

Know Your Neighbor

William James brings happiness to neighbors



William James

Few people realize the happiness Bill James of Harveys Lake has brought into the lives of many Back Mountain residents.

A quiet and modest man, he shrugs off as 'incidental' the many considerate deeds he has done for others. Seldom does a week go by that he and his wife, the former Louise Troster of Kingston, do not pick up three or four friends from the Back Mountain and take them with them on trips, to concerts, or out to dinner. These are residents who, in most cases, would have no transportation or means to go anywhere.

No task is too great, whether it be driving someone to town or doing other chores for some less fortunate.

Retiring in 1965 from the Postal Department where he had been employed for 34 years, he now spends three to four months of each year working with the annual Shrine Circus where he has been chairman of the guest program for the last 14 years. Both he and Louise give generously of their time the week of the circus as well, which is always held the week following Easter.

Born and raised in Edwardsville, the son of the late William and Alice James, Bill graduated from Edwardsville High School. Shortly after graduation, he joined the Post Office Department as railway postal clerk, spending the first 27 years on trains. The last seven years before he retired he worked on special assignments out of the Philadelphia Regional Office, traveling through Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

He and Louise first lived in Philadelphia but after a few months moved to Willow Grove where they remained until 1943 when they moved to Meshoppen.

When the James left Meshoppen they purchased a home on Spring Street, Shavertown, where they resided for three years.

It was then they decided to build their home in Vernon where they remained for 22 years. While there, Louise James became interested in ceramics and before long had opened her own business in an addition which Bill had built on their home.

For five years after his retirement, Bill and Louise traveled to New Jersey for greenware and molds for the business and he became as involved as she did in the shop.

Finally, they decided they should have more time for themselves and do some traveling which they both enjoy so they sold their place in Vernon and purchased their large white home which sets up on a hill overlooking Harveys Lake.

They make good use of their 19-foot boat, riding around the lake, and in good weather, they often take friends and lunch with them and enjoy eating in the center of the lake.

Bill is a member of George M. Dallas Lodge, Caldwell Consistory and Irem Temple, around which a great deal of his life revolves. He has been active in both Consistory and the Shrine since he became a member in 1946. He is presently the only member of Consistory who is the recipient of the 33rd degree and the Meritorious Service Award.

He is a commissioner of the Caldwell Immediate Relief Fund and also volunteers his service in the office. He is degree master for the 26th degree which is conferred by members of the Dallas area.

Bill is a member and past resident of the Chanters and also of the Uniformed Unit. These groups have appeared in many parades, both public and Shrine, and in the Middle Atlantic Convention at Virginia Beach, took first place in

the line of march and also first place in singing competition.

Although he does not teach now, Bill was a Sunday School teacher for more than 40 years. Before moving to the lake, he was a member of Centermoreland United Methodist Church where he taught the Men's Bible Class. He and his wife also were hard workers in the church's annual barbecue and auction. He is now a member of Idetown United Methodist Church where he sings in the choir.

Bill is currently building a large porch on the side of their home for outdoor entertaining during the

summer.

Both he and his wife enjoy playing bridge and pinocle but, unlike Louise, Bill does not belong to any card clubs. He prefers to play with friends without adhering to a schedule.

Years ago he played baseball and basketball but today he is content to enjoy sports as a spectator. Football, baseball, basketball and golf are the sports he most enjoys watching.

Reading and music are favorite pastime interests of Bill James. He reads non-fiction and the many books in his home are evidence of his interest. He is also chairman of the Sunday

Church.

night summer concerts at the Country Club.

He and Louise like to travel and although they have made short trips to California and other sections of the country, they spend most of their time visiting places in the Eastern half of the United States.

His two sons and grandsons are "tops" on his list. Whenever possible, he travels to New Jersey to visit his son Bill, and attend musical programs presented by his grandsons. Bill is supervisor of music in Butler, N.J. schools, and organist at Caldwell

Church.

His son, Don, who lives at Meshoppen, is a member of the Bell-tones, the Gospel singing group who appear throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Louise now works with porcelain and Bill does all the pouring. He has also done several pieces himself, one of which is a horse's head lamp which he poured, and completed including the wiring.

All these activities keep him busy but never so busy that he can't stop to do something for someone else, sometimes so unobtrusively that the recipient never realizes he has done it.

"Who's Who"

Sheila Connery, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. James Connery, Elmcrest, Dallas, has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

A senior biology major at College Misericordia, Miss Connery was among 16 students selected for the national honor at the school. Selection is made by a committee of students, faculty and administrators on the basis of academic achievement, and

contributions to both the college and community.

Miss Connery is a dean's list student at the college, active in student organization and in the process of preparing for medical school.

As a result of her selection for "Who's Who" her biography will be published in the next edition of the national listing. She will also have the privilege of using the organization as a reference.



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Idetown

by Virginia Hoover

Mr. and Mrs. William Casterline and Thomas Coburn enjoyed sight-seeing the New England states over the weekend.

A wish for a speedy recovery is sent to Walter Wolfe of Meeker, who has been a patient at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

After trying several different nights for the Bible study of the Lehman Charge, Wednesday night at 7:30 at the parsonage, has been set as the time for these meetings.

The Church World Service Drive is going on at the Idetown United Methodist Church. Items needed are clothing, especially mens and blankets. The collection will take place up to Friday of this week. These items are used for such disasters as Agnes.

The Couples Club of the Idetown United Methodist Church held a spaghetti dinner at their meeting Oct. 1. Al Swetzer and Robert Van Gorder were the cooks.

The service at the Idetown U.M. Church on Sunday Nov. 2 will be an all musical with a hymn sing

and special music.

Mr. and Mrs. Bing Wolfe of Lehman Road, Outlet, spent last week touring the New England States. Bing attended an electronic school at Concord, N.H., for a few days, which made this a business and a pleasure trip. Ruth enjoyed the sights of New England

for the first time.

Don't forget the Horseshow at the Lehman Horseshow Grounds this Saturday that the Rambling Riders Horsemens Club, of Mohawk Stables is sponsoring. There will be a total of 24 classes altogether of games and pleasure. Trophies, rib-

bons and money prizes will be awarded. There will also be a high-point and reserve trophy awarded to the two horses with the most points at the end of the day. Gerri Brown is also having a refreshment stand with lots of good food. The show starts at 9 a.m. (rain or shine). Come and see the action!

on Main Street. Cheryl M. Hontz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hontz, 16 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, has passed the professional nurse examinations in

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams have moved from 71 E. Center St., Shavertown, into their new home

by Sally Riegel 696-3185

by Charlot M. Denmon

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club will meet Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the Dallas Junior High School. The program had been originally scheduled for Tuesday.

Dr. Albert R. Klein, Jr., Dallas, recently attended the Chiropractic Life Fellowship Fall Inspirational Weekend at Host Inn, Harrisburg.

Lester Tinsley, Upper Demunds Road, Dallas, is a medical patient in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

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Natona dinner reservation phone listed

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Stanley S. Farr, R.D. 1, Dallas, has been hospitalized at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

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Dallas News

Church Street, Dallas.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 660 will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. in the Dallas Senior High School. Mrs. Robert Harrington is senior advisor, assisted by Sally Sperl, and Marian Petro.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Prynn, Joliet, Ill., were recent guest of Mr. Prynn's sister, Mary Glahn. They also visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Prynn, Carverton Road.

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