

We Remember

KILLED IN ACTION

RICHARD WELLINGTON CREESE, January 29, 1942
 KEATS POAD, March 3, 1942
 WALTER CECIL WILSON, May 9, 1942
 CLIFFORD S. NULTON, November 26, 1943
 ELWOOD BLIZZARD, March 1, 1944
 ROBERT RESSIGUE, April 20, 1944
 SAMUEL GALLETI, May 23, 1944
 JAMES DeANGELO, June 22, 1944
 WILLIAM STRITZINGER, July 9, 1944
 FREDERICK LOVELAND, September 12, 1944
 HARRY BEAN, September 13, 1944
 EDWARD METZGAR, October 12, 1944
 CHARLES KINSMAN, November 5, 1944
 DONALD L. MISSON, December 11, 1944
 WILLIAM J. GAREY, December 12, 1944
 JOSEPH YANEK, December 22, 1944
 CHESTER GORCZYNSKI, January 10, 1945
 THEODORE SCOUTEN, January 12, 1945
 HARRY S. SMITH, January 15, 1945
 WILLIAM SNYDER FRANTZ, January 22, 1945
 EDISON WALTERS, February 1, 1945
 LESTER L. CULVER, February 9, 1945
 JOSEPH RUSHINKO, March 11, 1945
 ARDEN R. EVANS, March 19, 1945
 CHARLES BILLINGS, April 3, 1945

DIED IN SERVICE

GEORGE UTRICH, May 16, 1942
 HOWARD A. COSGROVE, July 3, 1942
 THOMAS CLARK LLOYD, July 4, 1943
 EVAN J. BRACE, February 15, 1944
 GEORGE S. RACE, October 26, 1944
 JOHN LAITY, January 1, 1945
 RAYMOND H. LOVELAND, January 8, 1945
 JOSEPH POLACHEK, January 22, 1945
 ROY G. SCHULTZ, February 19, 1945
 LAWRENCE GAVEK, February 26, 1945
 HOWARD E. LYNN, April 1, 1945

MISSING IN ACTION

HAROLD THOMAS KEPNER, December 19, 1942
 JOHN P. GLEASON, March 30, 1943
 JOHN E. FRITZ, May 7, 1943
 ROBERT A. GIRVAN, May 14, 1944
 OTTO W. HARZDORF, June 1, 1944
 HERBERT C. CULP, July 12, 1944
 ELWOOD R. RENSHAW, August 20, 1944
 JAMES B. DAVIES, August 25, 1944
 KARL M. KUNKLE, December 5, 1944
 PAUL S. KOCHER, December 17, 1944
 JOHN E. REESE, December 26, 1944
 GEORGE H. RAY, January 9, 1945
 DONALD J. MALKEMES, March 16, 1945

PRISONERS OF WAR

CLARENCE H. MORGAN, May 22, 1942
 DONALD FREEMAN, May 22, 1942
 FRED WESTERMAN, April 20, 1943
 ALFRED E. MAURY, February 5, 1944
 EDWARD SMITH, April 14, 1944
 PETER SKOPIC, May 29, 1944
 RAYMOND F. SUTTON, May 29, 1944
 PAUL F. NULTON, Jr., July 19, 1944
 WILLIAM GENSEL, October 16, 1944
 ALFRED J. BROWN, December 17, 1944
 WELFORD SCOUTEN, December 20, 1944
 LOUIS C. ACHUFF, February 9, 1945

Get Building Title

Back Mountain Memorial Library Association this week received the title to its building on Main street from the Ryman Estate.

Miss Miriam Lathrop of Rutgers University, recently elected librarian, will be here this weekend to confer with the building committee.

Grange To Meet

Jackson Grange will meet Saturday evening at 8 in the Grange Hall. Miss Betty Ide, Miss Anna Ide and Miss Mary Britian Major of Lehman will entertain with musical selections.

There will be a spelling bee followed by a short memorial service for the late President Roosevelt.

Three Sons And Son-In-Law In Military Service



HERBERT WILLIAMS

Three sons and son-in-law of Squire and Mrs. Herbert Williams of Trucksville are doing and have done their bit for Uncle Sam.

S/Sgt. Herbert R. Williams, Jr., has served in a fighter squadron in China for the past year and prior to that was with a Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron in India for four months. A member of the Class 1941 at Kingston Township High School, he enlisted on September 10, 1940, and trained with the Ninth Signal Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C. An injury received while playing army football prevented his attending Officer's Training School at Fort Monmouth, N. J. He trans-



RALPH WILLIAMS

ferred to the Air Corps at Pope Field and trained at 19 different fields in all parts of the country. He received a fractured ankle in a crash landing which prevented his departure for overseas with the rest of his squadron. He is married to the former Laura Lanier of Nashville, Tenn.

Pfc. Ralph Rod Williams was with the Marines during the invasions of Guam, Tinian, Saipan and Iwo Jima where he was wounded during the fourth day's fighting. He is now in a naval hospital in the United States and last week telephoned his mother and did not worry. His right arm, fractured



LOREN WILLIAMS

in two places, and his left hand, also fractured, prevented his holding the telephone but a Red Cross Worker assisted him and also writes his letters. A star football and basketball man at Kingston Township High School, Ralph enlisted in the Marines the day after his graduation in June 1943. He trained at Parris Island and Camp Lejeune.

Loren Williams enlisted when he was sixteen and served six years as a regular army man, first with the Air Corps at Mitchell Field, L.I. and later with the cavalry veterinarian department at Carlisle Barracks. After a period of civilian



ELWOOD DYMOND

life (in defense work with the Crucible Steel Company of Harrison, N. J.) he re-entered the army on February 4, 1944. Injuries received in combat training caused his honorable discharge last October. His wife is the former Catherine Jones. There home is in Wilkes-Barre and they have one child.

Elwood Dymond, a son-in-law, is a Motor Machinist's Mate aboard a L.C.S. somewhere in the Pacific. The son of Mrs. Mame Dymond of Sweet Valley, Elwood attended Kingston High School in 1930. Before entering the navy on April 15, 1944, he was employed by Wilkes-Barre Railway Company. His wife is the former Rachel Williams. They have three children. The picture was drawn by shipmate.

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Charles Billings, Father Of Two, Dies On Luzon

Shavertown Man Was An Expert On Heavy Equipment

Technician Sergeant Charles Billings, 33, died April 3, on Luzon according to a War Department message received yesterday morning by his wife, the former Elizabeth Frantz, whose home is at 4 Brook Street, Shavertown.

There were no further details.

Sgt. Billings was a member of an Engineering Depot Company in charge of heavy construction equipment and had spent five months in New Guinea after going overseas last fall. He wrote his wife on March 28 that he had just landed in the Philippines and was feeling fine and "ok" except he was very busy. He also informed her that his duties had been changed somewhat and that he had several heavy cranes and bulldozers to maintain.

After entering the army in March 1944, Sgt. Billings trained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He was one of eight men selected for the U.S. Army Maintenance-Inspection Team and transferred to 2nd Army Headquarters at Memphis, Tenn. As a member of the team and as an instructor he inspected heavy equipment that was destined for overseas.

Later he returned to his old outfit then stationed in Kansas and went overseas. In New Guinea he was again made a member of an inspection team and flew by plane to various points inspecting equipment being forwarded to battle areas. In frequent letters he said that he enjoyed his work very much but that no place overseas was like home.

Born in Wyoming County, Sgt. Billings was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Billings of Mill City. He graduated from Falls-Overfield Vocational School and was a member of the Mill City Methodist Church. For a time he was in the trucking and machinery business with his brother-in-law, Leslie Frantz in Tunkhannock. He was considered an expert on construction machinery and was employed by Stone & Webster at Williamsport and by the Murray Corporation during the construction of its plant at Scranton.

His wife is the daughter of the late George and Emma Frantz of Dallas Township. They have two children, Albert, 10, and Florence 5. Mrs. Billings moved to Shavertown to be near her brother when her husband was inducted.

New Jersey Man Buys Sunset Hall

Property Has Twenty Rooms; 4 Fireplaces

Sunset Hall on Lake street, familiar Dallas landmark for five generations, has been sold by the owner, Mrs. Morgan A. Wilcox, to George Uebe, textile exporter-importer of Boonton, N. J.

The transaction was completed this week and Mr. and Mrs. Uebe expect to move to their new home just as soon as alterations can be completed. Mrs. Uebe is a sister of Dr. Charles Ashley of Jackson Township and was for many years foreign correspondent of Vogue Magazine.

Seventy-five years ago Sunset Hall served as a Methodist Church. After the present Dallas church was built the building was used as a broom factory for a year and a half. It was later purchased by the late Chester G. Wilcox who remodeled it into a two-family dwelling. Standing one evening under the fine old trees in front of the porch, Mr. Wilcox was spellbound by a beautiful sunset, "I think" he said "we will call this building Sunset Hall."

Later his son, Morgan A. Wilcox occupied one of the apartments while he and Mrs. Wilcox were building their own home on Lake street. Some years later he purchased Sunset Hall.

For a number of years prior to the building of College Misericordia, the Sisters of Mercy occupied the property as a summer residence.

Sunset Hall contains four great fire places and has twenty rooms. It has a frontage of 100 feet on Lake street and extends to Maple street in the rear.

Commenting on the sale, Mrs. Wilcox said, "We have owned these Lake street properties for twenty-two years. After the death of my husband I decided to sell Sunset Hall and the adjacent lots. Two weeks ago I put a small classified ad in The Dallas Post. Mr. and Mrs. Uebe came up from New Jersey to look at a property in Forty Fort, but they saw my ad in The Post first. I've also sold three lots from that ad and have only one left on Lake street and two on Maple street."

Spearheaded Attack

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. James, Trucksville Gardens, have received a letter from their son, Flight Officer Alfred, saying that he has just returned to a rest camp near Paris after spending two days in combat at Wessel, Germany.

Flight Officer James is a glider pilot and in his letter tells how the gliders spearheaded the attack and waited for General Montgomery's men and tanks to come up.



Killed In Action - Germany

ARDEN R. EVANS

September 23, 1921—March 19, 1945

Five Hundred Hands Help Plant Lehman's 218th Memorial Tree

Honoring another soldier who gave his life in the service of his country, young folks of Lehman paid simple and fitting tribute to their late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt Friday morning when with their own hands they planted their 218th memorial tree on the High School campus.

The student body gathered in the High School auditorium and led by Cadet Nurse Judy Simms and Warrant Officer Donald Brandon, home after 18 months in Iceland, filed out of the building and formed a hollow rectangle completely surrounding the rustic board that marks the memorial trees.

During the procession the concealed High School Band played softly. When the music ended, every student was in place. There was no sound save the rustle of nearby trees. Prof. Howard Hendricks offered a memorial prayer. Then Cadet Simms and Warrant

Officer Brandon, flanked by two color guards, stepped forward bearing a wreath which they placed at the base of the board while the clear notes of a distant bugler sounded taps.

Then again there was complete silence. At a point forming a V with the two memorial trees on each side of the board, students placed another larger tree in hollowed earth prepared earlier. As the band again played softly, each student stepped out of line and tenderly placed a handful of soil on the tree roots. Five hundred students, each in his turn took part in the tribute. At the conclusion of the planting with the earth heaped high about the 218th tree, Prof. William Crum offered prayer and the band broke into the stirring strains of the Star Spangled Banner. Thus did Lehman honor a great man in a simple Back Mountain tradition.

F. W. Reinfurt Appointed To Dallas Church

No Other Methodist Pastoral Changes Made In This Area

Rev. Frederick W. Reinfurt of Providence Church, Scranton, became pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, to succeed the late Rev. Austin L. Prynne in one of the few principal changes among Methodist pastors announced Sunday night at the closing session of Wyoming Conference at Elm Park Church, Scranton.

There were no other changes in the Back Mountain area and only five others in the entire Wilkes-Barre district where Rev. Dr. J. Rolland Crompton, formerly of Trucksville, is serving his fifth year as district superintendent.

Rev. Mr. Reinfurt, who assumes the combined Dallas-East Dallas charge serving two churches, was admitted to Wyoming Conference in 1931-32. For a time he served as Life Work Secretary of the Youth Work of the Conference, succeeding Rev. Dr. Norman Clemens. He also taught at many of the Conference Young People's Institutes held annually at Sidney, N. Y.

During student days at Wyoming Seminary where he won the Davenport Public Speaking Prize, was a member of track team and graduated in 1929, he served as pastor at Jackson, Susquehanna County.

He attended Dickinson College where he was a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, national debating society, and graduated magna cum laude at Drew Theological College in 1936.

After graduation he served pastorates at Candor, N. Y., and at Parrish Street Church, Wilkes-Barre, during 1938 and 1939. He transferred to the Florida Conference later returning to the Genesee Conference and Wyoming Conference and has been at Providence Church for the past year and one-half.

Mrs. Reinfurt is a native of Honesdale and a graduate of Honesdale High School where she was valedictorian and later served for seven years as a teacher. She is a graduate of Bloomsburg State Teachers' College where she tied for first honors in her class, and has taken graduate work in music at New York University.

The Reinfurts have two children, Charlyn Mae, aged 8, and Donald William, 6.

Rev. Reinfurt will assume his pastoral duties here a week from this Sunday.

Sgt. John Owens Lands In Russia

Entire Crew Has Now Returned To England

Missing in action since March 19 when he participated in a bomber flight over Germany as a radio-gunner on a B-17, Sgt. John Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Owens of Trucksville is now back with his old outfit in England.

In two letters written on March 28 and April 1, Jack this week informed his parents that his bomber had been attacked and forced down in Russia by German fighters. All of the crew was uninjured and in fine spirits.

At the time he wrote the letters, the crew was staying at an American Air Base in Russia but expected to be returned to England within a few days.

STUDENTS SEE HEALTH FILMS

Two motion pictures, "Appendicitis" and "The Romance of Meat" were shown to students of Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Lehman Schools on Wednesday by Dr. F. Budd Schooley, president of Dallas Board of Health.

The pictures were part of the school health program sponsored by the local Board of Health.

Last week the pictures shown were: "The Heart" and "X-Ray".

Missing Flyer Reported Safe

Engineer-Gunner Lost On First Flight

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burkhardt, of Hunlock Creek R.D. 1, have received word that their son, Cpl. Edwin A. Burkhardt, who has been missing in action since his flight over Germany on December 17, 1944, is now back with American Forces.

The telegram said only: "The Secretary of War desires to inform you, that your son, Cpl. Edwin A. Burkhardt, returned to military control March 29, 1945."

he message is the only official communication received by the Burkhardts since their son was reported missing. They did, however, learn from the families of other members of the crew, that all of the crew, with the exception of one who was killed in action and their own son, were prisoners of war. Three of the prisoners were wounded.

Cpl. Burkhardt, 21, was an engineer-gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber. His family assumes that he was among Air Force prisoners released during the sweep of American armies through Germany.

Give Clothing

Give all the clothing you can to the National Clothing Collection.

Fire Destroys Brooder House

Kozemchaks Lose 200 Baby Chicks

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, using water from its reserve booster tank, prevented the spread of flames to other farm buildings shortly after 9 o'clock Wednesday night when fire from an overheated brooder stove destroyed a brooder house and 200 month-old chicks at the Kozemchak Farm on Overbrook Avenue. Loss is estimated at \$90 to \$125. There was no insurance.

The brooder house was located near a larger chicken coop and adjacent to a barn housing a team of horses, two cows and valuable farm machinery. Timely arrival of the firemen kept flames confined to the brooder house.

Trucksville company also responded but did not arrive until the Dallas company had extinguished the flames and was departing. The Lehman Company was not called.

Albert Cited

C. L. Albert, Jr., son of Tod Albert, Pioneer Avenue insurance man, is one of 13 ambulance drivers cited by the British Government.