OBITUARIES

HAROLD BENNETT Former Noxen Township Supervisor

Harold O. Bennett, 86, of Noxen, died Tuesday June 4, 2002 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born in Bloomsburg, he was a son of the late Clyde and Hazel (Morris) Bennett. He lived in Noxen for the past 60 years. He graduated from Forty Fort High School in 1934. Before retiring, he worked for Atlas Chain, West Pittston, for 20 years. He was a member of United Methodist Church. He was a member of the George M. Dallas Lodge #531, F & AM, Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, and served as president of the Orcutt's Grove Cemetery Association. He was also a Little League coach, Boy Scout leader, Noxen Township Supervisor, and treasurer of the Noxen Credit Union. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Ruth A. Patton; son, Leo M.; and brother, Har-

Surviving are his son, Robert L., Noxen; daughter, Carol L. Hobbs, Harveys Lake; four grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren. In lieu of flowers. memorial donations may be made to Noxen United Methodist Church, Rural Route 196A, Noxen.

NELLA RAE KOCHER Brother and sister live at Harveys Lake

Nella Rae Kocher, 65, of R.R. 1, Black Walnut section of Laceyville, died Friday June 7, 2002 at Community Medical Center, Scranton.

Born April 15, 1937, in Binghamton, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Manley and Kathleen (Carlucci) Smith. She held many jobs, but for the last few years she was a homemaker. She was a member of Mehoopany Baptist Church, and attended Braintrim Baptist Church, Laceyville. She was preceded in death by a twin sister, Ella "Pee-Wee" Wilcox, and a brother, Manley "Tinker" Smith.

Surviving are her husband of

nine years, Levo G.; daughter, Nella Cosilmon, McDonough, N.Y.; sons; Carl Wilcox Jr. and Eric, both of Black Walnut; Charles A. Headman, Centermoreland; James Gregory, Glen Lyon; and Stanley Gregory, Harveys Lake; 12 grandchildren; sister, Kathleen Bixby, Harveys Lake; brother, Harry Smith, Harveys Lake; several nieces and nephews; stepdaughter, Lori Frevold, Newport Riche, Fla.; and stepson; Jeffery, Palm Harbor, Fla. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mehoopany Baptist Church; or to Braintrim Baptist Church, Lacevville.

JUNE ALMA KONEK Member of the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

June Alma Konek, 71, of Hellers Grove, Trucksville section of Kingston Township, died Sunday June 9, 2002 at home.

Born in Lehigh Township, she was a daughter of the late Alfred and Sara (Benninger) Rice. She was a member of Holy Family Church, Luzerne, and a member of the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She had lived in Trucksville since 1955. She was preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas; brothers, and John, Richard, Walter and Thomas.

Surviving are her daughters; Diana Labarre, Luzerne; Karen Kollar, Forty Fort; Linda, Luzerne; and Ann Marie, at home; sons, Stephen, Dallas, and Franklin, at home; four grandchildren; sister, Pearl Baily, Walnutport; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 216 N. River St., Wilkes-Barre.

KATHLEEN SUKALOSKI Member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Kathleen A. Sukaloski, 48, of the Loyalville section of Lake Township, died Sunday June 9, 2002 at Hospice Community Care, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born Oct. 7, 1953, in Sunbury, she was a daughter of Helen (Weaver) Ditty, Sunbury, and the late William Ditty. She graduated from Shikellamy High School in 1971, attended College Misericordia, Dallas, for 2 years, and received a bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg State College. She was a medical technologist for Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for 12 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth section of Lehman Township, and its Women's Society. She was also a Teacher Parent Teen Association.

Surviving in addition to her mother are her husband of 20 years, Peter P.; daughter, Elizabeth Ann, at home; brothers, Larry W., Lon C., Vaughn W., and Michael Ditty, all of Sunbury; sisters, Karen Mayotte, Liberty, Mo., and Deborah Davis, Gladstone, Mo.; nieces and nephews, and aunts and uncles.

JOYCE FISKE Former Dallas resident

Joyce S. Fiske, of Darby, and formerly of Dallas, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002 at home.

Born Feb. 8, 1925, in Glenside, she was a daughter of the late Carlton and Edna Reed. She was a member of the Mariners Bethel United Methodist Church. She resided in Darby for the past 48 years. She was preceded in death by her brother, Theodore Reed.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Lester; son, Gary, Darby; and sister, Norma Crispell, Dallas.

MELINDA SUTTON

Owner and operator of Sutton's Store

Township, died Monday June al Hospital.

Born March 1, 1907, in Nanticoke, she was a daughter of the late Fredric and Mary (Millington) Shouldice. She graduated from Dorranceton High School, Kingston. She owned and operated Sutton's Store, Carverton, as well as a square dance hall at the same location. She was a life member of Carverton United Methodist Church, serving on its administrative board, and as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent. She also led weekday bible studies. She was a member of United Methodist Women, an officer in her church and at their Wyoming Annual Conference. She was a life memmember of the Lake-Lehman ber of Mountain Garage 567, Carverton, serving as secretery. She was also a member of Pomona Grange 44, and a mem-

Melinda C. Sutton, 95, of the ber of the Women's Christian Carverton section of Kingston Temperance Union. She was a Republican Committeewoman 10, 2002 at Wilkes-Barre Gener- and Judge of Election. She was a Girl Scout Troop Leader. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar B.; daughter, Melinda Sue Parker; sisters, Melvina Shouldice and Susan Evarts; and brothers, Walter G. and George Shouldice. Surviving are daughters, Phyllis G. Piatt, with whom she resided, Dora Kitchen, Waldorf, Md., Carol R. Swanson. Carverton: nine grandchildren: 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; brother, Paul T. Shouldice, Huntsville section of Jackson Township, and sisters, Freda E. Roskos, Kingston, and Ruth Hendershot, Friendswood, Texas. Memorial donations may be made to the Carverton United Methodist Church, 1633 W. Eighth St., Wyoming.

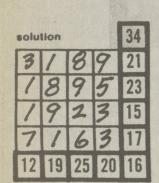
ANTHONY NIECZYKOWSKI Civil Defense Warden during World War II

Anthony O. Nieczykowski, 87, Angela V. Smulkstis; grandson, of Krych Street, Kingston, died Alexander R. Dombroski III; sis-Saturday June 8, 2002 at Hos-ter, Josephine Lada; and brothpice Community Care, Mercy er, Stanley Necikowski. Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

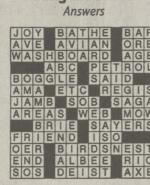
Born in Kingston, he was a son of the late Anthony and Nieczykowski. He was a Civil Defense Warden during World War II. Until its closing, he worked at the Woodward Colliery of the Glen Alden Corp., Nelson's Furniture Manufacturing, and retired from United Pants Inc., Church, Kingston, and its Holy Name Society. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former

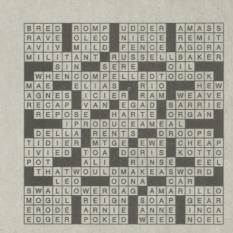
Surviving are his daughters; Sylvia Naples, Schwenksville; Christina Dombroski, Kingston, (Maslowski) and Theresa Hoover, Trucksville section of Kingston Township; son, Anthony Z., Parsons; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Julian and Ted Necikowski, both of Wilkes-Barre; sister, Genevieve Sokash, Wilkes-Barre; and nieces and Swoyersville. He was a member nephews. In lieu of flowers, of St. Mary's Annunciation memorial donations may be made to Hospice Community Wyoming Ave., Care, 385 Kingston.

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