

OBITUARIES

'Squad 51' comes alive in Back Mountain

ERNEST MONTROSS
Ernest Montross, age 70, Centermoreland, died Friday, May 11, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Born at Centermoreland, he is the son of the late George and Jennie Clark Montross. He was a lifelong resident of that community. He was owner and operator of a general store at Centermoreland and more recently prior to his retirement, he owned and operated a dairy farm for many years.

He was a member of the Centermoreland United Methodist Church and secretary of Centermoreland Cemetery Association.

He is survived by his widow, the former Ethel Shook; daughters, Mrs. Ola Mae Schoonover, Mrs. Betty Statnick; son, Theodore Montross; two sisters, Miss Ruth Montross and Miss Florence Montross, all of Centermoreland. There are eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas. Rev. Carlos Munoz and Rev. James May officiated. Interment was in Marsh Cemetery.

JAMES R. FRANTZ
James R. Frantz, 73, RD 1, Harveys Lake, died May 7 at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and resided at Harveys Lake for the last five years. He was employed as a construction worker for the Engineers Union, Philadelphia, prior to retiring four years ago.

Surviving are a son, Gary J., Wellsburg, N.Y.; daughter, Mrs. Jane Newhart, Laceyville; sister, Mrs. Grace Dinowski, Cliffwood, N.J.; six grandchildren.

Private funeral services were held at the convenience of the family from the Swanson Funeral Home, Pikes Creek, with Rev. Michael Bealla from the Alderson United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

VERONICA VENASKI
Mrs. Veronica Venaski, 75, of 110 Hemlock Drive, Dallas RD 4, died May 8 in Maple Hill Nursing Home, Lehman, where she had been a guest.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Sept. 11, 1903, she was the former Veronica Carney. Mrs. Venaski resided in Oak Hill section of Dallas the last two and one half years. Prior to retiring and

moving to this area, Mrs. Venaski had been employed at Leviton Manufacturing Co., Brooklyn, as a packer. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Margaret Rudziak, Brooklyn; Mrs. Helen Kishkill, Oak Hill, Dallas; son, John Venaski, Long Island, N.Y.; sisters, Mrs. Anna Behrens, Brooklyn, and Mrs. Catherine Cruz, Florida; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday morning. Interment was in National Cemetery, Pinelawn, L.I., N.Y. Local arrangements by Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas.

MRS. SPACIANO
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Spaciano, 38, of 232 Carverton Road, Trucksville, died May 9 in Valley Crest following a lengthy illness.

Born March 5, 1941 in Wilkes-Barre, she was the former Elizabeth Leonard. A graduate of Coughlin High School and Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing, she served as a registered nurse in Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City. Mrs. Spaciano was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are her husband, Victor J.; children, Molly and Victor J. Jr., at home; mother, Mrs. Ruth Metzger, Shavertown; father, Raymond Leonard, Santa Ana, Calif.; sister, Mrs. Kathleen Borys, Sweet Valley.

Funeral was Friday from Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St., Shavertown, with Mass of Christian Burial in St. Therese's Church. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

ELIZABETH QUOSS
Mrs. Elizabeth Quoss, 87, of RD 1 Sweet Valley, died May 11 in Retreat State Hospital.

The former Elizabeth Morgan, she was born in Wanamie and resided in Sweet Valley most of her life. She was a member of Community Bible Church, Sweet Valley. Her husband, Frank, died in 1954.

Surviving is a son, Charles M., Salem, Conn. Funeral was Monday from Swanson Funeral Home, Pikes Creek, with Rev. Jack Peters of Community Bible Church officiating. Interment was in Edge Hill Cemetery, West Naticoke.

Mothers honored at Orange

Carnations were presented to four mothers, who are 80 years or older, at the annual Mother-Daughter covered dish dinner Friday evening at Orange Community Hall under auspices of the United Methodist Church women of Orange. Receiving the carnations were Mrs. Gertrude Perry, Mrs. Myrtle Vopleus, Mrs. Nellie Eaton and Mrs. Frieda Perry.

About 50 persons at-

tended the dinner at which Mrs. Dorothy Hess was the program chairperson. A program of entertainment was presented and included a duet by Mrs. Sheryl Phillips and her daughter, Miss Georgia Phillips of Centermoreland, who were accompanied by Miss Georgia Phillips on the guitar.

by Charlot Denmon
"Emergency", the nationwide television show in which two paramedics rush to the rescue of people in Los Angeles hit by a variety of illnesses has become familiar to television viewers of America. There's no doubt that the dialogue and plot leaves a lot to be desired but despite its exaggeration, the program has promoted the role the paramedic plays in helping save lives.

In the near future the Back Mountain area will have its own version of "Squad 51" and "Rampart Hospital". Only a few minor technicalities remain before the area's new Mobile Intensive Care Unit will be put in service.

Six former ambulance drivers representing three Back Mountain ambulance companies have been certified as paramedics and the communications link between the Nesbitt Memorial and Wilkes-Barre General Hospitals is ready for operation. Only technicalities such as FCC licensing and minor legal aspects remain before the large blue and white unit provided by the Dallas Area Fall Fair Assn. will be on call.

Wes Cave of Church Street, Dallas, is one of the six paramedics already certified to give advanced life support aid. Cave is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.

Wesley Cave of Dallas. A graduate of Dallas Senior High School, Cave attended Wilkes-Barre Business College. He also served in the 402nd Military Police, U.S. Army from 1966 to 1972.

He is married to the former Cynthia Galletly of Dallas. The couple have four children, Hilary, age seven; Nicholas, age five; and twins, Alison and Elizabeth, age four.

He is employed by A. Danck, Inc., which according to Cave, has been 100 percent cooperative in Cave's volunteer efforts as ambulance chief of Dallas Fire and Ambulance, and new endeavor as a member of the mobile intensive care unit.

Cave spends all his leisure time and more with the fire and ambulance. He has been with the fire company for 14 years as well as the ambulance. Cave is serving his fourth year as ambulance chief. Prior to that he served as assistant ambulance chief, and as vice president of the ambulance association. He is one of the members who initiated the new unit as well as the Back Mountain Ambulance Association.

In 1976 several officers of ambulance groups began meeting to discuss common problems such as staffing, equipment, funds, etc. Out of this came the

formation of the Back Mountain Association.

In the throes of this group getting off the ground came the discussion of the advanced life support system. With the geographic location of the Back Mountain being what it is from hospital service, the idea for one system was born.

Cave was chairman of the Back Mountain Ambulance Association for the first two years. The association tries to do things to support all ambulance associations of the Back Mountain.

All ambulance attendants should be trained to the level of EMT-1. Most of the associations in the Back Mountain have some volunteers with EMT training. Because of lack of staffing, some do not have the men to enroll for paramedic training because of the time involved for training, practical training in the hospital under doctor's supervision and continuing refresher courses.

Cave said that ambulance service training has been upgraded so quickly during the past five or six years that it is difficult to keep abreast with the legal aspects.

The paramedics are covered under the recent Paramedics Practice Act. The first six men completing the course are Cave, Bob Cartier, Joe Balavage, Don Weidner, John Kenealy, and Gary McDade, representing Dallas Fire and Ambulance Inc., Kingston Township Ambulance, and Lehman Ambulance Association.

Other associations support the intensive care unit but do not have the manpower staffing to send men for training. However, there is a new class of paramedics who started the training at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital on May 8. They will not be finished until March of 1979.

According to Cave,

Dallas has 12 EMT-A's, and of the total of 20-22 ambulance attendants the majority are either certified as advanced first aid personnel or EMT's.

The Back Mountain MICU is not common to one local ambulance association but is for entire Back Mountain service. A committee of the Back Mountain Ambulance Association oversees all of the activities of the system.

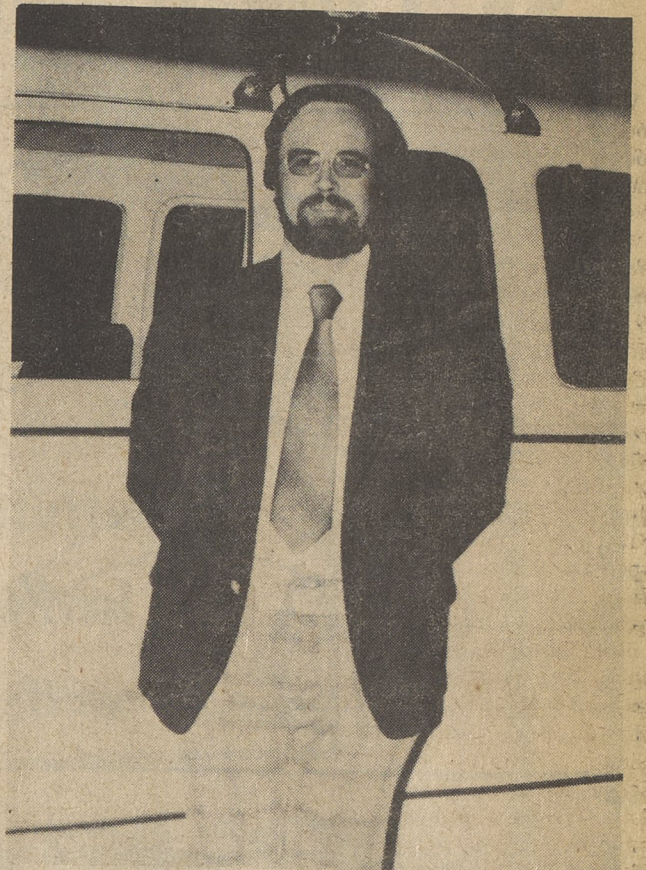
Cave and the other five certified paramedics are presently participating in Nesbitt Hospital's continuing education medical project through the hospital's wide medical education program.

The new life support unit is sorely in need of EMT's and ambulance assistants from all associations to help in driving and other supportive needs of the paramedics. Minimum manning of the MICU will be one paramedic and one EMT.

The paramedic training, according to Cave, is a difficult and time consuming course. It consists of two and a half hours classes two nights weekly plus eight hours weekly doing clinical experience. The paramedics must pass clinical work under a medical proctor.

There is an average of 20 percent washout in most classes, not necessarily because of inability to absorb the training but because volunteers find it impossible to give the amount of time due to work, family responsibilities or other such problems.

As paramedics, the six who have completed the training will be able to transmit data such as EKG's, blood pressure or pulse back to the medical personnel at the hospital. As soon as the doctor makes a diagnosis that a medication such as drugs or defibrillation is necessary, the paramedic will be instructed to carry it out. Those on duty will also have specific instructions to administer



Wes Cave

intravenous injections immediately if they determine it is necessary.

Patients will have the choice of which area hospital they want to be admitted even though initial medical aid will be administered by the paramedics on instruction from Nesbitt Memorial or General.

Cave believes it should make a tremendous difference in saving lives - not merely in cardiac arrest patients but in severe burn patients, accident victims, and other emergency illnesses.

"In nearly every emergency, seconds become critical," said Cave, "so the more qualified personnel we have, the more likely someone will be on hand to help save a life."

Cave also emphasized that everything done by the paramedic will be on

physician's orders; that the paramedics know that they are not doctors but trained to use their knowledge and training to the best of their abilities.

Until in actual service, few people realize what the paramedic program will mean to the Back Mountain. The time and effort these dedicated men have given voluntarily in their commitment to saving lives will soon be obvious when persons in need can pick up the phone for life support when it is needed.

The large blue and white unit is presently housed in Dallas Township but its permanent housing will be on the site of the Back Mountain Medical Center.

If we would possess we must not claim. Kahlil Gibran

We only possess what we renounce. Simone Weil

New book drop

by Nancy S. Kozemchak

The library has just installed its new outside book drop, which is permanently located at the bottom of the stairway in front of the library. This book drop will allow patrons to return books without getting out of their car and will eliminate climbing the stairs when you are only returning books. A new periodical display has also been installed in the front of the main building.

If you have ever tried to find a current issue of a magazine in the library, then you can appreciate the time saved, the space it saves and the fact that you can stand in one spot and see the title of each magazine on the display. These items are both much appreciated at the library and have been donated through memorial contributions.

Are you interested in doing something worthwhile for a group of children? The Children's Department of the Back Mountain Memorial Library is looking for volunteers - a Story Teller for Wednesday morning summer Story Hour and someone interested in conducting short-term programs at the library to provide a creative summer for our Back Mountain children.

The display case in the main building is now showing some handsome wood carved birds by Peter Peltz of Sandwich, Mass. Peltz operates The Bird Barn at Cape Cod where he carves, displays and sells his birds. He is well known and carves all kinds of birds with emphasis on sea and shore birds. His lamps of driftwood and birds are masterpieces and done on special orders only.

The display loaned to the library by Blanche Thompson of Dallas, whose collection of song birds, most of which are native here, and shore and water birds of the New England and Florida coasts are part of her hobby of bird watching.

New books at the library: "For The People; Fighting for Public Libraries" by Whitney Seymour and Elizabeth Layne is a citizen's action manual-a rallying cry in support of libraries and people-with information on what you can do to help protect our library system.

Evelyn Konrad's new novel, "Indiscretions" is the story of bribery, corruption intrigue, and vengeance at the pinnacle of international economic power. This story takes the reader into board-rooms of the world's largest corporations and bedrooms of ruthless, exciting, beautiful people-all of whom have gone too far. "Or have they?"

"The Ancestors Cry Out" by Eugenia Lovett West is a romantic period novel, set in nineteenth century Jamaica. A wonderfully rich and different gothic novel, with an intriguing background and a resourceful and appealing heroine.

Book Club will meet Monday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the annex of the library. Joseph Beckus of Kingston will present the program. Refreshments will be served after the program.

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