

# Obituaries

## JANET GARRIS

Janet L. Garriss, 62, formerly of Dallas, died July 4, 1988 at her home in Santee, S.C.

Surviving are her husband, Robert F.; sons, Roderick C., Pine-wood, S.C.; Michael F., Bloomington, Minn.; brother, Wilson R. Gar-inger, Dallas; three grandchildren.

Interment was in Idetown Cem-etry, Idetown.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dallas United Method-ist Church.

## ANNE GRIFFITHS

Anne Griffiths, 93, Main Road, Dallas, died July 8, 1988 at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kings-ton.

She was preceded in death by her husband Russell, June 1, 1962.

Surviving are sons, Morgan, Shavertown; Joseph, Monticello, Fla.; daughters, Marjorie and Anne Louise, at home; two grandchil-dren.

Interment was in Oak Lawn Cem-etry, Hanover Twp.

## MARY PURCELL

Mary T. Purcell, 93, formerly of S. Pioneer Ave., Trucksville, died July 7, 1988 at the Meadows Nurs-ing Center, Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph L., in 1986.

Surviving are sons, William F., Harveys Lake; Joseph W., Dallas; Atty. James L., Garden City, Long Island, N.Y.; Robert L., Syossett, N.Y.; daughter, Mrs. Robert Siani, Warren, N.J.; 32 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

## PETER A. SHINER

Peter A. Shiner, 71, of Sterling

Ave., Dallas, died July 6, 1988 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Euro-pean Theater.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Nellie Decker and Mrs. Marie Serhan.

Surviving in addition to his wife, the former Claire John are chil-dren, Paul, Harrisburg; Nina Shiner Wysocki, Dallas; Mrs. John (Marcia) Steele, Bricktown, N.J.; Peter Jr., Pittsburgh; six grand-children; twin brother, Paul, Miami, Fla.; brothers, Joseph, Vero Beach, Fla.; Francis, Wilkes-Barre; Anthony, Buffalo, N.Y.; sis-ters, Mrs. Victoria Elias, Toms River, N.J.; Mrs. Michael (Lena) Bena, Linden, N.J.; Mrs. Donald (Marjorie) Chamberland, Towanda; Mrs. William (Joan) Smilanich, Colorado Springs, CO; several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cem-etry, Carverton.

## EDNA TRAGIS

Edna Traigis, 76, of Maywood Ave., Harveys Lake, died July 5, 1988 in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospi-tal, Kingston.

She and her husband celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in November, 1987.

She was preceded in death by brother, Anthony; sister, Helen Stadulis.

Surviving are sons, William T. Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.; Edmund C. Gouldsboro; daughters, Mrs. Bar-bara P. Lucke, Madisonville; Caro-line M. Zielinski, Fort Wayne, Ind.; sisters, Mrs. Stella Orbus and Mrs. Stephanie Waterhouse, Wilkes-Barre; eight grandchildren.

Interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.



## Dallas Women's Club award

Marilyn Webster, past president of Dallas Federated Women's Club, left, presents Dallas Librarian William Freder-ick with the club's annual book award check to the library. JoAnn Hall, right, club's public relation chairperson, looks on. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

# Library news

## Volunteers make the library special

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is fortunate to have a real select group of faithful volunteers, among them being Shirley Forney of Shavertown. Shirley began her time of volunteering for the library a few years ago, soon after moving into our area. She had wanted to volunteer here from the beginning but had difficulty finding someone from the library who said they needed her and invite her to begin working. Finally, our volunteer coordinator phoned her and asked her to come in and then she began to volunteer. She comes in Wednes-day afternoons on a regular basis, from 3 to 5 hours each week and does this mostly because she enjoys books and likes to work in libraries. She shelves books in the reading room in their proper places after they have been returned to the library and slipped with the proper book card. One other impor-tant job she does is to 'read shelves'; which means make sure the books are in their proper place on the shelves and that the shelves are neat. Shirley is a great worker and a much appreciated volunteer.

A pretty special couple to a lot of us are Oce and Arch Austin and they recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 17. Oce has been connected with the library for many years and belongs

to the Book Club. Anyone who had children grow up in the Dallas School District knows both of these people, Oce being a teacher and Arch a superintendent. Oce is involved with the Nesbitt Auxiliary and they have both been active with Dallas Kiwanis. Happy anni-versary to some super 80 year young people!

Having been involved with the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the past 20 years, I have become very close to many of our regular library patrons. There are many regulars who come in from week to week on a given day. We have been saddened during the past few weeks when some of our regu-lar special people have passed away. Donald Sutherland, who has been coming in for the past 20 years; Sam Siegel, Albert Aston, Robert McDowell and little Allison Jones; Martha Robinson, who has been a shut-in on, our delivery service for years; Mary Coon, Pat Gregory, Eloise Titman and Stefan Hellersperk, loyal library support-ers. We will miss our association with these special people.

A reminder to the residents of the Back Mountain: the library has a supply of canes, crutches, wheel-chairs, walkers, potty chairs and a hospital bed available for the public to borrow. These are at the library courtesy of Dallas Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

## Auction

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The baked goods booth had remarkable success under Carol Erickson, turning in \$700. Carol made many of the items and was assisted by others, so there was a wide variety of goodies available every night.

The food booth, chaired by Lee and Terry Eckert, grossed \$8,000. They had many new items which brought people back time and time again, and their "Sun Dance Spar-klng Cooler" was a hit with every-one. It hit the spot during the hot evenings of the auction.

There were more than 600 antiques, which under the careful supervision of Ernest Ashbridge always brings in a large sum. A jelly cupboard circa 1840 brought \$850, and six Victorian chairs went for \$150 each, a total of \$900.

Among the new goods, a John Deere tractor went over the block for \$1100. Corrinne Pawling was chairperson of new goods and did a fantastic job.

"The weather didn't interfere this year," Shaskas said. "The people came regardless of the heat. We

had some antiques and new goods left over Sunday night but instead of continuing until 2 or 3 a.m. in the morning, we shut down at midnight.

"We decided to hold a mini-auction and a Farmer's Market, tentatively the first weekend in October, to get rid of the surplus, and we have started planning a horse show for early next season as a kickoff type event for those, who don't want to attend the dinner which we will still have in the spring.

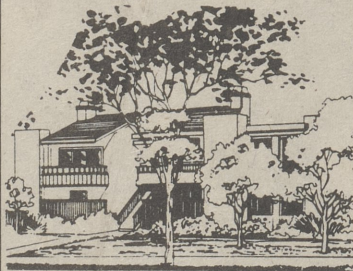
"Dr. Durelle Scott was super as my co-chairman. He and his wife, Connie, did a great job. Connie was in charge of the tickets for the Ford Escort which was won by George Stella."

Shaskas is looking ahead to next year when he plans to set a goal of \$100,000.

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## Boom

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returning to Pennsylvania chose the Back Mountain and then the rush began.

Realtors were kept busy round the clock looking for houses for their clients, developers bought up every parcel of land they could get hold of and contractors sold houses before they were built.

Demand had become greater than the supply and it appeared the 'boom', growing for years, had just begun. Actually, it may have reached its peak and could be slacking off.

There are a few developers such as Flack, Wallack and Moreck, Inc. and Ed Nelen trying to obtain permits to build on the last few parcels of land in Dallas Borough; some carefully screened and given preliminary or final approval in Kingston Township and others in Dallas, Lehman, and Jackson Township as well as two possible developments in Harveys Lake Bor-ough.

Donald and Shirley Hanson have a 30-acre parcel of land including the lake front, restaurant, camp-ground and former Hansons Amusement Park on the market and developers are interested in making the site a condominium complex.

Businessman Al Morrow has applied for permission to construct 31 townhouses on a 3½ acre parcel of land behind his two homes on Lakeside Drive.

In Jackson Township, Jonathan Valentine of Dallas has approxi-mately 13 houses being constructed in Pinetree Estates of Sutton Road. The homes are reported to be worth from \$300,000 to \$1 million each.

Lehman Township has two devel-opments under consideration but the township zoning board will have to change the zoning from residen-tial and agricultural before 25 to 30 townhouses can be built near Briarcrest Road.

The owner of Bryant's Mobile Homes in Dallas would like to buy land behind the Lehman fire hall so he could build a mobile home trailer park.

Recently, plans submitted by Michael Development Inc. were given preliminary approval by the planning commission. The plans call for the building of 35 town-houses on seven acres of land on Garbutt Street behind Native Tex-tiles. William Rice has already built 45 of 90 additional homes in the Orchard View Terrace Develop-ment off Dorchester Drive.

Kingston Township has at least seven new developments in the preliminary or final stages. These include Cranes Landing I and II, Maple Crest, Somerfield, Woodside I and II and an adjoining subdivi-sion called Woodridge.

In the meantime, three contrac-tors contacted by The Post, said that they believe building is slack-ing off.

Leo Rutkowski of Dallas, who has been constructing homes for the past 20 years or more, said by this time last year he had built 30 new homes in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 range. This year to date, he has had less than half that many.

"People are now looking for houses under \$200,000," Rutkowski said. "Today, it costs about \$30,000 for the average lot, to clear and prepare it and put in the road. Add this to the price of a new home and it puts the owner in a high price bracket. Lower priced houses are in demand but it's impossible to build a good one at a low price."

James Veras of Veras Construc-tion Company also agreed that people buying newly-constructed homes are slacking off, although he said it is possible there are more new homes available on realtor lists.

"Most people are looking at \$150,-000 to \$250,000 homes and the lower priced homes sell faster. There are more homes above \$300,000 for sale now," Veras said.

Veras explained that most of his homes are purchased by executives moving into the area or by profes-sional people who live here and move up. He said they usually range in age from 35 and 40 years up.

"Houses have appreciated over the years, however, and prices of them in general have gone up."

Michael Dombroski of Dallas, one of the newer contractors to this area, believes his homes are selling about the same as a year ago. He said they average between \$150,000 to \$200,000 and the buyers are about a 50-50 mix - a clientele of local people and others relocating to this area.

"Most of those coming into this area accept the higher price," Dombroski said. "The majority of the buyers are 35 years or over and are executive or professional type people. They do not appear to hesitate on price."

Robert Besecker of Besecker Realty said there are very few older homes on the market.

"People are holding on to their homes," said Besecker. "The \$40,-000 to \$80,000 homes are non-exis-tent. It's the \$90,000 to \$300,000 or more we're trying to sell. The \$40,000 to \$70,000 homes are scarce. There are about 16 houses in this price range for sale in the entire Back Mountain, \$80,000 up to \$200,-000, 45 houses; and \$200,000 up, about 20.

"We have a lot of professional people living back here. With the influx of Nabisco, houses properly priced sold but there are a lot of over-priced houses and the prices keep going up," Besecker said.

Mary Griffin of M.M. Griffin Real Estate, said the younger fami-lies are looking for homes under \$100,000, while older persons, retir-ing and cash buyers want homes that are not too large and these are harder to find.

"Executives will spend over \$200,000 and middle Americans between \$100,000 and \$200,000. The nice home priced correctly goes immediately. Anything over \$200,-000 moves more slowly," Griffin said.

Ruth K. Smith of Smith Realtor-said price-wise the best houses to move are those between \$70,000 and \$150,000. Under \$70,000 would be great but there aren't many of those around," she said.

"Most couples who come from out of town are interested in school districts and most want Dallas so they look at homes there first. There are always those who want houses with acreage or farms with streams and woods."

Smith said the people interested in buying are a combination-some from downtown moving out here or people coming in from out of state.

"Some of the people are trading up and are younger. We also get many professional people.

"Executives move in to the Back Mountain and some of the profes-sional people buy townhouses, live in them for several years, then sell and move up," said Mrs. Smith. "There are a lot of high-priced houses on the market," she said.

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