OBITUARIES

MARY GYURKO Daughter lives in Harveys Lake

Mary E. Gyurko, formerly of Maple Street, Freeland, died Wednesday, September 5, 2001 at Doylestown Hospital, Bucks County. Born in Hazleton, she was the daughter of the late William and Carrie (Eckrote) Gerlach. She was a member of Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Freeland. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael E.; and brothers, Adam, Wilbur, Henry and William. Surviving are her daughters, Marybeth DellaCroce, Drums, Butler Township; Karen Złock, Washington Crossing; and Michelle Luca, Harveys Lake; six grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

FLORA RITTENHOUSE

Resident of Harveys Lake

Flora V. Rittenhouse, 81, of Harveys Lake, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2001 at the Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock. Born Oct. 22, 1919, in Lake Twp., she was the daughter of the late Eugene and Carrie Swire Hummell. She resided at the Carpenter Care Center, Tunkhannock. She was a member of the Alderson United Methodist Church, Harveys Lake. She was preceded in death by her husband, William I. Rittenhouse; and brother, Loren Hummell. Surviving are her daughters, Flora Banta, Luzerne; Carol Bielecki, Inkerman; Sherry Butler, Loyalville; brothers, Benjamin, Texas; Eugene, Maryland; Cleveland, Florida; Earl, New Jersey; Frank, Loyalville; Harry, Drums; sisters, Charlotte Scott and Lorna Jones, both of Harveys Lake; Hannah Frantz, Dallas; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM MURPHY

Member of South Mountain Land Association

William Moody Murphy Jr., of Noxen, died Friday, September 7, 2001 at his home. Born Dec. 7, 1947, in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of Jean Kasson Murphy and the late William M. Murphy Sr. He atthe Lake-Noxen schools. He served with the Job Corps in California and New Jersey and worked as a bartender in Noxen. He was a member of the South Mountain Land Association. Surviving, in addition to his mother, are brothers, Hugh, Beaumont; Shawn and Randy, both of Noxen; David McClintock, Westchester; sisters, Amber Harper, Beaumont; Roberta Budzak, Lori Thomas and Shannon Murphy, all of Noxen; and several nieces and nephews.

BERNARD PECUKONIS Former Dallas police officer

Bernard J. Pecukonis, 71, a resident at Northeastern VA Center, Scranton, former-

ly of Dallas, died Friday, August 31, 2001 at Mercy Hospital, Scranton. Born Feb. 26, 1930 in Pringle, he was the son of the late Alfred J. and Mary

(Chisko) Pecukonis. He was a graduate of the Pringle school system. He was a U.S. Navy veteran

of the Korean War. He was a butcher for Gosarts and Sunshine Markets. He was head of the supply department for the Dallas School District and was in charge of the Back Mountain Communications Center.

He also was a police officer for the Dallas police. He owned and operated his own sign painting company. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. He was preceded in death by his wife Rose.

Surviving are his daughter, Patricia Williamson, Ashley; and Susan Razny, Pittston; brothers, Alfred, Mechanicsburg; and Ronald, West Wyoming; nephews and nieces. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Luzerne County, Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, 18705.

JEAN MAHARTY, R.N. Shavertown resident and member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Jean M. Maharty, R.N., 74, of the Shavertown section of Kingston Township, formerly of Forty Fort and Wilkes-Barre, died Friday, August 31, 2001at Balanced Care Nursing Center, Kingston, where she resided for the past two weeks. Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late George F., Sr. and Henrietta (Gimber) Ogin. She was a graduate of Coughlin High School. She received her nurse's training at the former Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, and was a staff nurse at Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital and other area hospitals for some time. She also had done private duty nursing for many years, retiring in 1988. She was a member of the former Christ Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre, and attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Wilkes-Barre. She was preceded in death by her brother, George F., Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Robert J.; son, Robert G.; and daughter, Sandy Mannear, both of Dallas; four grandchildren, one great-grandson, and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

ALVENA DORNEMAN Former Dallas resident

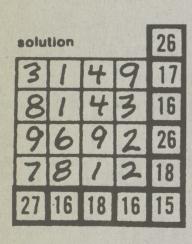
Alvena B. Dorneman, 94, formerly of Ashley and Dallas, died Tuesday, September 3, 2001 at the Eastern Star Nursing Center, Bridgewater, N.J. Born April 23, 1907 in Bloomsburg, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Daisy (Cole) Bankes. She was a machine operator at Woodbury Manufacturing, Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre, its Lutheran Church Women and the quilting group.

She was also a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Esther Star Point of the former Blue Ridge Chapter 140 Order of Eastern Star, Plymouth Chapter 345, Order of the Eastern Star and Dallas Chapter 145, Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert.

Surviving are her daughter, Beverly Hofer, Englewood, Fla.; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Melroy, Harden, Ky. Memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of St. John's Lutheran Church, 410 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

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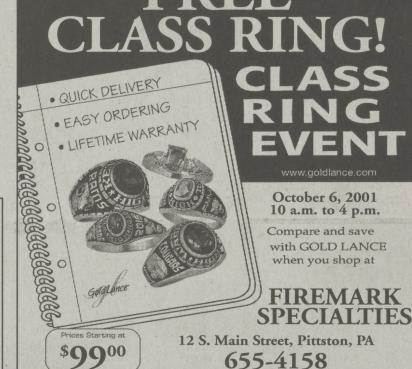
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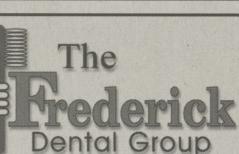
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