

# Community

## Spencer retires as executive director of Heritage House

Margaret R. Spencer, executive director of Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre has announced her retirement effective October 1, 1992.

Mrs. Spencer, a pioneer in the field of aging, became an activist for the elderly in 1964 and her name has appeared repeatedly since that time in connection with Pennsylvania's efforts to establish community services for the aged.

Since 1977, Spencer has carried out various duties as executive director including administrative, operational, personnel, financial and civic responsibilities.

Prior to her employment at Heritage House, Spencer served as executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of Older Persons in Harrisburg; executive director of the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging; executive director of the Luzerne County Bureau for the Aging and director of the Day Care Center at Valley Crest Nursing Home.

Spencer established the Bureau for the Aging in 1968 and served as its executive director in 1972 when effects of Hurricane Agnes devastated the area. In response to the desperate needs of area residents, she was responsible for directing and overseeing the flood recovery effort for the elderly. Over 6,000 older persons were left homeless as a result of Agnes' destruction and the Bureau for the Aging was called upon to provide social services and obtain housing for these persons. For her successful efforts on behalf of the Bureau, Spencer received a commendation from Frank Carlucci, President Nixon's personal representative.

She is the author of several articles published in gerontological publications and is the recipient of various awards, including "Outstanding Woman of the Year" from the West Side Business and Professional Women; "Distinguished Service Award" from Foster Grandparents of Luzerne County; "Distinguished Service Award," from the Pennsylvania Association of Non-profit Homes for the Aging; "Community Service Award," from the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging; "Meritorious Service Award," from the American Association of Homes for the Aging; "Public Relations Award," from the Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging; "Outstand-



MARGARET R. SPENCER

ing Achievements and Service Award," from the Pennsylvania Council on Aging; and the "Outstanding and Dedicated Service Award," from the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging (NOR-PANPHA).

She is currently vice-chairman of the board of Derma Sciences, Old Forge; member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging; Past President of NOR-PANPHA; member of the American Association of Homes for the Aging, the American College of Health Care Administrators, Alpha Delta Mu-National Honor Society of Social Work, board of directors of Heritage House, Diversified Medical Systems, General Medical Services and the Home for Homeless Women. She is also a member of the governing council of the American Hospital Association's Section for Aging and Long-Term Care Services.

In addition to her work as a consultant to agencies, counties and states in assisting them to develop programs for older persons, Spencer has also served as a guest lecturer for various colleges throughout the state.

She resides in Dallas with her husband, L. Robert. They have a daughter, Mrs. John T. (Kelly) Bothwick and two grandsons, Jonathan and Christopher.



MARLYN ANN WISNIESKI

## Marlyn Ann Wisnieski to wed James Everett Cole

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Wisnieski of Shavertown announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlyn Ann to James Everett Cole, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cole of Glenholden.

Miss Wisnieski is a graduate of Dallas High School and Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in finance. She is employed as an internal auditor for Royal Bank of Pennsylvania and is also a graduate student in the MBA program at Villanova University.

Mr. Cole is a graduate of Interboro High School and Widener University with a bachelor's degree in management. He is also working toward a graduate degree at Villanova University. He is employed as a division manager in the consumer lending area of Mellon Bank in Philadelphia.

The marriage will be solemnized on November 21 in St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

## In the service

### PHILLIP HUSBAND SERVES ON USS HAWES IN BALTOPS '92

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class, Phillip D. Husband, son of Ruth Tetschner of Dallas, recently deployed to the Baltic Sea aboard the guided missile frigate USS Hawes, homeported in Charleston, SC.

The USS Hawes made historic port stops in Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, all former Soviet Baltic states. These visits were the first made by an American ship in more than 60 years.

Husband also had the opportunity to visit Denmark, Norway, Scotland, Poland and Finland.

The 1983 graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, Plymouth, joined the Navy in January 1990.

### MCENTEE WILL TRAIN IN NORWAY

Staff Sgt. John P. McEntee has deployed to Norway in support of a short-term tactical exercise named, Coronet Trench. This exercise is part of a larger program called Checkered Flag, in which U.S.-based tactical air units deploy to Europe, the Pacific and Southwest Asia. The purpose is to familiarize aircrews and support people with overseas operating bases, areas, and procedures.

McEntee, a tactical aircraft maintenance technician, is the son of William F. and Florence McEntee of RR 4, Dallas.

He is a 1983 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, Dallas.

### PARDINI COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING

Army Reserve Pvt. Jeremy R. Pardini has completed basic training.

During the training students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Michelle M. Switlick of Harris Hill Road, Shavertown and Robert Pardini, West Pittston.

### STRAITIFF FINISHES BASIC TRAINING

Marine Pfc. William E. Straitiff, son of William E. Straitiff Sr. of Highland Avenue, Trucksville, recently completed recruit training at Parris Island, S. C.

### PVT. GRANT ENDS BASIC TRAINING

Army Reserve Pvt. Lisa E. Grant has completed basic training.

Grant is the daughter of Marsha A. and Robert E. Grant of Bunker Hill Road, Wyoming.

### SEAMAN RECRUIT COLE COMPLETES BASIC

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael A. Cole, son of William E. and Autumn D. Gordon of Route 2, Dallas, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

He is a 1992 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School.

## Religious services

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. 675-3859. Pastor Harold R. Baer, Jr. Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Church School for all ages 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month. Visitors welcome Tuesday Bible Study 9 a.m.

**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. Michael A. Bealla, Pastor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Church School 9 a.m.

**SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors, Rev. James A. Wert, Rev. Harold L. Santos. Music Director, Rosento E. Santos. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service. SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services. Visitors expected. Sunday study classes, 9:45 a.m. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

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