

Obituaries

RALPH BLACKWELL

Ralph W. Blackwell Sr., 68, of RD 2, Tunkhannock, Hilltop Farm, Centermoreland, died Dec. 27, 1988 at his home.

Born June 21, 1920 in Moosic, he was the son of the late John and Jessie Ayers Blackwell.

He was employed for 35 years at the Potlatch Paper Products Company in Ransom. Mr. Blackwell also raised corn and beef cattle.

He was a member of the United Paperworkers International Union.

Mr. Blackwell was preceded in death by his sister, Alice, who died in 1988.

He and his wife, the former Agnes Smith celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary last April.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are a son, Ralph Jr., at home; two grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Catherine Space, Fla.; brother, Carlton, Newark, Del.

Interment will be in the Perrins Marsh Cemetery, Centermoreland.

F. GORDON MATHERS

F. Gordon "Dud" Mathers, 78, of Knob Hill, Trucksville, died Jan. 1, 1989 in the Nesbitt Hospital, where he had been a patient for the past two weeks.

Born in Kingston, he was the son of the late Frank G. and Bertha Crawford Mathers.

He attended the Kingston Township schools, and also attended Wyoming Seminary.

Mr. Mathers was the founder of the Mathers Construction Company which specialized in asphalt paving.

He was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church and was also a life member and director of the Wyoming Valley Motor Club.

Mr. Mathers was past Noble Grand of the I.O.O.F., Osage Lodge, No. 712, Lehman.

He was past director of the West Side Savings and Loan, and later Franklin First Federal.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Eva Morgan Mathers, who died in 1973.

Surviving are a son, Frank G. Mathers III, Mayen, West Germany; daughter, Bette R. Truscott, Kingston; brothers, William R., Robert K., David W., all of Trucksville; four grandsons, two great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in Cedar Crest Cemetery, Trucksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trucksville United Methodist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

ELIZABETH STOFILA

Elizabeth C. Stofila, formerly of Hemlock Street, Dallas, died Jan. 2, 1989 at the home of her son, George, in Centermoreland, following a lengthy illness.

Funeral arrangements are pending from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St., Shavertown.

WILLARD NEWBERRY SR.

Willard Newberry Sr., 72, of 216 Main St., Dallas, died Dec. 30, 1988 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where he had been a patient.

Born in Trucksville he was the son of the late Corey and Mae Curtis Newberry.

He attended the Dallas Borough Schools and was a life resident of the Dallas area.

Before retiring 10 years ago, he was self-employed as a contractor in the carpentry business.

Mr. Newberry was a member of the Trucksville Free Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ella Mosier; son, Willard Jr., Dallas; daughters, Mrs. Janet Fritsky, Dallas; Mrs. Carol Kildoye, Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. Judith Major, Kingston; Mrs. Alice Dorrance, Dallas; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

BRUCE ROSENCRANS

Bruce W. Rosencrans, 72, of RD 2, Sweet Valley, Mooretown, died Dec. 29, 1988 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Mooretown on Aug. 1, 1916, he was the son of the late Melvin and Myrtle Kittle Rosencrans.

He resided in Mooretown all of his life and was employed by the Economy Lumber Co., Wilkes-Barre, for five years, retiring 10 years ago.

Surviving are daughters, Joyce Lunger and Betty Stonier, both of Sweet Valley; brothers, Wayne and Donald, both of Sweet Valley; Melvin, Town Hill; sister, Gertrude Roman, Red Rock; five grandchildren.

Interment was in Bethel Hill Cemetery, Fairmount Township.

HILDA LANING

Hilda B. Laning, 94, formerly of South Memorial Highway, Trucksville died Dec. 29, 1988 in the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, where she had been a guest for the past five years.

Born in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Charlotte Skidmore Revel. She resided in Philadelphia for many years and moved to Trucksville 30 years ago.

She was a member of the Iden-tion United Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary, Philadelphia Post #786.

Her husband, Louis D. Laning Sr. died in 1974.

Surviving are sons, Louis D. Jr., Idetown; William A., Port Charlotte, Fla.; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

ALVERTA VINCENT

Alverta T. Vincent, of Windsor Drive, Dallas, died Dec. 27, 1988 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Schoner, of Dallas.

Born in Scranton, she was the daughter of the late Elmer and Estelle (Mattheson) Twining.

She graduated from West Pittston High School and attended Wilkes-Barre Business College.

Mrs. Vincent resided in West Pittston most of her life, moving to Dallas in 1975. She was a past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star, Wyoming Chapter No. 1.

She was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Vincent was preceded in death by her husband, George, and a brother, Donald Twining.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Sylvia) Schoner, Dallas; granddaughters, Leigh Ann Schoner, Dallas; Denae Jeanne Schoner, Emmaus; and Heather Vincent Schoner, freshman at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove; brothers, John Twining, Stroudsburg; and Robert Twining, of Bricktown, N.J.

Interment was in Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.



Blood drive at Meadows Center Jan. 9

The Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Road, Dallas, will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Center on Monday, Jan. 9 from 1 to 6 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 675-8600, Ext. 115.

Shown at a planning session, seated from left, are Erma Harris, Ollie Daubert, Blood Drive volunteers. Standing, Vicky Donson, R.N., Meadows Nursing Center; Barbara Barakat, Blood Drive Coordinator; Louise Lamoreaux, volunteer; and Bernard Banks, Chairman, Blood Services Committee of Wyoming Valley Chapter American Red Cross.

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sors are currently in the process of revising plans to meet the \$58,000 funding limitations of the project. Some playground equipment will be added to the park, and possibly a walking trail and picnic facilities.

HARVEYS LAKE STUDY, BEACH TOP AGENDA

Harveys Lake borough could see several changes in 1989, depending on the course of events in the year ahead.

The Lake Environmental Advisory Council recently applied for a \$50,000 federal and state grant which, if approved, would be used to fund a study of the environmental status of the Lake, and eventually pave the way for long term solutions to the lake's persistent water quality problems.

The borough's only free public beach may or may not reopen this summer, depending on the willingness of Harveys Lake taxpayers to help raise the necessary funds to keep it open. The state won't let the borough reopen Sunset beach unless it installs bathrooms and changing facilities, and the \$15,000 to \$20,000 cost for the facilities was not in the 1989 budget.

"The council wants to represent the wishes of borough residents. If people are not interested in having Sunset Beach stay open, then it is not worth planning a fundraising effort," said Dave Abod, a borough council member.

Joe's Grotto restaurant, a lake landmark destroyed by fire last year, should be rebuilt and reopened by spring or early summer; while a plan for the first major residential subdivision in the borough, 28 townhouses on 3 1/2 acres of land owned by resident Alan Morrow, was temporarily halted by a legal challenge.

PLANNING CONCERNS LAKE TOWNSHIP

Charles Balavage, chairman of Lake Township supervisors, said

his goal is to see the planning and zoning go forward in a positive way.

"We have no major problems," Balavage said. "Once in awhile some minor problems get blown out of proportion."

If Lake Township faces any challenge in 1989, Balavage said it would probably be trying to educate the people that planning and zoning is a wise thing, if it can be made cost effective by staying within the budget.

Balavage believes the township would be much better off with their own local ordinances than trying to work within the Luzerne County Planning Commission.

Timothy Dymond was the only Franklin Township supervisor, who could be contacted over the holidays. Dymond said their township was small and had no important goals to achieve and that he knew of no problems or challenges. "Unlike some of the larger townships, we have no problems with development or water," he said. "People who are building are building on three or four acres of ground so we have nothing to worry about at present."

LEHMAN TO REVISE PLANNING ORDINANCES

Alan Major, recently reappointed as the chairman of the Lehman Township Supervisors, said the main thing planned for 1989 by officials is the revision of zoning and planning ordinances to regulate development.

Building permit fees were already upped, and a cap sewer ordinance was enacted which requires developers to either hook onto an existing sewer system or build their own. Also enacted was an ordinance requiring developers to provide their own water supply.

"We feel the township isn't able to finance sewers and wells on its own. The ordinances were passed in response to any future development that comes in the township," said Major.

GARBAGE TOPS DALLAS TOWNSHIP'S CONCERNS

Dallas Township manager Frank Wagner said the township supervisors' goal is to continue the good government they have had in the past.

"Our main concern is garbage and its cost. We started a recycling program and have had to stop it because we can't find anyone to take the papers. We want to continue it but we can't even give them away. We have more now than we know what to do with because we're not taking just Dallas Township but from the entire Back Mountain.

"We have had to stop taking any more materials for recycling until further notice.

"We have been able to hold the line on taxes in the township due to development," Wagner continued. "We have our own planning and sub-division ordinances so we

have no problems with development. We also save money because we do our own paving and road repairs as well as repair our own equipment."

BOROUGH WANTS TO IMPROVE STREETS

Don Shaffer, chairman of Dallas Borough Council, said his goal is for the borough to obtain a community grant to renovate Main Street, Rice, Ridge and Franklin Streets in the borough.

"We didn't raise taxes this year for our citizens' benefit and, although we want to pave streets, we won't be able to do as many as we would like to do. We also have to make a final decision on replacing borough manager Robert Brown in the near future.

"The major problem confronting us is the Deer Meadows development."

MILDRED HONTZ

Mildred C. Hontz, 78, of North Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, died Dec. 28, 1988 at her home, following a lengthy illness.

Born in Nanticoke, she was the daughter of the late Courtney and Alice Carkeek.

Mrs. Hontz was a member of the Huntsville Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Alice Pedersen; her husband, Arthur, who died Jan. 2, 1988; brother, William Carkeek.

Surviving are daughters, Major Cheryl M. Hontz, with the U.S. Air Force at Dover, Del.; Mrs. Al (Nancy) Wendel, Trucksville; sister, Arline, Eve, Ohio; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in Bloomingdale Cemetery, Bloomingdale.

Memorial contributions may be made to the memorial fund of the Huntsville Christian Church, Dallas; or to the Hospice St. John.

KARL JENSEN

Karl Jensen, 83, High-Meadows Apartments, Dallas, died Jan. 2, 1989 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Leck, Germany, he was the son of the late Ingwert and Christine Brodersen Jensen.

He came to the U.S. in 1926 and resided on Overbrook Road, Dallas, for 11 years, and later in Pikes Creek for 18 years. Before retiring he was employed by Huntsville Nursery.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Hodock; stepson, Edward R. Langdon, Wilkes-Barre; sisters, Dina and Ida, both of Germany; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

GEORGE KOSLOSKY

George J. Koslosky, Murray St., Forty Fort, died Jan. 2, 1989 at home.

Born and raised in Larksville, he lived in the Back Mountain for 13 years, and Forty Fort, for the past 19 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Muscavage; daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Pauline) Hartmann, Mountaintop; Georgette Kosloski, Philadelphia; Michelle Kosloski, at home; sister, Edna Kosloski, Larksville; two grandchildren.

Interment will be in St. Mary's Annunciation parish cemetery, Pringle Hill.

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