

Hastings and Vicinity

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Memorial Building, Park Locations Not Clear to Reader

Mrs. Kenneth White Now Resides in Alaska

It seems the people of a community more or less take things for granted—thinking that those now far away from the old home town continue to be familiar with "back home" happenings. But this is many times a wrong conclusion, and explanations are in order occasionally. Take for instance a communication this writer received from a Hastings native, who has been a resident of Alaska the past number of years.

She is Mrs. Kenneth White, the former Bernadine Waltz, R. N., who writes: "Enclosed find check for another year's subscription to the hometown paper. Am happy to note the progress in our town and just can't imagine us having a real swimming pool. Where is it? The paper failed to give its location. Have also been curious as to where the Memorial Building and Monument are. Suppose six years is too long to be away."

Now for "Bernie's" benefit (or others who are a bit confused on location) we'd like to furnish the information:

The swimming pool is in the new Community Park located on grounds southeast of the old Water Tower along the railroad tracks, between the tracks and what was always known as "Strittmatter's Woods", and including part of this wooded area. The new Memorial Building stands on the corner of Beaver Street and Third Avenue in ground formerly occupied by the "chicken coop" or old portable school building. The new monument is also built near the building on the same lot.

Patricia Woodley Married On Holiday

A pretty Thanksgiving Day wedding took place in St. Bernard's Church, when Miss Patricia A. Woodley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodley of Hastings R. D., became the bride of Howard L. Snyder, son of Howard Snyder Sr. of Pittsburgh. The nuptial high mass was at 9:30 o'clock and Father Albert Karsh, OSB, officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Before joining each other at the high altar, the bride proceeded to the Blessed Virgin Altar where she placed a bouquet of pink and white pompons while Mr. Snyder knelt for a few minutes in prayer before St. Joseph's altar.

Attired in white, the bride's waist-length gown was fashioned of nylon lace over satin. Her elbow-length veil of nylon illusion was secured by a seed pearl tiara, and she carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations.

Miss Joan DuBois, as maid of honor, wore russet nylon lace over satin, her gown being waist-length. Her accessories were white and pink and white carnations fashioned her bouquet.

Morgan Snyder served as his brother's best man, and Eugene Woodley and Joseph Snyder, brothers of the bride and bridegroom, respectively, ushered.

A wedding dinner was served at Biller's Hotel, Nicktown, and a family reception took place at the Woodley home.

Kathleen Kostura Bride On Saturday

The marriage of Kathleen (Link) Kostura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Link of Hastings, and Andrew Mikitko of Barnesboro, took place Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in St. John's Greek Catholic Church, Barnesboro. Attendants at the double-ring ceremony were Miss Connie Link and Patricia Link, sister and brother of the bride.

The bride was attired in a floor-length gown of ice blue satin, lace and net and matching handpiece. She carried an arm bouquet of white carnations. The maid of honor wore a ballerina gown of pink lace with matching handpiece and carried a bouquet of blue and white carnations.

A wedding breakfast was served at the Link home here and a reception took place in the Blank Hall, Barnesboro.

Following a honeymoon trip the couple will reside in Hastings. Mr. Mikitko is an army veteran.

Miss Marilyn Kline Feted On Birthday

Mrs. Helena Kline entertained a group of teen-agers at her home on Hastings R. D., Sunday evening in honor of her daughter Marilyn's 14th birthday and a merry time is reported. Music, dancing, games and a nice lunch were featured. The group presented Marilyn a small radio, those present were:

Rose Marie Buck, Judy Stevens, Patty Fletcher, Janet Shupienus, Nancy Lefebvre, Judy Burkey, Kathleen O'Rourke, Jean Angert, Lynn Ann Houck, Karen Weakland, Carol Meek, Phyllis Orto, Bernadette Dylon and Marilyn and Celene Kline.

Former Hastings Girl Bride Recently

The marriage of Miss Eva Clare McCulley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCulley 809 Elmira St., Williamsport, Pa., formerly of Hastings, to Robert S. LaCerra, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaCerra of Williamsport was solemnized Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p. m. in Calvary Chapel, Trout Run, Pa.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Theo. Ferry, Newberry, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Karl E. McCulley, brother of the bride.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white, ballerina-length style of taffeta and chantilly lace with net overlays and a matching, long-sleeved jacket with mandarin collar. A finger-tip veil of French illusion was held in place by a pearl tiara. Attached to the white tulle which she carried was a cluster of white roses.

Miss Doris Ferree, of Lock Haven, was maid of honor, wearing a baby blue ballerina-length gown of taffeta and net fashioned with a strapless fitted bodice and ruffled skirt. Matching stole and head band with a shouder-length veil and a side corsage of yellow roses completed the ensemble.

Fredric R. McCulley, brother of the bride, was best man. Reception for 75 guests was held in the church rooms immediately following the ceremony. Mr. LaCerra, a graduate of the Williamsport High School and member of the Marines and Army, is employed by Locomotive Braided Fabrics. After Dec. 1 the couple will reside at 405 Valhalla Lane.

Victoria Gernet, 76, St. Boniface, Dies

St. Boniface — Miss Victoria Gernet, 76, of this place, died on Nov. 23 in the Miners' Hospital Spangler. She was born in Snowshoe, March 22, 1879, daughter of Adam and Antonia (Bauer) Gernet.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Rose Collins of St. Boniface. Miss Gernet was a member of the Rosary Society of St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a. m. Saturday in St. Boniface Church by Rev. Father Raphael Schartzel, OSB, pastor. Interment was made in the church cemetery. Arrangements in charge of Easly Funeral Home, Hastings.

Former Police Chief Buried Last Friday

Funeral services were conducted in St. Bernard's Church here Friday morning at 9 o'clock for Stephen J. Semelberger, 59, of this place, who died in Miners' Hospital, Spangler, Nov. 21. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born in Hastings, Dec. 12, 1895, he was a son of George and Catherine (Holtz) Semelberger. He had been a life-long resident of Hastings, serving here for a number of years as chief of police.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Martina (Fry) Semelberger, and three children: Samuel, Philadelphia; Donald J., Winnipeg, Canada; Robert Eugene, Frey, Ariz.; Mrs. Mrs. Ruth Horne Patton, and Kathryn, York. There are nine grandchildren. Surviving also is one sister, Mrs. Mary Kelly, Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Lois Gill Will Head Confraternity

Members of St. Bernard's Rosary Confraternity elected officers for the coming year Sunday evening at the November meeting, as follows: president, Mrs. Lois Gill; vice president, Mrs. Helen Link; treasurer, Mrs. Marie Soisson; recording secretary, Mrs. Betty Finet; financial secretary, Mrs. Mary Weakland. The last three persons mentioned were re-elected.

The annual Christmas party will be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 18, when the usual gift-exchange and entertainment will be featured. The committee in charge will decorate the social room of the church prior to the annual get-together.

US BOWLERS

Marie, Norma and Ang wuz fairly droolin' that second game when Gert wuz bowlin'. They were just sure an honor roll score was inna bag. Mebbe Gert dint want to bring cats, anyhow she fell five pins short and there were some purty disappointed gals in the crowd. Aint it funny how when someone gets goin' toward a good score everyone fergets sides and try to cheer them on to a high score? We've seen this purty often and feel that it's a mark of good sportsmanship.

Gert's score of 145 wuz high for the evenin', but Norma grabbed high average with her three over a hunner scores. I still say consistency pays. Marie gets a laugh out of that word.

Us Gerties beat the Essies two to one. Two of the scores wuz with a difference of only two pins. Shows us we should always keep pitching, huh?

Us are a Mortley crew, some of us always wear dresses or skirts and some feel better in slacks or tancy pants. Look nice in them too, and they sure are practical. The scores:

GERTIES—Won 2

Marie	106	80	75
Ann	73	82	76
Ang	94	88	76
Norma	109	97	97
Gert	75	145	105
Totals	534	588	511

ESSIES—Won 1

Marie	91	114	82
Ang	75	73	80
Norma	111	120	104
Lia	83	91	89
Dummy	101	91	89
Totals	536	589	511

AND US

Wal, Us thought that Jet Kap, Aegle, wuz goin' to hit the jack-pot, but she stopped 11 short. And her teammate, Mimi, sorta showed off that foist game wit her 123.

So, of course, the Jets clinched that game by a big margin. But Us Comets showed 'em. Us took the other two games. Our Kap, Kay, did okay those two rounds, wit 110 and 111, respectively.

The rest of us coolent git over the 99 mark, no matter how hard Us tried. Us hez sum dark thoughts, however, but Us never lets 'em out! Nice crowd.

Services Today for Mrs. Rose Gill, 77

Mrs. Rose M. Gill, 77, passed away at her home on Spangler Street Nov. 28 following a prolonged period of ill health. Born in Flinton May 1, 1878, she was a daughter of Andrew and Rose (Buck) Young. Her husband, Frank, died Nov. 23, 1943.

Surviving are these children: Mrs. Ted Holtz, Hastings; Mrs. James Holtz, Patton R. D.; James Hastings, and Miss Roseanna of Hastings, who is school nurse at Hastings-Elder and Harmony-Joint School Systems. There are 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Gill was a member of St. Bernard's Rosary Confraternity and the Ladies' Auxiliary to Hastings Fire Company. Rosary Confraternity members met Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock to recite the Rosary in Easly's Funeral Home where friends were received.

Funeral services will be held this morning (Thursday) at 9 o'clock in St. Bernard's Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mail Early—And Often! Is Plea of Postoffice

The Post Office Department is anticipating heavier Christmas mails than ever this year. To insure safe and early delivery of your cards and packages, you are urged to mail early and often. Acting Postmaster Winfred Abram will furnish labels to mark your cards for local or out-of-town delivery. You may obtain these by calling at the window in the post office.

Packaging your cards separately will enable the Post office personnel to move them faster to their destinations. It is their desire to furnish the same courteous, efficient service you have received in the past.

THE ADVENT WREATH

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The glossy sheen of Advent Wreath.

Has purity of tapers, A bow of purple underneath, (The hue denotes "no capers") One candle east, another west.

One north, and south position, To signify a world-wide test Of penance and petition.

The green for Everlasting Life—The aim of every mortal, Entreaties making each heart rife With faith, as worthy portal For Christ to enter Christmas Day.

As angels sound the story, And then with gratefulness we'll pray For never-ending glory.

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Williams of Portage and Arthur Miller of Lovett were guests one day last week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. McCoy.

Leonard Holtz, Edgar Holtz, John McNelis and Don Cunningham drove to Philadelphia Saturday where they attended the Army-Navy games.

Howard Lantzy and children, Janet, Lois and Pauline of Harrisburg, and son, James, enrolled as a student at State University. They were here over the week end with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Dewey Anderson and granddaughter, Susan Colbert, traveled by airplane to California where they visited the past two weeks with relatives in Los Angeles.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. McCoy were Thanksgiving Day visitors in Altoona.

Misses Bernice Holtz and Margie Houck, student nurses at Indiana Hospital Nurses' Training School, were at their homes here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sosnosky announce the birth of a son in the Spangler hospital Nov. 23. Miss Nancy McNelis, member of the Connelleville High School faculty, was here here for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Gretchen Binder of Patton, home from Montclair, N. J., where she is attending school, visited here Friday at the Binder home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beckley of Portage were guests during the past week at the George Clark home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brannan of Erie spent the week end here at the Elder home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Donahue of Philadelphia visited the past week at the home of Mrs. Donahue's father, Walter Holtz, on Hastings R. D.

On Thursday, the Donahues, Mr. Holtz and Mrs. Edith Niebauer visited with relatives and friends in Carrolltown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ference of Cleveland, O., spent the week end here at the A. F. Baker home. Sunday visitors of the Bakers were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gallo and children of Reynoldsville.

Miss Connie Link and Patrick Link, employed in Cleveland, O., were at their home here for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leighty of Johnson were guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Helena Kline on Hastings R. D.

Mrs. Jack Rosenhamer and children, Jeanne and Donald, of Ebensburg are spending the week end at the home of Mrs. Rosenhamer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Kline on Hastings R. D. Mr. Rosenhamer is on a hunting trip with a party of friends.

Miss Clementine Kirach, 77, of Nicktown, relative of Mrs. I. M. Kline and Fred Soisson of this place, died at her home Nov. 22. The funeral was held on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dailey of Pittsburgh spent a few days last week here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holtz of Philadelphia spent Thanksgiving week end here at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Holtz.

Victor Constanzo of Washington, D. C., was at the Constanzo home on Third Avenue over the week end.

Mrs. D. A. Westover entertained Mrs. C. L. McCoy, Mrs. A. J. Houck and Mrs. Nicktown at a contract bridge Saturday afternoon at the Westover apartment on Harvey Street with Mrs. McCoy emerging as the winner.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Binder and son, Rickie, of Patton visited here last Thursday at the Binder home on Spangler Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Owens and children of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. J. W. Walker, of Altoona and children of Philadelphia visited over the week end at the home of Mrs. Owens' and Mrs. Farrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Holtz, Bob House of Altoona, O., visited here over the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Houck.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lantzy and son, David, of York spent the latter part of the week here at the home of Mrs. Lantzy's mother, Mrs. I. L. Binder.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Yeager and daughter, Barbara, of Altoona visited last Thursday at the Dave Weakland home in East End.

The ICBU, Hastings Branch, will hold the annual Christmas party Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, when gifts will be exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Easly, Mrs. H. J. Easly and Miss Ann Easly were visitors in Altoona one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dillon of Uniontown, O., announce the birth of a daughter, Bonnie Lou, Nov. 19. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon formerly lived in Hastings. With the new baby to the Dillon family, grandparents Alban and Marie Dillon of this place, now have 17 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Easly of Altoona spent last Thursday at the Mrs. H. J. Easly home. John Easly and children of Spangler visited at the Easly home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parrish and daughter, Karen, of Nicktown, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dumm and Janice and Gordon Dumm of Ebensburg were Thanksgiving Day guests here at the I. M. Kline home.

Friday being the First Friday of December, special devotions honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in St. Bernard's Church at 7:30 p. m. Communion will be held today (Thursday) at 4 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Miss Patricia McMaster of Chester, who is attending 3 years' Training School in Philadelphia, spent the week end with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Paella and son, Mark, of Pittsburgh spent the week end at the Martucci home here.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Abram and daughters, Susan and Wendy, of Lewistown spent Thanksgiving Day at the Abram home on Third Avenue. Other dinner guests at the Abram home that day were: Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Day of St. Benedict and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Phelps of Crescon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Elden spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Crescon.

Miss Peggy Anna, student nurse at St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh, and Henry Ann student at St. Vincent's Prep School, Latrobe, were at their home here for the Thanksgiving week end.

Miss Ruth Gill of Chest Springs visited Sunday at the Raymond Thorne home near town.

Miss Margie Wolann, Ralph Wolann, Kevin Thomas and Thomas Dietrick, all employed in Cleveland, O., were at their vicinity homes for the Thanksgiving week end.

Major McCoy spent Thanksgiving Day in Lansing, Mich., at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown Jr.

Fifty Years Ago

Items taken from the files of "North Cambria News" December 1, 1905.

(We're back in the files—that is the North Cambria News for the date is on file. And we notice a new editor succeeded Ed A. Goodfellow—Will R. Kibler, editor and publisher.)

Mrs. Anthony Anna died at her home in Elder Township Monday evening in her 66th year. She is survived by her husband and two sons and a daughter—Charles of St. Boniface; Mrs. Matilda Miller, Hastings, and Henry, of Pittsburgh.

Messrs. P. W. Helfrick and A. T. Strittmatter, accompanied by their wives, drove to Barnesboro on Sunday.

The people of town have been greatly inconvenienced during the past week by the closing down of the electric light plant. The company has been having considerable trouble with their boilers but they have them repaired again and expect to give the light regularly in the future.

P. M. Kinney, county president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, returned Saturday from a week's tour, making his annual visit to different divisions in the county.

E. M. Yanner of Carrolltown Road was a Sunday caller in town.

Mrs. Frank Delozier and son, Leo, of Altoona spent the early part of the week with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Houck drove to Nicktown on Sunday and spent the day with relatives and friends.

Messrs. Adam Miller and A. C. Strittmatter are serving as jurors at a special term of court in Ebensburg this week.

Dr. George E. Baldwin was one of the successful candidates to pass the state pharmaceutical examination recently.

The Hastings Fire Company held their first dance in the Opera House Monday evening and a large crowd was in attendance, many being present from our neighboring towns. Still's Orchestra furnished the music.

Waddell, Hunting & Walters Comedy Company, which appears at the Hastings Opera House on Monday evening, Dec. 4, is one of the strangest companies on the road. The management has spared no expense in making it a sterling attraction.

The postal department has appointed James Dillon as carrier for Route No. 1 out of Hastings with Luke Dillon as substitute.

The Hastings Band was on our streets Monday evening and played several selections for the Firemen's dance. The band is just one year old this week and has made marvelous progress. It is a musical organization of which our people can well be proud. Much of the credit is due to the leader, Mr. David Walker, who has devoted considerable time in bringing the organization to its present high standard.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helfrick at Barnesboro, a daughter, James McNelis is building a large addition to his warehouse. Henry Kibler of St. Boniface was a pleasant caller at this office on Wednesday.

Steele Clark is home from Kiskiminetus College to spend the Thanksgiving vacation with his parents here.

Mrs. F. B. Koch of Altoona visited here the early part of the week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Easly.

The St. Bernard's Rectory has been remodeled and the interior greatly improved.

The News is one day late this week on account of Thanksgiving Day.

There are rumors to the effect that the Rich Hill Coal Company are disposing of their interests here to an eastern firm. James Commons & Sons have improved their store room by putting in a new front.

Messrs. William Hill and Will R. Kibler witnessed the production of "Nettie the News Girl" at the Barnesboro Opera House Tuesday evening.

I. P. Yanner had business in Loretto Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reese and family of Patton spent Thanksgiving with relatives in town.

Charles Ganoe of Patton was in town yesterday.

Hoxsey Files Suit Against Medical Examiners, AMA

Harry M. Hoxsey, owner of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic at Dallas, Texas, Tuesday of last week asked damages in a suit filed against the American Medical Association and the state medical examiners.

The district court suit alleges the medical profession since 1936 had pursued a "relentless course of ridicule and persecution" against Hoxsey.

It also cites action by the

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