

Champion Major Dies Sunday Afternoon At 80

Champion Major, 80, died at his home in Huntsville Sunday afternoon after a prolonged illness. A member of Lehman Methodist Church, he was buried Wednesday afternoon in Lehman Cemetery, following services at 2 conducted by Rev. Frank K. Abbott.

He was born in Plymouth, December 29, 1870, but spent the larger part of his life in Huntsville. His wife, the late Lydia Garinger Major, died October 2, 1937. Two children of the couple died in childhood. Five sons survive: Ralph, Lehman; Albert, Shavertown; Elmer, Homer and John, Trucksville. There are 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Major's father was Boswell Major, his mother Arsenith Bouse Major; grandfather and grandmother were John and Anna Case Major. John was the second child of Thomas and Mary Britton Major, who came to America 130 years ago from England with eleven children. A twelfth child died in England, a thirteenth was born upon arrival in America.

Pallbearers were Bud, Corey, and Bryce Major; Thomas Watkins, Willard Cease, and John Garinger.

BE STRONG

BY
MALTBE DAVENPORT BABOCK

Be strong!
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.

Be strong!
Say not, "The days are evil. Who's to blame?"
And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!
It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not—fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.

This poem is the fourth of a series to be used in this space each week. Presented by...

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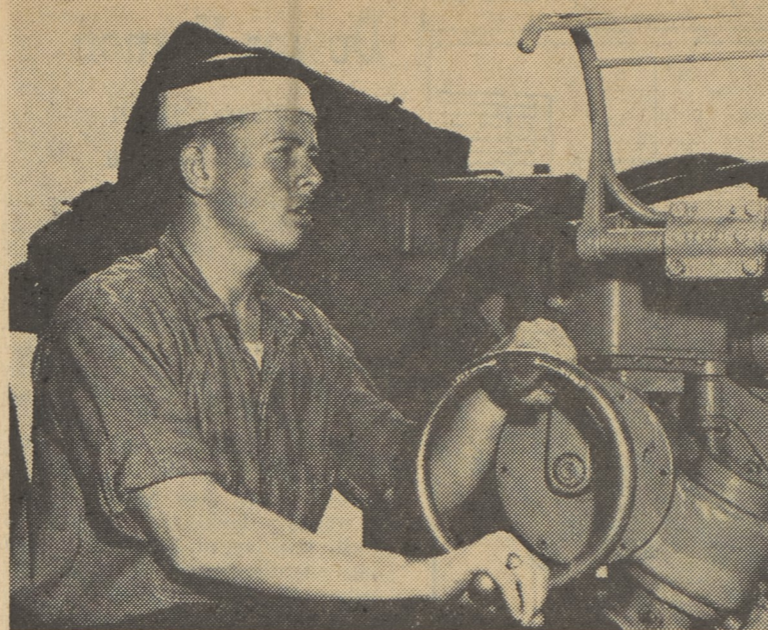
Parsons Serves On Destroyer

Navy Course Takes In Summer Cruise

Midshipman David E. Parsons, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Parsons, Dallas RD 1, has finished a six weeks cruise on Destroyer USS Gyatt, berthing at Norfolk, and taking in points from Cuba to Labrador. He returns immediately to University of Idaho where he is a Junior in Forestry, a Sophomore on a four-year scholarship in the Navy. Before starting on the summer cruise late in July he had worked on a conservation project in the Idaho forests.

Parsons took first year college work at Wilkes, then took competitive examinations for Navy scholarship, and on winning was stationed in Idaho where he could follow both courses, with equal opportunities for both forestry and a navy career. When graduated, he will serve two years in the Navy, starting as an ensign.

Local Boy Trains On Gun Crew



Rough and ready, from dungarees to the smudge of grease on his upper lip, here is David E. Parsons, Midshipman, aboard Destroyer USS Gyatt, on a six weeks training cruise somewhere in the Atlantic.

On Arctic Mission

William B. Russell, seaman, USN, of Route 3, recently participated in the annual set resupply mission to the Canadian Arctic regions in support of the Joint Weather Station Program which is being carried out by the governments of Canada and the United States.

The program was initiated to provide meteorological observations required for more accurate short-range forecasting, and to accumulate research data necessary for the solution of long-range forecasting problems.

The sea resupply mission was carried out by four U. S. Navy ships—the icebreaker USS Atka; the cargo vessels USS Wyandot and Achernar; and the tanker USS Nespelem.

Know Your Neighbor

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abandon the weaving of crepe and broadcloth and georgette, and return to school in preparation for the ministry, the manager offered him a much better position to remain, but his mind was made up.

Entering Wyoming Seminary at 20, several years beyond the usual age, and with five years of productive work behind him, he realized the value of an education and applied himself. As he phrases it, he "worked his way through at the end of a bell rope and a shovel".

We inquired particularly about the bell rope. The shovel was self explanatory. It developed that on Mondays the bell had to be rung 16 times, from rising until retiring time, and it was Fred's job to ring it. Dr. Sprague also assigned him classrooms to clean, and there were the inevitable tables to wait on.

During his senior year he filled the pulpit at Thornhurst.

But with all the extra-curricular work and the hard study, Reinfurt had time to play in the school band and to be president of the Debating Team. He says he still uses Galen's principles in building his sermons, employing thesis, antithesis and synthesis. One of his most prized possessions is the Nesbitt medal for oratory.

After graduation from Seminary, he entered Dickinson, and here again he was on the Debating Team. It was when a freshman at Carlisle that he competed in a regional track meet, winning a medal for his half-mile work, and here also that he developed technique in tennis and ping pong.

He still takes on all comers at ping-pong, and up to date the only contender hereabouts who has been able to floor him is Wilson Garinger, an ex-champion at Penn State.

Rev. Reinfurt did not develop those huge shoulders by playing football, because football practice takes up too much time. He got them by working on the railroad and in logging operations in the sub-zero woods, as well as by summer work on State road construction.

At Drew Theological Seminary he travelled 300 miles each weekend to serve two charges in Jack-

With Bombardment Wing

2nd Lt. Clayton L. Cairl, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Cairl, Cemetery street, Dallas, has recently been assigned to the 92nd Bombardment Wing at Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane, Washington.

Lieutenant Cairl attended Dallas Borough High School. He enlisted in the Air Force at Wilkes-Barre, in June 1943 and was commissioned at Napier Field, December 1944.

The Lieutenant is married to the former Dolores Douglas of Tunkhannock R. D.

son and North Jackson, Susquehanna County. He was one of two in his class who graduated with a Magna Cum Laude.

When he was pastor at Melbourne, Florida, he wrote a weekly column for the Melbourne Times, captioned, "The Parson Edits the News." He recollects with a chuckle that writing a review of the English version of "One Foot in Heaven" was funny, because English taboo prevents the use of the word "Heaven". The title came out, "One Foot in Trouble". He is the author of "Dark Churches".

During his pastorate in Dallas he has built up the church from a moderate sized congregation to 715, a gain of 425 new members, preponderantly adult, one of the most spectacular growths in the district.

Last spring he was accorded the signal honor of being named special speaker for the Harold Stassen Committee of International Council of Religious Education on publication of a new revision of the Bible. He is chairman of Worship Committee of United Churches of Wyoming Valley.

He was elected President of the Wilkes-Barre District in 1950.

For three years he served as chairman of the Hemmelright Award, the committee which votes on the Man of the Year for the Back Mountain region.

His wife, the former Catherine M. Partridge, is active in church work, but preeminently a homemaker for her husband and three children.

Charlyn, 14, the eldest, will enter Wyoming Seminary this term. She won the American Legion award upon graduation from the eighth grade, Dallas Borough Schools, in June.

Donald, 13, is in the eighth grade and plays in the band. Frederick Junior, five plus, will be entering school this fall.

Rev. Reinfurt likes to hunt and fish. Until recently he has emulated the late Calvin Coolidge in dangling the angleworm before the hungry trout, but has lately turned to fly-casting, a sport in which he is picking up technique.

Two years ago he satisfied what was practically a life-long ambition, and now goes careening about the countryside on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, accompanied, one at a time, by his family. Asked why he didn't add another wheel and a flying bath-tub to the motorcycle in the interests of taking them all at once, en famille, he said side cars were sissy, and the family could just hang on to the driver's waistline.

Church News

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, announces its schedule for the week of September 16.

Sunday

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—The Service. The pastor of the Church, the Rev. Frederick W. Mook, Jr., will continue the "Home Coming" theme with a sermon on "Lord, Increase Our Faith."

7:00 P. M.—"Doggie Roast" for the members of the Luther League and their parents at the outdoor fireplace of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gerlach.

Tuesday

"Harvest Home Baked Ham Supper" at the Church. The Ladies' Auxiliary are responsible for this project.

Wednesday

1:00 P. M.—Ladies' Auxiliary meeting. Mrs. E. R. Marley and Mrs. John Malkemes are the hostesses.

7:30 P. M.—Luther League Choir rehearsal.
8:00 P. M.—Senior Choir rehearsal.

Friday and Saturday

Third Annual Stewardship meeting at Trinity Church, Reading. St. Paul's Congregation will be represented by the pastor and Mr. Richard M. Rudy.

DALLAS METHODIST

"How Big Is My Church?" will be the basis for discussion in the three adult classes on Sunday morning at 10.

(The Bible reference is in Acts, Chapters eleven and fifteen, and in Second Corinthians 9:1-5.)

Youth Division will elect representatives for the Youth Council in the Sunday School hour. The council will include a boy and girl from each department, one representative from Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Methodist Youth Fellowship Evening meeting counselors.

The minister will speak on "When The Expert Failed" in the Morning Worship. Mrs. Ruth Turn Reynolds will be at the organ. Parents of pre-school children are invited to leave their children in the Church Nursery.

Finance Committee will meet after the Service to elect a chairman and to discuss certain items of business. Following are members, Paul Phillips, Ray Evans, Peter D. Clark, Mrs. Stanley B. Davies, David Evans, Floyd Ide, Floyd Bogert, and Lawrence Updyke.

Youth Council will meet at the home of Mrs. Louise Colwell Sun-

Lee Landmesser Has Surprise On Birthday

Lee Landmesser, Pikes Creek, was so completely surprised when forty-eight friends gave him an unexpected birthday party Saturday afternoon, that he construed the long line of approaching cars as evidence of a fire, and stepped outside to inspect the roof.

The party was engineered by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Landmesser, Wilkes-Barre, and the elaborate cake came from Allentown under convoy of Andrew H. Landmesser, Lee's brother.

day evening at 7 to organize the youth program for the year.

Country Couples Club will hold their monthly meeting Sunday evening at 8:15. Officers will be elected. Miss Frances Dorrance, Librarian of Hoyt Library, and a lifelong student of Wyoming Valley history will speak.

Troop 281 will meet Monday at 7 P. M. Plans for fall will be made.

Brace Bible Class will hold a Corn Roast at Butternut Grove, Lake Street, Tuesday, 6:30 P. M. Wives and friends are invited.

Eleventh Annual Fall meeting of Wilkes-Barre District W.S.C.S. will be held at Firwood Methodist Church, Wednesday, Luncheon reservations can be made with Mrs. R. E. Kuhnert or Mrs. Z. E. Garinger by Friday, September 14th.

Wilkes-Barre District Missionary Institute will be held in the same Church on Wednesday, Rev. Charles R. Britt, missionary in Liberia and the Rev. Dewey D. Etchieson, superintendent of Oklahoma Indian Mission will be the speakers.

Choirs will rehearse on Thursday, Junior Choir, 4:15; Youth Choir, 6:30; and Senior Choir, 8.

This is the first meeting of the children's and youth choirs. All those interested are urged to contact Mrs. Ruth Turn Reynolds.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Drabick have moved to Lake Ariel, where Mr. Drabick has accepted a position as agricultural teacher in the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dawe and Billie have just returned from a trip to Newport News, Va. and Nag's Head, N. C.

Miss Barbara Gregory of Kingstons spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Simms.

Mr. and Mrs. Ornan Lamb have just spent a week in Atlantic City. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rood recently visited Luray, Va. and toured the Skyline Drive.

Miss Blanche Taylor is recovering at her home from an appendectomy.

Miss Priscilla Abbott is spending a week with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. K. Abbott before returning to Bloomsburg State Teachers' College.

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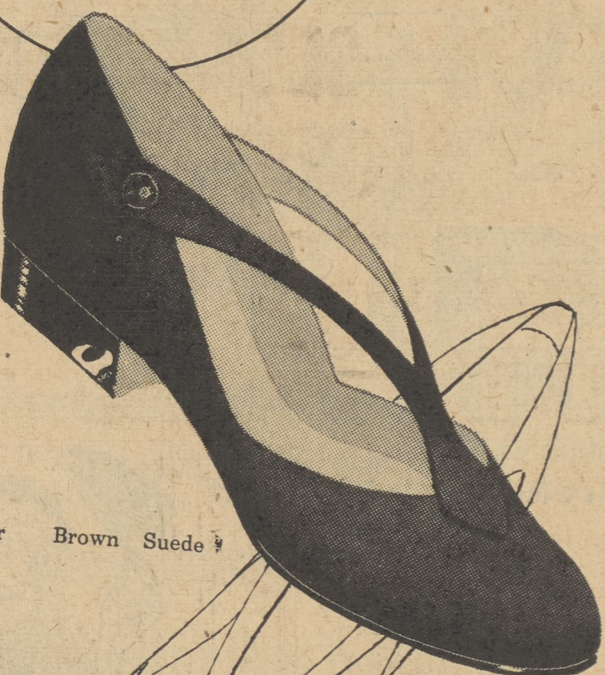
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