

OBITUARIES

ROBERT STEELE

Former supervisor of industries at Chase prison

Robert A. Steele, 79, formerly of Dallas and Camp Hill, died April 12, 2004 at Hospice Community Care, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes Barre.

Born in Belleville, he was the son of the late J. Sherman and E. Pearle Martz Steele. He was a graduate of Huntingdon High School and attended King's College. Robert was a master sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, serving from 1942 until 1970. He was a World War II and Korean Conflict veteran, being awarded two Purple Hearts for being wounded in battle. Before retirement in 1991, Mr. Steele was employed as director of industries for all of the Pennsylvania State Corrections Institutions, located in Camp Hill. Prior to becoming director, he was supervisor of correctional industries at the State Correctional Institution, Dallas. He was past treasurer of the Correctional Industries Association for the United States for many years. He was a member of Mt. Olivet Church, Mechanicsburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Rohland Steele, in February 1984; sisters, Gwendolyn Shope and Gladys Wallace.

Surviving are daughters, Sandra Woodling, Martinsburg; Judith Swire, Hunlock Creek; Gini Scavone and Kippie Morgan, Dallas; 11 grandchildren, a great-grandson.

Interment, Huntingdon Memorial Garden Cemetery, Huntingdon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704 or the American Cancer Society, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes Barre, PA 18702.

JEAN LEE

Member of Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church

Jean Ester Bedford Lee of Evans Falls, Tunkhannock, died April 9, 2004 in Tunkhannock.

Born in Starrucca, Pa., in 1924, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Sara Ross Bedford.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Dean; brother, Ross; and grandson, William.

After residing in Culver City, Calif., for most of her adult life, she retired to Tunkhannock, where she continued to develop in her art field. She was a member of the Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church.

Surviving is her daughter, Bonnie Brown Reba of Tunkhannock; five grandchildren, James Dean Brown (Brown's Gym, Clarks Summit); Joseph Carl Brown (Brown's Van Service); Norman Thomas Brown (Brown's Van Service); Kellie Brown Lockman (Lockman Stables); and Janis Brown Figueroa, all of Tunkhannock; seven great-grandchildren, Denver Brown, Prestyn Brown, Selena Figueroa, Melinda Figueroa, Michael Figueroa, Robert Bonilla, and Glenn Michael Brown; two brothers, Louis Bedford in Orange, Pa.; Lee Bedford in Arizona; and a sister, Janis Johnson in Santa Maria, Calif.

BARBARA TOMULINAS Had worked at Encon

Barbara Tomulinas, 64, of Carr Street, Dallas, passed away Monday, April 12, 2004, at her home.

Born in Kingston, she was the daughter of the late Anna Tomulinas. She was a graduate of Edwardsville High School. Before retiring, she was employed at the former Encon Inc., Dallas. She was a member of the Dallas Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

There are no immediate survivors.

ROBERT SIMKONIS

Avid outdoorsman

Robert Gerald Simkonis, 42, formerly of Nanticoke and more recently of Lemon Twp., Tunkhannock, died April 12, 2004 at the General Hospital.

He was born in the Hanover section of Nanticoke. He was the son of Mary Grigas Simkonis, Valley Crest Nursing Home, and the late Francis Simkonis. He was an altar boy at St. Joseph's Lutheran Church, Hanover section of Nanticoke. He was a graduate of John S. Fine High School, Nanticoke, 1979, and attended Penn State main campus. Robert served in the United States Air Force as a master airman at Hahn Air Force Base in Germany. He graduated from Wilkes-Barre Vo-Tech Practical Nursing School and was a nurse for 16 years at Valley Crest, Wilkes-Barre. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston. He was an avid fisherman and loved the outdoors. He was happiest when he was hiking in the woods with his sons, or sitting around a camp fire talking. He was a devoted father and husband.

He is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Elena Moran Simkonis; children, Robert, Christopher, Andrew and Matthew, at home; stepchildren, Damien Thompson, Hughestown; and Melissa Thompson, Arizona; brothers, Victor and Aletha Simkonis, Mifflinville, Pa.; Gerald, Clarion, Pa.; one sister, Susan Malinowski, Inkerman, Pa.; numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Donations can be made to Luzerne County Federal Credit Union, Luzerne County Court House Annex, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

ETHEL MAE WEBBER

Survived by four generations

Ethel Webber, 97, of RR 1, Box 1548, Laceyville, died April 11, 2004, at the Carpenter Care Center, Tunkhannock.

Born Sept. 5, 1906, in Keiserville, she was the daughter of the late Luther Kidder and Eliza Ellen Dadey Harvey. Her husband, James Arthur Sr., died in 1984.

Surviving are sons, James A. Jr., Montrose; Howard, Williamsport; daughters, Beatrice Ayers Sr., Williamsport; Alberta Griffing, South Montrose; Hazel Wilmarth Sr., Laceyville; 23 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren.

Interment, Rural Rest Cemetery, Keiserville.

The Post publishes obituaries of Back Mountain residents, natives or those who have a long connection to the area.

MILDRED HONTZ

Owned catering business

Mildred E. "Minnie" Hontz, 85, of Dallas, and formerly of Shavertown, died April 10, 2004 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Swoyersville, May 7, 1918, she was a daughter of the late Adalbertus (George) and Agnes Ligas Adamshick. She was a graduate of Lehman High School, class of 1937. Mrs. Hontz operated her own catering business for many years. She was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas, and was also a member of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Obed T. Hontz, in 1997; by brother, Leonard; and by sisters, Mary, Lottie and Blanche.

Surviving are son, William Hontz, Williamson, N.Y.; two grandchildren; sister, Louise Mroczek, Washington; numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 802, Dallas, PA 18612 or to the American Cancer Society, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

FLORENCE YARASHES

Graduate of Lehman High School

Florence Yarashes, 84, of Bennett Street, Luzerne, died April 9, 2004 at the Hospice Care of the VNA, Inpatient Unit of Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

She was the daughter of the late Romaldy and Frances Rusiloski of Huntsville and was a graduate of Lehman High School and the Dean School of Business. During World War II, she served in the Women's Army Corps in the states, London and Paris. She was a member of Holy Family Parish, Luzerne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Yarashes, in 1978; and by sisters, Alice, Mary, Helen, Frances and Tillie; and brothers, Roman, Frank and Chester.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David and Kathy; and grandchildren, Jason and Lindsey, all of Hampton, Va.; brothers, Ben and Daniel, both of Jackson Twp.; nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Stephen's Cemetery, Lehman.

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.



Big band in little school

In April, 1942, the Dallas Township High School Band was ready to swing. And they had some pretty snazzy uniforms, too! Are you in the photo?

Hall's Drug gals identified

We received several calls to identify the gals shown in the Hall's Drug Store photo that appeared in the April 4 issue. Marian Elliott was especially authoritative, since she was in the photo. She identified the women as, from left: Rita Fedock, Pat Shonk, Marguerite "Dolly" Dierolf, Marian Elliott, Marie Dymond.

She and another caller said the photo was probably taken in the late 1960s, not the 1950s. Thanks for your help.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded recently at the Luzerne County Courthouse:

Estate of Peter Evelock Jr. to George Nichols and spouse, Dallas, \$5,000.

Fred Templin and spouse to John Cleary and spouse, Dallas, \$94,000.

John Sholtis to Michael J. Hagan, Dallas Township, \$65,500.

Carl Tupper and spouse to Richard Roman Jr. and spouse, Wedgewood Acres, Dallas Township, \$45,900.

John E. Halbing III Partners to Donald Froot and spouse, Roosevelt St., Dallas Township, \$39,500.

John A. Halbing III Partners to William Cave and spouse, Roosevelt St., Dallas Township, \$41,500.

James Ashton and spouse to John Thompson Jr., Harveys Lake, \$67,000.

George Casterline and spouse to WA, Harveys Lake, \$33,336.

James Durkin and spouse to 1701 Sutton Road LLC, Jackson Township, \$1,000.

James Durkin and spouse to Robert Mericle and spouse, Jackson Township, \$109,000.

Jeffrey Bolton and spouse to Marc Ronczka, Jackson Township, \$117,000.

A.D.I. Partnership to Kelly Rowan, Jackson Township, \$83,500.

Estate of Jean E. Bray to David Zisko and spouse, Kingston Township, \$130,000.

L & R Rave Realty to Kornstein Realty, Kingston Township, \$657,000.

Calvin Crane and spouse to Victor Spaciano Jr., Kingston Township, \$240,000.

Robert Borkowski and spouse to Donald James, Lehman Township, \$35,500.

Per Ove Falck and others to Michael Castner and others, Lehman Township, \$125,000.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of April 19-23. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

MONDAY: Turkey barbecue with relish on sandwich roll, mini potato pancakes, three bean salad, turkey noodle soup, watermelon.

TUESDAY: Roast beef with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower au gratin, Boston cream cake.

WEDNESDAY: Vegetabile lasagna with cheese sauce, wax beans, chilled pears.

THURSDAY: Baked chicken, parsley boiled potatoes, carrots, rice pudding.

FRIDAY: Batter dipped fish, baked potato, cauliflower, cantaloupe.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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ASTA ASIA ELLIE EERIE  
LOAM FALL CAFES AVANT  
IFYOUUFINLLOUTANINCOME  
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RAF MELISSA GAEL TAP  
ARIA SEAT MOWGLI TUN  
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DON CHARMEN MEAN TITIS  
SIT COIAL SEAFOOD SST  
OWL SAM OOB  
IFYOUDONTYOUGOTTOJAIL  
SODOM AMORE SADA OLGA  
ANITA MOTOR AVIV ROOD  
PECAN POEMS RENE NERD

Puzzles appear on page 8

National Numbers answers

1	3	7	2
7	8	3	7
6	4	4	
3	4	4	2
1		2	
4	1	1	1
9	1	8	
2	8	8	1
3	9	4	6

King Crossword Answers

POE	IBID	TRAP
DRY	NADA	HOPE
QUESTION	ROSE	
SOOT	POKER	
PSHAW	FLEA	
LEAK	PRESTIGE	
OED	EIEIO	NAG
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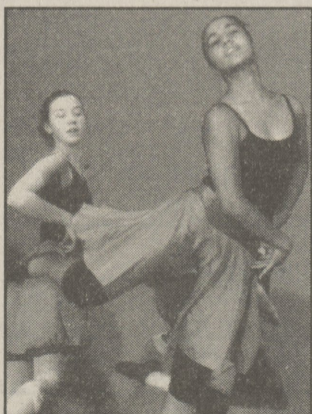
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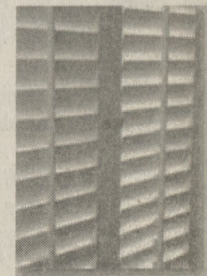
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