

OBITUARIES



PROM QUEEN-Tara Strauser, last year's Dallas High School prom queen, crowns this year's queen, Kristin Reigel, during intermission at the prom held at The Woodlands last week. (Bert Husband Photo)

Has Black Magic come to Bk. Mt.?

by Tom Mooney  
Has "black magic" comes to the Back Mountain, or is somebody just fooling around?  
A few weeks ago Dallas Twp. police investigated a report of "devil worshippers" meeting and conducting ceremonies in a cemetery close to the Mercy Center at College Misericordia. Finding some debris and the remains of a fire, they decided to pay close attention to area cemeteries as the folklore "witching" days of May 1 and June 21 approached.  
However, when nothing turned up on May 1, Dr. Steven Davies, Professor of Theology at Misericordia, said he wasn't surprised. "I see no evidence of any serious cult," said Dr. Davies. "It wasn't any kind of sacrifice." He said the traces of whatever happened went unnoticed for several days after the late-March incident and that, as far as he could tell, there was no indication of any organized "ceremony."  
"It was probably just an amateur magician," he suggested. He completely ruled out voodoo, traditional black magic, and Satanism, calling it more like a prank, after viewing the spot. He attributed to rumor the stories that some sort of devil worshipping or sacrifice had taken place there. "People have a lot of fun spreading rumors," he added.

Cabrini honors five

Five young people, members of 1981 graduating classes, will be honored at the 9 a.m. mass, Sunday, in St. Frances X. Cabrini R.C. Church, Carverton. Rev. Hugh McGroarty, pastor, will celebrate the mass which will honor Doug Burak, graduated from Wyoming Seminary; Susan Santarelli, Margaret Luke, Debbie Baseski and Philip Knapp, Dallas graduates.

Leonard Venable

Leonard Wesley Venable, 46, of 19 Split Rail Lane, Dallas, died Sunday, May 24 in General Hospital following an illness.  
Born in Chickasha, Okla., the son of the late Benjamin W. and Della Mae Burch Venable, he had been a resident of Dallas the past six years. He was educated in Oklahoma and was a graduate of George Washington University and Southeastern University, both in Washington, D.C. Venable also studied at the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

At the time of his death, he was vice-president of the Eastern Gas and Water Investment Co., King of Prussia. In this capacity he was manager of the Dallas and Shavertown Water Companies.  
An Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was a member of the Episcopal faith.

Surviving are his wife, the former Betty Ledbetter; sisters, Mrs. James Hawk, Tuscon, Ariz.; Mrs. Leland Gerdes, Chickasha, Okla.

Funeral was Tuesday, May 27 with Rev. John S. Prater, rector of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church officiating. Interment was at the convenience of the family in Rose Hill Cemetery, Chickasha, Okla.

Anna Lewis

Mrs. Anna Thomas Lewis, 65, of 35 Red Ledge Drive, Dallas, died Monday, May 25, in Nesbitt Hospital following an illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, May 13, 1916, daughter of the late Daniel and Anna Frederick Thomas, she resided in Dallas the last 20 years. She was a graduate of Kingston Township High School. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and its Altar and Rosary Society. She had been employed at Duplan Mills, Kingston; Bloomsburg Mills, Linear Corp.; and Valley Paperback all of Fernbrook.

Surviving are a brother, William J. Shavertown; sister, Mrs. Theresa McCue, Dallas; stepsons, George Lewis, Clarion; Robert Lewis, Palmyra, N.Y. Her husband, Atty. Burt B. Lewis, died in 1979.

Funeral was Thursday from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas, with Mass of Christian Burial in Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. Interment was in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

Eugene F. Weaver

Eugene F. Weaver, RD 5, Weavertown Road, Shavertown, died Sunday, May 24, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, following a long illness.

Born in Jackson Township, Jan. 8, 1899, son of the late James and Lydia Miller Weaver, he was a life resident of Jackson Township. He was employed as a mineworker for the Hudson Coal Co. and the Vulcan Iron Works. His wife, the former Viola Sites, died March 11, 1979.

Surviving are sons, Eugene Jr. and Elmer, Plymouth; William, at home; daughters, Mrs. Rita Jumper, Whitehouse Station, N.J.; Mrs. Arlene Gensel, Plymouth; 24 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Henry and George, Larksville.

Funeral was Wednesday with Rev. Francis Parmenteri, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, Plymouth, officiating. Interment was in Huntsville Cemetery.

Harry E. Spencer

Harry E. Spencer, 74, of 42nd St., Idetown, died as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Monday, May 25, near the Huntsville Dam.

Born in Dallas, he had been a life resident of the area. He was the son of the late Horace and Miranda Rogers Spencer, attended Dallas Township schools and was self-employed as a painting contractor. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are sisters, Mrs. Mable Whitesell, Dallas; Mrs. Helen Swan, with whom he resided; Mrs. Liva Harris, Noxen. Funeral was Friday from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas, with Rev. Jerry Tallent, pastor of Noxen Bible Tabernacle, officiating. Interment was

in Chapel Lawn-burial Park, Dallas.

George H. Stritzinger

George H. Stritzinger, 76, of 35 Echo Valley Mobile Home, Harris Hill Rd., Shavertown, died Tuesday, May 26, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, following a prolonged illness.

He was born in Kingston, son of the late Peter and Elizabeth Jones Stritzinger. He resided in the Back Mountain area most of his life and formerly was employed by the Columbia Lace Mill, Wilkes-Barre, retiring in 1974 from the Quaker Lace Mill, Philadelphia.

Stritzinger was a member of the Salvation Army Citadel, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Lillian Stucker, Levittown, Pa.;

Mrs. Nellie Hufford, Sayreville, N.J.; Mrs. Dorothy Brown, Dallas; Mrs. Jane Brown, Macungie; sons, Thomas, Shavertown; and William, Dallas; 23

grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Peter, Trucksville; sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Bartoo, Dallas. Funeral services were Friday from the Salvation

Army Citadel, South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, with Capt. Peter Stritzinger, nephew of the deceased, officiating. Interment was in Forty Fort Cemetery.

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