# OBITUARIES

### **FRANCES CHECKON**

Frances M. Checkon, 85, of Media and formerly of Dallas from 1957 to 1993, died Dec. 19, 1997, at the Riddle Memorial Hospital, Media

Born in Swoyersville, June 16, 1912, she was the daughter of the late George and Mary Koval Koptcho.

She owned and operated with her husband, Buddies Men's Shop, Luzerne from 1936 to 1975. She was a member of Gate of

Heaven Church, Dallas. She was preceded in death by

her husband, Joseph; grandsons, Mark and Christopher Brady; several brothers and sisters.

Surviving are her son, Joseph, Libertyville, IL; daughters, Marcia Giannini, Diamond Bar, CA; Marion Brady, West Chester; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Margaret Galenty, West Wyoming; several nieces and nephews

Interment, Denison Cemetery, Swoyersville.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, 71 N. Franklin St, Wilkes-Barre 18701.

### **JAMES HANNON**

James F. Hannon, 79, of Dallas, died Dec. 24, 1997, at the home of Anna Manzoni, Follies Road, Jackson Township, where he resided since Oct. 1997.

Born Jan. 16, 1918 in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Patrick and Alice M. O'Neill Hannon

He resided in Philadelphia most of his life and moved to Dallas in 1979

Before he retired in 1987, he was employed by the South Eastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Philadelphia, for 30 vears.

He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are a brother, John Hannon, Clearwater, FL; sister Vera Solly, West Palm Beach, FL; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

### **NORMAN ONEY**

Norman "Duke" Oney, 80, of Lake Township died Dec. 29, 1997, at home. Born at Harveys Lake, Dec. 2,

1917, he was the son of the late Norman E. and Mattie Wilson Onev Sr.

Before retiring to the Back

# **RUTH DYKE**

Ruth L. Dyke, 79, formerly of Back Mountain, died Dec. 23, 1997, in the Conner Williams Nursing Home, Ridley Park, following a lengthy illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late George L. and Kathryn Lewis Malkemes. She attended Kingston Town-

ship schools. She was an operator with the former Commonwealth Telephone

Co., Dallas. She later moved to the Philadelphia area and continued as a telephone operator with the Bell Telephone Co., Philadelphia.

While a local resident, she was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David J.

Surviving are sons, David G. Dyke, Philadelphia; Charles J. Dyke, Gaithersburg, MD; brothers, William C. Malkemes, Newport News, VA; Charles V. Małkemes, Havertown; sisters, Mrs. Shirley Daddona, Morton; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Hanover Green Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Alzheimer's Association, Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701

## -MARGARET LERCH

Margaret P. Lerch, 86, of Harveys Lake, died Dec. 24, 1997 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born April 17, 1911, in Sandy Hook, W.VA, she was the daughter of the late William S. and Mabel Hughes Hammond.

She had resided in Harveys Lake for the past 70 years.

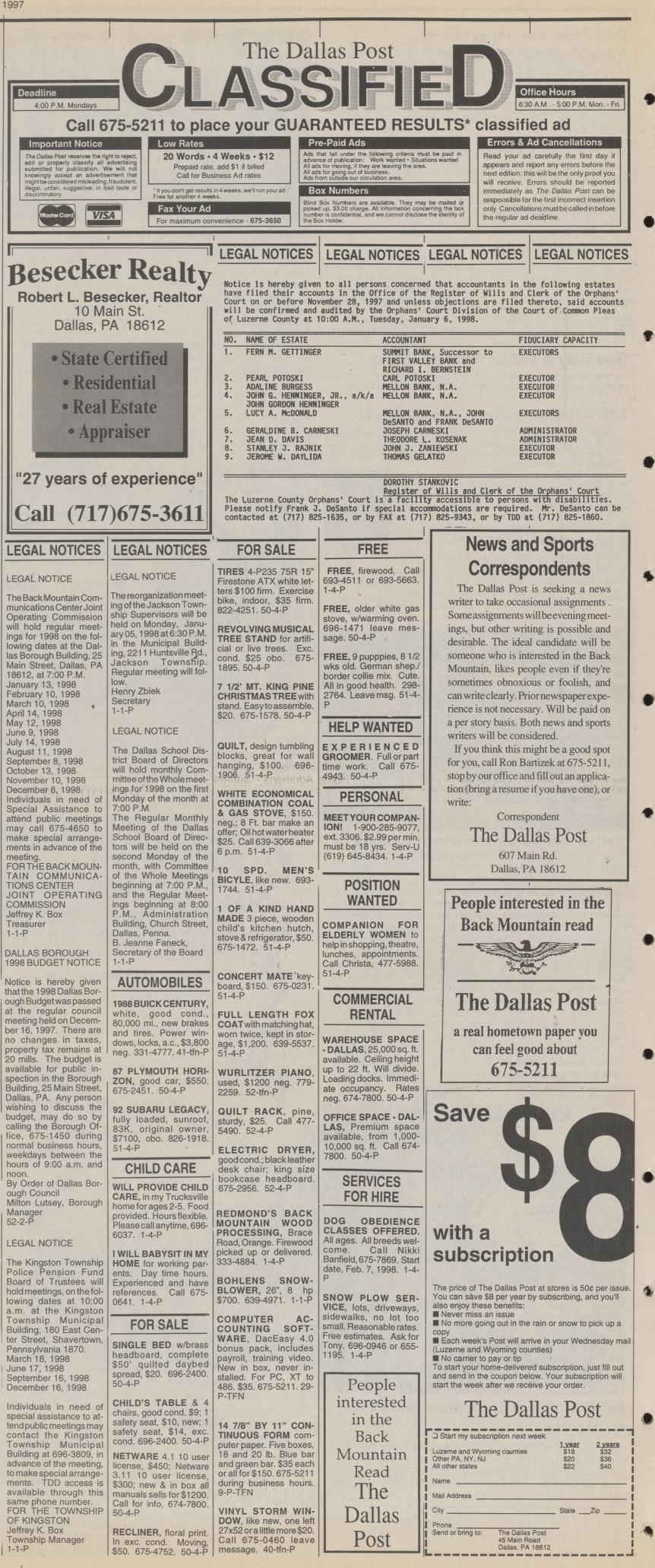
Before she retired 20 years ago, she was employed by the Ronox Dress Factory, Noxen, for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Lerch; an infant daughter, Joyce Louise Lerch.

Surviving are sons, Donald, Lake Station, IN; Richard, Portage, IN; James, Wilkes-Barre; John, at home; daughters, Joanne Lerch, Dallas; Nancy Concert, Ruggles; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one greatgreat-grandchild; brother, Robert Hammond, Knoxville, MD. Interment, Kocher Cemetery,

Lake Township. Memorial donations may be

made to the Alderson United Methodist Church, RR 1, Box 234, Harveys Lake, 18618.



Mountain 20 years ago, he owned and operated various body and fender shops in the Back Mountain, New Orleans, LA, and Miami, FL.

He served with the U.S. Army as a medic during World War II. He was a member of the Dallas

American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Irene Kocher.

Surviving are his son, Blaine Oney, Orlando, FL: daughter, Deborah Klarich, Eunice, LA; sister, Marion Odell, with whom he resided; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., corner of Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek, Lake Township with the Rev. L.D. Reed and the Rev. Rick Womer officiating.

Interment will be in Kocher Cemetery, Ruggles.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday.

#### **JAMES WORTH**

James W. Worth, 78, of Lake Township, died Dec. 24, 1997, at the Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake.

Born June 3, 1919, in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late William G. and Emma Gosart Worth.

He resided in Lake Township for the past 52 years.

He owned and operated a dairy farm in Lake Township for 18 years and was a custodian at Lake-Lehman School District for 20 years before he retired.

He was a member of St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran Church, Noxen.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Florence Hausch; a brother, James Worth.

Surviving are a son, James W. Worth, Lewisburg; a brother, Luther Worth, San Antonio, TX; a

sister, Louise Dopko, Dayton, OH. Interment, Kocher Cemetery, Lake Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 57 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701.

# HARRY CLARK

Harry C. Clark, Sr., of Beaumont, died Dec. 26, 1997, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Beaumont, on Nov. 27. 1917, he was the son of the late Charles and Cora Randall Clark.

He graduated from Beaumont schools and owned and operated a dairy farm in Beaumont all of his life.

He owned the Harry C. Clark Insurance Co., until 1995 and also owned and operated the Montross Oil Co., Beaumont.

He was a member and past president of the Bowman's Creek Lions.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Agnes Corby.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Bettyanne Montross Clark; son, Harry C. Jr., Beaumont; daughters, Karen Balewski, Midlothian, VA; Bethanne Sehring, MT; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; several nephews.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Scott Street, Wilkes-Barre, 18702

### **BEVERLY RAUB**

Beverly A. Raub of Valley View Park, Dallas, died Dec. 24, 1997, at Hospice St. John at Penn State Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Kingston, she was the daughter of Louise Gallagher and the late James Gallagher.

She was a graduate of the former Kingston High School and was employed as a secretary for the U.S. Navy.

She most recently worked for CVS in Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel J.

Surviving are daughters, Debra Durkin, Lake Ariel; Trisha Farrow, Luzerne; seven grandchildren; a brother, Fred Hirner, Forty Fort.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice St. John.

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