

## Back Country Briefs

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoover of Orange on the passing of Harold's mother, Mrs. Eleanor Hoover of Harding.

Flowers on the altar for Sunday morning's worship service at Mt. Zion UM Church were placed there in memory of the Mehennett family by Florence and Dave Burgess.

The six United Methodist Churches comprising the Carverton and Centermoreland Charges will be well represented Saturday night at the Wilkes-Barre District Laity Rally at First United Methodist Church in Wilkes-Barre. Members of the six church choirs in the Back Country area will be among those singing in the massed district choir at the rally. The Rev. Claude Edmonds of Philadelphia will be the principal speaker.

Flowers on the altar for Sunday morning's worship service in Carverton UM Church were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Donald-Moser.

A special mass for the well being of all members of Blessed Sacrament Church, Centermoreland, will be offered Saturday afternoon at 4 by Rev. Father Thomas Croghan, pastor. Sunday morning at 10:30, an 'In Memoriam' mass will be offered for Petronella and Vincent Kuzma.

### In Memoriam

In St. Frances Cabrini Church, Carverton, an 'In Memoriam' mass will be offered tomorrow morning at 8 for Theodore Yozwiak. Saturday evening at 6:30, an 'In Memoriam' mass will be offered for Helen Strenk, Sunday morning at 9, an 'In Memoriam' mass

will be offered for Joseph Gola, Rev. Father Thomas Croghan, pastor, has announced.

Mrs. Mae Sickler of Beaumont; Mrs. Rachel Weaver and daughter Cathy of Centermoreland, and Mrs. Ruth Rogers and Mrs. Hilda Vivian of Vernon were among the busload of members of the Homemakers Club of Wyoming County, who made the three day trip to Niagara Falls last week.

Members of the three churches comprising the Carverton United Methodist Charge are attempting to raise approximately \$2,500 for office equipment for the Charge office. The campaign is nearing its end and indications are the goal will be reached. Persons desiring to make gifts are asked to contact Jack Lewis, Mac Baird or Marion White.

Mrs. Thomas Edwards and daughter Karen of Carlisle, Pa., are spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shupp of Demunds Road. Mrs. Edwards is the former Miss Donna Edwards.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crofchik, who will observe their wedding anniversary on Sunday. Ben is the village grocer, butcher and general assistant to all groups that sponsor hoagie sales throughout the year in this area.

All groups sponsoring hoagie sales can count on a big assist from Ben, who helps in slicing the many pounds of meat for the hoagies. Congratulations and best wishes, Mr. and Mrs. Crofchik.

Mrs. Ruby Besteder of Centermoreland, who underwent eye surgery two

weeks ago at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, is coming along nicely at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Besteder.

### Charge Conference

A charge conference for members of the three churches comprising the United Methodist Charge at Centermoreland will be held Sunday evening, November 6, at 7:30 in the Centermoreland UM Church.

Ladies Fellowship of Northmoreland Baptist Church will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Marilyn Race, Centermoreland.

Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company and its Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor another in its series of farmer dances tomorrow evening from 9 to 12 in the fire hall in Orange. Joseph 'Red' Jones will be the caller. Members of the auxiliary will be in charge of the refreshment booth.

Members of the Auxiliary of the Franklin Township Fire Company will be in charge of the refreshment booth at the auction to be held Saturday, November 5, in the Orange fire hall when household items of Mrs. Arnett (Lillian) Jones will be offered for sale. Mrs. Jones is residing with a daughter in the Allentown area.

United Methodist Women of Centermoreland UM Church will hold a Tupper Ware party tonight at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Bea Beatty, Centermoreland. Youth Fellowship of Centermoreland UM Church will hold a Halloween party at the church Saturday evening at 7.

A special song service will be held Sunday evening at 7 in Centermoreland UM Church.

### Dymond Hollow

United Methodist Women of Dymond Hollow UM Church will sponsor a roast beef supper and bazaar at the church on Saturday evening, November 5, with serving from 4:30 to 7:30. Reservations can be made by calling Mrs. Gertrude Coolbaugh or Mrs. Pat Coolbaugh at 388-6571 or 333-4841. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Young Adult Bible Class of Northmoreland Baptist Church will hold a Halloween party Saturday evening in Reeves Hall, Centermoreland.

Members of Cub Pack 336 of Centermoreland will be guests at a Halloween party Monday evening at 6:30 in the Centermoreland UM Church social rooms. Brothers and sisters of the Cubs, under 10 years of age, will be guests.

Franklin-Northmoreland Townships Lions Club will toast children of both townships at a Halloween party in the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company hall in Orange Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5.

For children of both townships, members of the Lions Club have arranged apple-bobbing contests, a parade, and costume prizes for the funniest, ugliest, prettiest and most original costumes. All children are asked to wear masks and costumes.

Highlight of the day's activities will be the presentation of a show of magic to which teen-agers and adults are invited to witness. The show of magic will be presented by Lex of the Uncle Ted and Lex Magic Show on Channel 16, WNEP-TV.

Jerry Siperko is chairman of the Halloween party, and is being assisted by John Noone, co-chairman; Wilmer Faux, Joseph Mattioli, and all members of the Lions Club. Wives of Lions Club members also

will assist.

### Indian family

The Parker Jonathan Seneca Indian Family from the Seneca Indian Reservation at Tonawanda, N.Y., will present a gospel musical program Sunday evening at 7:30 in Northmoreland Baptist Church, Centermoreland, the Rev. Truman Reeves, pastor, has announced.

The Jonathan family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan and their four children. Jonathan will give his personal testimony of his faith in Jesus Christ.

### Holy days

All Saints Day and All souls Day, two of the most solemn holy days on the Roman Catholic Church calendar, will be observed on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 1 and 2, in area Catholic churches. All Saints Day will be observed by Catholics on Tuesday; All Souls Day on Wednesday.

The Rev. Father Thomas Croghan, pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Church, Carverton, and its sister parish, Blessed Sacrament Church in Centermoreland, has announced special masses for both churches for the two holy days.

Mass in St. Frances Church, Carverton, will be offered both mornings at 8 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. both evenings. In Blessed Sacrament Church, Centermoreland, masses will be offered Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

## Lehman charge sets meetings

The theme of the reformation Sunday services on the Lehman United Methodist Church is "The Mark of A Christian."

The Lehman UMYF will do trick or treating for UNICEF at 6 p.m. Sunday (postponed from Friday) followed by a party.

The Idetown UMYF will sponsor a Halloween party for the youth and children of the church Sunday evening.

Members of the churches will attend the District Conference on Saturday morning and afternoon, Oct. 29 at Church of Christ United and the District Laity Rally, Saturday

evening, at First UM Wilkes-Barre.

The Idetown Confidence Class and Lehman Friendship Class will each have their regular meetings on Nov. 1.

The Back Mountain Cluster Council will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

The Idetown administrative board will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 3 to discuss the visitation program and at approximately 8 p.m. to discuss the other business of the board.

On Sunday, Nov. 6, Mrs. Alice Trost of the general board of Global Ministries will speak at the morning services. Her theme will be the mission in Africa.

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## Obituaries

**MRS. ALICE MERRITT**  
Mrs. Alice M. Merritt, 224 N. Chestnut St., Bath, died Oct. 18 at her home.

The former Alice Marcy, she was born at Lake Carey and was a graduate of Coughlin High School. A registered nurse, she was a graduate of Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing. She was the widow of Carl T. Merritt. Mrs. Merritt was a former member of Forty Fort United Methodist Church and Dallas United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, John B., Bath; twin daughters, Mrs. Eennis W. Carroll, Bladensburg, Md.; Mrs. Elizabeth Jay, Arlington, Va.; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren;

Private funeral was Friday at the convenience of the family. Rev. Douglas N. Akers pastor of Dallas UM Church, officiated. Interment was in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

**MRS. ROSCOE HARDEN**  
Mrs. Roscoe Harden, 67, of 229 Cliffside Ave., Trucksville, died Oct. 18 at Valley Crest.

Born in Nanticoke, she was the former Virginia Rhodes. She was a member of Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband; son, Myron Lynn Phillips, Bethlehem; two grandchildren.

Private funeral services were from Blight Funeral Home, 392 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, at the convenience of the family. Rev. E. Lee Brehm officiated. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Dallas.

**GLENDON R. SHAVER**  
Glendon R. Shaver, 47, of RD 1 Dallas Township died Oct. at Dallas Motel where he resided.

He was born in Trucksville. Surviving is a brother,

Arthur, Clarks Summit. Funeral was Friday with interment in Denison Cemetery, Swoyersville.

**STEPHEN DUDASCIK**  
Stephen Dudascik, 41 Susquehanna Ave., Dallas, died Oct. 17 in Mercy Hospital.

Born in Edwardsville, he moved to Dallas in 1954. He was a member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Kingston. Dudascik was employed 17 years by Metropolitan Wire Goods Company, retiring in 1974.

Surviving are his widow, the former Catherine Harabin; son, Stephen, at home; daughters, Mrs. Andrew Chopyak, West Nanticoke; Mrs. John Kasarda, Chapel Hill, N.C.; one grandchild; brother, George, Orange; sister, Mrs. Julia Kachmar, Wilkes-Barre.

Funeral was Oct. 20 with Divine Liturgy in St. Mary's BC Church. Interment was in the parish cemetery, Pringle.

## Loyalty Sunday planned at Trucksville

Nov. 20, has been designated as Loyalty Sunday for the Trucksville United Methodist Church, the day the members will pledge their support for the financial program of the church for the coming year.

"Out Year of Decision" is the theme chosen by the Finance Committee for 1978.

Information concerning the budget and programs anticipated for next year will be circulated to all members soon.

Serving on the finance committee are: Rev. E. Lee Brehm, pastor; Walter Pichert, financial secretary; Thomas Oliver, lay leader; Robert Johnson, associate lay leader; Harold Croom, administrative board chairman; Howard Williams, council on ministries chairman; Elizabeth Reese; Albert Sherman, board of trustees; and Zane Heffner, finance committee chairman.

## Joy Class, UMW hear program

A joint meeting of the Joy Class and U.M.W. of the Kunkle United Methodist Church was held recently at the church. Twenty-two members of the combined groups were present to watch Mrs. Eunice Sorber demonstrate the art of cake decorating.

Following the demonstration brief business meetings were held.

The Joy Class will hold their annual dinner meeting at the Arena Room of the Host Motel, Wilkes-Barre, on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1977. Members and guests will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Dodson's Store, Kunkle.

Reservations should be made with Mrs. Jane Opalicki, 675-1602 by Oct. 30.

## Active pace at Kingston's Children's School nursery

An active beginning has set the pace for the activities at the Children's School, a nursery school in the Dorranceton United Methodist Church in Kingston now in its third successful year.

The school offers a variety of activities for children age 2½ years to prekindergarten. Getting acquainted with the making of simple foods has been an exciting project doubly enjoyed at snack time. The children have helped in the preparation of their own french toast, pudding, jello, chocolate chip cookies, frosting cupcakes, and toasting pumpkin seeds.

Field trips also are a favorite learning experience. In the first weeks of school the children have been to the Kingston Post Office, the Children's Museum, and the Petting Zoo.

Cheri Levenson, the school's teacher, encourages each child to share his/her own feelings and thoughts during group

time. Special items from home are brought in for show and tell and each of the children enjoy adding their own related experiences to stories which are told.

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