

Dallas girl performs in her own hometown with Re-Creation

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A group of eight young men and women presented a special musical treat Sunday evening to those who attended the Sacred Music Concert at Shavertown United Methodist Church.

The Re-Creation, a private, non-profit group of four young men and four young women presented a selection of sacred music in a refreshing and unique presentation.

The audience also had the pleasure of seeing and hearing one of the Back Mountain's recent graduates, Judy Fitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Fitch, Jr. of Dallas.

When Judy was a student at Dallas Senior High School, Hugh Brooks, director of Re-Creation, approached Mrs. Florence Sherwood, chorus director and asked if she had any possible talent for the group. Mrs. Sherwood said she had just the student for the group, Judy, who not only sang but danced. Judy auditioned for Brooks and was accepted.

Following her graduation in June, 1985, Judy joined the group and since August of that year has been performing with Re-Creation. She plans to continue with the group until next August, when she will leave to return home and attend Wilkes College.

Re-Creation, a private, non-profit corporation was formed in 1976 by Brooks. The group's staging is done by Brooks' wife, Carolyn Brooks and the choreography by his daughter, Katie Brooks.

Judy has traveled with the group to California and back, from New England to Florida, and visited 48 of the 50 states. The group's primary goal is to visit Veterans Hospitals and entertain the patients.

Before presenting their program, the youths visit the veterans in their rooms and try to talk to each person.

"It gives you a wonderful feeling," Ms. Fitch said. "When you talk to some of these patients and they tell you no one wants them, that they're not interested in the musical, and later, you see them in the audience when you're singing or dancing. It's rewarding to know that you helped them."

In addition to the sacred music concert such as the Re-Creation presented Sunday night at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, the group has other programs available which include music for all ages and presented with style, mood, rhythm and beat tailored for any audience. They have musical selections from early Americana, Roaring 20's, the 30's, 40's, 50's and the modern era with Country, Rock and Patriotic favorites.

In all but the Sacred Music Concert, the group includes dance numbers in their programs and they always have something for everyone. All presentations are done in costume.

Brooks composes most of the songs with the exception of several sacred selections. They try to involve the children in the audience and Judy sings a Children's Song, written by Brooks especially for children.

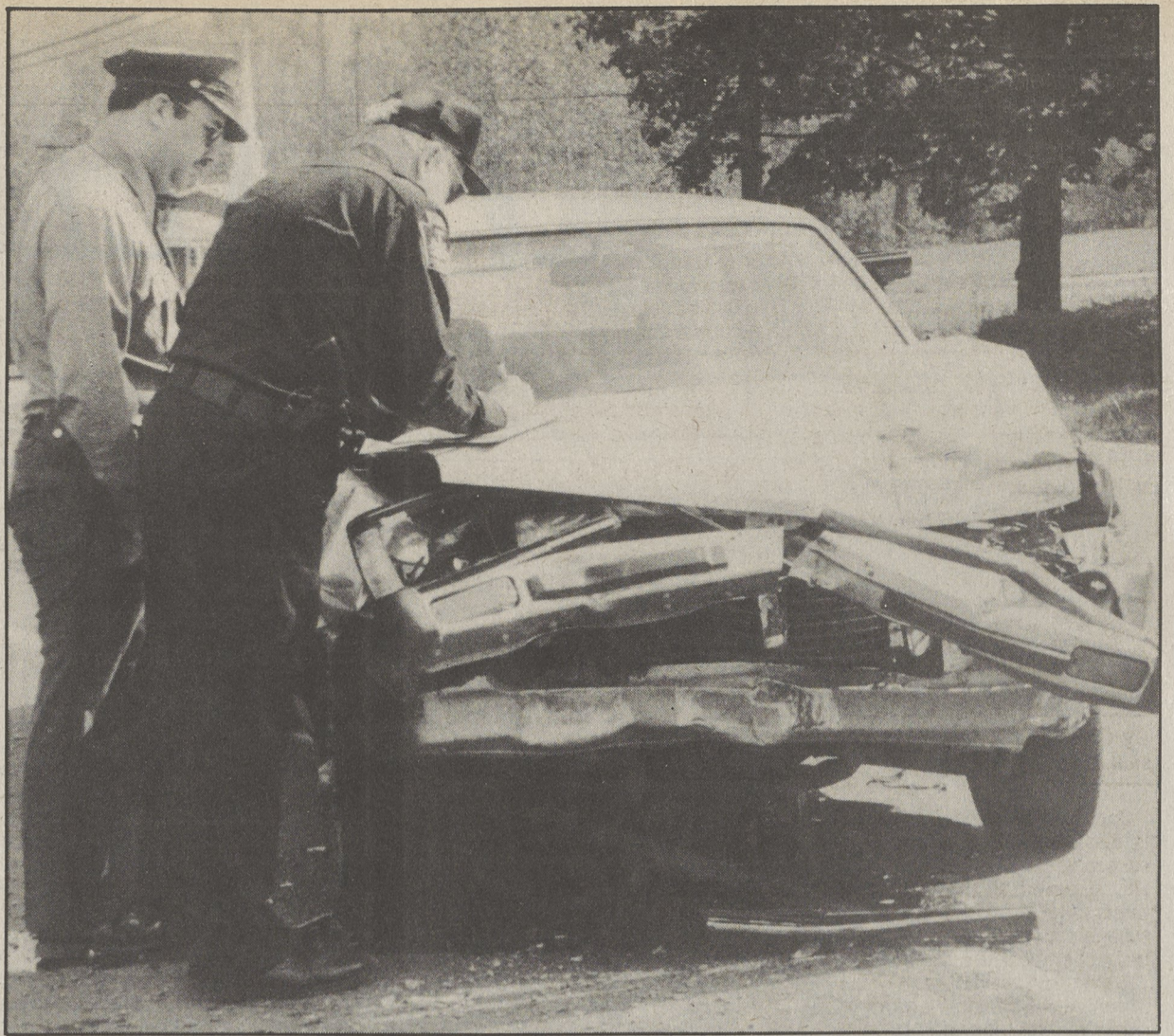
The group lives together as a family 24 hours daily. When not touring, the girls live in a mobile home, the men in a third floor apartment over the offices, and the Brooks in their home on the same property. When touring, they either camp, or stay with host families, or in motels provided through the cooperation of Howard Johnson.

They perform every Sunday and last Sunday before arriving in Dallas about 5:30 p.m., they performed two concerts in Philadelphia. They set up their equipment themselves, with each one assigned specific duties and, when traveling, they eat all of their meals together.

Judy loves touring with Re-Creation, but realizes that she must leave in August and get on with her education. She plans to major in mass communications or public relations, if possible. Judy also hopes to have a band when she graduates from college.

According to Judy, she is learning a lot about public relations, business and technical work and she is learning to make mental notes that will be useful in her future.

"I'm getting an education money could never buy," she said. "The traveling, meeting new people, coping with problems, dealing with others, management, these are only a few of the things you learn to deal with," said Judy.



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One-car crash

Lehman Township Patrolman William Purcell assisted by Jackson Township Jerry Leedock write up reports on the one-car accident at Kunkle last week. Mrs. Karen Costigan of Mill st., Dallas, and her two children were taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released.

Obituaries

Norman Nulton

Norman Nulton, 78, of RD 1, Noxen (Beaumont), died October 12 in Leader West Rehabilitation Center, Kingston.

Born in Centermoreland, he resided in Baltimore, Md. for the past 35 years and in Beaumont the past year. He was employed by the Slayton Garage, Baltimore, Md., for 35 years as a body and fender man.

Surviving are sisters, Mrs. Affa Rice, Forty Fort; Mrs. Jean Pellam, Dallas; Mrs. Fay Gavek, Beaumont, with whom he resided; Mrs. Beatrice Herald, Binghamton, N.Y.; Mrs. Ida Fink, Shavertown; Dorothy Nulton, Port Crane; Mrs. Vera Ketchoyan, Johnson City, N.Y.; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sisters, Lucy and Helen.

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont, with the Rev. Jerry Tallent, pastor of the Independent Bible Church, Noxen, officiating. Interment will be in Eaton Cemetery, Orange.

Peter Alexander

Peter Alexander, of Newberry Estates, Dallas, prominent motion picture theater owner, died October 12 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after being stricken ill at his home earlier.

Born in Luzerne, he was a 1935 graduate of Kingston High School and received a degree from the University of Pennsylvania. During World War II, he served with the artillery in the U.S. Army and was discharged with the rank of captain.

He had presently been serving as a partner in the operation of the

Forty Fort Theater.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Kekeris; son, Thomas Christopher, at home; sister, Mrs. Margaret A. Politis, Hollywood, Fla. and Kingston; brothers, Alex, Pompano Beach, Fla.; Frank T., Forty Fort; Taki P., Forty Fort; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted today at 11 a.m. from the Hugh B. Hughes and Son Funeral Home, 1044 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort with a divine liturgy at 11:30 in Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. Interment will be in Denison Cemetery, Swoyersville.

Joseph Borkowski

Joseph W. Borkowski, 76, of RD 2, Lake Silkworth, Hunlock Creek, died October 9 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Philadelphia, he had resided in Nanticoke and Glen Lyon for many years, prior to moving to Lake Silkworth 17 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Col. Robert Borkowski, stationed at Omaha, Neb. with the U.S. Air Force; daughters, Mrs. Ginger Paselk, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Marie Perlis, Lake Silkworth; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, John, Michigan; sisters, Miss Annie Borkowski, Forty Fort; Mrs. Mildred Yanovich, New Jersey; Miss Julie Borkowski, Dallas; numerous nieces and nephews. His wife, Adeline, died in 1980.

John Hulet

John A. Hulet, 46, of 93 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, died October 8 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Born in Port Carbon, he had been a Shavertown resident for the past

four years. He was an Army veteran serving in Vietnam and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was also a member of the Kingston VFW, Post 283 and the Disabled American Vets, Chapter 102, Pottsville Lodge 730 F&A.M.

Surviving are sons, William and John; daughter, Rhonda.

Walter Puterbaugh

Walter S. Puterbaugh Jr., of 16 Gardenia Lane, Hicksville, N.Y., a native of Harveys Lake, died September 28 following a lengthy illness.

After graduating from Laketon High School, he moved to the New York area residing in Hicksville the

past 32 years.

He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Prior to retiring in 1984, he was employed as a cost analyst for Fairchild Camera and Instrument Co. for 19 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Eileen Knollin, sisters, Eleanor Puterbaugh and Margaretta Bryant, Shawanese.

Barbara White

Mrs. Barbara Anne White, 97, of the South East Apartments, 464 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, a native of Harveys Lake, died October 10 at her home.

Surviving are her niece, Gertrude Wilson, with whom she resided;

numerous great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Archie White, in 1936, daughter, Mrs. Joseph McTague in 1968; brother, Frank Walter and sister, Eleanor.

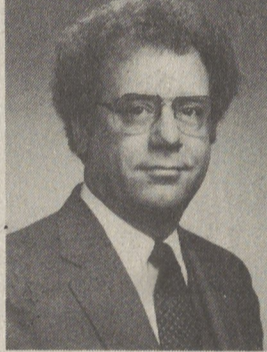
Gregory Pavesi, Jr.

Gregory Clark Pavesi, Jr., 15 months, of Centermoreland, died October 10 in the Geisinger Medical

Center, Danville.

Born in Kingson, he was the son of Gregory C. Pavesi, Sr. and Linda Daniels, Centermoreland.

Surviving are a brother, Frank Daniels, at home; maternal grandparents, Robert Brown, Kingston; Mrs. Marie Stubbine, Swoyersville; paternal grandparents, Alfred Pavesi, Bethlehem; Mrs. Lillian Pavesi, Brooklyn, N.Y.



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