

Third Degree Burns Fatal

Mrs. Stella Sayre Dies At Hospital

Mrs. Stella Pall Sayre, 37, victim of a tragic accident, was buried in the parish cemetery at Lake Silkworth Monday morning, following a mass requiem celebrated by Rev. C. J. Sikowski at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Mrs. Sayre, partially paralyzed and voiceless for the past five years, following an attack of encephalitis, attempted to light a cigarette, when the entire folder of paper matches caught fire and ignited her thin summer dress. Falling to the porch floor, a living torch, she suffered third degree burns before she was discovered. She went into profound shock, and died four hours later at 7:10 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. Her mother, who made the gruesome discovery, was burned about the hands and feet as she attempted rescue.

Mrs. Sayre had improved slowly after her illness, and was able to sit in a wheelchair and get about haltingly with a cane, but needed too much care to be allowed to return to her children and family. She made her home for the past five years with her mother, Mrs. Mary Pall, Hunlocks Creek.

Mrs. Pall said that Mrs. Sayre was allowed a few cigarettes a day, and these were carefully lighted for her. The book of paper matches was apparently treasured in secret.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas Sayre, Hunlocks Creek; children Robert, Anthony, and Thomas; brothers and sisters: Anthony Pall, West Nanticoke; John, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Mammie Kulkowski, Muhlenburg; Mrs. Jennie Kulkowski, Buffalo; Edward, Hunlocks Creek; Mrs. Albena Lapinski, Mocoanaua; Joseph, Sweet Valley; Walter, Pikes Creek; Leo, Irene and Robert Pall, at home.

Friends called at the Bronson Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Barney Petroski, Anthony Yockevitch, Philip Witkowski, Stanley Kulakowski, Raymond Stasko, and Joseph Lapinski.

Mrs. Harry Adams Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Katherine Mary Todd Adams, Chautauqua County, N. Y., lost a gallant fight for life Thursday evening, dying after many years of increasing illness. The impact of her gentle spirit and unflinching cheerfulness in the face of intense suffering was reflected in the grief of the community at her passing.

Among her pallbearers was a blind boy whom she had helped to make his cruel adjustment to life three years ago when he first lost his sight.

She was buried in the country cemetery at Fentonville Sunday afternoon, beside the father and mother she had lost in recent years, the late Dr. Martillus L. and Mary Davis Todd. Services were conducted in the church where her parents first met, Frewsburg Methodist, when the young medical student, son of the new minister, fell in love with the organist.

Mrs. Adams was the younger sister of Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Dallas. She is survived by her husband, Harry Adams; a son, Harry Todd Adams; a daughter, the former Mary Isabelle Adams; a granddaughter, her namesake; two brothers, Howard Davis Todd, manager of the new Sears "A" Store in Charleston, S. C., and Dr. Martillus H. Todd, chief surgeon of Coral Gables Veterans Hospital.

Bloomington Resident Dies Of Heart Attack

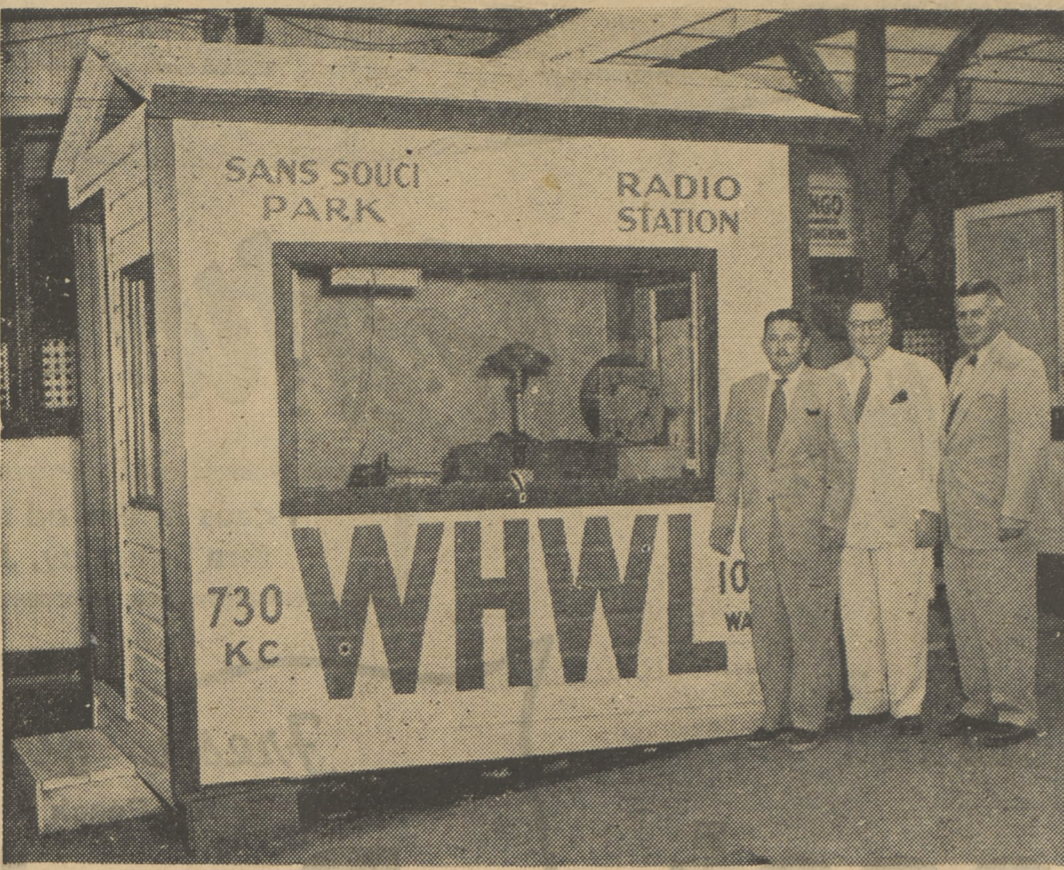
Willard Arthur Franklin, 67, lifelong resident of Bloomington, was buried from his home Thursday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. William Howie, pastor of the Bible Protestant Church of which Mrs. Franklin was a member. He was assisted by Rev. Ira Button.

Mr. Franklin complained of slight distress in his chest a week ago. Waking in intense pain early Monday morning, he paced the floor and dropped dead before help could reach him.

Son of the late Wilbur and Della Harrison Franklin, he was born in Bloomington, where he farmed all his life. He served as fire warden for twenty-five years.

He is survived by his widow, the former Pearl Poust; sons: Harry,

Sans Souci Park Midway Has Broadcast Studio



—Dan Gawlas

Farm Realty At Peak Value

Value Per Acre Highest Ever Known

Pennsylvania's 147,000 farms now have a total value of \$1,983,000,000 and the dollar value per acre is the highest ever known, the State Department of Agriculture reported today following Federal-State surveys.

During the year ended March 1 the average value per acre of Keystone State farm lands advanced three percent, reaching \$140.53 compared with \$136.35 a year previous, the survey showed. Between November 1 and March 1 the advance was two per cent. For the United States as a whole there was an advance of one percent in farm real estate values.

A trend toward home building in rural areas that received impetus following World War II has been increasing, observers said. Many farms have been laid out in building lots and for housing development. Also, they say, many farmers unable to compete with industrial wages for labor, have disposed of their farms.

Voluntary farm sales have been decreasing in numbers for the past 10 years and probably will be fewer during the remainder of 1955 because many farm owner-operators will be covered by Social Security for the first time late this year and during 1956. Such farmers are expected to hold off selling until they qualify at 65 years of age or over. Also influencing such decisions may be the fact that Congress is in the process of making women eligible for Social Security payment at age 62, it was said.

HACKLING REUNION

The fifteenth annual reunion of the Hackling family was held on Sunday at Grassmere Park. Oldest person attending was Joseph Hackling, Central, Pa., and the youngest were Connie and Karen Housenick, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Housenick, Jr., of Trout Run, Pa. Both were presented with a gift.

Those attending from Noxen were: Mr. and Mrs. James Patton and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hackling, Harold, Margaret, Kathryn and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fritz and Nick Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Housenick, Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Housenick, Jr., daughters Diana, Connie and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Housenick, Sr., Janet, Susan, Robert, David, Charles and Alvin, Trout Run; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hackling, Daughters Patricia and Joyce, Vestal, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hackling, son Earl, of Endicott, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Janochi, sons Jack and Ed. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laziosing and Robbie and Karen, Mrs. Hulda Frazier, Plymouth; Mrs. Anna Dewalt, Bloomsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peterman, sons Forest and Tommy, Mr.

Newark, N. J.; Paul, Koonsville; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Rose Shaffer, Williamsport; a stepson, Milton Nash, Kingston; ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

Local Attorney's Father Was One Of Founders Of Sans Souci Park

Sans Souci Park, located in Hanover Township on the highway leading from Wilkes-Barre to Nanticoke, known as "Sans Souci Parkway," is the first major amusement park in the nation to have a radio broadcasting studio on its midway. Pictured at the special WHWL Studio, from where daily programs are broadcast, are, left to right, Milton Laughlin, Manager of Station WHWL, Attorney James Lenahan Brown, Shavertown, park secretary-treasurer and General Counsel, and Edward J. Lee, park president and general manager. Besides daily broadcasts, station WHWL and Sans Souci personnel conduct a thirty minute program each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 during which time patrons on the midway are interviewed and corsages are presented to the lady participants.

Sans Souci Park was started in 1903 and has been in continuous operation since. The present management of the park is the second generation of the original founders. The late Attorney Frank B. Brown who served as alderman of the Eighth Ward of the City of Wilkes-Barre for 51 years, together with his brother, the late George K. Brown, and a cousin, the late Mrs. Nellie Barr, were the founders of Sans Souci Park and the original incorporators of the Hanover Amusement Company that operates Sans Souci Park. Mr. Edward Lee is a nephew of the late Nellie Barr, and Attorney James Lenahan Brown is the son of the late Attorney Frank B. Brown.

The park, in its 52nd year, has roller coaster, dodgem, whip, tumble bug, ferris wheel, caterpillar, pretzel and fly-o-plane, and eight kiddie rides, including the merry-go-round, kiddie auto ride, whip, pony cart, boat ride, rocket, junior jet and miniature train ride which is enjoyed by adults and children alike. The junior set is the newest ride in the amusement field, and the one at Sans Souci Park is the only one of this type being operated in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The park also features a swimming pool, the largest ballroom in Northeastern Pennsylvania, a shooting gallery, three restaurants and eight game and novelty stands. For the convenience of the public, there are six groves, each complete with overhead shelters and outdoor cooking facilities. The groves vary in size and can accommodate groups from 75 to 2,500. There are five separate parking lots, the facilities of which are available to the public without charge.

During its 52 years of existence in entertaining the public, Sans Souci Park has always been interested in bringing to the people new and novel forms of entertainment and presenting at its park new developments, the radio studio pictured above being the latest "first" in operation at Sans Souci Park.

'55 Sweet Corn Crop To Top '54 Harvest
More fresh sweet corn "roasting ears" will be coming from Pennsylvania farms this year than last, the State Department of Agriculture reported today. First Federal-State production forecast by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service places this season's sweet corn crop at 2,375,000 units of five dozen ears each, or more than 142,000,000 ears. This is six per cent above 1954 and 20 per cent above average. The acreage for harvest at 25,000 is the same as harvested last year, but three per cent above average. The Pennsylvania sweet corn crop on July 1 was in good condition but

Little Children Will Miss Him

J. L. Wagner Dies Of Heart Attack

Joseph Lear Wagner will be sorely missed by the children in Shavertown, many of whom called at the Gail Hughes Funeral Home to bid their staunch friend farewell. He was buried in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery Tuesday afternoon, following services read by Rev. William McClelland, rector of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church.

Pall-bearers were Thomas Higgins, George Prater, Samuel Patner, Fred Andes, Edward Hall, and Joseph Bednar.

Mr. Wagner died Friday afternoon at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, succumbing to a sudden heart attack. His death was totally unexpected. He had been a medical patient since Monday, hospitalized for tests and diagnosis following a series of mild heart attacks beginning six weeks previously.

Children were his hobby. He kept on hand a supply of candy which he soberly referred to as "pills," distributing them to a constant stream of visiting children whom he called "Sunshine" or "Buddy." Children passed the word around that Mr. Wagner was their friend, and youngsters he had never seen before were accustomed to ring the bell and ask for him.

He was active in the Old Toll Gate Lions Club, one of its charter members, and a past president. He belonged to Prince of Peace Church.

For the past fifteen years he was auditor for the State, based at Luzerne County Court House where he had held various Luzerne County positions.

Mr. Wagner was the son of the late George and Sally Kitchen Wagner. Born at Drifton, he spent most of his life in Wilkes-Barre, moving to Shavertown in 1942.

Surviving are his widow, the former Sophie Dombrowski of Nanticoke; a daughter Sara, a teacher at Coughlin High School; two sisters, Mrs. Gerald B. Saunders, Kingston; and Dorothy, Wilkes-Barre; three brothers: Charles W., Shavertown; J. Merritt, Plymouth; and G. Harold, Penn Lake, former State Treasurer and Auditor General.

"The thing most brides would like is a cook book with a happy ending."—Robert Q. Lewis.

some early planted acreage was tasselung out short due to the dry weather conditions that prevailed during most of May. Later plantings are growing well.

On Bank Staff



MRS. JANET ICHTER BEECH

Mrs. Janet Ichter Beech, Ferguson Avenue, Shavertown, is a member of the staff of the Back Mountain Office of The Wyoming National Bank. She has been a Back Mountain resident for the past six years.

Mrs. Beech is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and was employed by Pennsylvania Power and Light prior to her marriage. She is a member of Wilkes-Barre Junior League and has been active in Community Chest and Red Cross work. She served as co-chairman of the Shavertown division of the Red Cross in the 1954 drive. Mrs. Beech is a member of the Shavertown Methodist Church where she serves as secretary of the official board and financial secretary of the WSCS executive committee. She is a member of Kings Daughters Sunday School class and the church choir.

She and her husband, Charles, have an eight-year-old son, Sandy, who attends third grade in the Shavertown school. Mr. Beech is representative for Wilson Sporting Goods in this area.

Holy Name Society Clambake August 7

A meeting of Gate of Heaven Holy Name Society Clambake Committee was held at the home of Chairman Andrew Sokol Monday night to draw the final plans for this annual event which will be held at Melody Park on August 7.

Steamed clams, roast corn and hot and cold sandwiches will be served. Games and sporting events will be held, swimming facilities are offered and a good time is not guaranteed but is available.

Mrs. I. L. Brobst Dies Of Stroke

Burial Thursday At Woodlawn

Mrs. Ida Louise Brobst, "Grandma" to the children on the hill, died Saturday afternoon at the home of her son, Kenneth Brobst, Pinecrest Avenue. Born in Mauch Chunk, she was the daughter of the late William and Sally Dotter. She was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery following services conducted Monday afternoon from the Disque Funeral Home by Rev. Herbert D. Olver, district superintendent of the Free Methodist Church, in the absence of Rev. Joseph Sproule. Rev. Sproule suffered a heart attack the day Mrs. Brobst died.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Harold, Charles, Herbert, Charles Jr., David Jr., and Larry Brobst. Flower carriers were pallbearer's wives.

Mrs. Brobst suffered a cerebral hemorrhage two weeks before her death. Neighbors heard the crash of breaking china when she fell, and rushed to offer assistance. Members of the Dallas Community Ambulance crew carried her to her upstairs bedroom after she collapsed. By the following morning she had regained her speech, but was paralyzed.

Mrs. Brobst was a faithful member of Dallas Free Methodist Church. James LaBar was accustomed to transport her to services, but if he were even a moment late, she started to walk down the hill to avoid missing services. A great home body, and much attached to her garden flowers, she could seldom be persuaded to pay a visit to other members of the family, preferring her own familiar place.

Her husband Charles, an employee of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, died in 1936.

She is survived by five children: Clark, Tunkhannock; Carl, Noxen; Clinton, Mrs. Dorothy Esser, and Kenneth, Dallas; fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Simon Wald, Jim Thorpe.

Arrangements by Bronson.

Lake-Noxen Announces Registration Dates

Lake-Noxen first grade registration will take place next week. Children who will be six years old prior to February 1, 1956, are eligible. Birth and vaccination certificates are required. Children to attend the Lake School will register on Wednesday, 1 to 4 or 6 to 8 p.m. Noxen children will register Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

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