

Obituaries

MARGARET SORDONI ENGLISH

Margaret B. ("Barney") Sordoni English, 74, of Dallas, died Dec. 2, 1989, at home.

Born Sept. 13, 1915, in New Castle, Ind., she was the daughter of the late George M. and Marion Dinee Barnard.

She maintained homes in Philadelphia and New Hampshire but resided in Dallas for the past several months. Mrs. English resided in New Hampshire from 1972 until the death of her second husband in 1980, when she also established residence in Philadelphia.

She enrolled in Museum School of Art, later known as the Philadelphia College of Art, Philadelphia, and also attended the Art Students League in New York. She was a painter and patron of the visual arts all her life.

Following her education, she was employed by Marshall Fields Department Store, Chicago, Ill., as a fashion coordinator.

In 1941, she married Andrew J. Sordoni Jr., who died in 1967. In 1972, she married U.S. Sen. Robert English of New Hampshire, who died in 1980. English had been a career diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service and the first president of New Hampshire Public College System.

Mrs. English was president of the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre and was active in many civic and professional organizations, including St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, the Wyoming Valley Hospital, King's College, the West Side Settlement and the United Fund.

In 1987, Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School conferred its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, on her.

She was a founding member of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, served as a member of the finance committee of the Pennsylvania Republican State Committee and was elected as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1964 and 1968, serving as secretary to the Pennsylvania delegation both years.

In 1967, she was appointed to the Pennsylvania Board of Education by Gov. Raymond P. Shafer. She also served as trustee of the Philadelphia College of Art for 25 years and was a member of the fashion board of Gunther Jaeckel Department Store in New York City.

Following her first husband's death in 1967, she assumed the responsibilities of president of the Sterling Industrial Corp. and the Sordoni Foundation Inc. and director of Commonwealth Telephone Co., Sordoni Enterprises and First Eastern Bank.

In 1982, she was elected a fellow of the Pennsylvania Academy of Music and the Philadelphia Museum.

Surviving are sons, Andrew J. III and William B., both of Harveys Lake; George B. Dallas; Stephen, Kingston; 16 grandchildren; brother, George M. Barnard Jr., Dallas; William O. Barnard, Minotola, N.J.; sisters, Mrs. James (Mary) Fergie and Mrs. Raymond (Julia) Steele, both of Philadelphia.

Private interment will be in Sordoni Memorial Park, Harveys Lake.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be sent to the Sordoni Foundation, 45 Owen Street, Forty Fort, 18704.

GEORGE LACOMIS

George R. Lacomis, 76, of Main Street, Dallas, died Nov. 29, 1989, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where he had been a patient since Sunday.

Born in Dupont, he was the son of the late John and Victoria Dzik Lacomis.

He attended Dupont schools. He had been a resident of Dallas for the past 17 years. Before moving to Dallas, he had resided on Welles Street, Kingston. Before retiring, he was the used car manager for City Chevrolet, Kingston. He was a member of St. Ignatius Church, Kingston.

His wife, Ann Coma Lacomis, died January 27, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Eleanor) Ell, Dallas; sisters, Mrs. Ann Sompel, Pittston; Mrs. Alice Selesky, Avoca; one grandson and one great-grandson.

Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

PAULINE KANE

Pauline Kane, 59, of RD 2, Lehman Township, Dallas, died Nov. 30, 1989 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born Feb. 5, 1930 in Plymouth Township, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary Kalena.

Before moving to Lehman Township 17 years ago, she resided in Wilkes-Barre. She attended Plymouth Township schools and Harter High School. She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth. She was last employed at the General Cigar Co., D.A.V. Ladies Auxiliary, Chapter 9, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas P., with whom she celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on July 4; children, Thomas Jr., at home; Mrs. Paulette Blaire, Woodenville, Wash.; a grandson, brothers, Michael, Plymouth; Henry, Florida; sisters, Mrs. Olga Ornoski, Syracuse, N.Y.; Mrs. Ann Dow, New Jersey.

Interment was in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Lehman.

FLORENCE SHAFER

Florence L. Shaffer, 92, of Murray Street, Forty Fort, died Dec. 2, 1989 in the Leader East Nursing Center following a brief illness.

Born in Five Forks, Jackson Township, she was a daughter of the late Sterile and Ella Dodson Atherton.

Mrs. Shaffer was a graduate of Bloomsburg University, Class of 1917. Prior to her marriage she taught at the former Leonard School, Lake Silkworth and later at Five Forks School and the former Forty Fort High School.

She was a member of the Forty Fort United Methodist Church and the Amicitia Sunday School Class of the church.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Arthur and Herbert; sister, Leona Davis.

Surviving are her husband, Fred H.; daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Rohrbeck, Millfentown; sisters, Mrs. Edith Cease, Jackson Township; Mrs. Ethel Rdmon, Stillwater; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Edge Hill Cemetery, West Nanticoke.

Memorial contributions may be made to the memorial fund of the Forty Fort United Methodist Church, Yeager Avenue, Forty Fort, 18704.

MARTHA GUIDO

Martha May Guido, infant daughter of Martin and Marianne Kirkpatrick Guido, of Ferguson Avenue, Shavertown, died Nov. 30, 1989 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston at birth.

Surviving in addition to her parents are sisters, Susan, Ann and Sarah at home; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirkpatrick; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Guido; several aunts and uncles.

Interment will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery, Pringle, at the convenience of the family.

ELEANOR GUCKELBERGER

Eleanor H. Guckelberger, of Orchard West, Newberry Estates, Dallas, died Dec. 4, 1989, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center following a brief illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late James B. and Elizabeth Jones Harris.

She graduated from the Wilkes-Barre Institute and attended Wyoming Seminary. She also graduated from the National Park Junior College, Forest Glen, Md.

She was a former resident of Kingston for many years and resided in Dallas since 1972.

During World War II, she was a volunteer member of the Motor Corps of the American Red Cross. For many years she was an active

member of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary and was a volunteer Pink Lady at the hospital for many years.

She was a member of the Church of Christ Uniting, Kingston.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ricahrd W., on Oct. 31, 1988.

Surviving are a niece and a nephew.

Interment will be in Forty Fort Cemetery.

Memorial contributions if desired may be sent to the Church of Christ Uniting, Market Street and Sprague Avenue, Kingston, 18704, or the charity of the donor's choice.

ANNA HALL

Anna E. Hall, 81, of the Meadows Apartments, Dallas, died Dec. 4, 1989, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where she was a patient for one week.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late William J. and Elizabeth Brown Kingston. She attended Wilkes-Barre schools and resided in Laurel Run for many years, moving to Dallas 20 years ago.

Prior to retirement, she was employed by the former Teleradio, Wilkes-Barre.

She was a member of the Laurel Run Primitive Methodist Church and its Ladies Aid Society. She was also a member of the Meadowlarks, Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph E., in 1973.

Surviving are sons, Edgar, Vienna, Va.; William, Newport News, Va.; daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth George, Del Ray Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Levittown; Mrs. Lillian Synpiowski, Lakeland, Fla.; brother, Arthur Kingston, Courtdale; 20 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in the Nanticoke Cemetery, Nanticoke.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

MARY WEALE

Mary Elizabeth Weale, 66, of Columbia Avenue, Dallas, died Dec. 1, 1989 in the Geisinger-Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township where she had been a patient since Monday.

Born in Kingston, she was the daughter of the late George and Mary Schnelhart Osterhout.

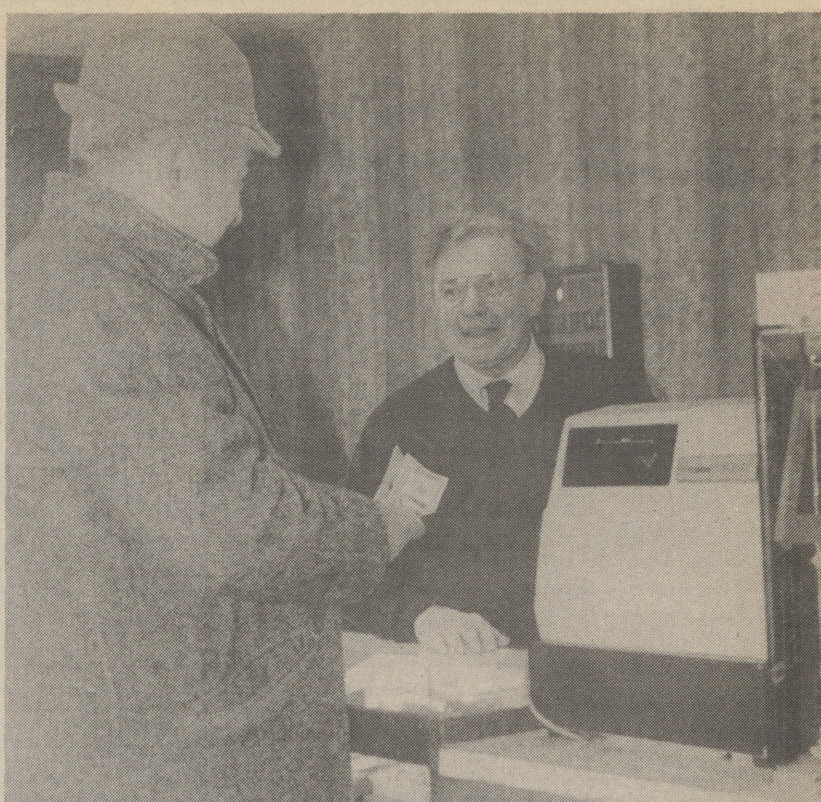
She was a graduate of Kingston High School and Wyoming Seminary Busienss School. Mrs. Weale resided in Dallas for the past 35 years. She was a member of the Blakeslee United Methodist Church.

Her husband, George (Dean) Weale, died July 19, 1987.

Surviving are daughter, Mrs. Janet Frantz, Blakeslee; two grandchildren.

Interment was in Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blakeslee United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 142, Blakeslee, 18610.



'TIS THE SEASON - Ed Roth waits on a customer at Roth's Jewelry in Dallas. Roth and other local businesses report increased shopping as the holidays approach. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Police Report

DALLAS TOWNSHIP MISSING ITEMS FOUND

Vo-Tec Plumbing reported that items were taken from a site at Bluff Pointe, Nov. 30, to Dallas Township Police. Patrolman Doug Lamoreaux investigated and reported later that the items were recovered by Alan Pugh.

PICKUP STOLEN

A 1983 GMC Pickup owned by Sheltcraft was reported stolen to the Dallas Township police department. The truck was discovered missing Nov. 27. Patrolman John Appel is the investigating officer.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP TWO-CAR ACCIDENT

Patrolmen Ziegler and Rauschkolb were dispatched to the scene of an accident Nov. 28 at the intersection of Route 309 and Carverton Road where investigation showed that a car driven by Denise Ferris was struck by another driven by Denise Stelacone on Route 309 near the intersection of Church Road

More charge cards this year, say merchants

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

Back Mountain business people predict Christmas sales will be as good as or better than last year if shoppers continue to buy as they have been.

"Our sales are about even with last year," Fran Ochman, owner of Ochman Coins and Jewelry said. "The height of the season is usually the week or two before Christmas but people have been shopping. Estate jewelry is always a popular item and this year many of the customers are buying silver rounds."

John Ginochetti of Gino's Shoe Store said business is about the same as usual for this time of the year, but customers are charging more than ever. "Sneaks and gift certificates are popular items this season," he said. "Purchases of gift certificates are ahead of last year."

Lynne Stritzinger of Lynne's Lingerie said she wasn't in business last year. "It wasn't too busy when I first opened but it has been picking up the past week or two. People are shopping for Christmas gifts."

Another new retail store owner, Roseanne Bailey of Mostly Baskets, is very pleased with her business.

"This is my first experience in retailing but I'm very pleased. People like the baskets and they tell me the prices are right. I'm doing better than I thought I would. Customers are buying for themselves and also to give baskets for gifts. Many of them like them filled because they can be custom-filled for special people. I hope it continues after the holidays."

D's Bridal Shop didn't expect to do the amount of business this time of the year except for bridal wear, but owner Doris Hrabowski is delighted with the sales of dresses she has had for Christmas and New Year's Eve parties. She said customers are also buying gowns for Christmas proms.

Most of the business people were of the same opinion about one thing. They all agreed the people were charging more than last season, that they were using MasterCard and Visa more than before.

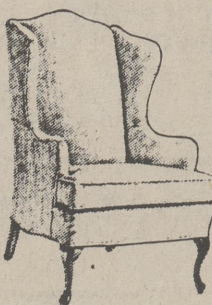
"We're becoming a nation of plastic," said one business man.

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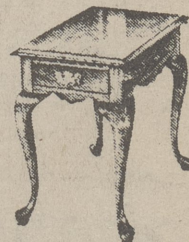


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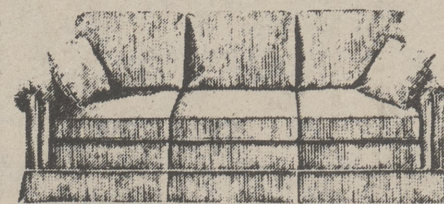
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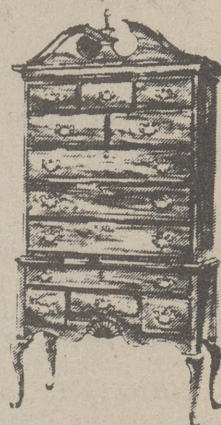


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