

BITUARIES

JENNIE DUGAN

Photo colorist and Girl Scout leader

Jennie Audrey (Young) Dugan, 82, of Shavertown, died June 18, 2004, at Kingston Commons Nursing Home.

Mrs. Dugan was born in Plymouth in 1922, the daughter of Earl and Helen (West) Young.

Mrs. Dugan graduated from Hanover High School in 1940 and taught herself to be a colorist, adding color oils to graduation, wedding and family photographs before color photography was available. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, she was the colorist for Art Husband Studios in Kingston, and also Ace Hoffman Studios, Wilkes-Barre, and amount Studios in Plymouth. She worked at RCA of Mountain Top as an electronics technician in the mid 1970s.

She became a leader of Girl Scout Troop 19 in Trucksville in the late '50s and built the troop from fewer than 10 girls to more than 50 who learned to love nature as much as she did. In addition to weekly meetings, she took the scouts on camping trips and excursions to many places, including New York City. As a Girl Scout herself in the 1930s, Mrs. Dugan had achieved Girl Scouting's highest rank.

Mrs. Dugan was a member of the Trucksville Methodist Church, where Troop 19 met for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Dugan fed and befriended all the wild animals that came to their wooded property, from squirrels to possums to rotund raccoons and was an avid supporter of animal causes. For the last 20 years she collected sage and entertaining quotes about animals and people that she had hoped to publish as a book.

Surviving are Paul, her husband of 63 years; a daughter, Helen Worth, of Columbia, Md.; and two sons, Christopher, of Eldersburg, Md., and Bruce, of Rowlett, Texas. Her oldest son, Paul of Shickshinny, died in 2002.

Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA, 524 E. Main St., Foxhill Road, Plains Township, PA 18705, or Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

LEWIS WALTERS

Tunkhannock resident

Lewis Walters, 74, of Vago Road, Tunkhannock, died June 25, 2004, at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

He was the son of the late Elizabeth Walters Bunn. He was employed at United Rehabilitation Services Workshop, Tunkhannock, for several years.

Surviving are several cousins. Interment, Forty Fort Cemetery.

MICHAEL SKOPIC

Life Insurance agent was Lehman native

Michael Skopic, 91, a CLU, General Agent, of Lehman Township, died June 23, 2004, in the Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake.

He was born Sept. 19, 1912, in Lehman Township. He was the son of the late Joseph and Eva (Turinsky) Skopic. As a youth, he enjoyed baseball, basketball and playing the violin. He was a classical music lover all his life. He was a graduate of Lehman High School and the Chartered Life Underwriters. He was a life insurance agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for over 40 years.

Following retirement from Metropolitan Life, he was employed for 20 years by Midland National Life Insurance Co. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Edwardsville. He served on the church council in several capacities as treasurer and trustee.

He enjoyed taking his family on educational outings. He was an avid fisherman and made many trips to Canada.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan (Damien) Ceselsky; his former wife of 53 years, Florence (Smith) Skopic; brothers, John, Metro, Charles, Peter and Paul; sisters, Mary Zahorian and Anna Parleman.

Surviving are his daughters and care givers, Mary Ann Matochak and Nadine S. Mericle, both at home; and Catherine F. Skopic, New York; grandchildren, Robert P. Ceselsky, Aram M. Alemian and Adora Skopic; sister, Julia Crispell, Lehman; brothers, Stephen Skopic, Union; and Joseph Skopic, Bloomsburg.

Interment, parish cemetery, Pringle.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 93 Zerby Ave., Edwardsville, PA 18704.

GLADYS HENNING

Tunkhannock High School graduate

Gladys Sherwood Henning, 88, of Mehoopany, died unexpectedly Friday, June 25, 2004, at Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, A. Philip Henning.

Born Sept. 12, 1915, in Tunkhannock, she was the daughter of the late A.W. and Effie Ross Sherwood. Gladys was a 1933 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and attended Elmira College. Gladys was a member of the Mehoopany United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Mehoopany Women's Club, Tunkhannock Senior Citizens and Tyler Hospital Auxiliary.

Gladys especially enjoyed her daily contacts with endearing friends and cherished family. Life along the Susquehanna River brought her many pleasures.

Gladys was also preceded in death by brothers, George and Walter Sherwood; sisters, Mildred Chalfont and Ina Francis; grandson, Sean Henning; and son-in-law, Ronald Ash.

Gladys was a very loving

mother and is survived by children: Janet H. Ash of Campbell, N.Y.; Arthur Philip and Barbara Henning Jr. of Mehoopany; Robert S. and Pauline Henning of Fountain Valley, Calif.; Shirley H. and Lynn Snover of Appalachian, N.Y.; Ina H. and Orville Hunter of Tunkhannock; 10 loving grandchildren, Daryl and Sandi Cevette, Judi and Mark Hugg, Dan and Julie Cevette, Robert and Bridget Cevette, Charles and Marsha Henning, Richard and Kimberly Henning, Kristopher Snover, Kimberly Snover, Mark and Jazmin Kintner, and Marissa Kintner; and eight dear great-grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law, Edna and Lewis Chambers, Chalfont; sister-in-law, Doris Sherwood, Nicholson; several nieces, nephews and many very special friends.

Interment, Vaughn Cemetery, Mehoopany.

Memorial donations may be made to Mehoopany United Methodist Church, RR 1, Box 7, Mehoopany, PA 18629, or the Mehoopany Area Library, P.O. Box 202, Mehoopany, PA 18629.

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 June 7-11. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22

Rice St., Dallas.
MONDAY: Closed.
TUESDAY: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, Oriental vegetables, chilled pineapple.
WEDNESDAY: Swedish meatballs over noodles, sliced beets, chilled peaches.
THURSDAY: Cheese ravioli with tomato sauce, seasoned spinach, Italian ice.
FRIDAY: Batter dipped fish, hash brown potatoes, peas and carrots, sugar cookie.

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 675-675-5211 or drop a note to: The Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18711.



Origin of the auction bell

According to Ted Wright, seen highest up on the ladder in this photo, members of the Dr. Henry M. Laing fire Company of Dallas are shown removing the bell from the old Shavertown school building, which stood in the vicinity of the present Burger King. The bell was taken to the Back Mountain Memorial Library, where it is rung each year to signify the opening of the annual auction. This year's event takes place July 8-11. In the photo, from left: Chuck Witter, Dave Carey, John Sheehan, Wes Cave, Lynn Sheehan, Don Shaffer and Wright.

OBITUARIES

ALFRED LAWRENCE

Once lived in Shavertown

Alfred Thomas Lawrence Sr., 83, of Buckhorn Road, Bloomsburg, June 25, 2004, at Grandview Health Care Center, Danville.

He was born Aug. 29, 1920, in Bolivar, the son of the late Frank and Harriet Oatridge Lawrence. He was employed at Ridon Glass Co., Wilkes-Barre, as a glazier for a number of years. He attended Kingston High School and lived in Shavertown for 35 years before moving to Bloomsburg.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Edward Lawrence; and two sisters, Betty Maricle and Edna Pritchard.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, the former Eileen Barrett; a daughter, Eileen Lawrence of Bloomsburg; two sons, Thomas Lawrence, Whippany, N.J.; Alfred Lawrence Jr., Dallas; two grandchildren, Cheryl Leonard and Tricia Gasparine; one nephew and three nieces also survive.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

EDWARD SORBER

U.S. Army veteran

Edward L. Sorber, age 70, of Lehman Township, died June 25, 2004, at Hospice Community Care, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 8, 1933, and was a son of the late Clarence and Emily Gutton Sorber. He was an Army veteran during the Korean conflict. He was employed by Cornell Iron Works, Mountain Top, for 10 years, retiring 10 years ago. Mr. Sorber was a member of High Point Church, Larksville.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Robert and Willard.

He is survived by sons, Richard, Manassas, Va.; David, Sweet Valley; Mark, Lehman; Jeffrey, Sweet Valley; Edward, Forty Fort; brother, Clarence, Dallas; sisters; Audrey Staley, San Diego, Calif.; Dorothy Rhineheimer, Philadelphia; Judy Hadokowski, Dallas; 13 grandchildren.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the High Point Church, Larksville.

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RESEARCH MATTERS

by Dr. David J. Madeira

Antibiotics And Your Child's Sore Throat.

Acute sore throat is a common reason for pediatric visits to primary care physicians, with an estimated 15%-30% of such cases caused by group A streptococci. The study we look at today included 156 patients age 4-15 with sore throat for less than seven days that also met at least 2 of the following criteria: fever, no cough, swollen/tender neck lymph nodes, and tonsillar exudates. They were assigned to 3 groups:

1. Penicillin for seven days.
2. Penicillin for three days and placebo for 4 days
3. Placebo for 7 days.

The main measure was days to complete resolution of pain and throat swabs were taken. The duration of symptoms in all three groups was essentially identical, as were the side effects, number of days missed from school, and recurrence of sore throats over 6 months.

The authors conclude: "No rationale exists for treatment with antibiotics in most children with sore throat, irrespective of the presence of streptococci. This finding is in agreement with the Dutch and Scottish guidelines on the management of sore throat."

As I have written in a previous column, most Pediatrician's report feeling pressured by their patient's mothers to do something (usually demanding an antibiotic, and sometimes - horror of horrors - asking for one to be prescribed over the phone.)

So give your Pediatrician a break if she suggests watchful waiting for little Johnny's sore throat. Even if your child has group A streptococci (the really bad bug), he is not likely to do any better with an antibiotic.

For more information on drugless health care, call Dr. Madeira today.

Zwart S., Rovers MM, de Melker RA, et al. Penicillin for acute sore throat in children: randomized, double blind trial. British Medical Journal (online), Dec. 6, 2003

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