

OBITUARIES

MABEL CRISPELL

Formerly lived in Lehman

Mabel Corinne Clark Crispell (Sally), beloved wife of Lt. Col. (Ret.) John Phillips Crispell, died February 25, 2004 at Sentara Careplex, Va. Formerly of Lehman, she was born on June 24, 1916, in New York City to Arthur DeWitt Clark and his wife Mabel (Georgiana) Crispell. She had been a Hampton, Va., resident since 1984.

In addition to her husband, Sally also is survived by her five children: daughters, Corinne Anne Beben and husband James; Judith Ellen Glassie and husband W. Randall; sons, Thomas Walter Crispell; Andrew DeWitt Crispell and wife Nan; John Clark Crispell and wife Holly; six grandchildren; one great-grandson; brother, Arthur DeWitt Clark and wife Jane, and their children; and Sally's sister-in-law, Prudence Elizabeth Crispell.

Sally attended the University of Vermont, class of 1938, graduated from the Mary Fletcher School of Nursing in Burlington, Vt., in 1941, and was a member of the Dutch Settlers Society, N.Y. A military wife, Sally traveled with her husband John to his many postings. She especially loved their stay in Tokyo, Japan, from 1956-1960. Among her favorite pastimes were her flowers and flower gardens, music, tennis and dancing.

The family wishes memorial gifts be sent to the Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street NW, Washington, D.C., 20037.

JANE THOMAS

Dallas school nurse

Jane E. Thomas, 78, of Norton Avenue, Dallas, died February 26, 2004 at Virtua Hospital, Marlton, N.J.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late David and Ann (Taylor) Joseph. She was a graduate of Dallas High School, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing and Bloomsburg University. Before retiring, she was a school nurse for Dallas School District. She was a member of the Huntsville Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest, in 1982; brother, John Joseph.

Surviving are sons, Daniel E., Medford Lakes, N.J.; Donald R., Dallas; brother, David, Tampa, Fla.; grandchildren, Michael, David, Jessica and Joshua Thomas, Kelly Delaney; sister-in-law, Ethel Thomas, Medford Lakes, N.J.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

VIRGINIA WELLS

Married 47 years

Virginia D. Wells, of Oakwood Lake Village, Tunkhannock, died February 25, 2004 at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock. Born May 2, 1939, in Rush Township, she was a daughter of the late John M. and Flora E. Winians. She was preceded in death by a son, Jerry; brothers, William Barber; Raymond Barber; John Barber; Bernie Keithline; Robert Keithline; sisters, Betty Barber; Marie Escott.

Surviving is her husband of 47 years, Ralph Wells; sons, Terry, Ephrata; Allen, New Holland; Gary, Randy, both of Tunkhannock; David, Pickwick, Mich.; daughters, Vickie Ayers, Clarks Summit; brothers, Ronald, Mehoopany; Harry, Nicholson; Roy, N.Y.; Earl, Charles, James, all of Pa., sister, Martha Simpson, Watertown, N.Y.; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

Interment, Bradford County Memorial Park.

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DORIS HARVEY

Sunday School teacher, youth director of church

Doris M. Harvey, 75, of Bethel Hill Road, Sweet Valley, Pa., died at her home, February 26, 2004.

She was born November 22, 1928, in Tupelo, Miss., the daughter of the late Charles and Jessie Wiant. She was a member of the Bethel Hill United Methodist Church and served as a director of the youth group. She also was a Sunday School teacher. She completed 3 1/2 years of study at the University of Montevallo, Alabama. She was a teacher at the Huntington Mills Elementary School, Huntington Mills, Pa. She was a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church. She had a Bible study and prayer group at SCI, Dallas, Pa. She had written historical information for her surrounding communities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Harvey; and her brother, W. Lloyd Wiant.

Surviving is her daughter, Bonnie Lukesh, Forty Fort, Pa.; sons, Douglas, Grove City, Ohio; and Duane, Sweet Valley, Pa.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Interment, Bethel Hill Cemetery, Fairmount Twp., Sweet Valley, Pa.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Patterson Grove Campground, c/o Joan Franklin, 26 West Creek Road, Benton, PA 17814.

CARL SMITH

Graduate of Laketon High School

Carl D. Smith, age 74, of Ruggles, Lake Twp., died February 25, 2004, at home.

He was born in Kingston, December 3, 1929, and was the son of the late Daniel J. and Ferne Sorber Smith. He graduated from Laketon High School, class of 1947. He was employed at the former Natona Mills, Dallas, for 23 years, and was a truck driver for Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Co., Wilkes-Barre, for 15 years and Penske Truck Rental for 7 years. Mr. Smith was a member of the Community Bible Church of Sweet Valley.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Daniel Jerry Smith; and a sister, Faye Birdsall.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, the former Anna Mae Space; son, Carl Dan (Sue) Smith, Sweet Valley; daughters, Sandra (Gary) Christy, Columbus, OH; Cathy (Dave) Earley, Columbus, OH; grandchildren, Sarah, Donna, Kelly and Rebecca Smith; Daniel, Andrew and Luke Earley; sister, Connie (Jack) Baradziej, Bristol.

Interment, Kocher Cemetery, Ruggles.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Community Bible Church of Sweet Valley.

GAY LEE HILLS

Married 39 years

Gay Lee Hills, of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, February 29, 2004, at the Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

Born June 23, 1938, in Scranton, she was a daughter of the late Robert and Artemisia (Stevens) Magor. She was a 1956 graduate of the Scranton Central High School, and was formerly employed by the Scranton Lace Company for 10 years. She was also a member of the Russell Hill Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, William T. Hills; daughters, Tammi Bunney, Tunkhannock; Terri Gates, Meshoppen; Traci Steidinger, Tunkhannock; two sisters, Carol Yontas, Montdale; and Joan Magor, Scranton; seven grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Russell Hill United Methodist Church, 2 Lemon Creek Road, Meshoppen, PA 18630 or to Tyler Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, 880 Route 6 West, Tunkhannock, PA 18657 or to F.W.M. Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 182, Mehoopany, PA

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.



Bird feeders

Some lucky birds were going to get nice homes thanks to these girls, shown on Main Street, Dallas in this undated photo. If you know who they are, drop us a note at thepost@leader.net, or call 970-7157.

GUEST COLUMN

Are we 'under on roof' in the Back Mountain

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN, AICP

Is the Back Mountain, or in fact, Luzerne County, or northeastern Pennsylvania "under one roof?" The answer to this question lies in the astonishing future which lies ahead for this area. With the onset of the 1970s came a plethora of councils of government in the region unlike any seen in prior decades. With the establishment of a state-funded program called shared services, more attention was placed upon the role of these entities, and with the start of the 21st century, even more dynamics have been applied to searching for an appropriate area-wide or regional solution to problems that spill over boundary lines.

This is why the Back Mountain Council of Governments is a major step forward in developing the tools needed for growth management, service delivery and most importantly, long-range planning. Community development will continue to occur no matter the steps taken to meet the needs of high-growth communities, but the plan stage will strengthen the ability of these communities to control the intensity and direction of development and help shape 21st century life.

Being under one roof does

not mean mergers and consolidations unless communities desire to move in that direction. It means evaluating, creating options, and making decisions in a partnership way that will not threaten, but will actually support local control over local development in a more sensible, logical pattern. The conditions that currently exist in Luzerne County and particularly in the Back Mountain call for consistent and rational actions that blend the thoughts, ideas, and actions of several communities. Under one roof presumes that there will be appropriate analyses of issues, that the common interest of the larger community will be considered prior to making decisions on important issues, and that all citizens will have an opportunity to be represented by officials who listen carefully to what their constituents desire.

There are many ways that planning can be of value to the economy. The private sector needs to know the conditions of the individual community and the larger area within which their facility is located. Their role to stimulate employment is essential to the well being of communities. In larger cities, at times the private sector will contribute monies to encourage planning. Where small businesses dominate,

such as the Back Mountain, it is somewhat more difficult to apply this concept, however, larger employers such as College Misericordia and Penn State Wilkes-Barre have the ability to enhance the quality of life of the area. In fact, the role they and other nonprofits play in the community is a powerful tool for the benefit of the whole community. Their faculty, student body and administration form a triage of assistance for the entire area.

The third level of the economic sector is the public sector, or government. Their role is more clear, and their ability to act on behalf of the citizens they serve is more easily defined. Local planning commissions appointed by governing bodies can aid in shaping the future of municipalities. These commissions need to listen and act upon development proposals as suggested by members of the private sector and sometimes nonprofit organizations. They need to be part of the cooperative process that has been started as the Council of Governments.

Here are few ideas that define the principles of "under one roof."

• By joining together, there is more opportunity to access appropriate governmental funding. Efforts are underway

to implement this idea and receive state planning funding.

• As was the case in the early 1990s, colleges could join together to obtain up-to-date information and opinions on planning-related issues. The national award-winning NEPA 2000 project used this tactic, and led to visioning projects across the region.

• Health care entities could join in a medical research project that defines the needs of citizens in the Back Mountain and set a course of action for the next decade. Such survey and research work perhaps could be funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

• Cultural organizations could join together to sponsor a major arts festival in the Back Mountain and tie closely to the successful Dallas Harvest Festival.

While there are no guarantees that thinking in an area-wide mode means absolute success, there is every reason to think broad-based collaboration will go a long way to achieving the aspirations of today's generation for themselves and those who will follow.

Howard Grossman is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He lives in Dallas.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ELSE	EJECT	MAR	FATAL
LEONA	VILLA	EGO	ERIKKA
SHOWME	A GOOD	ANTARCTIC	
TINRED	SID	PLEAD	HATE
ASIS	SPA	STEM	NAY
LEAP	NIGHT	OTT	OLEO
ALL	MARIA	LOSER	ANDILL
SALSA	TISSUES	SONIA	
STEER	TART	SALARIES	
ENESCO	DOME	ESE	TUIT
SHOWYOU	AMAN	WHOS	
SHE	RIO	TOAD	ARAMIS
TIMBUKTU	TIVAN	SONAR	
ELMAN	NOGALES	TGLOO	
PLAYING	GOLF	TRIGGS	ANA
STAY	HUR	BALT	GWEN
RAF	SIMS	COW	OGRE
ERIE	SNACK	ROC	LORCA
HUNTZ	HALL	WITHHIS	BOSS
ABATE	SOO	ESTEE	SITKA
BALED	TNT	STORY	LEST

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Rational Numbers answers

3	2			1	1	
8	6		7	2	3	3
	6	7		4	5	
		4	0	1		
	2	8		1	2	
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King Crossword Answers

ANTI	LOP	BOOK
ROAM	AVE	IRMA
TRIP	PAL	ODIN
SALAMI	FIN	INITE
	CUD	DIN
GIFT	ALLO	CATE
ACE	ROI	ROW
RUBAIYAT	TYPE	
	RIV	EGO
CAUSED	ROMPER	
ORAL	AGA	ALTO
MERE	MAR	TUNA
BAYS	PLY	OMAR

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