

**OBITUARIES**

**LENCHEN TOWNEND**

**Operated Wide Awake Book Shop**

Lenchen C. Townend, 91, of Dallas, died January 27, 2004.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, July 4, 1912, she was a daughter of the late Judge Clarence D. and Helen (Barring) Coughlin. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre.

She was preceded in death by her husband, General Frank Townend, and by her son, David S. Townend.

She graduated from the Wilkes-Barre Institute and Bryn Mawr College. She participated actively as a member of the Thursday Club. When her children were grown, she purchased the Wide Awake Book Shop, which she operated until the flood of 1972.

She was a long time volunteer for Planned Parenthood and supporter of children's programs and activities.

Surviving are two children, Cynthia T. Donaldson, Lemoine Maine and Dr. Stephen C. Townend, Devon, Pa.; six grandchildren; brother, Barring Coughlin, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private interment, Forty Fort Cemetery, Forty Fort.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Special Children Friends, in Ellsworth, Maine, or to some other children's charity or program of the donor's choice.

**LOUISE STELEVICH**

**Born in Jackson Township**

Louise D. Stelevich, 82, of Larksville, died February 3, 2004 at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born Jan. 11, 1922, in Jackson Township, she was a daughter of the late George Wesley Spencer and Dora Lozier Spencer Freeman. She was a graduate of Larksville High School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin; son, Douglas M.; brother, Benjamin Spencer; and an infant sister.

Surviving are sons, Wesley, Dallas; Martin, Larksville; daughters, Martha Verosky, Hunlock Creek; Sue Ellen Stelevich-Bonafede, Scranton; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Interment, Huntsville Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Association.

**BERNADINE WEISS**

**Member of Gate of Heaven Church**

Bernadine Weiss, 76, formerly of Elizabeth Street, Dallas, died January 31, 2004 at Crouse Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y.

Born in Luzerne, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Mary (Hardik) Herman. She was a graduate of Luzerne High School and was employed as a seamstress by the Boston Store for many years. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward.

Surviving are sisters, Marian Kellogg and Helen Knapp, both of Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Interment, St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

**DOUGLAS ROCHE**

**Had varied careers**

Douglas J. Roche, of Valley View Drive, Dallas, formerly of the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre, died January 29, 2004 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Jan. 17, 1959, in the Bronx, N.Y., he was the son of Joan L. McKeown and the late George Roche. He was a 1977 graduate of Coughlin High School. He was an optician for Eye Land Optical, Wilkes-Barre Township. He was a licensed real estate agent, contractor and electrician and managed apartments. He was a former life insurance agent for MetLife.

Surviving are daughter, Jessica, Exeter; sister, Virginia Conrad, Dallas; brother, Kenneth, Travelers Rest, S.C.; several nieces and nephews; and aunts and uncles.

Memorial donations may be made to the Women with Children program at College Misericordia, 301 Lake St., Dallas, PA 18612.

**WALTER MEADE**

**Owned Meade's Garage**

Walter A. Meade, 81, of Trucksville, died February 1, 2004 at the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born May 18, 1922, in Lehman Township, he was a son of the late Corey and Lydia (Brown) Meade. He attended Lake-Lehman High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving as a T/4 in Company D, General Headquarters Battalion, in the South Philippines. He was employed as a foreman by American Asphalt and owned and operated Meade's Garage for many years. He was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, where he was past president of trustees. He was associated with the Back Mountain Food Bank and was a member of the Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 American Legion, Dallas, where he served as past president of the board of directors.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Dobson; brothers, Harvey, Delbert, Boyd, Earl and Howard; stepson, Anthony Wright; and step-grandson, David Wright Jr.

Surviving are his wife, the former Audrey Mugford; sons, William, Sarasota, Fla.; Donald, Noxen; Walter, Naticoke; stepson, David Wright, Wilkes-Barre; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren; sister, Ann Commisky, Kingston; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

**HARRY WESLEY**

**Graduate of Lake-Lehman**

Harry D. Wesley Jr., 45, of Idetown, died February 1, 2004 at home.

Born Feb. 20, 1958, in Kingston, he was a son of Harry D. and Nancy Spencer Wesley Sr., with whom he resided. He was a 1976 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. He was a self-employed landscaper for many years.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, with whom he resided, are brothers, Robert, Hunlock Creek; Robin, Broadway; Brian, Evans Falls; maternal grandmother, Ethel Spencer, Idetown.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

**ANTHONY BALOGA**

**Was supermarket advertising manager**

Anthony M. Baloga, 71, of Harveys Lake, formerly of Wyoming, died January 29, 2004 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Jan. 3, 1933, in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Michael Charles and Helen Kordowski Baloga. He was a 1951 graduate of St. Nicholas High School and King's College, Wilkes-Barre. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was employed as an advertising group manager by Giant Supermarkets and by Affiliated Foods, Scranton, for many years. He also worked for Associated Wholesalers, Scranton. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, and the Harveys Lake Protective Association.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eleanor Baloga.

Surviving are his wife, the former Diane Malik Bucci; sons, Dr. Anthony M. Baloga, Wyoming; Dr. Michael C. Baloga, Exeter; Vincent P., Exeter; Dr. Christopher M. Baloga, Woodind, Md.; John J., Dallas; and Nicholas H., Scranton; stepson, Scott Bucci, Scranton; nine grandchildren; brothers, Dr. Michael Baloga, Camden, Tenn.; Stephen, Pembroke Pines, Fla.; sisters, Theresa Dotzel, Whitehouse, N.J.; Ann Kish, Wilkes-Barre; and nieces and nephews.

Interment, Sacred Heart Slovak Cemetery, Dallas Township.

**ADA BRITT**

**Survived by sons, daughter in Back Mountain**

Ada Mae Britt, 90, of Harveys Lake, formerly of Trucksville and Asbury Park, N.J., died February 3, 2004 at Lakeside Nursing Home.

Born Jan. 24, 1914, in Kingston, she was the daughter of the late Morgan D. and Julia Ludwig Kishpaugh. She was educated in Kingston schools. She was employed as a hostess and waitress in New Jersey.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Morgan D. Jr.

Surviving are sons, Donald E., Dallas; Richard M., Sweet Valley; daughters, Shirley Updyke, Sweet Valley; Ada Tamerantz, Phoenix; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren.

Private interment will be at the convenience of the family in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Shavertown.

**CARL SOUDER**

**Sweet Valley man**

Carl K. Souder, 55, of Country Crest Lane, Sweet Valley, died February 2, 2004 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born Nov. 17, 1948, in Naticoke, he was the son of Grace Hunter Souder and the late Burton G. Souder. He was employed by R.E. Barber Trucking Co. He was a member of Brethren in Christ Church, Hunlock Creek.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Burton G. Jr.; and infant sons, Brian and Carl.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jean S. Volkel; sons, Burton G., Vernon; Jason C., Lake Silkworth; brothers, Gary, Benton; James, Sweet Valley; sister, Josephine Werkheiser, Sweet Valley.

Memorial donations may be made to the church.

**Remember When**

We've been digging through our pile of old photos, and thought it would be fun to share some of them with you. Space allowing, we'll publish a scene from the Back Mountain's past each week on this page. Sometimes we'll be able to tell you about the event and the people in the frame, and sometimes we'll be clueless. That's when you can help — if you know names and details, please get them to us and we'll do our best to fill in the blanks for our readers. E-mail is the best communication method, so if you can, send info to: thepost@leader.net. Otherwise, send a fax to 675-3650, call 675-5211 or drop a note to: The Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18711.



Field trip — In 1958, students from Dallas-Franklin-Monroe were ready to board the bus for a field trip. Do you know who they are and where they were going?

**MARGARET HARDING**

**Born in Eaton Township**

Margaret A. Harding of Avery Street, Tunkhannock, formerly of West Pittston, died January 30, 2004 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

She was born in Eaton Township, Wyoming County, on Aug. 7, 1918, daughter of the late Jesse and Cora May Jones Harding. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by the Consolidated Cigar Co. in West Pittston. She was a member of the Luzerne Avenue Baptist Church in West Pittston.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Rachel Goodwin and Irene Rice.

Surviving are nephews, William Rice of Tunkhannock; Wayne Goodwin of Parish, N.Y.; David Rice, of Falls; nieces, Carolyn Malesky, Paula Luvender, both of Tunkhannock; Charlene Walters of Mehoopany; 10 great-nieces and nephews; 14 great-great-nieces and nephews.

Interment, Vaughn Cemetery, Mehoopany.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Luzerne Avenue Baptist Church, 317 Luzerne Ave., West Pittston, PA 18643.

**AGNES BLACKWELL**

**Center Moreland native**

Agnes M. Blackwell, 87, of Hilltop Farm, Center Moreland, died January 29, 2004 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Center Moreland, she was a daughter of the late Clarence and Belle (Jenks) Smith. She was employed for Deluxe Games Toy Factory, Wilkes-Barre, and served as a tax assessor for Northmoreland Township, Wyoming County. She was a member of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Sr.; brothers, Elmer; Clarence; sisters, Lenora Shippey; Elizabeth Hess; Edith Wandell.

Surviving are her son, Ralph Jr., Center Moreland; sister, Ruby Miers, South Carolina; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday from Harding-Litwin Funeral Home, 123 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock.

Interment, Perrins Marsh Cemetery, Center Moreland.

Memorial donations may be made to Vernon Independent Baptist Church, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

**B. FLOYD MILBRODT**

**Native of Lehman**

B. Floyd Milbrodt, 81, of Lehman Township, died January 30, 2004 in the Hospice Community Care, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born and raised in Lehman, he was the son of the late Esther Hoover Weaver. He was a partner in Hoover & Milbrodt Excavating, where he was employed until his death.

He belonged to the John Birch Society and the Patriotic Brotherhood.

He also was a pilot for 30 years and had his own airstrip.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Emerson Richard Weaver.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, the former Elizabeth Ruth Sorber; daughter, Keturah Bombick; three grandchildren, Rachelle Rogers, Reagan Bombick, Ryan Bombick; one great-grandchild, Morgan Rogers; sister, Alberta Milbrodt and nephews, Bill Sorber; Bob Sorber; Dave Weaver, Tim Weaver, Tom Weaver, Todd Weaver and Jeff Weaver; nieces, Lois Wandel, Bette Weaver, Cindy Chocallo, Tina Crispell and Sherry Teetsel; several great-nephews and great-nieces also survive him.

**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

Puzzles appear on page 10

**Rational Numbers answers**

4	2	2			
1	2	1	7		
9	2	1	2	9	8
7	1	1	7		
2	5	8	3	1	6
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**King Crossword Answers**

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