

## Obituaries

### RUTH MONTROSS

Ruth M. Montross, 79, of Centermoreland, died Nov. 18, 1989, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, shortly after admission. A lifelong resident of Centermoreland, she was a daughter of the late George and Jennie Mae Clark Montross.

Prior to retiring she had been employed as a thread drawer for Natona Mills, Dallas.

She was a member of the Centermoreland United Methodist Church and was preceded in death by a sister, Florence, in February. Surviving are nieces, Mrs. Ola Mae Schoonover, Mrs. Betty Statnick and nephew, Theodore Montross, all of Centermoreland.

Interment was in Marsh Cemetery, Centermoreland.

### EDWARD PIATT

Edwin J. Piatt, 58, of Sweet Valley, died Nov. 15, 1989, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born Nov. 4, 1931, in Sweet Valley, he was the son of the late Frank and Margaret J. Henderson Piatt. He graduated from Huntington Mills High School in 1949.

He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, and a member and past president of the Lake Silkworth Lions. He was also a member of Lake Silkworth Council of the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Czestochowa Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, the American Society of Highway Engineers, an associate member of the Association of Pennsylvania Contractors and a member of the American Concrete Pumping Association.

He was the owner of E.S.P. Concrete Pumping Co.

He served in the Korean War and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Benton, and the American Legion, Shickshinny.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lillian G. Kruzcek; daughter, Mrs. Pam Igoe, Country Lake, Md.; sons, Paul M. and Christopher F., both of Sweet Valley; five grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Virginia Hilley, New Port Richey, Fla.

Interment will be in Bethel Hill Cemetery, Sweet Valley.

### ALDONA STASKO

Aldona Mary Stasko, of Butternut Road, Shavertown, died Nov. 19, 1989, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Nicholson, she was the daughter of the late Victor and Domicile Pranackautis Choploski. She resided in Trucksville for the past 20 years.

She graduated from Nicholson High School and Mansfield State College. She was formerly employed by International Correspondence School, Scranton, and later by Custom Management Corp., Kingston. She had been retired for four years.

She was a member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Kingston.

Surviving are her husband, Paul; son, James J. Smithfield, N.C.; daughters, Mrs. Donna M. Reber, Leesport; Paulette M. Allison, Pittston; brothers, Alfonse, Nicholson; Algerd, Hop Bottom; John, Millersville; sister, Mrs. Monica Stasko, Steel City, seven grandchildren.

Interment will be in St. Mary's Byzantine parish cemetery, Edwardsville.

### HELEN RUGGLES

Helen S. Ruggles, of RD 3, Harrisburg, died Nov. 17, 1989, in the University Hospital, Hershey Medical Center.

Born in Tamora, Nebraska, she was a daughter of the late William C. and Sarah M. Crain O'Leary. She resided in California for a number of years and in Lehman for 15 years, prior to moving to Harrisburg 29 years ago.

Mrs. Ruggles was a member of the United Church of Christ, Grantville.

A brother, Roy, preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Jack L.; sons, Ronald Jones of Harrisburg and Jack M. Ruggles of Grantville; a daughter, Rebecca Fox-Ruggles, at home; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

### Arson

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Office spokeswoman said Friday. "That gives us that much more time."

Tibus was arrested August 22, 1988 for allegedly setting a blaze that destroyed a neighbor's barn on August 14, 1988.

On August 31, 1988 he was charged with attempting to set the same barn ablaze on June 27, 1987.

The spokeswoman said Tibus' name did not appear on the list of cases to go to trial in November. "He is not on the list," she said. "He may be on the new list for December. I really do not know."

The trial has been postponed several times by Tibus' attorney, Assistant Public Defender Jonathan Blum, who is requesting evidence other than Tibus' statements regarding the charges. Among other items, the defender said he wants more police reports regarding the case.

The fires Tibus is suspected of setting ended a rash of 26 arson fires that struck the Back Mountain beginning in May 1987. Tibus is a suspect in several of those blazes, and police said he has confessed to some of the fires.

### Post closed Friday

The office of The Dallas Post will be closed Friday so that our staff may enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend with their families and friends. The office will open at 8:30 p.m. Monday.

## Little white dog stops traffic on busy Route 309

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
Post Staff

In this world of fast-paced daily living, one would be hardpressed to find a single event to show a softer side of human nature better than what happened in Shavertown on Friday afternoon.

The day was passing as a normal day does in Shavertown. Shoppers were bustling around from store to store. The banks were in full swing cashing Friday's paychecks and commuters on Route 309 were keeping alive the tradition of, "I bet I can go faster than you."

But then it happened. The clock read about twenty minutes after three o'clock on the Back Mountain Hardware Store sign when traffic began to slow in the north-bound lane of Route 309.

But the traffic was not stopping for an accident as so often happens along this sometimes deadly stretch of road. There, walking down the middle of the north-

bound lanes, was a small, white dog with grey spots.

The dog was walking along the road headed toward Dallas at a lazy pace. It seemed to be unaware that it was right in the middle of one of the most dangerous roads in Luzerne County. And the drivers seemed to forget, too.

The drivers, up to twenty-five in all, slowed their rushed lives and drove slowly behind the dog. The leading cars flashed their four-ways to warn approaching vehicles of their slow speed.

No horns were blowing and no drivers tried to push past the slow-moving traffic. As if in a holiday parade, the cars crawled slowly along the highway being led by the little white dog.

The parade of cars continued from the Ranchwagon Restaurant all the way down to Offset Paperback. Not one car would threaten the dog's life by speeding past the procession. When the line approached the entrance to Offset Paperback, the little dog waddled

off the highway and into the parking lot, and traffic returned to its hurried pace.

Each of the drivers probably has told the story of the little, white dog to someone and maybe

felt warm inside. And each person in the world can look at this one, minor event in the small Kingston Township community of Shavertown, and catch a glimpse of a better aspect human nature.

## L-L teachers have contract

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

Teachers in the Lake-Lehman School District will be receiving wage increases averaging 8.5 percent over the next five years.

The Lake-Lehman School Board approved a five-year teacher's contract at its meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14. The contract which was approved earlier by the Lake-Lehman Education Association averages an increase of 8.5 percent over the five years and includes a 60 minute long meeting after classes, one day per month.

The contract increases a starting teacher with a bachelor's de-

gree salary to \$19,495 for the year 1989-1990.

Average annual increases are 9 percent for 1989-90; 8.7 percent in 1990-91; 8.5 percent in 1991-92; 8.3 percent in 1992-93 8 percent in 1993-94. The salary schedule includes 17 steps with an M.S. degree plus 48 credits and an M.S. degree plus 54 credits added to the schedule.

"There are fewer steps in the salary schedule," explained board member Liz Sichler following the meeting. "But the increases will be greater at each step." Only directors Bing Wolfe and Robert Emery voted against the increase.

### Food

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For the second time this year, Shavertown United Methodist Church will host needy people under the Vision Project from Nov. 20 through Nov. 27.

Mrs. Charles Koehl, chairperson of the Mission Outreach for the church said at first the women were going to serve the people who stayed overnight at the church, a Thanksgiving dinner. Then they learned the people would be eating Thanksgiving dinner at the soup kitchen, so instead of serving dinner Thanksgiving, the women will serve them a hot covered dish dinner Tuesday night, and the church's youth group plans to

serve the people a spaghetti dinner later in the week.

"There are numerous groups such as the church groups doing projects to help the less fortunate," Mrs. Koehl said, "But we could use more such groups. No one realizes the number of needy families there are in our area who are in need of clothing or food. Channel 16 is a big help with its 'Feed-A-Friend' project, but we need more of such type programs."

Church volunteers are also delivering fruit baskets to the resi-

dents of Mountainview Home located on Route 309, Dallas, across from the Country Club Shopping Center.

The Back Mountain Clergy Association has taken charge of the Back Mountain Food Bank with different clergyman sharing the duties. Needy people of the Back Mountain who are hungry can call the Kingston Township Building and arrangements will be made to provide food.

The Community Emergency Committee of the Dallas Baptist

Church is headed by Karen Bevan. The purpose of the committee is to provide a compiled list of names of families in need of food and food baskets will be delivered to them for Thanksgiving.

Families in need of clothing or food, or both, are urged to call 639-3074 or 639-5099.

Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, were asked Sunday to leave the food they had brought for the food bank in the back of the church, from where it would be packed up and delivered to the bank.

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