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mensely since I first started," said Alice. "I have watched it grow from the father's business with just Ron and Drew working with two other employees, the late Ollie Mason and Richard Thomas. In the beginning they were working on septic tank installation, plumbing and heating. Now it's everything; plumbing, heating, air conditioning, well pumps, excavation, roads, clearing, septic systems, rock excavation, underground storage tanks, certified installation and removal for petroleum, sewers, water, drainage, gas and conduits. They have about 40 pieces of equipment.'

Alice has grown with the business and handles all aspects of it in a most professional manner. Watching her as calls come through on several lines which she relays to the men on the road, she doesn't appear to be the least bit pressured.

"I have had three bosses since 1972 and I adore each one of them." Alice said. "Now I also do all of Drew's son D.J.'s paper work. It has been a pleasure working here and I'm going to miss it, but comes a time in your life you reach another plateau and take another path in your life."

The former Alice Pavlick, daughter of Mrs. Anna Pavlick and the late Stephen Pavlick, Alice is married to Frank Summa, who is employed by the Commonwealth Telephone Company and plans to retire in mid-January. She graduated from Dallas High School in 1946, and then worked three years at Irem Temple Country Club and three years at Commonwealth Telephone Company.

"After Frank and I were married I stayed home to raise my family; three boys, Frank, Jr., Stephen Paul and David. After all of them were in school I came to work at Fitch's as a secretary, something I always wanted to do. Frank and David worked at Fitch's part-time while they were in high school and college.

"When I retire, Frank and I are going to Florida for the months of February and March and when we return, our eight grandchildren will keep me busy," said Alice.

"Alice was more than a secretary," said Ron and Drew Fitch. "She was office manager and was in complete control of everything. We are going to miss her but she can't stay away forever. We expect to have her come back from time to time. The place won't be the same without her."

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

Mrs. Ruby Elston of Overbrook Avenue, the widow of the late Clarence Elston, recently celebrated her 94th birthday and this week celebrated New Year's Day at home with members of her family, much as she had throughout her life.

"We never celebrated New Year's Eve the way many people today do," said Mrs. Elston. "We never went out ,but stayed at home. When I was a girl there were no radios or television and nothing much to do so we stayed at home and played games or put together puzzles.

"My mother always had a new broom outside the door on New Year's Eve and in the morning of January 1 of the new year she would bring it inside, the tradition being that ,'A new broom sweeps clean.'We also left something good to eat outside and brought it in in the morning. This was a symbol that we would have plenty of good food throughout the new year," Mrs. Elston explained.

After radio came into existence, Mrs. Elston said the family used to stay up to hear the Times Square celebration of the New Year.

"It was always a family night. After Clarence and I were married we watched television when they had it," Mrs. Elston explained.

"Some people went out, but our family always stayed home. When my daughter Nancy was old enough she always went out for dinner with friends, and sometimes to a party where they would have refreshments and noisemak-

"Nancy would dress up special

Luzerne man dies

A Luzerne man died after the car he was driving went out of control and struck a tree after a heavy snowfall last Thursday night in Kunkle. Dallas Township police say that John M. Bassett, 30 was traveling on the Kunkle-Alderson Road when his car swerved on the snow-covered roadway, hit a utility pole and then crossed a drainage ditch as it became airborne and struck a large tree broadside. Bassett was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 10:52 p.m.



94 NEW YEARS - Ruby Elston recalled some of the New Year observations she's held over her 94 years. It's been mostly quiet celebrations for the Dallas resident. (Post photo/Charlot M. Denmon)

as though she was going to a prom. But most of the time New Year's Eve was a quiet dinner at home and this year was the same. We still celebrated it with the

Ruby Elston recalls 94 quiet New Years

family, played games, turned on the television and did puzzles. The younger ones had something going in every room," Mrs. Elston concluded.



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least I assume we will."

Landon is a 1st Sergeant in the unit. He and his wife Eileen, are the parents of two children.

"We were alerted in August to go overseas in September, then the alert was off until now," Landon explained. "I have talked to the company officials where I work and what I was told in September doesn't go now, although I will have my job when I come back.

"My orders state 180 days or less. Since we are a prisoner of war unit, we will probably be in charge of setting up prisoner of war camps and will guard prisoners," Landon said.

Landon, who is a member of the Dallas School Board, will be granted a leave of absence while he is on active duty and will resume his positon when he returns from the Mideast.

Soldiers

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hanging in there and enjoying the many packages he is getting from people back home.

"His morale sounds good," said Mrs. Hutchins. "He told us he got a lot of junk food in the beginning but now he's on a diet of health food and lifting weights every day. He is kept busy because he teaches classes to other Marines.

"He did get a chance to go off ship and spend some time in the United Arab Emirates John is getting tired of waiting. He is planning on getting married in July so hopes he is home for that. His fiancee is going ahead making plans so we hope he gets home in time." Not much information

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams of Terrace Street, Fernbrook, said they hear regularly from their daughter, Lt. Lisa Williams, a nurse in the U.S. Navy.

"She writes regularly several times a week but we often get all the letters at one time," said Mrs. Williams. "She seems to be doing all right but her morale isn't the greatest. She said they don't get much information about what's going on and that she hears more from home. She calls when she is on liberty from a phone center which has been set up for them but Mrs. Williams.

calls are limited to 10 minutes and there are three of us at home on the phones trying to talk with her."

Mrs. Fred Williams said that Lisa did get some "R&R" with some of the other nurses for about a week. The nurses were taken on a Merchant Marine ship to a port in the United Arab Emirates but there was no beach and everything was very expensive. They were taxied back and forth from the town to the ship.

"They would have preferred to go where they could get some pizza. dance and get out on the beach," Mrs. Williams said.

"She told us they had their tents moved away from the water and the sides were strong-backed because of the wind. Sides were put on the tents which made them more like tent cabins. It's wonderful to hear her voice. If we write, it's a month before we get an answer.

"Her February leave was cancelled indefinitely. It's devastating to those who had hopes of coming home. Lisa is able to participate in church services at the hospital and she sings in the choir but without music because music is forbidden. I hope everything can be settled and all of the men and women can come home soon," said

Vandalism

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and 5:00 a.m. Assistant Police Chief Ronald

Spock says that extra patrols have help catch the vandals and he feels this will help stop any more vandalism from occurring.

"We had extra patrols on before all of this started but because of vacations and time off we had no extra patrols," he said. "We will be out there patrolling and if we catch ing the police when they see vansomeone destroying property we dalism occurring.

Spock said that the extra patrols should act as a deterrent for vandals. "When we had the extra been added during those hours to patrols on before, the vandalism rate was way down." he said. "We had maybe one vandalism report a month, it wasn't anything like now when we get five or six calls in four days.

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Jones has been married for 30 years to the former Marie Conrad and has four children: Nancy Gensel of Kingston Twp., employed at Nabisco Brands; Bill, of Jackson Twp., an officer at First Eastern Bank; Linda, employed at Commonwealth Telephone and Bob, senior at Lake-Lehman. Jones is a 1956 graduate of Harter High School, West Nanti-

in Wilkes-Barre. He is well known as a square dance caller and as a former basketball coach at St. Vincent's High School in Plymouth. He also coached at St. Pius Seminary, Dalton and College Misericordia, Dallas.

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He is a volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America, the Arthritis Foundation, the Catholic Youth Center, and the Northeast Ballet Co. He is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and has served as President of the Harveys Lake Lions Club in 1978.

Projects for the coming year were discussed and tentative plans also made for various projects throughout the year. A new executive board was also organized by the president.

A calendar of events will be is-sued at the Feb. 14 meeting, at 7:30 p.m., at the Church of Christ Community Room. Members are the anniversary dinner to be held requested to bring house plants to at the Knights of Columbus, be judged at the February meet- Luzerne.

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