

Back Country Briefs



SURPRISE ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. Al Lipko were guests at a surprise dinner in honor of their 22 anniversary, Thursday, Jan. 31, at Mark II Restaurant, Dallas. The Lipko's are regular customers at the restaurant. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Some well known area folk are observing birthday anniversaries this week and congratulations are in order. Dick Pryn of Carverton Road observed an anniversary on Monday. Dallas Area School Board President Dick Hislop of Orange and Malcolm Baird, also of Orange, will mark another milestone on Sunday, as will Bradley Piatt of New Castle, Del., who is employed by Delmarva Power and Light Company there. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Piatt of Carverton Road.

Others marking birthdays, include Mrs. Evelyn Shales, who also will mark her birthday anniversary on Sunday, and Terri Metz, who will blow out her candles today. Carl King will observe a birthday on February 12, which incidentally is Abe Lincoln's Natal day.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sutton of Carverton Road have returned after three weeks with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Kitchen of Orange Park, Fla.

Last minute orders can be placed by noon today for the hoagie sale being held by Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company and its Auxiliary. Hoagies will be available for pickup on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the firehouse in Orange. Orders can be placed with any member of the fire company or its auxiliary. Mrs. Althea Dymond, auxiliary president, and Jack Roberts are heading the committees on arrangements.

Bill Smith of Orange is 'getting around' in his job as a supervisor for Air Products Company of Wilkes-Barre. Bill returned last week after three weeks in Indonesia on an inspection trip for his company. He was accompanied by Joe Butts of Wapwallopen, a welder for Air Products. Enroute home, they spent three days in Hawaii.

'Saul of Tarsus'
Members of Northmoreland Baptist Church at Centermoreland have been invited to the film viewing of the film, 'Saul of Tarsus,' Saturday evening at 9 at Pleasant View Baptist Church, formerly Falls Baptist Church. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey may and children Carey II and Carmen of Jonestown, Lebanon County, were Sunday guests of Carey's brother and sister-in-law, Pastor and Mrs. James May and family of Centermoreland.

Flowers in the sanctuary for the morning worship service at Orange United Methodist Church on Sunday were placed there by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dymond of Orange in memory of Mrs. Dymond's mother, the late Mrs. Cecil Vopleus of Orange, who passed away last week.

Friends of Michael Yazwinsky, Mount Olivet Road, Carverton, will be glad to learn he came home on Saturday from Veterans Hospital, Wilkes-Barre where he had been a patient about three weeks. He underwent knee surgery at the hospital and friends say his condition is improving slowly.

Feast of St. Blaise was observed Sunday at masses in St. Frances X. Cabrini, R.C. Church at Carverton and Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church at Centermoreland. The observance was marked with the blessing of throats of the faithful by Rev. Father Hugh McGroarty, pastor of both churches, and Rev. Paul Mullen of St. Pius Seminary at Dalton, who assists in offering masses over the weekends at both churches.

St. Blaise, a philosopher, physician, priest and who later became a bishop, was in Roman Catholic history as the saint, who came to the aid of a distressed mother, whose son was dying of a throat disease. He prayed until the child was cured, and ever since, his aid has been invoked in similar cases.

Candlemas Day
Saturday was observed as Candlemas Day in area Roman Catholic churches. The Feast, 40 days from Christmas, marks the presentation of Christ in the Temple when the elderly Anna and Simeon recognized him as the Messiah.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young and family of Maryland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller of Centermoreland. They also visited Rev. and Mrs. James May.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church of Centermoreland and St. Frances X. Cabrini R.C. Church of Carverton is completing plans for a benefit spaghetti dinner to be held Sunday, March 23, at St. Frances Church social rooms. Rev. Father Hugh McGroarty, pastor, is honorary chairman. Mrs. Agnes Gashi is chairperson for the dinner. Joseph Buzonis is president of the Confraternity.

Friends of Rev. Thomas Croghan will be glad to learn that his condition is improving following a fall at Sacred Heart Church rectory in Plains. Rev. Father Croghan served as pastor of St. Frances X. Cabrini R.O. Church at Carverton and Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church in Centermoreland before his assignment as pastor of Sacred Heart R.C. Church in Plains.

Friends of Mrs. Anthony (Pat) Scalzo of Mount Zion will be glad to learn that she is coming along nicely at home following recent surgery in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Carolyn Patton and family on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Frances Race, last week. Flowers on the altar for Sunday morning's worship service in Centermoreland United Methodist Church were presented in her memory.

Nice to report that Mrs. Arthur Wagner of Valley View Park, East Dallas, is home and feeling somewhat better after a stay at Geisinger Hospital in Danville.

Munoz Surgery
Leonard Munoz underwent still another surgery in

Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, about 10 days ago and at presstime was reported as coming along slowly. He has been hospitalized at Lankenau Hospital since, September, 1977, and for three months prior to his transfer to Lankenau Hospital, he was hospitalized in Monterey, Mexico. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Munoz of Centermoreland.

New office hours for the Carverton United Methodist Charge for 1980 have been announced as follows: Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Florence Moyer of Carverton is the Charge office secretary. She succeeds Mrs. Marian White of Mount Zion.

Frank Wagner, Sr. of Demunds Road came home last week after several weeks as a medical patient at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

Flowers on the altar for Sunday morning's worship service in East Dallas United Methodist church were presented by Mrs. Edna Husband of Orange in memory of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. David Weaver of Centermoreland have received word that their granddaughter, Miss Jennifer Cruppo, is a patient at a Lehigh, N.Y. hospital. Jennifer's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cruppo. Mrs. Cruppo is the former Miss Donna Weaver of Centermoreland.

Mrs. Elva Besteder of East Dallas is recuperating at home following a dislocation of her shoulder in an accident.

Council on Ministries of Centermoreland United Methodist Church will meet tonight at 7 in the church school rooms. Council members include Mrs. Sheryl Phillips, chairperson; Mrs. B. Beatty, J. Bellas, V. Dymond, Mrs. Mildred Schray, B. Montross and E. Patton. A meeting of the administrative board will follow.

Saturday's rehearsal of the choir of East Dallas United Methodist Church has been moved up to 10 o'clock in the morning instead of Saturday evening at 7:30. Members are asked to note the change.

CCD plans trip
Members of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church at Centermoreland and St. Frances X. Cabrini R.C. Church at Carverton are completing plans for a bus trip to Gus Genetti's Theatre in Hazleton for a dinner and show.

Scout Sunday will be observed in Centermoreland United Methodist Church on Sunday when members of Boy Scout Troop 336 of Centermoreland will have charge of the service. William Garey, Troop 336 scoutmaster, will bring the message.

Friends of Mrs. Joan King of Oberdoerfer Road, Mount Zion, will be glad to learn she came home last week after surgery in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

It's nice to report that Mrs. Helen Gleisner of Mount Zion is home after a stay at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Joseph Scott of Mount Zion is home after a stay at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Zoning-hearing board of Franklin Township at its Jan. 31 meeting in the basement of the Orange United Methodist Church approved a request by Rudolph and Gladys Anduze, 19 Orchard Street, Wilkes-Barre, for a variance to place a single family home 10 feet from the rear property line of their property, which is located in the Parrish Development in Carverton.

Heather Ann Fuller, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fuller, Orange, was baptized at the 10:30 Mass Sunday morning in Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church at Centermoreland. Rev. Father Paul Mullen of St. Pius Seminary at Dalton officiated at the baptism. Sponsors for the baptism were an uncle, Robert Smith of Orange, and an aunt, Mrs. Roxanne Risch, also of Orange.

Heather Ann is the first born for Martin and Debbi Fuller. Mrs. Fuller is the former Miss Debbi Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Orange. Heather Ann is the seventh grandchild for the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Orange. Mr. Fuller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fuller of Tunkhannock. Heather Ann is the sixth grandchild for the Tunkhannock Fullers.

OAK HILL

Lost in W-B

by Bridgette Correale

Can't believe it's February already and I still feel like it's December.

Belated good wishes to Lois and Dick Ide who celebrated a wedding anniversary Jan. 23.

Oops, I did it again, failed to wish Happy Birthday to Patti McCoog, her 13 birthday, Feb. 1, Bobbie DiGiosa, Feb. 2, Tony Hoyson, Feb. 2, one year old Karen Oster, Jan. 29, one of my favorites, Annette Rittle, 17 years old, Jan. 31 and Ricky Malak, Jan. 28.

Well at least I won't miss wishing these friends a happy birthday Paul Dembrowski, 16 years old, Feb. 9, Tom Boyle, Feb. 12, Shirley, Mrs. Clean, Feb. 10 and Debbie Roginski, 11 years old, Feb. 11.

Congratulations to the Batkas, Charlie and Eileen, who will honor a wedding anniversary Feb. 11 and to Bill and Rita Cutter their anniversary this month.

Gail Barry, "You're looking good."
February will be the third anniversary of the death of our neighbor Brian Bednar, and our prayers are with his parents and family.

Saturday, Feb. 9, Gate of Heaven Catholic Youth Group will conduct a bake sale at the Acme Market in Shavertown. Family of the youth group are urged to bake cookies, cakes, cup cakes, candy etc. and members are asked to volunteer an hour and a half on Saturday by phoning Cathy Brady 696-2967.

The best to Mike and Donna Zabresky upon the birth of their first child a boy born Monday, Jan. 28.

A farewell reception honoring Father Healey will be held on Sunday Feb. 10 at 2 to 5 p.m. in the Gate of Heaven auditorium. Our Lady of Victory parishioners cordially invite parishioners of Blessed Sacrament, St. Frances Cabrini, Gate of Heaven and St. Therese's to attend.

Grace Griffiths, former resident of Trucksville, visited family and friends, on her recent trip from Delaware. For years I've been telling you how lost Vin and I go when we're traveling and you would think I would be used to it by now. NO WAY-but normally we get lost in a strange city or state. What would you say if I told you this Saturday we were lost in Wilkes-Barre...Now I already know what Vin said and said and said.

Aux. to close candle books

Dallas Fire and Ambulance Auxiliary will meet Monday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., in the Dallas Borough Building.

President Emily Burns will be in charge of the meeting. She urges all those who still have candle money to turn it in at the meeting so the books can be closed. Hostesses will be Evelyn Kenealy, Resia Carroll and Fran Roginski.

UM Women install officers for 1980

United Methodist Women's Sunday was observed on Sunday in the three United Methodist Churches that comprise the Carverton UM Charge with the installation of

recently elected officers at morning worship services in the three UM Churches at Mount Zion, Orange and Carverton. Rev. Dr. Allan Cease, Carverton UM Charge

pastor had charge of the installation.

Guest speaker at services Sunday morning in the three Carverton United Methodist Churches was Miss Lynne M. Hess of Wilkes-Barre. Miss Hess is a certified candidate for United Methodist ordination and district coordinator of Christian Social Involvement for United Methodist Women.

A former pastor of the Flemingville, N.Y., United Methodist Church, she is presently a houseparent at the Volunteers of American Group Home for Girls in Kingston. Theme for the observance was "Mission: Our Reason for Being."

These officers were installed: Carverton UM Church, Mrs. Doris Stearn, president; Mrs. Carol Metz, vice-president; Mrs. Doris Robbins, secretary; Mrs. Genevieve Dana, treasurer; Mrs. Melinda Sutton, coordinator of

Christian personhood; Mrs. Leda Morton, coordinator of program resources; Mrs. Carol Metz, nominating committee chairperson.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church—president, Jane Lloyd; vice-president, Marjorie Seiple; secretary, Mae Lewis; treasurer, Ida Howell; missions, Emma Miles; church women united, Jean Emmanuel; social concerns, Peggy Thomas; membership, Florence Burgess; local church activities, Alice Daniels.

Orange United Methodist Church—president, Mrs. Eudora Baird; vice-president, Mrs. Edith Shupp; secretary, Mrs. Mary Emmanuel; treasurer, Mrs. Doris Bedford; chairperson of nominating committee, Mrs. Dorothy Hess.

John Banks observe 33rd anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Banks of 19 Gordon Avenue, Old Goss Manor, Dallas, observed their 33rd wedding anniversary on Jan. 25. They were married in St. Leo's R.C. Church, Ashley, by the Rev. Father Boylan, pastor, on Jan. 25, 1947.

Mrs. Banks is the former Miss Audrey Judge of Hanover Township. Banks, son of Mrs. Ben Banks and the late Ben Banks, is president of American Asphalt Company, which has plants at Chase and at Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Banks are parents of six children: John of Dallas; Jeffrey of Trucksville; Mrs. Laurie Lozo of Dallas; Bernard, a junior at the Johnstown, Pa. campus of the University of Pittsburgh where he is majoring in civil engineering; Susan and Janet at home.

Hughes seeks class officers

Edgar Hughes, principal of the Dallas Senior High School, has asked all officers of the classes '72 through '76, inclusive, to get in touch with him at the Dallas Senior High School. Please call the office any time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thousands of books

The most exciting news at the Back Mountain Memorial Library this week was discovered when getting together the statistics for the library's annual meeting. Would you believe that 82,000 books were circulated from the library in 1979? That's 10,000 more books than the previous year! It is the largest yearly increase and the most books circulated in a one year period since the library was founded in 1945. The library's book inventory at the end of 1979 stands at 40,000.

The Book Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown. Visitors are welcome. Refreshments are served by the hostess committee.

New books at the library: "The Longevity Factor" by Walter McQuade and Ann Aikman may be the most valuable book you will ever read. It is about a revolutionary new system for prolonging your life called 'Health profiling'. This information is not mere theory. There are vivid stories of real people who made extraordinary changes in their way of living.

"The Lion Of Justice" by Jean Plaidy is a raw and robust historical novel of Henry and the two brothers he fought for the throne of England. Henry had vast ambitions, he seized the throne, stole Normandy and waged constant war against the Church. A novel of ambition and love, alive with the tumult of the times, it becomes a riveting novel in a ruthless age.

"Vision Quest" by Terry Davis is a novel of extraordinary grace and power. It is the story of 18-year-old Loudon Swain, a high school wrestler, who must lose weight, gain strength, and keep his balance. This is the high-spirited but profoundly felt account of a wonderful boy who is alive to all the possibilities—and serious about becoming a man.

Life was exciting on the old frontier, but not half as exciting as it is today. The "new frontiers" in science, medicine, and technical progress today are twice as exciting because of the tremendous changes they are bringing in our lives. In frontier days, 'book learning' didn't matter too much. The citizens of the Old West didn't have to read to do his job in most cases, and even if he wanted to read, books were costly and pretty scarce. But in today's "new frontier" living, reading and education are most important. Just to understand our jobs, our duties as citizens, and our day-to-day life, we must constantly keep informing ourselves through the printed page. And that's where your library comes into the picture. With its thousands of books, magazines and other materials, it is an information center for your every need. Your free library card unlocks more of today's knowledge than you could digest in a thousand lifetimes. So, use your library regularly—it pays!

C'moreland UM notes anniversary

As a kickoff to the Centermoreland observance of the bicentennial anniversary year of the Sunday School, the board of education of Centermoreland United Methodist Church will sponsor a soup and sandwich dinner in the church social rooms following the morning worship service at 11:15 Sunday morning.

All of the food will be provided but those planning to attend are asked to bring their own bowl, utensils and cup. A slide presentation will follow the meal. All members of the church are invited to attend.

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Marcus Ides observe 62nd

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus B. Ide, Sr., 60 Mill St., Dallas, will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary, Friday, Feb. 8.

The Ides are the parents of 12 children, Mrs. Theodore Cobleigh; Mrs. John Blackwell, Troy; Elwood, Lawrence, Willis, Thomas, Willard Russell, all of Dallas; Kenneth, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Max Dreher, Jr., Campbell, N.Y.; James, Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. Ed Bigelow, Springville, N.Y., who died in 1965; and Mark, Jr., Lancaster, who died in 1979. They also have 33 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Prior to his retirement, Ide was employed by Fern Knoll Burial Park.