

**U.S.S. HURST** — The destroyer is now commissioned by the Mexican Navy

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most of the time. The water was so rough, they had to hold on to something permanent to avoid being washed overboard into the rough, sub-zero water.

While at sea, the men had nothing to do but stand watch, eat, sleep and read or play cards. They stood watch four hours and were off eight hours. On one trip, the DE's pulled into Pitcairn Island looking for survivors but found none.

If the war had not ended when it did, both the Hurst and the Pettit were scheduled to go with the 3rd Fleet for the Invasion of Japan and would have been the first line picket against the Kamikazis.

Mahler, born and raised in the Back Mountain was discharged in November, 1945, and Kahler was discharged in July, 1946. A graduate of Dallas Township High School, Mahler returned to the Dallas Area in 1986.

After being discharged from the Coast Guard, the men lost track of the others on their respective ships until a reunion of the Pettit Crew brought many of them together. After that reunion, Kahler was elected to the National Board of Directors of the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association. While locating Pettit people, Kahler came across some sailors from the Hurst. He found a man in Southern New Jersey and convinced him to try to locate his shipmates. The man was successful in doing that and in 1986 the Hurst sailors held their first official reunion in Philadelphia. The men from the Hurst also hosted members of the Pettit at that reunion.

In 1987, there was no official reunion of the Hurst sailors but they were invited to the Pettit reunion in New York City for the dedication of a diorama of the DE's aboard the aircraft carrier museum, U.S.S. Intrepid.

The diorama, nine and one half feet long, was built to scale by ninth grade students under the supervision of a West Arizona State teacher, Glen Frakes and named "Battle of Atlantic." Attending the dedication of the diorama were 400 former DE sailors.

The organization will meet in St. Louis in September, 1988 and the following year on the aircraft carrier, Yorktown, in Charleston, S.C.

## We will miss the Chief

The sudden death of Dallas Borough Police Chief Edward Lyons has left the Back Mountain communities stunned. Those who knew him could not believe that 'Bid Ed' as he was known to many would no longer be among them.

Chief of Police of Dallas Borough for the past 11 years he was a familiar figure in the local area as he patrolled the streets of the Back Mountain Community or, in his off hours, was among the fans at a high school football game or basketball game.

His death will leave a big void in the community for in a humble way, Chief Lyons gave much of himself to community and civic organizations.

He was an ardent supporter of the community's youth and for 11 years served as an umpire in the Back Mountain Little League and when he was needed coached one of the teams. He was an enthusiastic fan of the Dallas High School basketball team even before and after his son, Timothy, was a member of the team.

Chief Lyons was a big man in stature and big in heart. He enjoyed people and always had a kind word for those around him. He loved his work and served his community well. He was the kind of man, who could never say "No".

Like all human beings, not everyone agreed with Lyons but regardless, they liked him. "You couldn't help but like him", said one constituent. "His family and his community were his priorities in his life. He was proud of his sons, Timothy and Edward, Jr., and was quick to tell you of their achievements.

Born in Olyphant, son of the late Edward R. and Clara Metters Lyons, he was only 55 when he was fatally stricken Saturday night in the Bonanza Steak House, Dallas. He was a graduate of St. Patrick's High School and the University of Scranton where he was a member of the

football team and also a member of the first graduating class of the university's ROTC program.

He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and also served as army advisor to the 109th Field Artillery, Kingston, retiring from his service career as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas; Back Mountain Police Chiefs Association; State Police Chiefs Association and served as secretary of the Back Mountain Communication Network.

He was commander of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672, Dallas, an office he held for 13 years. He was a member of the Back Mountain Fire and Ambulance Inc. and of the Anthracite Post 283, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Kingston.

Lyons was a member of the George M. Dallas Lodge 531, F&AM; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple of Wilkes-Barre. He was also treasurer of the Dallas Basketball Boosters Club.

He is survived by his wife, the former Rita Madigan; sons, Edward Jr., at home; Timothy, student at Lycoming College, Williamsport; and sister, Mrs. Charles Sansenbach, South Plainfield, NJ.

Military funeral services were today, February 10, from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, 672 Memorial Highway, Dallas, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Chief Lyons loved Dallas and surrounding communities. He liked to see residents enjoy their community, knowing they were safe in the hands of their police officers.

Chief Lyons was a friend to all and residents of Dallas Borough, who knew him personally will no doubt miss him.



Milan W. Shepherd

## Dance to be held at Irem

A Past Potentate's and Past President's Dinner-Dance will be held at Irem Temple Country Club, Saturday, Feb. 13. The event is to honor Past Potentate Peter F. Caprari and Past President of the Uniformed Units James F. Danner.

Festivities will commence at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner and program at 7 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the "Statesmen."

Reservations may be made by calling Irem Temple Country Club, 675-1134. The deadline for reservations is February 11. Members of Irem Temple, their ladies and their guests are invited.

Milan W. Shepherd and Andrew Kaskus, Jr., are General Co-Chairmen. Gordon E. Dussinger, Jr. will be toastmaster.

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## Valentine's Day has long history of celebrations

Historians disagree on when and where the celebration of Valentine's Day began. Some trace the origins of the February holiday to a Roman festival called Lupercalia. Other experts connect the event with one or more saints of the Christian Church. Still others believe it began with an old English belief that birds chose their mates on February 14.

Valentine's Day is probably a combination of all three origins - plus the romantic notion that spring is for lovers.

In A.D. 496, it is said a Christian martyr, Valentine, was executed. On that day, Feb. 14, Pope Gelasius declared St. Valentine's Day.

Geoffrey Chaucer, an English poet of the 14th century, wrote about the English belief of birds choosing their mates on Feb. 14. William Shakespeare also mentioned the belief in "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

The typical American celebration centers around the exchanging of Valentine cards. School children hold dances and give parties. Wives, husbands, and sweethearts are the recipients of flowers, candy, or jewelry.

Customs for the day's celebration around the world vary from country to country.

In Great Britain, children sing special Valentine songs and receive gifts of candy, fruit, or money. In some parts of the country, people bake valentine buns.

Italians, with their love of good food and fondness for parties, hold a Valentine's Day feast. Single women get up before sunrise and wait by their windows watching for an eligible bachelor to pass.

Danish people send white flowers called snowdrops to their friends. Men send anonymous rhyming cards to their sweethearts.

No matter where or how Valentine's Day is observed, the exchanging of cards is an integral part.

An early custom, preceding the inception of an actual greeting card, was the practice of men writing their sweethearts' names on a slip of paper.

In the 1700's, a group of men would draw the slips of paper from a jar. The paper bearing a sweetheart's name was worn on the sleeve for several days. The saying, "wearing your heart on your sleeve" probably originated with this practice.

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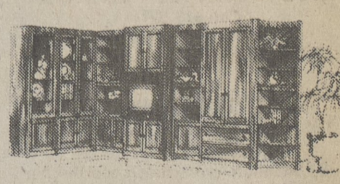
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