

Obituaries

JAMES CASEY

James Casey, of Swoyersville, died May 3, 1992 at home. Born in Luzerne, he was the son of the late James and Mary McHugh Casey. Surviving are sons, James and Timothy, both of Wilkes-Barre; daughters, Marlene Frances Miller, Trucksville; Roberta Culbertson, Kingston; Robin Yentz and Teresa Kratz, both of Exeter; sister, Molly Carr, Virginia Beach, VA; brothers, Donald, Luzerne; Joseph, East Stroudsburg; Michael, Downingtown, nine grandchildren. Interment, will be in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

EUGENE WALCH

Eugene Walch, 55, of Sheridan Manor, Wilkes-Barre, died May 2, 1992 at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of Virginia Shelley Walch of Wilkes-Barre and the late Eugene Walch. Surviving in addition to his wife and mother, are a daughter, Kelly Walch, at home; brothers, John and Joseph, both of Wilkes-Barre; William, Beaumont; David Walch, Stroudsburg; several nieces and nephews. Interment, Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township.

LEWIS RICHARDSON

Lewis L. (Jack) Richardson, 83, of Terrace Street, Dallas, died April 27, 1992, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. Born in Scranton, he was the son of the late Arthur L. and Ethel Baker Richardson. He was a graduate of Scranton schools and the Johnson Technical Institute. He has resided in Dallas for the past 53 years. He was the owner and operator of Richardson's Dodge Dealership, Dallas, retiring in 1981. He was a member of Dallas United Methodist Church.

He was also a member of George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F&AM; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre; the Wyoming Valley New Car Dealers Association; a former member of the Dallas Fire Company and the Dallas Rotary Club; and had served as a school director in the Dallas School District for 26 years. He was a director on the Regional Board of United Penn Bank, Dallas Branch; was a former member and director of Rural Building and Loan Association; and was one of the founding members of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. He was a sponsor of Back Mountain Little League.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace P., April 16, 1990; brother, Robert W.

Surviving are sons, Thomas E., Cetermoreland; Robert D. and James L. both of Dallas; brother, Arthur E., Reading; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

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RUSSELL ZIMMERMAN

Russell Zimmerman, 44, of RR 1, Sweet Valley, Loyallville, died May 2, 1992 at Mercy Hospital, Scranton. Born in Edwardsville, he was the son of Helen Butch Zimmerman, Lehman and the late Russell Zimmerman. He had resided in Loyallville for the past 24 years. He was a 1967 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. He was employed as a machine technician for Warp Processing, Plains, for 24 years. He and his wife, the former Donna Wesley, celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary in August, 1991. Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are a son, Russell J., at home; daughter, Tammy L., Noxen; brother, Gerald, West Chester. Interment, Lehman Center Cemetery.

FLOYD McROY

Floyd A. McRoy, 77, of Harveys Lake, died May 2, 1992 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. Born at Harveys Lake, he was the son of Albert and Mary Cragle McRoy. He was a member of Sweet Valley Church of Christ. He was employed as a mechanic for L.L. Richardson, Dallas, and Caddie LaBar, Dallas, for 30 years, retiring 29 years ago. He and his wife, the former Bernadine Hummel recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Evelyn Musial; brothers, Robert, Bernard, Arthur, William and Fred; sister, Margaret Lieby. Surviving in addition to his wife, are sons, David, Harveys Lake; Wayne, Hunlock Creek; Floyd B., Nanticoke; daughters, Ethel Hontz, Lake Silkworth; Ruth Jackson, Dallas; Joyce Youngblood, Kingston; Doris Bonk, Glen Lyon; Beverly Elliot, Harveys Lake; Phyllis Yoh, Shavertown; brothers, George and Thomas; sisters, Edna Gray, Martha Meeker and Freda Stevens; 35 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday from Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, cor. of Rtes., 29 and 118, Pikes Creek, with Gary DeSanto, pastor of Sweet Valley Church of Christ, officiating. Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

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CLARA CUNNINGHAM

Clara Cunningham, 88, died May 2, 1992 in Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas. Born March 12, 1904 in Noxen, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Jennie Bishop Patton. She was a graduate of Noxen School and Bloomsburg State College. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lewis Ganny; second husband, Earl B. Cunningham; brothers, Clark, Thoms, Roger, Percy, Russell and Clarence; sister, Rose Tonkin. Surviving are daughters, Corrine Boland, Ocean City, NJ; Charlee Trantino, Beaumont; son, Benjamin Ganny, Roseland, NJ; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Mildred Hopkins, Courtdale; Mrs. Loretta Ayres, Tunkhannock; Mrs. James Kelly, Dallas; Mrs. Dave MacMillan, Noxen; Mrs. Ed Marshal, Stephenville; Mrs. Jean Siglan, Factoryville. Interment, Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

DOROTHY DAVIDSON

Dorothy T. Davidson of Ferguson Avenue, Shavertown, died April 29, 1992, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Plymouth, she was the daughter of the late Gomer and Margaret Davis Thomas. She attended area schools and was a graduate of Kingston High School. She was a member and Sunday school teacher at the former First Methodist Church, Kingston. She and her husband, William L. celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on April 19, 1992. Surviving in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Sherill Davidson, Shavertown; sister, Lenore Thomas Armstrong, Washington, NY. Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

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Few problems expected this year
Gypsy moths ate their way out of business last year

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Due to a significant decrease in the gypsy moth population, the state spraying program in the Back Mountain has been cut back. Ron Rugletic of the Luzerne County Office of Environmental Special Projects said that only 92 acres in Harvey's Lake Borough and 70 in Sweet Valley have been approved for spraying. The results of field studies done last July indicated that there aren't enough egg masses for the state to approve more spraying, Rugletic said. Luzerne County Naturalist Dan Comoroski agreed. "I've looked for egg masses up in Moon Lake Park, and I really had to hunt. The moths simply aren't there this year." Comoroski and Rugletic credited the county's spraying program, an increase in natural predators and the little critters' own voracious appetites for keeping the gypsy moth population down. "In 1990 I saw the caterpillars eating cedar, hemlock and poison ivy, highly toxic plants which are normally not part of their diet. They had already eaten everything else in sight - and completely cleared out all the poison ivy in

one section of the park." Comoroski said.

He also observed bald-faced wasps and flocks of yellow-shafted flickers feasting on the pests. Rugletic and Comoroski believe that the gypsy moths have begun to migrate south and west, which could help trees in our area to recover from several summers of heavy deforestation. However, southern sections of Wyoming County were hit hard with the pesky little caterpillars last year because Wyoming County did not spray as aggressively as Luzerne County, Rugletic said. Wind currents could possibly carry caterpillars into the northern sections of Harvey's Lake, Lake Township, Dallas Township and Franklin Township.

Unless the weather becomes much colder, forcing the gypsy moths to migrate back into the area, Comoroski does not expect another heavy infestation for several years. Gypsy moth invasions tend to run in seven-to-ten-year cycles, he said. Rugletic's office has a referral service for property owners wishing to have their land sprayed at their own expense. Residents may call 825-1826 for a list of private contractors.

Surviving are his wife, the former Catherine Ryan Bogdan; brother, C. Walter, Ormond Beach, Fla.; sister, Louise Russell, San Jose, Calif.; stepsons, Michael Houston, Nescopeck; Richard Bogdon, Orlando, W.Va.; stepdaughter, Susan Switlik, Trenton, NJ; eight grandchildren.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

GRACE COOK

Grace E. Cook, 84, of Ridgeway St., East Stroudsburg died May 1, 1992, at Pocono Medical Center, East Stroudsburg.

Born in West Wyoming, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Anna Heal Nesbit. She had resided in the Carverton area most of her life, prior to moving to East Stroudsburg nine months ago. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dana D.

Surviving are a son, Lyle W. Merithew, Dallas; daughter, Dorothy G. Gay, East Stroudsburg; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Interment, Memorial Shrine Burial Park, Carverton.

Oratorio concert is May 9 at the Kirby
 Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society will present its spring concert at the Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre on Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 under 12, are available by calling 823-5032.

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