

Noxen Notes

Noxen Ambulance Association Fund Drive On

Among area folk selected for jury duty this week at the Court of Common Pleas in Tunkhannock were Robert J. Bush, a millwright; Richard T. Price, construction worker, and Joyce L. Smith, a bindery assistant, all of Monroe Twp.

Belated congratulations are extended to Ted and Karen Beck of Noxen, who marked a wedding anniversary March 6.

Friends of John Jones of Noxen will be glad to learn he came home on Wednesday after being a patient at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Belated congratulations are extended to Mary Ann and Robert Dean Lynn, who were married March 5 in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Noxen.

Happy birthday greetings somewhat belatedly are extended to the following: Evelyn Hettseimer, March 1; Karen Beck, March 2; Stephanie Scott, March 6; Jason Michalek, whose last Thursday, and Debbie Zipay, who became a year older on Saturday.

Lenten service will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in St. Luke's Lutheran Church with Rev. Jacob Victor in charge. The next ecumenical service for Noxen and Bowmans Creek churches participating in the joint services during the Lenten season will be held Thursday evening, March 24, in the Bowmans Creek Free Methodist Church where Rev. Victor will deliver the sermon.

Mid-week Lenten service for members of the three United Methodist Churches of the Noxen-Kunkle-Ruggles UM Charge will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Ruggles UM church. Rev. Donald Sperling, pastor, will be in charge of the service.

Don't forget the St. Patrick's Evening at the Noxen United Methodist Church Friday at 7:30. There will be a skit, refreshments, cake auction and fun! Cost is \$1 for adults; 50 cents for children. "St. Patrick's Evening" is being sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

A memorial service was held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Kunkle UM Church in memory of the late Donald Minster, who passed away earlier this month.

John Rundell was the guest preacher at the morning worship service Sunday in Noxen Independent Bible Church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Jerry Tallent.

Arnie Williams is a

patient at the Maryland University Hospital in Baltimore.

Miss Tami Lee Smith is a patient at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md.

It's a girl for Bryan and Brenda Walter of 4995 Lamb's Road, Charleston Heights, S.C. The little lady has been named Lee Ann.

Mrs. Jean Hilbert and Mrs. Irene Transue hosted the March meeting of Kunkle United Methodist Women in the church social rooms last Wednesday evening.

Some of the upcoming

events at the Noxen Independent Bible Church include the EMYF Youth Rally on Saturday; the church fellowship dinner on Sunday when the film "39 Stripes" will be shown and the deacons meeting on Monday evening.

United Methodist Women of the Noxen UM Church are completing plans for their benefit rummage sale to be held Saturday, March 26, at the church. Members and friends having items to donate for the sale are asked to bring them to the church basement anytime.

Volunteer solicitors of the Noxen Ambulance Association are winding up a five-week door to door campaign of sections for Noxen and Monroe Townships soliciting funds and ambulance members. Most of the areas were covered in previous weeks.

Last week, the area on Nulton Hill, Crispell Lane, Durwin Road, Percy Road, Buckwheat Hollow and Tunkhannock Road to Jack Fields was canvassed. This week the solicitation continues from Tunkhannock Road

to Route 309; from Bowmans Creek north to Route 292 to the Monroe-Eaton Townships line; Bigelow Lane, Tippy Lane, Dead End Lane, the Copper Kettle Trailer Park, Old Route 309 and Doll's Lane.

Any residents of the Noxen-Evans Falls-Bowmans Creek areas who have been missed may call the ambulance association or mail their contributions to the Ambulance Association, c/o Noxen Volunteer Fire Company, Noxen, Pa. 18636.

McGrane Extends Office Hours

Dr. Maria McGrane, general physician at the Back Mountain Medical Center, is considering extending her hours to better serve the increasing numbers of patients who are seeking her medical attention.

Dr. McGrane said she is seeing patients from Dallas, Lehman, Harveys Lake and as far out as Sweet Valley. She is very encouraged by the response to her opening a practice at the Medical Center and looks forward to continued growth at the facility.

The news of Dr. McGrane's success has been very well-received by members of the Medical Center Board and the Fall Fair Board. Ray Hillman, president of the Back Mountain Medical Center board, reports the board believes her presence there has achieved step one in the plan to provide a family practice at the location.

The center is built to house three full-time physicians, which would allow for continuous medical care plus specialties. Dr. McGrane's increased workload is an optimistic sign that the community

is taking advantage of the facility. Area residents also utilize the Nesbitt Satellite Station set up there for blood work and EKG's.

Dr. Jay Ochreiter, a podiatrist working at the center since it opened in 1979, is also considering extending his hours.

Dr. McGrane said her initial patients came because of local media coverage of her opening there in January. However, she is pleased to hear new patients tell her they have come on referral from others.

Robert Bayer, president of Fall Fair Association, is another very happy person at this time. He explained he had two goals when he became president of the Fall Fair board. The first was to turn the paramedic unit around, making it a worthwhile venture for the community. Recent improvements and local acceptance of the unit have shown that his first goal was attainable.

His second goal was to do whatever was necessary to get the Medical Center moving.

Dr. McGrane's plan to extend her hours is a positive step in that direction.

Both Hillman and Bayer warned, however, the reality of three full-time physicians in the Medical Center is a long way off. "We are interviewing interesting persons," said Hillman. "But, I'd guess it would be a few years before it's really going."

Dr. McGrane, a California native, presently shares her working hours between the center and Nesbitt Hospital Emergency Room. She noted she is planning on taking up residence in the Back Mountain in the near future.

Since she is not yet listed in the telephone book, she asked the Post to publicize her office number—675-6939. She also has the facilities to

perform minor office surgical procedures and is capable of caring for incidents of an emergency nature during her office hours. She is available to her patients on a 24-hour basis.

Although the original intent of the Medical Center was a point of controversy, both Bayer and Hillman now believe it is headed in the right direction. Many people believed the center would actually be a small hospital. For awhile, after its construction, no one was sure what, if anything, would eventually happen there. But, Bayer noted, the community never once withheld its support. "Attendance at the fair each year shows us we're doing the right thing," he said. "Every year it gets bigger." And, it appears, the years of planning and dreaming are beginning to pay off in tangible results, directly benefiting the people of the whole Back Mountain.

Harveys Lake

Picchi Warns Residents

Harveys Lake Mayor Frank Picchi wishes to inform residents that information they are receiving from the International Association of Chiefs of Police is in no way related to the Neighborhood Crime Watch program he is beginning there.

While the Chiefs of Police Association is a legitimate one, and the campaign it is running is

a good one, the mayor believes it will only serve to confuse residents at the lake who want to be involved in Crime Watch.

Identification numbers provided by the association will not be usable through the mayor's program. The mayor is anticipating receiving engravers from the Pennsylvania Crime Watch Commission in the near future. These will be

available on a loan basis and a driver's license number will be the suggested identification marking.

The Chiefs of Police Association is distributing warning shields, which are free for the first six months and cost \$15 for the next year. Again, the mayor noted these have no connection to the Crime Watch program at the Lake.

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Deaths

Mrs. Russell W. Frantz

Mrs. Russell W. Frantz, 84, of Box 53, Dallas, died Wednesday, March 9, in General Hospital following an illness.

Surviving are her husband, Russell W.; sons, Charles S., Jackson Twp.; two grandchildren

and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral was from the family home on Friday, March 11, with Rev. Dr. James A. Baker, pastor of Forty Fort United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

John H. Jewell

John H. Jewell, 59, 3 Kentucky Ave., Pleasant Hills, Wilmington, Del. passed away Feb. 28 in the Delaware Division of Wilmington Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

Surviving besides his parents are his wife, the former Margaret Jones, of Dallas; two daughters, Jo Ann Jewell and Mrs. Jacqueline Mason, both of

Wilmington; grandchild. A brother, Robert Jewell passed away in 1973.

Funeral services were conducted from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home in Dallas, on Friday, March 4. Rev. Gerald Henderson, pastor of Peniel United Methodist Church of Wilmington and Rev. Robert Bensen, pastor of Dallas United Methodist Church officiated.

William C. Frey

William C. Frey, 29, 4328 Louisiana, San Diego passed away Feb. 25 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, La Jolla, California.

Surviving besides his parents are a brother Michael R., Springfield, Va.; and sister, Mrs. Alna

Remley, Conn.

Funeral services were conducted from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas on Wednesday, March 2. Father Jack Bendik officiated. Interment was in the Lehman Center Cemetery, Lehman.

Eleanor Yovish Gorey

Mrs. Eleanor Yovish Gorey, 62, 114 N. Jackson Ave., Endicott, N.Y., formerly of Oak Hill, Idetown, passed away on March 2 at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, N.Y. following a lengthy illness.

She is survived by a son, Daniel J. Gorey, Jr.; four grandchildren; four brothers, Anthony, Joseph, Edward and

Frank Yovish; two sisters, Ann Lambodie and Mrs. Judy Abbruzese.

Funeral services were conducted from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Dallas on Saturday, March 5, with Mass of Christian Burial at Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Annabelle Eshleman

Mrs. Annabelle Eshleman, 57, of 10607 Walker Road, Thonotosassa, Fla., formerly of Harveys Lake, died Monday afternoon in Florida, following a brief illness.

Surviving are her husband, Harold; sons, Dennis and Guy,

daughter, Lori, all at home; brother, Clarence Oberst, Harveys Lake; sisters, Ella Cobligh, Florida and Binghamton, N.Y.; Lela Sickler, Luzerne; Bertha Oney, Harveys Lake; Iva Hoover, Binghamton, N.Y.

Memorial services were held in Florida.

Albert Salansky

Albert Salansky, of Box 215 A, Shavertown, died Monday at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

He is survived by a brother, Michael of Tunkhannock; Ambrose of Shavertown; George of Kentington, Md.; Stephen of Harveys Lake; Paul of Meeker; sisters, Victoria Salansky of Shavertown; Mrs. Helen Koons, of

Ohio; Mrs. Ann Lord, of Hyattsville, Md.

Funeral was Thursday, March 10, from the Andrew Strish Funeral Home, 11 Wilson St., Larksville, with a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Interment will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Courtdale.

Nellie M. Oliver

Nellie M. Oliver, 90, of RD 3, Dallas, died Sunday at Leader East Rehabilitation Center, Kingston, where she had been a guest since Dec. 8.

She is survived by son, Dr. Herbert N. Oliver Jr., of Dallas; daughter, Mrs. Shirley Hall of Washington; Mrs. Leona Franey, of Wilkes-Barre; four children; one great-grandson.

Funeral was from the Piatt-Barnhill Funeral Home, 130 E. Wheeling St., Washington, Pa.

Interment will be in the Washington Cemetery.

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