



ORATORIO MEMBERS—A large number of Back Mountain residents are members of the Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society chorus who will present a Palm Sunday concert. First row, left to right, are Ruth Turn Reynolds,

Carol Evans, Dorothy Balshaw, Sue Wenner, Dean Manuele, Dawn Diemer; second row, Dorothy Glidden, William Thom, Philip Jones, Harold Hoover, James Diemer, Walter Babetski and Greg Kuhnert.

## Back Mt. residents members of Oratorio

The Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society chorus includes a large number of Back Mountain residents rehearsing for the Palm Sunday concert. Under the direction of Clifford Balshaw, New Goss Manor, members of the chorus will perform Mozart's "Requiem" and Vaghan Williams "Sancta Civitas" at 3:30 p.m., April 3, in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Back Mountain members include Ruth Turn Reynolds, Dorothy Glidden, Trucksville; Carol Evans, Dorothy Balshaw, Sue Wenner, Dawn Diemer, William Thom, James Diemer, Walter Babetski, Greg Kuhnert, Robert Dingman, Dallas; Philip Jones, Hunlock Creek; Harold

Hoover, Orange; Catherine Gilbert, Mt. Zion; Dean Manuele, Regina Leydon, Charlotte Nawrocki, Paul Komensky, Edward Esposito, Garry Jennings and George Hernandez, College Misericordia.

Contributor cards should be obtained in advance from members of the chorus or board of directors. None will be sold at the door. All seats will be reserved for card holders until 3:15 when those without cards will be admitted.

Local board members are Ronald Ertley, president; Catherine Gilbert, recording secretary; Ruth Reynolds, William Thom, Mike Wood, Dorothy Glidden, the Rev. Stewart Pierson and Dawn Diemer, past presidents.

## CCD plans auction refreshments

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of St. Frances Church, Carverton, and Blessed Sacrament Church, Centermoreland, will sponsor a refreshment booth at the farm auction to be held April 1 and 2 at Kapolka's Farm, near Tunkhannock. Donations of cash, baked goods, coffee, tea, hot dogs and buns are being solicited.

Donations can be given to any of the following members: Mrs. Anna Ondish, Mrs. Doris

Montross, Mrs. Connie Bolcarovic, all of Centermoreland, or Mrs. Betty Heist, Mrs. Mary Ann Baines or Mrs. Betty Kundrat of St. Frances parish, Carverton.

Pickups also will be made and calls can be placed with Mrs. Ondish at 333-4077 or Mrs. Heist at 696-1309. Donations also can be left at the churches after Sunday masses. The Rev. Thomas Croghan, pastor, is honorary chairman.

## Present day 'scapegoats' considered by Lehman UM

The theme of the services for the fifth Sunday of Lent will be the "Need to Accuse" and will concern the actions of the various people responsible for the crucifixion of Christ as well as some historical and present day situations of "scape-goating."

The final evening service in the Lenten Series will be held at 7:30 p.m. with The Rev. Carlos Munoz, pastor of the Centermoreland Charge as the guest preacher.

Following the Idetown Service in the Morning there will be a brief church conference to take the final vote on the prospective purchase of the land behind the church house.

At Lehman's 11:15 a.m. service the Sacrament of

Baptism will be held for Kelly Marie West, daughter of Barry and Nancy West.

Members and friends of the charge are invited to attend one of the special prayer services for the Evangelistic Crusade which will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 29 at the homes of Mrs. Ellis Hoover (Outlet Road) and Mrs. Elmer Hoover (Ridge Road).

The youth of the area are invited to attend the Youth Banquet to be held Saturday, March 26, at Church of Christ Uniting in Kingston. The program begins at 1 p.m. The New Genesis Singers and the Choir of Mt. Zion Baptist Church will sing. A Walk for Christ will be planned.

## Mercy sister speaks in Lancaster

Sr. Maureen Harrison, RSM, presented "Pastoral Care within the Hospital" during a special vocation day which was held Wednesday, March 23 at Lancaster Catholic High School.

Sr. Maureen's presentation was among a series of talks scheduled at the high school to give students the opportunity to view "People serving God by serving people."

A native of New York, Sr. Maureen resides at Bethany Hall, 162 Lake Street, Dallas, and serves at Wilkes-Barre Mercy Hospital, where she tends to the needs of patients and their families and the hospital staff.

## Trucksville UM Couples plan spaghetti

The Couple's Club of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will meet Saturday, April 2, in the educational building.

A spaghetti dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Members interested in attending are asked to bring their own place settings.

For reservations, members are asked to call: Marilyn and Lee Smith, 696-1002; Morag and Clarence Michael, 675-0488; Mary and Tom Oliver, 696-1562.

Anyone interested in joining the Couples' Club is welcome to attend the dinner-meeting. Plans for the garage sale to be held April 29-30 will be discussed.

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## Catholic women convene April 16

Tickets are now available for the annual convention of the Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, which will be held on Saturday, April 16, at Bishop Hoban High School, Wilkes-Barre.

The day's activities will begin at 10 a.m. with a general assembly; and the keynote address will be given by Rev. William J. Peters, Director of the Family Life Bureau of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Work-shops in keeping with the Convention theme, "Family Life," will begin at 11:30 a.m.

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### Religious viewpoint

by Clyde Dupin

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His name and mission are clearly revealed in Matthew 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins." Jesus Christ came to bring us freedom, joy, peace, wholeness and life. Millions of people around the world have trusted Him as Savior and found purpose for their life and hope for the future. To millions, Christ is the answer!

## Obituaries

### HARRY A. CRISPELL

Harry Albert Crispell, 70, of Harris St., Dallas, was pronounced dead on arrival at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital March 15 after being stricken ill while visiting in West Wyoming.

Born in Noxen, he resided in Fernbrook the last 38 years. He was employed as a tractor-trailer driver by Pen-Fern Oil Company, Fernbrook, prior to his retirement in 1975. His wife, Sophie, died in 1973.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Eunice Compton, Dallas; Mrs. Christine Fowler, Camp Hill; Harriet Crispell, at home; four grandchildren.

Funeral was Friday from Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas. Rev. Merle Gifford of West Pittston Christian Missionary Alliance officiated. Interment was in Orcutt Cemetery, Noxen.

### REBECCA MARIE KENNEDY

Rebecca Marie Kennedy, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kennedy, Dallas, died March 17 in Mercy Hospital where she was born Tuesday. Her mother is the former Carmella DiGuisto of Wilkes-Barre.

Also surviving are a sister, Melissa Ann at home; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Kennedy, Harveys Lake; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent DiGuisto, Wilkes-Barre.

Private funeral was at the convenience of the family from Desiderio Funeral Home, 377 Park Ave., with interment in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

### ROBERT ROESE

Robert William Roese, 70, of Ross Township RD, Sweet Valley, died at his home March 17.

Born Feb. 12, 1907, at Idetown, Mr. Roese resided in the Sweet Valley area the past 38 years. He was employed as a bus driver by White Transit Company, retiring a number of years ago.

Surviving are a son, Robert Russell Roese, Shavertown; daughters, Betty Cowart and Mrs. Carol Oberst, Sweet Valley; brother, Forest Roese, Lake Township; seven grandchildren.

Funeral was Monday with Pastor George Gibbs of Seventh Day Adventist Church, Kingston, officiating. Interment was in Cedar Crest Cemetery, Trucksville.

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