

### Mrs. McCaffery Buried Tuesday

Was Daughter Of Late James Oliver

Mrs. Margaret Oliver McCaffery, member of a prominent Back Mountain family, was buried Tuesday following largely attended funeral services from Glover Funeral Home at Harveys Lake. Services were in charge of Rev. Stahl of Alderson Methodist Church with interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Danville. Mrs. McCaffery died Saturday at 10 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, where she was Tuesday following a stroke in the day while she was caring to attend her duties at Old Bottom Beach which she and husband operated. Born in Dallas, she was the daughter of the late James R. Oliver and Alice Hufford. Her father was for many years in the automobile business in Dallas and James R. Oliver Agency was one of her largest and oldest in Luzerne county.

Mrs. McCaffery was valedictorian of the class of 1932 at Dallas Borough High School and like other members of her family was blessed with

### Junior Women Have Tickets For House Tour

Tickets for the House Tour to be held by the Dallas Junior Woman's Club can be purchased from any member of the club or at the door of any of the six homes to be toured on September 9. Sunday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m.

Any club member in need of more tickets, please contact Mrs. Thomas Decker, Burrdale Road, Dallas.

A beautiful voice. After graduation from Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, she did private duty nursing until her marriage to Mr. McCaffery.

In 1947 the couple moved to Harveys Lake where they engaged in business and developed the Old Sandy Bottom area, now one of the leading beaches at the Lake.

She was a member of Danville Methodist Church, Harveys Lake Business and Protective Association and Ladies Auxiliary of Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company.

Beside her husband, Joseph, she leaves a son James and two grandchildren; also a sister Madge, Mrs. Calvin McHose; brothers Kenneth, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, James and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: Thomas Garrity, Lee Zimmerman, Edward Delaney, Walbridge Lienthall, Howard Jones and Bert Bainbridge.

### Out Of Isolation

Ronnie Richards, who was severely burned several weeks ago, is out of isolation and having therapy. Ronnie has had skin grafts, which were very successful. He recently celebrated his birthday and has received many birthday and get-well cards.

### Tomato Harvest Now At Peak In Centermoreland

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The drought this summer, of course, has played havoc with the green tomato crop. Since a grower gets about three crops per field, and the fields are planted in a staggered fashion, it is not now possible to estimate the total loss from dryness. Some of the big growers have estimated the loss so far as upwards of twenty per cent. Smaller growers, such as Francis Faux of Lockville, hesitatingly place the loss at some twenty to fifty per cent, depending on the field. With fewer fields due at different times, the small grower doesn't have the latitude of productive area to pick from.

The labor supply involved in the tomato industry is enormous. Local labor is used more prevalently than is usually thought. Small growers, who by far outnumber the big ones

in number and acreage, rarely employ migrants. They cannot afford to build facilities to house them. "But the time will come", Faux figured, "when we'll have to start using them."

Packing houses vary in their practice of employment. Sponholtz uses both local and migrant packing crews. Dymond appears to have mostly local workers, but his is a smaller operation since he packs only his own produce. Dymond Brothers is the only corporation in the Back Mountain which does both its own packing and growing.

Carl Slickler grows only for Abood, but the two remain separate entities.

The migrants almost all base in Florida. There is where their work is most of the year. At the various camps along their route to the north, they are housed in barracks by the large growers for whom they work, houses for families, and trailers. Life for them is not easy. They are always beset by poverty and prejudice. On the other hand, the gypsy-like existence is not one of invariable drudgery.

One worker, Arthur Flores, 18-year old truck-driver for Andrew Prebola, did not complain. His brother, for example, picked 217 baskets in one day. At 14 cents per basket, that comes out to over \$30 in one day. There is room at the top in any business for a good man.

Flores' father is Prebola's crew leader, so the young Texas Mexican knows the tomato-business well.

"I used to work at this alone", he said. "Then I got married three months ago. It's a lot better, because this job is very hard, and it gets very lonely." He met his wife in Florida.

Unless you are married, you get your meals at the camp cook-house. Arthur noted only one exception to this: a friend of his who is married and still eats at the cook-house.

Mostly, the young single men stay home at night, or else they go as far as Wilkes-Barre for fun. "Nothing to do around here", he noted. On the other hand, one gets up at 5 in the morning to start work, so it is best to stay home.

At the Centermoreland Methodist Church, 19 migrants' youngsters are taken care of during the day by the joint efforts of the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, Penn State University, and the Methodist Church. The children, aged 3 to 14, are transported by bus from two camps around Centermoreland, Dymond's and Prebola's. Carl Slickler declined use of this voluntary service this year.

The tots play games, and stick together modern art, etc, and the older ones learn early grade-school lessons under the supervision of state teachers: Mrs. Dorothy Brown, Pine Grove Mills, Supervisor; Ann

Hege and Sally Aikens, teachers. Miss Hege is entering Indiana State Teacher's College this fall, and Miss Aikens is a senior at Muskingum College, Ohio. Marjorie Willis, a Wilson College graduate, is social worker for the state at the school. Mrs. Brown, a kindergarten teacher in the winter, has a Master of Education degree from Penn State.

In general, the tomato industry is getting bigger and more automated. But like most truck agriculture production, it will remain a gambler's game, work for strong backs and tough dispositions. The state cannot supervise the weather, nor can it convince the lists of unemployed standing on Valley street-corners that tomato-picking is work. The Back Mountain green-tomato industry will continue to boom along on its own merits, and fall apart under adverse conditions if it has to.

Chances are tomatoes will be, seasonally, Back Mountain's biggest production for some time to come.

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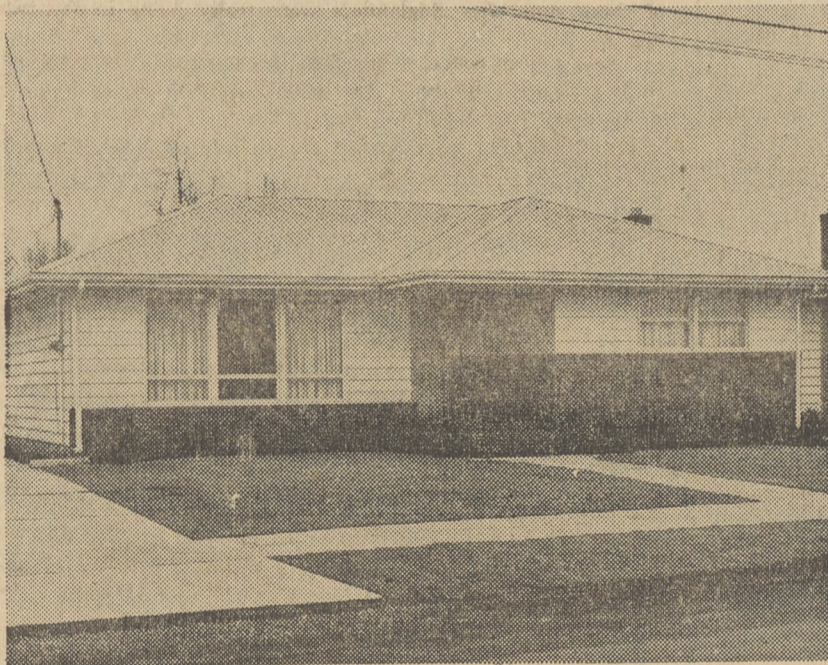
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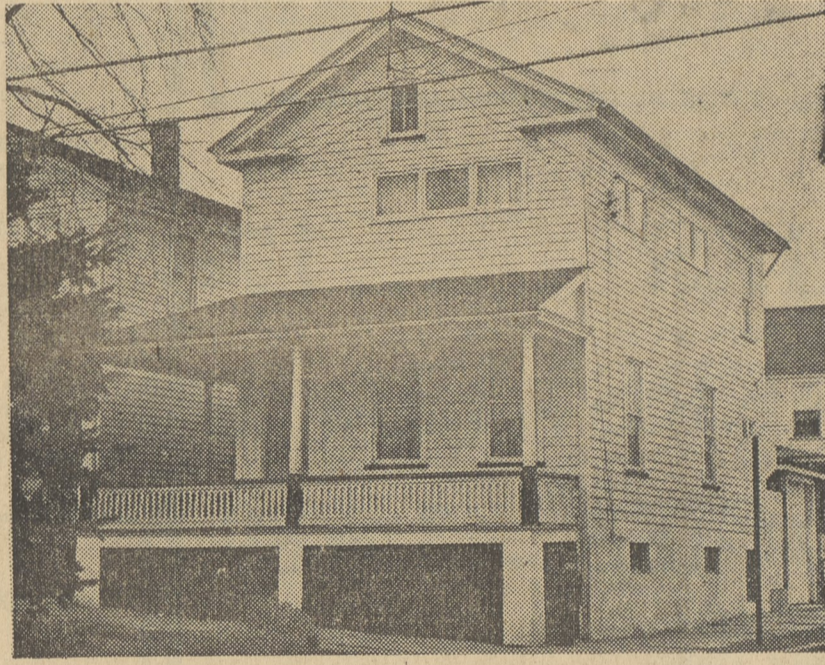
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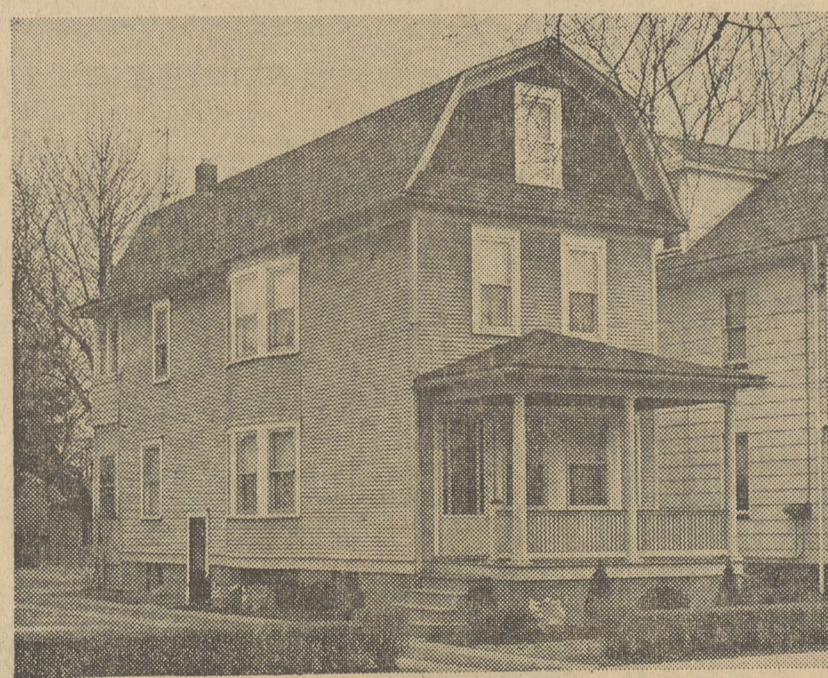
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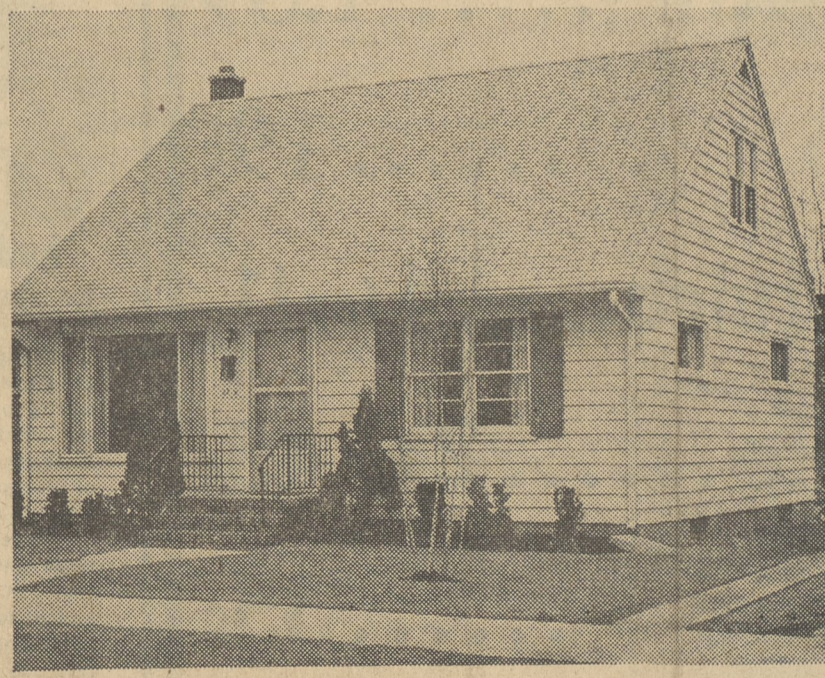
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