

Obituaries

D. Richard E. Crompton, 40 years in practice in Back Mountain, dies

A well-known physician and a friend of many Back Mountain residents died Friday night, October 7, 1988, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

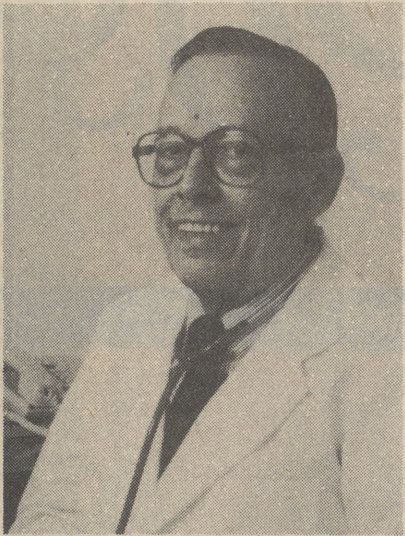
Dr. Richard E. Crompton was a doctor who cared enough about his patients to rush to their bedside in the middle of the night. Many were the times he opened his office in the evening or on a Sunday to care for a child who fell and sprained or broke a limb, or for an older person who suddenly became seriously ill.

A true family doctor, no matter how many patients he had to see he always had time to hear the personal problems of the patient he was with at the moment.

Richard Crompton was more than a physician. He was a counselor, a listener, psychologist and a friend. He had empathy for the elderly and treated them fondly and with respect. He was often able to convince an elderly patient they needed hospital care when the patient's own family had been unsuccessful in their attempts to do so.

He was the Dallas School District physician as well as their varsity football team doctor and could be seen on the sidelines of every game until he began to share the responsibility with Dr. Walter Mokychic, a longtime friend and fellow physician.

When he became seriously ill and could no longer practice, his concern was not so much for himself but for his patients and his employees who worked with him. The weeks before he finally announced his retirement, he said his farewells to dozens and dozens of patients he had been treating over the years, telling them in a manner that left



Dr. Richard E. Crompton

them feeling he was only leaving for a little while.

Dr. Richard Crompton has left us but his memory will be with friends and patients forever. In every young child, every athlete he treated, every mother, father, sister, brother or grandparent, there will be a story and a memory. A story how their doctor cured this or that, and a memory of conversations that will be no more.

Born in Binghamton, N.Y., son of the former Ruth Andrus, Wesley Village, and the late Rev. J. Roland Crompton, he was a graduate of West Pittston High School. He attended American University, formerly Bucknell Junior College, and graduated from Bucknell University.

Dr. Crompton earned a medical degree from Syracuse University College of Medicine and served his residency and internship at Nesbitt

Memorial Hospital, Kingston. He was a veteran of the Korean War and served as chief of obstetrics at Wolters Air Force Base, Mineral Wells, Texas.

He served as a family practitioner in the local area for more than 40 years and was a past president and member of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital medical staff and the Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and American Medical Associations.

Dr. Crompton was a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Geriatric Association, Medical Directors Association of Nursing Homes and the former medical director of the Leader West Nursing Home.

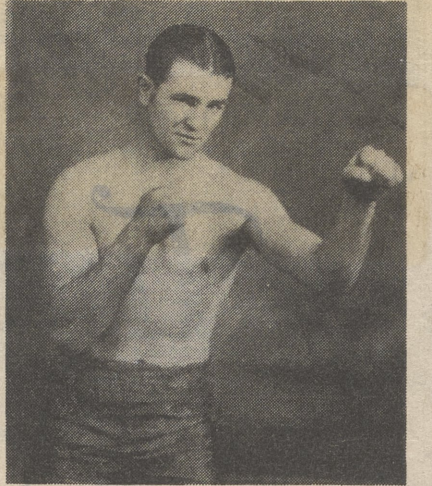
He was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church and the Irem Temple Country Club.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, the former Amelia Hawkins; daughter, Jill, at home; sons, Gary R., Shavertown; Richard E. Jr., Syracuse, N. Y.; grandsons, Gary R., Jr. and Steven, Shavertown; Jeffrey, Syracuse, N.Y.; sister, Mrs. Patricia Westover, New Hampshire; and a brother, Rev. Wesley R. Crompton, Binghamton, N.Y.

Funeral services were Monday from Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, Shavertown with Rev. Dale Brown, pastor of Community Church of Dallas officiating. Interment was in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Foundation Development Fund, 562 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704; or the American Cancer Society, Wyoming Valley Unit, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18701

John Lopasky, noted area boxer, dies at 78



John Lopasky

It was more than 50 years ago that John Lopasky ranked nationally as a middleweight boxer, but sports fans of the Back Mountain remember him as though it were yesterday.

He never won a fight for the national middleweight title but his thrilling ring exploits attracted many local followers and there were times John Lopasky drew hundreds of people to the 109th Field Artillery Armory to watch Lopasky in action.

His death Saturday, October 8, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital saddened many of his fans and followers from past years. They have never forgotten the "Harveys Lake Woodchopper", the nickname given him when he fought during the 1930's.

John F. Lopasky made many friends inside and outside the ring and will long be remembered by those friends he made while he worked in construction before his retirement.

His athletic ability as a boxer was inherited by his sons and later by his grandson "Rocky" Lopasky, who graduated from Lake-Lehman last June.

John Lopasky's sons, Richard, William and Joe, were outstanding athletes who made their father ex-

ceptionally proud of them. He never missed a football game throughout the years each of them played at Lake-Lehman. When William played at West Virginia and Joe played at University of Houston, John Lopasky followed his sons whenever he could. He could be seen along the sidelines cheering for them and giving them incentive.

Until the last year his grandson played, John Lopasky seldom, if ever missed a game and paced up and down the sidelines with the Knights. It was only when his illness took its toll that he had to stay away.

John Lopasky may have left his fans and friends physically but he will always be with them in their hearts and memories. They will have many anecdotes to tell about Lopasky and his years in the ring; Lopasky and his pride and love for his sons and daughter; and his continued pride in his grandson whom he always said most resembled him.

Born at Harveys Lake, son of the late John and Anna Check Lopuchovsky, he attended Laketon School and resided in Lehman all of his life. He was employed as a construction laborer before his retirement and also had worked as a miner for

several area coal companies. He served as sexton for St. Stephen's Cemetery for 13 years.

Lopasky was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and the International Hodcarriers Association.

He is survived by his wife, the former Anna Ladamus; sons, William and Richard, Lehman; Joseph, Houston, Texas; daughter, Patricia Brooks, Lehman; brother, Andrew, Barbarton, Ohio; sister, Mrs. Anna Zimmerman, Wilkes-Barre; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral was Tuesday morning from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, with Mass of Christian Burial in Gate of Heaven Church. Interment was in St. Stephen's Church, Lehman.

Property transfers

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from September 29 through October 5, 1988. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Many transactions are exempt from tax, so no amounts are now shown.

James J. Balavage to Joseph Yanchyk III, 103 W. Mt. Airy Rd., Shavertown, property 4 parcels, Mt. Airy Rd., Kingston Twp., \$50,000.

Per trustee, Joanna Slegel to George L. Ruckno, Inc., Cor. Murray & Dilley Sts., Forty Fort, property 1.01 acres, Lot 14, Twp. Rt. 774, Dallas Twp., \$6,000.

Gregory Beck to Bettie H. Isaacs, Box 112, Briar Crest Rd., Dallas, property 49,669.27 sq. ft., State Hwy., Dallas Twp.

Thea Gundlach to Thea Ruediger Gundlach, RD 3, Box 272-39, Dallas property Frnklin Twp.

Jacquelyn K. Fowler to Wm. T. Burnaford, 3 Tarleton Ave., Dallas property L-100 Glendale Manor, Tarleton Ave., Dallas Boro.

Betty Holtzman to Lakeside Construction & Management Inc., P.O. Box 103, Sweet Valley, property L-1, 1.01 acres, Dallas Twp., \$45,000.

Robt. Graziano to Lynne S. and Neil A. Kosak, 56 Shaver Ave., Shavertown, property Shaver Ave., Kingston Twp., \$62,500.

John Yuscavage to Double Z Enterprises, John H. Zielinski, 107 Boston Rd., W. Pittston, property Maple St., Dallas Twp., \$2,000.

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James D. Charters to Janet and Raymond P. Woronowicz, 275 Huntsville St., Dallas, property 3 parcels, Dallas, \$105,000.

Thomas J. Jacobs Jr. to Mark P. Kravits, 31 Luzerne Ave., Dallas, property L95, 95A, Sec. E, Luzerne Ave., Dallas, \$39,000.

Youngsville Partnership II to Leslie and John E. Fickinger, 50 Woodcrest Court, Plains, property 6.744 acres, Unit 644, Dallas Twp., \$16,480.

Flamar Realty Inc. to Linda and Steven C. Gulotta, 138B Jean St., Exeter, property 9,134.07 sq. ft. Shaver St., Dallas Twp., \$35,000.

Patricia M. Arland, to Michael J. Rollman, Rte. 1, Box 337, Baker, Fl. property Int. of Grove & Lot 1, Shaver Ave., Kingston Twp., \$50,000.

Thomas W. Evans to Jill S. and Richard S. Tomek, 47 Hilldonia Dr., Dallas, property Hilldonia Ave., Dallas Twp., \$79,900.

Admin. Veterans Affairs to American Housing Trust II, c/o Chemical Bank, 55 Water St., Rm. 606, South Bldg. NY, NY property L7, Vincent F. Gabriel Plot, Kingston Twp., \$21,600.

Alexander J. Covert to Alexander J. Covert, 152 E. Overbrook Ave., Shavertown, property Pt. Lts. 7 & 9 & L-8, Public Rd., Dallas Twp.

Louise F. Wisniewski to Michael Janov, 497 Parsonage Rd., Edison, NJ, property 3,312.49 sq. ft. Oneida Rd., Harveys Lake, \$19,000.

Wm. H. Hagen Sr., to Barbara A. Fetterman, RD 1, Carpenter Rd., Harveys Lake, property Rhoads Terrace L30, Carpenter Rd., Harveys Lake, \$22,000.

Wm. Gavenas to Mary Gavenas, 110 Juniper Dr., Camp Hill, property, Jackson St., Dallas Boro.

Guy J. Giordano to Estelle P. Laux, 101 White Birch Lane, Dallas, property Harveys Lake Boro, \$25,000.

Youngsville Partnership II to Maria P. and Vincent G. Sortino, 29 Quaker Rd., Short Hills, NJ property Unit 643, Meadows I, Dallas Twp., \$16,480.

FLORENCE POST JOHN

Florence I. Post John, 89, died Thursday at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, where she had been a guest for the past four and one-half years.

Her husband, J.B. Post, Sr., died in 1958 and her second husband Willard E. John died in 1966.

Surviving are sons, Robert E. Post, Sr., Dallas; James B. Post, Jr., Dallas; stepson Willard John, Harveys Lake; stepdaughter, Alice Butkovic, Shavertown; 16 grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Sara Spears, Kingston.

Interment was in Hanover Green Cemetery, Hanover Twp.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shavertown U.M. Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, 18708.

NORBERT SCHNEIDER SR.

Norbert J. Schneider, Sr., 77, of Shaver Avenue, Shavertown, died Oct. 4, 1988 in the Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

He was a Army veteran of World War II.

He and his wife, the former Anne Rushton, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on Feb. 23, 1988.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are sons, Norbert, Jr., Atco, N.J.; Jack, Trucksville; daughters, Mrs. Anne Welch, Horseheads, N.Y.; Mrs. Catherine Deedwania, Fresno, Calif.; sister, Mrs. Margaret Pokorny, Wilkes-Barre; eight grandchildren.

Interment was in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

ALICE TRAYER

Alice Trayer, 82, RD 1, Noxen, died Oct. 5, 1988 at the home of a son, Corey, following a long illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael, who died in 1986.

Surviving are sons, Corey, Noxen; Eugene, Moravia, N.Y.; David E. Great Bend; daughter, Mrs. Alice Potter, Noxen; 12 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; sister, Florence Snyder, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Interment was at the convenience of the family.

VERONICA LAPALLO

Veronica Lapallo, Hellers Grove, Trucksville, died Oct. 8, 1988 at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dominick.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Dolores Kajkowski, Plainsville; sons, Joseph, Plains; Leonard, Swoyersville; Ronald and Bernard, with whom she stayed; seven grandchildren; and brother, Joseph Regalis, Swoyersville.

Interment was in St. Ann's Parish Cemetery, Lehman Twp.

WILLIAM J. LYONS

William J. Lyons, 88, of Noxen, died Oct. 6, 1988 in Carpenter Care Center, Tunkhannock.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Emily.

Surviving are sons, John and Elmer, both of Noxen; daughters, Mrs. Margaret Newell, Garland, Tex.; Mrs. Wilma Wiesenmiller, Lake Worth, Fla.; and Mrs. Dorothea Mathers, Trucksville; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother, David Morris, Noxen.

Interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

BENJAMIN SMITH

Benjamin C. Smith, of RD 3, Dallas, died Oct. 9, 1988 in the Leader West Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Kingston, where he had been a patient since July 17, 1988.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Ethel Chamberlin, Gibsonton, Fla.; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Interment was in Marsh Cemetery, Centermoreland.

Popular British play on tap at Music Box Dinner Theater

Frances Hunter, a young bride of a few weeks, has innocently ordered by mail, glassware from Scandinavia. What arrives instead is a flood of Scandinavian pornography, photographs, books, films and eventually girls that threaten the matrimonial bliss of Frances and her husband, Peter.

The plot of this delightful, mad-cap comedy, "No Sex Please, We're British", is what to do with the tons of unwanted imports and how to avoid Peter's mother, his boss and the police superintendent from catching on. The matter is further complicated when Brian, Peter's muddled friend does everything wrong in his reluctant efforts to set

everything right - all of which results in a crazy climax of mischievous fun.

"No Sex Please, We're British", a two act farce by Anthony Marriott and Alistair Foot and one of the funniest imports in the last two decades, ran for eight years in London and over two on Broadway. Although the Music Box Player's run will prove to be no less memorable under the direction of Kevin Costley and a cast of some of the finest talent in the area.

Playing the roles of Peter and Frances Hunter are Ted Anderson and Kim Verrugio, respectively. Their hapless, put-upon friend Brian is played by Music Box newcomer,

Michael Lundy. Others in the cast are Debbie Caccese, E.T. Goman, Michael Gallagher, Rita Ermel, Cynthia Millington, Dorrance Daniels and Kevin Costley. The costumes are by P.F. Favini and Sets and Lighting Design is by Michael Gallagher. Thursday, Oct. 13 thru Saturday, Oct. 15 with dinner at 6:30 and curtain at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 16 with dinner at 2 and curtain at 3:15.

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