

Obituaries

SISTER M. WALTER CAFFREY

Sister M. Walter Caffrey, R.S.M., died April 14, 1989 in Mercy Center, Dallas.
 Born Sept. 19, 1898 in Sugar Notch, she was the daughter of the late P.F. and Mary Finn Caffrey.
 She entered the Sisters of Mercy on Sept. 8, 1925 and made her profession of vows on Aug. 14, 1928.
 After graduating from College Misericordia, she continued her education at Villanova University where she received a masters in

English.
 Sister taught in the elementary schools of the Scranton and Brooklyn Diocese.
 She joined the Apostolate of Prayer at Mercy Center, Dallas, in 1984.
 Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Agnes Boyle, Wilkes-Barre; brothers, Thomas Caffrey, Scranton; James Caffrey, Audubon, N.J.; Patrick Caffrey, Whiting, N.J.
 Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

GRACE CASE

Grace H. Case, RD 1, Noxen, died April 13, 1989 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.
 Born in West Pittston on Aug. 21, 1902, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Bertha Melcher Kromelbein.
 She was a member of St. Luke's Reformation Church, Noxen, and served as superintendent of the Sunday School primary department for 25 years.
 She was also a member of the Ladies Society of the Church.
 Mrs. Case was preceded in death by her husband, Loren, on March

12, 1987; son, Larry, in 1979; brother, Leon Kromelbein; sister, Mildred Willaner.
 Surviving are sons, Leland, Ravena, N.Y.; Frederick, Noxen; daughter, Mrs. Verna Jean McGinley, Hopatcong, N.J.; brother, George Kromelbein, Wyoming; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren.
 Interment was in Kocher Cemetery, Ruggles.
 Memorial contributions if desired may be made to St. Luke's Reformation Church, Noxen 18636.

MARY DALE

Mary R. Dale, 78, formerly of North Welles Avenue, Kingston, died April 16, 1989 in the Palms of Pasadena Hospital, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Born in Oakmont, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Maria Aroli Restelli.
 She was a Wyoming Valley resident since 1948.
 Mrs. Dale served the Wilkes-Barre, Kingston and Dallas libraries and was a librarian in New Kensington and Allentown.

She was a member of the American and Pennsylvania Library Associations.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard M.
 Surviving are son, Arthur A. Dale, St. Petersburg; nephew Dr. Edward F. Restelli, Oakmont.
 Memorial services will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Pittsburgh at a later date.
 Arrangements by the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 420 Wyoming Ave., Kingston.

ALLEN MONTROSS

Allen S. Montross, 72, of RD 2, Dallas (Loyalville), died April 15, 1989 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.
 Born in Dallas Township, Feb. 10, 1917, he was the son of the late Arthur and Virgie Spencer Montross, and resided at Loyalville for the past 20 years.
 He was employed as a mail carrier for the Dallas Post Office for many years, retiring 17 years ago.
 Mr. Montross was a member of the Idetown United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the South Mountain Land Association, the Sports Aviation Association, Oshkosh, Wis., and the National Rifle Association.
 Surviving are his wife, the former Florence Stevens; son, Edward Montross, Dallas; daughter, Carol Pollick, Shickshinny; stepsons, Jeff Wesley, Trucksville; Walter Wesley, Sweet Valley; stepdaughter, Donna Zimmerman, Sweet Valley; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.
 Interment was in the Idetown Cemetery.

VITO PILOSI

Vito Pilosi, 86, Harveys Lake, died April 10, 1989 in Wyoming Valley Health Care Center, Plains Township.
 Born in Felitto, Italy, he was the son of the late John and Antoinetta Shive Peluso. He came to the United States at the age of six and has resided in Harveys Lake for the last 50 years.
 He was employed as a coal miner for various area collieries and was later employed by the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, distributing daily newspapers to the Back Mountain and the Tunkhannock areas, until his retirement in 1981.
 Mr. Pilosi was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.
 He was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Margaret Messarch; brothers, Carmen, James and Frank and sister Helen.
 Surviving are his wife, the former Corvia Hoyt; sons, John Pe-

luso, Tacoma, Wash.; Vito Pilosi Jr., Meeker; daughters, Mrs. William (Mary) Allen, Moosic; Mrs. Fred (Helen) Kramer, Philadelphia; Mrs. Peter (Gertrude) Dragon, Harveys Lake; Mrs. Charles (Eleanor) Winders, Maytown; Mrs. James (Catherine) Wivell, Harveys Lake; Mrs. Robert (Victoria) Stull, Fredericks, Md; brothers, Joseph Peluso, Tum Tum, Wash.; John Peluso, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dewey Peluso, Newport, Ky.; Ernest Peluso, Chattaroy, Wash.; sister, Lucille Hoffman, Cincinnati, Ohio; Marge Hadded, Cleveland, Ohio; Lena Fowler, Newport, Ky.; 25 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.
 Interment was in the Idetown Cemetery.
 The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Harveys Lake Little League, in care of Joanne Halowich, RD 2, Box 60R, Harveys Lake, 18618.

CHARLES SPENCER

Charles L. Spencer, 66, of Dallas Mobile Home Center, Dallas, died April 16, 1989 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.
 He was born May 26, 1922, in Union Township, RD Shickshinny, the son of the late David and Faye Thomas Spencer.
 He was employed as a truck driver by Bob Barna Trucking before his retirement.
 Surviving are sons Scott, Dallas; and Charles Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.; daughters, Susan Johnson, Dallas, and Karen Eckrote, Nanticoke; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Harry, Towanda; Daniel, Dallas; David Jr., Lehman Township; Arthur, Dallas; sisters, Mrs. Anna McMichael, Hunlock Creek; and Mrs. Doris Sorber, Shickshinny.
 He was preceded in death by brother William and sister Shirley.
 Interment will be in Sorber Cemetery, Rebyburn.



Gifts for Maple Hill residents
 Members of the NEREA Telephone Pioneers Club visited residents of Maple Hill Nursing Home and presented them with a variety of items including lap robes, bedroom slippers and stuffed animals. Seated, from left are varieties Grace Folmer and Saha Blum, recipients of lap robes and slippers from volunteers, standing, Lillian Bosick, Adele Peet and Shirley Jones. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Wetlands

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 In areas where wetlands have been drained and filled, quite often flooding creates the need to construct expensive public works projects. Most of the acres now subject to severe flooding were once wetlands which contained the flood waters but were destroyed for development or agriculture.

Many plant and animal species require wetlands for part or all of their life cycles and many of the wetlands are sources of food, breeding areas and nurseries for many species of fish, as well as thousands of species of plants, large numbers of amphibians and hundreds of species of birds. Nearly 50 percent of the nation's endangered animals and approximately 25 percent of endangered plants rely on the nation's wetlands.

Economic benefits are also provided to our society through the wetlands such as commercial fishing, a \$10 billion a year industry that harvests many fish and shellfish varieties that spend part of their life cycle in coastal wetlands; flood control by keeping the natural wetlands intact often saves the Army Corps of Engineers the expense of building expensive flood control projects; outdoor recreation on which Americans spend approximately \$10 billion annually for nature study, fishing, hunting or outdoor recreation in the wetlands, and the harvesting of fur and hide pelts valued at \$300 to \$400 million annually from animals that live in wetlands habitats.

There are two primary types of wetlands, inland and coastal, which are divided into smaller classifications according to location and vegetation. Size does not affect the importance of a wetland to the environment because a wetland of less than one acre can support an abundance of wildlife.

Coastal wetlands are found along the Alaskan, Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts and consist primarily of tidal marshes and mud flats.

The other type - and the type found here - are inland wetlands, located throughout the interior

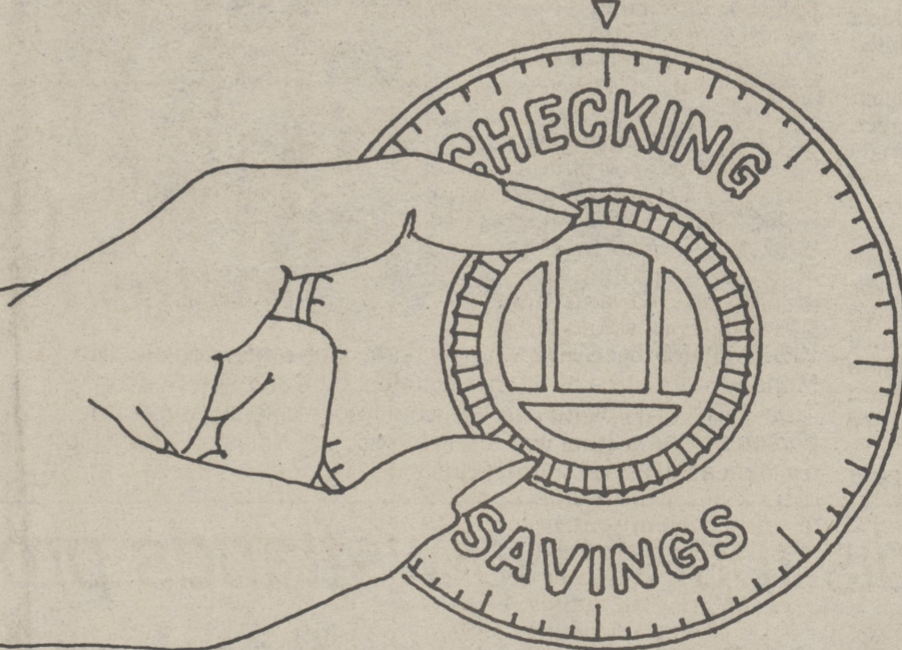
of the United States. These are usually on river flood plains, isolated depressions and along the edges of lakes and ponds. These wetlands provide livings for migratory waterfowl, mink, deer, otter, beaver, moose, ducks, swans, herons and black bear.

Types of inland wetlands are emergent, marsh lands such as prairie potholes, fresh water tidal marshes, inland salt marshes, bogs and fens, wet meadows and lake shores. Tall grasses and reeds dominate plant types and the potholes make great habitats for waterfowl which depend on the areas for food and nesting.

Forested, which is most abundant type of wetland in the Eastern United States, contains in addition to tree swamps and hardwood forests, raspberries, sundews, pitcher plants, venus flytraps, sedges and labradors. Scrub-shrub type can be found throughout the western United States and the northeast including the Carolina coastal plain. These are primarily poorly drained areas and can be swamps and bogs' riverine, throughout the United States and made up primarily of deep-water habitats of freshwater river and stream channels which often serve as an important cleansing mechanism for the

river as it flows through. Lacustrine, also found throughout the United States, is comprised of freshwater lakes, rivers and deep ponds.
 With only about two percent of our wetlands still in existence, it is important that we take serious action in protecting them. For additional information contact the Dept. of Environmental Resources, Harrisburg; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore, Md.; Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania; the Isaac Walton League of America, Arlington, Va., or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.

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