

Marie Wolfe recalls farming with Walter

On the front page of the Oct. 21st issue of the Dallas Post, appeared a picture of an elderly man selling apples and cider. The photo was taken by a Back Mountain resident, Adele Schwartz and won an award in a contest.

The day after the paper was received by subscribers, a call was received from Mrs. Walter Wolfe of Lehman, identifying the cider seller as her late husband, Walter, who died July 26 of this year.

She explained that the picture was taken at the flea market at Lehman Horse Show Grounds one Sunday afternoon when Walter decided to take his truck loaded with apples, pears and cider and spend a few hours selling to the

persons coming to the market.

When he returned home, he mentioned to his wife, that some girl had taken his picture while he was sitting there but dismissed it from their minds.

The Wolfe Orchards and cider were well known among people in the Back Mountain and Wyoming Valley. For years, Walter sometimes assisted by his wife, the former Marie Fraley of Wilkes-Barre, tended the orchards and picked apples for sale and cider on their expansive farm property.

"He was known as the 'apple man of the area', and sold his apples and cider at the Farmers' Market in Kingston and the flea market at the horse

show grounds. We raised all the old, traditional apples-Baldwin, Sheepnose, Northern Spies, McIntosh and Delicious."

"At one time, we raised cattle, pigs and chickens, but not on a large scale. We made our own butter, and baked our own bread. I canned dozens and dozens of vegetables and fruits and later, froze that many more.

"Later, after Walter's health declined, we had only a small garden with just a few crops."

The Wolfes sold much of their property, some of it to Jim Parry, who now bottles and sells cider from the apples in the orchards, and property on the other side of the road to Leslie Hoover. Marie Wolfe now has about 40 acres, which is still a lot to worry about, according to her.

Marie and Walter were married Christmas Day, 1933 and moved immediately into the large Wolfe family home on the farm in Lehman Township. Walter's father, an excellent carpenter and cabinet maker as well as farmer, built the house and other buildings on the property.

The couple farmed from the time they were married, with Marie also keeping house and doing private duty nursing. She was a graduate of Wyoming Valley Hospital where she was supervisor of obstetrics for eight years. In addition, Marie usually had six to eight people for meals, people, who were relatives or assisting the farm chores.

During the war, she didn't know where she was needed most, serving food at home or helping the

wounded. She also drove a truck during the war. Marie helped deliver and in many cases, delivered babies throughout the Lehman and Back Mountain area. She had no children of her own but has many "of my babies" scattered around the country.

She spent years traveling roads ministering to patients day and night.

The original wood and paneling is still throughout the Wolfe home. Part of the farm was the former home of the Cases where Glen Case was born.

There were and still are many large farm properties in the area. Some of these older places were obtained after the Civil War when soldiers were given land grants on their return home.

Marie remembers Walter's father telling about his first trip into town when a boy. He walked from the farm to Wilkes-Barre. She also took care of her sister-in-law, Letha, for five years when she was ill, prior to her death a year before Marie's late husband.

She recalls that she and Walter had many happy and sometimes, sad, moments together. They worked as a team and always picked the first crop together.

Throughout the years, they shared and she still shares the pleasure of her sister's children, who lived around here until not too long ago when they moved to New Jersey.

Leisure time activities? A cardiac condition limits the amount of activity but she enjoys doing general housework in her home. She also sews and does

some needlework and crocheting.

Marie still drives but not as much as she used to. She limits herself to short trips in nice weather.

She has a 'green thumb' and a variety of plants abounds in the rooms of her huge home. A begonia plant is flourishing so well there is no longer room to accommodate it.

Mrs. Wolfe likes to read, a little bit of everything but all good books. Television, "it is alright", according to Marie. She enjoys watching the news, ice skating programs and such things as the Olympics but that's about it.

At one time, she and her late husband were active members and workers in the Meeker Church, now razed. They assisted in serving suppers and were co-treasurers of the church.

When able, Marie now attends Lehman United Methodist Church. She is also a past matron of Dallas Chapter, O.E.S., No. 396. She also holds membership in the Professional Nurses Association.

Marie likes to travel and several years ago, she, Walter and Letha covered 14,000 miles throughout the western part of the country. They also traveled to Florida and Canada but not as often as they would have liked to because of the farm and its responsibilities.

Walter may be gone but Marie is not alone. She has her miniature collie, who is ever by her side and many, many friends, who call on her often to share memories of the happy and sad moments of the years long

gone.

Marie Wolfe is a woman whose appearance and actions, her outlook on life, greatly belie her chronological age, whatever it might be.

Miss Linda Tough presents flute recital

Miss Linda Tough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tough of Lehman will present a senior flute recital at Mansfield State College on Nov. 6, at 8 p.m.

Miss Tough will be assisted by Miss Sandra Nilling, harpsichord; Edward Brown, piano; Jonathan Pineno, clarinet; and William Cutter, piano.

Miss Tough is a member of the Mansfield Wind Ensemble which tours extensively in Pennsylvania and parts of New York during the month of November. She is also active in many other performing ensembles as well as the festival chorus.

People in the news

Lake ambulance technician receives national honor

A Harveys Lake man recently received notice that he had passed the

exam for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. He is Frank A. Lutinski, Jr. of R.D. 1, Box 93, Harveys Lake, and the only one in the Back Mountain area to achieve this status so far.

Lutinski is a member of the D.C. Roberts Fire Department at Harveys Lake and holds a certification with the State of Pennsylvania as an Emergency Medical Technician after completing the 81-hour prescribed course for ambulance technicians. He also teaches for the Red Cross: Multi-Media Standard First Aid, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (C.P.R.).

The exam was given Sept. 25, by the National Registry from Columbus, Ohio. It was administered at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital under the supervision of Dr. Philip J. Seroskas of the emergency room staff.

Lutinski is a 1976 dean's list graduate of College Misericordia, where he holds a double major in business education and business administration.

He gained his interest in the medical field through his brother Richard, who is a doctor in the emergency room in Plattsburg, N.Y. Lutinski said he spends a lot of time with emergency care, even though it's only a hobby, because he likes to help people and teach them how to help themselves and others when the need arises. His number one interest now is to find a teaching job. He currently is on the substitute list for the Back Mountain school districts.

Fire auxiliary

The regular meeting of the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Auxiliary will be Monday, Nov. 8, at the Dallas Borough Municipal Building.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Madlyn Adamshick will present a program on terrariums.

Lehman-Jackson PTA to meet

The Lehman-Jackson Elementary PTA meeting will be held Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the school.

The speaker for the evening will be Gary Gray, director of the children's museum. He will present a 15-minute slide program and a short talk on the things available to students at the museum. Refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend the meeting.

The PTA has kicked off a collection drive aimed at acquiring new and much needed physical fitness and sports equipment for our school free.

The equipment will be provided by Post cereal brands of the General Foods Corporation in exchange for Post cereal box tops.

The PTA said it is delighted to be able to get this equipment free for the school and hoped all friends of the school will help reach the goal by saving and turning in Post cereal box tops.

Box tops from Post Cereal brands (the part with the date on) any size package will count toward the goal and may be turned over to Lehman-Jackson Elementary students or delivered to the school any time before March of 1977. Joyce Coolbaugh is chairman of the collection drive.



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TIME —

Saturday, November 6, 1976
8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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