Albany and Duchow was "out of this world." Arriving there in a heavy downpour we were greeted by the entrance and were delighted to see two long linen-covered tables alight with candles and bedecked with bouquets of seasonal blooms. The fried chicken—only drumsticks, thighs, and white meat, were served—tasted like ambrosia. Needless to say, we all stuffed!

Here, too, presentation of small tokens of esteem were made to Fathers Brendan and Ronald, to Brother Roman, to Pat and to Lou. "Our Mary"—Miss Mary Donahue, of Bedford—ably took command, speaking a few appropriate words as the individual gifts were given.

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