MATTHEW EVANS

ows Apartments, Lake Street, Dal-

las, died Dec. 22, 1988 in the Veter-

ans Administration Medical Center,

the late Matthew W. and Sophie

ston Township High School, and a

lifelong resident of the Dallas area.

employed as a clerk for many years

by the Evans Drug Store, Shaver-

Heaven Church, Dallas.

Memorial Park, Dallas.

Blanche Jones Hubbell.

member of the DAV.

Verna Day, Noxen.

Memorial Park, Dallas.

Born in Delano, he was the son of

He was a graduate of the King-

Prior to retiring, Mr. Evans was

He was a member of Gate of

Mr. Evans was a Naval veteran of

He was a member of the Back

Surviving are a son, Matthew W.,

Mountain Church Bowling League

Shavertown; daughters, Barbara

Ann Evans, Dallas; Mrs. Carol

Honko, Clearfield; Mrs. Christine

Moran, Nesquehoning; Jeanne

Evans, Shavertown; several broth-

ers and one sister, four grandchil-

**CECIL HUBBELL** 

Noxen, Beaumont, died Dec. 25,

was the son of the late Nelson and

Cecil R. Hubbell, 73, of RD 1,

Born July 16, 1915 in Noxen, he

He and his wife, the former Co-

He was a member of the Fort

He resided in the Beaumont area

for the last 40 years and was a

veteran of World War II, serving in

Surviving in addition to his wife

are his brothers, Clarence, Noxen:

Dorrance, Carson, Calif.; sister, Mrs.

SISTER RITA

**KILGALLON** 

Dec. 23, 1988 in Mercy Center

Convent, Dallas, after a lingering

Born Jan. 21, 1912, she was the

She entered the novitiate of the

Sister Rita received her bachelor

daughter of the late Joseph and

Sisters of Mercy Sept. 24, 1929. She

professed her vows on March 12,

of science degree in education from College Misericordia, Dallas, and her

master's degree in education from

brothers, Donald and Joseph; sis-

She was preceded in death by

Surviving are several nieces and

Mary Donnelly Kilgallon.

St. John University, N.Y.

ter, Carmelita Regan.

Sister Rita Joseph Kilgallon, died

Interment will be in Chapel Lawn

sima (Mimi) Spada, celebrated their

40th wedding anniversary last Feb-

Ricketts VFW Post 8317 and a life

Interment was in Chapel Lawn

Plains Township.

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for 35 years.

Matthew Evans, 67, of the Mead-

# **Obituaries**

## DANIEL DZANUK

Daniel J. Zdanuk, 60, of RD 4, Huntsville Road, Lehman, died Dec. 25, 1988 at the family home.

Born April 15, 1928, in Wilkes-Barre Township, he was the son of Mrs. Mary Witek Zdanuk and the late Benjamin Zdanuk, who died Sept. 7, 1951.

He resided in Lehman for 20 years.Mr. Zdanuk attended Wilkes-Barre city schools and G.A.R. High School.

He was last employed at the Pioneer Dress Factory, Wilkes-Barre, as a cutter.

Surviving in addition to his mother, are a sister, Mrs. Rosalie Bigus, Lehman, two nephews and a niece.

Funeral services will be conducted at a time to be announced from the S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, Plyouth.

### **ROSEALTHA DYER**

Rosealtha E. Dyer, formerly of the Meadows Apartments, Dallas died Dec. 21, 1988 in the Leader West Nursing Center, Kingston, following a lengthy illness.

Born in Plymouth Township, Sept. 4, 1911, she was a daughter of the late William and Phoebe Wolfe Borland.

She resided in Detroit, Mich., and returned to the Dallas area in 1980. Mrs. Dyer attended the Huntsville

Christian Church. She was preceded in death by her

husband, Alfred. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs.

Phoebe Payne, Detroit; brother, William F., Nanticoke; one granddaughter, two great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Bloomingdale Cemetery.

#### **GORDON FERRY**

Gorden L. Ferry, 82, formerly of Luzerne and Dallas, died Dec. 20, 1988 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where he had been a patient the past two and one half weeks. Born Sept. 12, 1906, in Luzerne,

he was the son of the late Gordon B. and Lillian Ketchum Ferry.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews. Interment was in Fern Knoll

Burial Park, Dallas.

#### **JULIA BOSTON**

Julia A. Boston, 78, RD 1, Noxen, died Dec. 22, 1988 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Pikes Creek on March 13, 1910, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Martha Anstett

She resided in Noxen for the past 50 years.

#### **FRANKLIN GAGER**

Franklin J. Gager, 83, of Elmcrest Drive, Dallas died Dec. 25, 1988 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Alma, Mich., he was the

son of the late Irwin and Cora Tanner Gager. He was educated in the Alma and

Lansing Michigan Public Schools. He was a graduate of the Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, Mich., and Northwestern University, Chicago,

After 16 years of service with the Mill and Elevator Mutual Insurance Co., Chicago, Ill., he retired in 1945 and joined the Pennsylvania Millers Mutual Insurance Co., Wilkes-Barre.

He advanced and was elected president of the company in 1957, where he served as president until his retirment in 1977.

He was a former president of the Association of Mill and Elevator Mutual Insurance Companies, former member of the board of directors of the Mutual Insurance Advisory Association, First Eastern Bank and the former Wyoming Valley Hospital.

He was a past president of the Dallas Kiwanis, a member of the King David Masonic Lodge 763, Caldwell Consistory and the Irem Temple.

He was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre and its board of trustees and deacons

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara.

Surviving are his wife, the former Martha Hayes; sons, John F. Dallas; grandchildren, Alison and Philip Gager, Dallas. Interment will be in the Chapel

Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

### **ELIZABETH BARTOO**

Elizabeth (Betty) M. Bartoo, Lincoln Street, Fernbrook, RD 6, Dallas, died Dec. 25, 1988 at her home following a brief illness. Born in Kingston, she was the

daughter of the late Peter J. and Elizabeth Ann Jones Stritzinger.

She resided in the Back Mountain most of her life. She attended Dallas High School

the European Theatre of Operations. and the Salvation Army Training College in New York.

She served as a Salvation Army officer in the Berwick, Honesdale and Jamestown, N.Y., Corps.

She was a member of the Salvation Army Citadel Corps of Wilkes-Barre and attended the Elohim Bible Church, Harveys Lake, where her nephew William F. Stritzinger is pastor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward J. Bartoo in 1981; son, William, in 1979; brothers. David in 1906; William in 1944 and George in 1981.

Surviving are a nephew, William Stritzinger, with whom she resided; brother, Peter, Trucksville; one granddaughter.

Interment will be in the Forty Fort Cemetery.

## **DOROTHY AUCHUS**

Dorothy Auchus, 73, of RD 1, Sweet Valley, died Dec. 24, 1988 in Wilkes-Barre Mercy Hospital.

Born March 27, 1915, she was the daughter of the late John and Antonio Vakauskas.

She owned and operated with her late husband, William Auchus, who died in 1978, Bill's Tavern, Hunlock Creek, from 1948 to 1978.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Domicella (Dolly) Cmiech, RD 1, Hunlock Creek; sons, William, RD 4, Tunkhannock; Lawrence, RD 1, Shickshinny; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Anne Turak and Mrs. Madeline Morgan, both of RD 2, Hunlock Creek; brother, Joseph Vakauskas, Larksville.

Interment was in the parish cemetery, Muhlehnburg.

Jackson Road, Shavertown (Lehman Township) died Dec. 21, 1988 in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. Born Sept. 14, 1903, in Ashley, she was the daughter of the late Wallace and Laura Hoover Kocher.

She resided in Lehman Township most of her life, residing in the Leader West Nursing Center, Kingston for the past two years.

Prior to retiring, she was employed as a housekeeper by College Misericordia.

She was a member of the Outlet

husband, Elmer C. Major, who died in 1981.

trose; Clyde, Lehman; brothers, Harold Kocher, St. Louis, Miss.; Donald Kocher, Lehman; Kenneth, Harveys Lake; sisters, Vivian Moyer, Lehman; Jessie Swan, Lehman; Celestine Kocher, Baltimore, Md.; three granddaughters; two greatgranddaughters; several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Kocher Cemetery, Ruggles.

# **Property transfers**

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from December 16 through December 20, 1988. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Many transactions are exempt from tax, so no amounts are shown.

Terence L. Linabury to John J. Dickinson, 168 Manor Dr., Shavertown, property L45, Midway Manor, Kingston Twp., \$98,000.

Wood-Tip Constructon Co. to Wood Tip Realty, Edgar H. Wood, 217 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, property 31 acres, Carverton Rd., Kingston Twp., \$2,250. Welton Grant Farrar to Patricia McCue, 14 Maple-

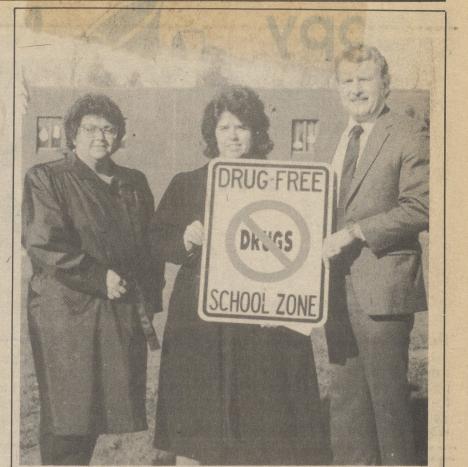
wood Ave., Dallas, property Maplewood Ave., Dallas. Estate of Virginia Ohlman to Kenneth R. Lembke, 230 N. Memorial Hwy, property Lehigh St., Kingston Twp. \$24,000.

James L. Campbell to Michael S. Melnick, 79 E. Center St., Shavertown, property Kingston Twp., \$53,000.

Sheila Ann Myron Pringle to Robt. S. Gardner, P.O. Box 27, Dallas, property L26, Shrine View Acres, Dallas Twp., \$91,000.

Catherine Balonis to Louise C. Caglarian, 297 Powder Print, Durbury, Mass., property 2 acres, Jackson Twp. Rd.712, Jackson Twp.

Mary Elizabeth Gubbotti to Donna M. Connery, 1635 Sutton Rd., Jackson Twp., property Jackson Twp., \$116,500.



#### **Drug free school**

Nancy Wilson, Harveys Lake Woman's Club; Joyce Birt, Lake Noxen PTO and Robert Kunkle, elementary principal, pose with the Drug-Free School poster acclaiming Lake Noxen school as the first drug free school in the district. The school met all the necessary program requirements and received the poster Tuesday, December 20. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

# Playground

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Elizabeth Lloyd, who was chairperson of the playground project, says that the project took two years of work from the initial conceptualization in October of 1986 and the completion and dedication which took place June 10, 1988. Lloyd said the project was a 'volunteer effort' of which many members of the community lent a helping hand. "Our goal was to provide a safe,

unique playing area for children of the Back Mountain area," said Lloyd. The playground is open to the public when school is not in session. POP Award judges were Mr.

Martin Doughty, The Architect & Engineering Group; Mr. Art Thomson, Smith, Miller &

Associates; Mr. Jack Wise, Jack Wise Interiors; and Mr. Ted Poggi, Jr., Colder Banker Howell & Jones.

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Free Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her Surviving are sons, Wayne, Mon-

**ROXIE KOCHER** MAJOR Roxie Kocher Major, 85, of

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Boston.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lois Martin, Noxen; sister, Gertrude McKeel, Lake Silkworth; Martha Peiffer, Sweet Valley; four grandchildren.

Interment was in the Bethel Hill Cemetery, Fairmount Township.

# School

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"I realize that there are several challenges facing the board in the year ahead," Ashbridge stated. "We will have to try to work within a budget acceptable to the public; not just some but all of the taxpayers. We need to see continued improvement in the SAT and TELLS scores as well.

"The education program in Dallas needs to be upgraded to where it was in past years; despite the fact that the number of students entering college is high. We're probably going to have to come to grips with

#### the tax reform act. I believe most of the working taxpayers will find their taxes will increase.

In looking ahead, Ashbridge said he thinks it will be an interesting and challenging year but he has a dedicated group of board members to work with and he believes as a board they will be able to improve the quality of the district's entire curriculum.

"It's almost impossible to please everyone but we will do our best to please as many as possible," the new president concluded.

# Citizens

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Attorney Brian Corcoran is a council member interested in using his legal expertise in the councils' zoning committee. He feels zoning is a key part of planned development, and the council should attempt to determine where growth is heading to gain direction toward controlling

"The council should keep in touch with the community and educate people concerning how growth can affect them and this area. Zoning is an important part of the develop-ment issue," said Corcoran.

Nancy Eckert was nominated to the citizen's council board of directors at the last meeting. Eckert said the major thrust of the council should be to try to act as a resource to local governments and residents.

"We should act with and not against elected officials regarding the direction of planning and zoning in the Back Mountain. This is the fastest growing area in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and I am hopeful the council's work can lead to more coordinated, regional planning," said Eckert.

The former manager of Kingston Township, Fred Potzer, said that the

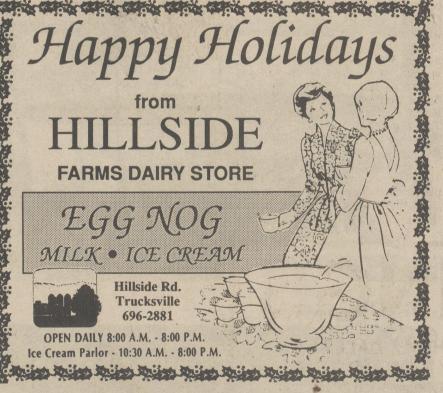
key to the council's success is the involvement of elected officials and municipal governments.

"The development of uniform regulations to accommodate growth here is long overdue. The council has a lot of potential if the cooperation of elected officials, community leaders and private citizens is achieved. It can have a positive impact on the future of the Back Mountain," said Potzer.

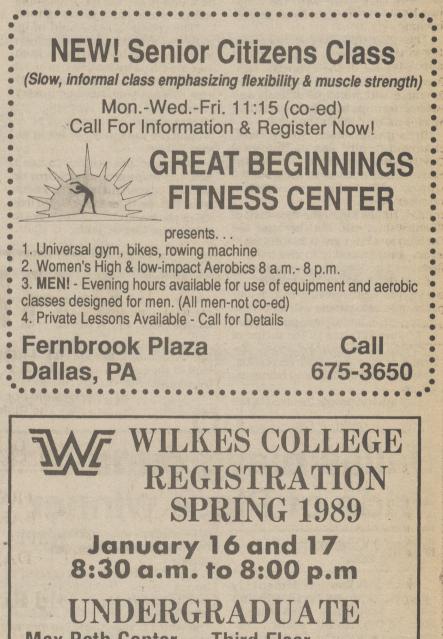
Jackson Township resident Murray Miller, is an architect who serves on the council's board of directors. Miller, like many other of the council members, sees planning and zoning as key concerns to the future . of the Back Mountain.

"We do have a choice in whether or not this area remains a nice place to live. We can let it grow without any positive direction and let each community 'do their own thing', or we can help the officials and members of the public get a better understanding of how to handle the issues confronting them in the growth of the region," said Miller.

Judging from interviews with key council members, the only way the Back Mountain Citizen's Council can go is forward. One step at a time.







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