

OBITUARIES

JOHN HOYT

John L. Hoyt Sr., 84, of Harveys Lake, died Oct. 5, 1998, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Sept. 8, 1914, in Alderson, he was the son of the late Joseph and Pansy Denmon Hoyt.

He lived at Harveys Lake for most of his life.

He was employed by Sterling Farms, Harveys Lake for 50 years, retiring 14 years ago.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Warren Hoyt, and Allen Hoyt; sisters, Marie Hoyt and Lillian Novajosky; and two grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jean Smith; sons, John L. Hoyt Jr., Harveys Lake; Joseph S. Hoyt, Harveys Lake; daughters, Donna Lee Wallace, Boca Raton, FL; Bonnie H. Binger, Ithaca, NY; Cheryl E. Stambaugh, Harveys Lake; Deborah P. Holden, Ithaca, NY; Suanne J. Headley, Lincolnton, NC; Joanne E. Race, Harveys Lake; Kathi J. Derhammer, Harveys Lake; Andrea B. Delicati, Dallas; Pamela D. Hoyt, Dallas; brother, Cletas Hoyt, Dallas; sisters, Marjorie Clark, Mesa, AZ; Doris Newell, Noxen; Joyce Chapin, Dallas; Lois Ransome, Nicholson; Iris Beck, Pittston; 20 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Kunkle Fire & Ambulance Association, RR 1, Box 301A, Dallas, 18612.

LOYAL SMITH

Loyal L. Smith, 89, of Shavertown, Kingston Township, died Oct. 11, 1998, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He was a resident of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, since 1997.

Born and raised in Plainville, CT, he was the son of the late Pearl and Carrie Lauridsen Smith.

He was a life long member of the Plainville, Congregational Church and a member of the Masons, Frederick Lodge, No. 14.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Rachael Smith Schwab; brothers, Vinton and Russell Smith.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Fleming Smith, Shavertown, Kingston Township; son, Russell E. Shavertown, Kingston Township; daughter, Dorothy S. Wrona, Wallingford, CT; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Interment, St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville, CT.

Memorial donations may be made to the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind, 63 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18701.

JOSEFA HUMMEL

Josefa Hummel, 97, a formerly of Loyalville, died Oct. 10, 1998, at the Carpenter Care Center, Tunkhannock.

Born in Nanticoke, Oct. 3, 1901, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Rosalina Trynaski Lubinski.

She resided in Loyalville most of her life before moving to Carpenter Care Center in 1989.

She was employed by the former Native Textiles, Dallas before retiring in 1954. She was a member of the Sweet Valley Community Bible Church DAR, Harveys Lake Democratic Club and the Sweet Valley Christian Endeavor.

Her husband, Luther T.; daughters, Josephine Allen, Ruth Szymanski, grandson David Hummel; brothers Jack, Adam and Valentine; sisters, Blanche, Margaret and Viola preceded her in death.

Surviving are sons, Luther, Orangeville; Wellington, Berkley Springs, W. VA; daughters, Mrs. Norman (Marcella) Loebensberg, Harveys Lake; Rebecca Boone, East Otto, NY; 26 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; sisters, Theodora Grey, Harveys Lake and Clara Ange, Berwick.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

ROSE DRIBELBIS

Rose Dribelbis, 89, of Pikes Creek, Lake Township, died Oct. 7, 1998, at the Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake.

Born May 10, 1909, in Antwerp, Belgium, she was the daughter of the late John and Bernardina Dykeman Perry.

She came to the United States at the age of three and lived in Pikes Creek most of her life.

She was employed by various sewing factories in the Back Mountain area including the former Karen Manufacturing, Sweet Valley.

She was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Hobbie and the International Ladies Garment Worker's Union.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cleon E. Dribelbis; son, Norman; sister, Bernardina Rogers; and an infant brother.

Surviving are her daughter, Bertha Williams, Pikes Creek; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Interment, Silver Maple Cemetery, Hobbie.

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



Hillside Farm donates park sign

Hillside Farm and Dairy Stores recently donated to Jackson Township Recreation Park a sign that was placed in front of the park on Huntsville Rd. The sign was made at Retreat Prison in Hunlock Creek by inmates, with material donated by Hillside. Shown in front of the sign are from left, first row, Bill Holena, Jackson Township recreation board member, Jeff Fishel, recreation board treasurer, Mike Tribendis, recreation board president. Second row, Will Conyngham, co-owner of Hillside Dairy Farm and Stores, Chris Harrison, vice president of Jackson Township Recreation Board and Dave Orrison, recreation board member.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Bad checks for Beanie Babies get woman in hot water

Dallas resident Emily Morgan, 56, was charged Aug. 7 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin for writing a bad check in the amount of \$1,787 to Sports Plus in the Dallas Shopping Center. In April, Sports Plus owner William Jessee Jr. spoke with patrolman William Norris about how to handle the situation.

Norris suggested that Jessee send a registered letter to Morgan informing her of the bad check. After receiving the letter, Morgan returned to the store and gave back some of the merchandise she purchased, which brought the bill to \$970. Jessee said she

was Beanie Babies and sports card dealer and paid by check before with no problems. She told him she could not afford to cover the cost of the check.

In June, William Jessee Sr. contacted Morgan and asked about the outstanding check. She told him that she could not pay her electric bill and to go ahead and take her to court, according to police reports. Jessee Sr. told police that he observed approximately \$2,000 worth of Beanie Babies in the back seat of her vehicle.

Morgan has two prior convictions for writing bad checks

charged with theft by unlawful taking.

D.U.I. CHARGES

Plains resident Ronald Jescavage, 43, was arrested April 14 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309.

After failing field sobriety tests he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .219, more than twice the legal limit. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Related charges of failing to signal and careless driving were dismissed.

PURSE SNATCHING AT MARKET

Sweet Valley resident William Seth Roper, 19, was arrested Sept. 13 by Dallas Borough patrolman William Norris after police were dispatched to Mr. Z's for a purse snatching. Police said Roper grabbed Arlene Murphy's purse while she put her groceries into the back of her minivan. Her purse was sitting on top of the shopping cart.

Brian Gieda, a Mr. Z's employee, ran after Roper until he caught him at Monro Muffler. Gieda knew Roper from high school and told him to return the purse, which he did. Roper was

Dallas siblings win Youth Talent Expo

A brother and sister from Dallas Area Senior High School competed and won at the Youth Talent Expo '98, held Oct. 7, at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, Wilkes University.

The Expo, in its third year, is sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension, Luzerne Intermediate Unit, Wilkes University, HelpLine, the Special Kids Network, United Way of Wyoming Valley, Children's Service Center, the Caron Foundation, Family Services, and Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug. It showcased 23 high school student acts in dance, vocal, instrumental, band and alternative categories. The students competed for cash prizes, as well as "active prizes," invitations to perform at local establishments.

Gene Koshinski and Brian Miller, seniors at Dallas took first place in the instrumental category. They performed a drum duet that received a standing ovation. Amy Koshinski, a 10th grade Dallas student, took home "1st runner up" in the vocal category, singing "Foolish Games" by Jewel (accompanied by Gene on piano.) Also performing from Dallas was Rebecca Rosser, who performed a flute solo.

As a part of the "active prize" awards, Amy and Gene were selected to perform at the River Street Jazz Cafe, Wilkes-Barre, by Rob Friedman, owner of the Cafe and one of the judges. Amy was also invited to perform at Jim Dandy's, Edwardsville, on behalf of Tracy Goryeb, also a Youth Talent Expo judge.

Dallas Township patrolman Jeffrey Dennis after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415 with an expired registration sticker.

After failing field sobriety tests he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .174. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, disregarding traffic lane, driving an unregistered vehicle and operating a vehicle without a valid inspection. A related charge of exceeding the speed limit by 33 mph was dismissed.

Dallas resident Joseph Hayden, 33, arrested June 30 by Kingston Township patrolman James Ibbotson after police observed him driving erratically on Carverton Rd.

After failing field sobriety tests he was transported to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he refused to take a blood alcohol test. Refusal of the test results in a one-year suspension of a driver's license. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving at an unsafe speed.

Wilkes-Barre resident Joelle Andrejewski, 18, arrested July 20 by Dallas Township patrolman Brian Feeney after police observed her fail to stop for a red stop light.

After failing field sobriety tests she was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where her blood alcohol level was .127. She was charged with driving under the influence and failing to stop at light. A charge of purchasing alcohol as a minor was dismissed.

Junior Mozart Club seeks members

The Junior Mozart Club of Wilkes-Barre welcomes new members to join the organization as it begins the new club year. Student musicians who have not yet graduated are invited to become members. The Junior Club will accept musicians who are instrumentalists, vocalists or dancers. Members will perform at studio concerts as well as for the public. For information interested students may call 639-1412 or 655-3184. Counselors are professional teachers and musicians. Festivities. For information, call Irene G. Transue, 675-1367.

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