

OBITUARIES

Mary Patton was lifelong

Noxen resident

Mrs. Mary Patton, 57 of Beaver Street, Noxen, died Jan. 9 at General Hospital.

The former Mary Murphy, she was born Dec. 21, 1922 in Noxen, and resided there all her life. She was a daughter of the late Frank and Nina Steel Murphy.

Surviving are her husband, Bruce; sons, Bruce Jr. and Charles, both of Noxen; Richard, Trucksville; Michael Bielecki, Lehman; daughters, Mrs. Joan Traver, Noxen; Mrs. Linda Babb, Berwick; Mrs. Florence Klapat, Wilkes-Barre; 14 grandchildren; brothers, William, Noxen; Frank, Mehoopany; sisters, Mrs. Eva Lapp, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mrs. Arlene Sutton, Kunkle; Mrs. Nancy Kriedler, Pikes Creek. Funeral was Saturday

from Nulton Funeral Home, eamont, with Rev. Jerry Tallent, pastor of Noxen Independent Bible Church, officiating. Interment was in Orcutt Cemetery, Noxen.

Adolf E. Lipp was former postal clerk

Adolf Edward Lipp, 70, of 18 Vine St., Oak Hill, Dallas, died Jan. 8 at home following a heart attack.

Born at Lyndwood, he was the son of the late Joseph and Caroline Chesnalavage and was a graduate of Hanover High School. Lipp had been employed by the U.S. Post Office as a postal clerk. A veteran of World War II, he served with the Navy. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake. A son, Francis, died in 1973.

Surviving are his wife, the former Catherine Smalanskas, and a sister, Mrs. Helen Kerutis, Nanticoke.

Funeral was Friday from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas, with Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Victory Church.

Viola Olpinski came to Luzerne from Austria

Vilola Olpinski, 87, of 795 Bennett St., Luzerne, died Jan. 8 at her home.

The former Viola Kitka, she previously resided at 288 S. Sheridan St., Wilkes-Barre, moving to Luzerne 11 months ago. She was born in Austria and came to this country as a young girl. Mrs. Olpinski was a member of Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Constance Novinski and Mrs. Julia Berea, both of Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Mildred Bruce, Luzerne; son, Edward Rogers, Pringle; brother, John Kitka, Manville, N.J.; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral was Thursday with Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church. Rev. Thaddeus J. Dymkowski officiated. Interment was in parish cemetery, Wilkes-Barre Twp.

Investigation continues in Rice Dam death

A 21-year-old Lehman Twp. resident was found dead in his car at Rice's Dam, Lehman, Saturday afternoon at four.

State police at Wyoming identified the man as Sterling R. Brown, 2nd,

whose address is listed as Meadowlake Road, Lehman.

Lehman Twp. Police said the death is "an apparent suicide," but added the investigation is continuing. Assisting Lehman Twp. and State Police is the Luzerne County Coroner's office.

Brown was born in Kingston, the son of Sterling and Alma Gilbert Brown. He resided most of his life in the Lehman area and was graduated from West Side Area Vocational Technical High School. He was employed as a route driver for Lion, Inc.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, the former Davene Williams; son, David; brothers, Gary and Leslie, Lehman; sisters, Mrs. Linda Mazur and Mrs. Shirley Swan, both of Dallas; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Laura Brown, Jackson Twp.; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Gilbert Phillips, Wisconsin.

Funeral was Tuesday, Jan. 15, from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas. Rev. Donald Schalk, Luzerne United Methodist Church officiated. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Shavertown.

Honeywell was cabinet maker for Marval

George Byron Honeywell, Sr., 64, of Idetown RD 4, Dallas, died Jan. 13 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born at Harveys Lake, he was the son of the late Stephen and Lucy Young Honeywell. He was educated at Laketon High School, Harveys Lake, and was employed as a cabinet maker for Marval Industries, Exeter. A veteran of World War II, he served with the Army in Europe. Honeywell

attended the Alderson United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Callaghan; daughter, Mrs. Anna Eddy, Swoyersville; son, George, Jr., at home; sister, Mrs. Ruth Raugh, Wilkes-Barre.

Funeral was Wednesday, Jan. 16 from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas. Rev. James A. Cara, pastor of Bennett Presbyterian Church, Luzerne, officiated. Interment was in Orcutt Cemetery, Noxen.

Sr. Mary Stephen McGrail served kindergarten

Sister Mary Stephen McGrail, RSM, of Mercy Center Convent, Dallas, died Jan. 13 in Mercy Hospital.

A native of Tamaqua, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Rose Stapleton McGrail. Sister Stephen was in her 55th year of religious profession as a Sister of Mercy. She graduated from St. Gabriel's High School, Hazleton, and received her AB degree from College Misericordia.

Her teaching apostolate included schools in New York; St. Anastasia, Douglaston; St. John of God, Central Islip; St. Boniface, Sea Cliff; St. Kevin's, Flushing; St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage; St. Joseph's, Babylon.

Sister Stephen also taught at St. Gabriel's Hazleton; Sacred Heart, Plains; St. Francis, Nanticoke; St. Joseph's, Georgetown; St. Therese's and St. Mary's Schools, Wilkes-Barre. Prior to her death, Sister Stephen was a staff member of Mercy Center's Kindergarten.

She is survived by her sister, Sister Mary Eleanor McGrail, RSM, Mercy Center Convent, Dallas; a brother, Thomas McGrail, Philadelphia; several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Resurrection was offered Wednesday

Jan. 16, at 10 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Mercy Center. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Former Back Mt. woman dies in New Jersey

Mrs. Helen Hazeltine Thompson, 73, daughter of the late C.L. and Emily Woolbert Hazeltine of Back Mountain, died Jan. 10 in Irvington, N.J., where she resided.

Born in the Back Mountain, she lived in New Jersey about 37 years.

Surviving are two sons, Leroy, Falls Church, Va.; and Leonard, Union, N.J.; brother, Ralph, Trucksville; two granddaughters.

Her husband, Al, died in 1962.

Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 14, in Irvington, N.J. with interment in Hollywood, N.J.

Former Wood Farm employee dies at General

Milo H. Oney, 91, of Harveys Lake, died Jan. 11 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in La Anna, Pa., Sept. 9, 1888, he resided in Harveys Lake most of his life.

Oney was a founding member of Emmanuel Assembly of God Church, Harveys Lake. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War I and was a member of the Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967.

Oney was employed at the T. Newell Wood Farm prior to retiring 25 years ago.

His wife, the former Alice Wilson, died in 1974.

Surviving are a son, Dale H., Bath; daughter, Mary K., at home; sister, Mrs. Susan Wickham, Bethlehem; Mrs. Mattie Weaver, Larksville; Mrs. Blanche Gallagher, Binghamton, N.Y.; two great-grandchildren.

Funeral was Monday, Jan. 14 from Swanson Funeral Home, Pikes Creek.

MY TYPEWRITER TALKS

Muffin and Kynarion

by the Rev. Charles H. Gilbert

I am very fond of muffins - toasted English muffins, blueberry muffins, bran muffins - and now we have a new one at our house. This one is called an apricot Muffin; actually, she is an apricot poodle named Muffin.

No, with three cats and one large dog, we didn't go out and decide to buy another, and she isn't really ours. But our dear friends, the Bankses down in West Pittston, had to go to the hospital for a while, both mother and daughter, so Muffin came to visit us.

She was already well-acquainted with the human pat of our household, especially Cathy, so it seemed the logical place for her to come.

But how do you explain a small curly poodle to cats almost as big whose only canine acquaintance is about six times that size? Well, the cats decided the best thing was to ignore this peculiar beast for the time being, until they could figure her out.

She came on Friday and now it's Tuesday morning and they are beginning to make some more or less friendly contact. As for Muffin, she thinks cat chow is MUCH tastier than her own special diet stuff.

Kynarion was a different situation. She is so much bigger that even in friendship she might hurt the little one, and at first she wasn't quite sure how friendly she wanted to be. Muffin wanted to express her eagerness for friendship by licking Kynarion's nose, and Kynarion didn't much like that.

But Cathy took a firm grip on Kynarion's harness, kept assuring her that she was a good girl, and supplied her royal highness with Bonz (a special favorite) whenever she approached Muffin gently and permitted some curious sniffing.

After a time the three of them went for a walk together, Cathy with one leash in each hand. She did not get all tangled up nor have to stop any dog fights. They both behaved quite well and have done it a couple of times since.

Only problem is that Muffin needs three steps to equal one of Kynarion's, so she is able to keep up on the way up to the corner, but coming back she lags behind and is happy when Kynarion stops for some sniffing.

There is one situation in which Kynarion insists on treating Muffin like she does the cats. They are not supposed to go out the door, and she evidently thinks Muffin should be treated the same.

So if they are both at the door and Muffin starts out, the big front foot goes down on top of her to hold her in place until Cathy can pick her up. That difficulty is solved by putting Kynarion out the front door and Muffin out the back, or vice versa.

Muffin has her own bed on the floor beside Cathy's, so there is no problem there for the other animals, who sleep on the bed or, as far as the cats go, any high, soft spot they happen to fancy. But in the evening when Cathy is sitting on the sofa, Kynarion usually curls up beside her and Muffin appropriated that spot at her right the first evening.

Kynarion and the cats wouldn't share the space with her even though there was plenty of room. But eventually they realized that she was no threat to their mistress' affections and they might just as well do what they always have done, and now they provide a model for a "Peacable Kingdom" picture.

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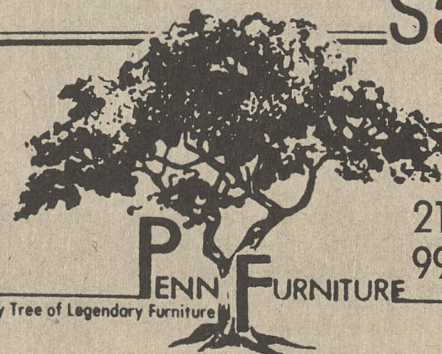
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