

Deaths

Albert Newton, 70, relatives in area

Albert H. Newton, 70, of Schaghticoke, N.Y., who leaves relatives in the northern Berkshire area, died last evening at Putnam Memorial Hospital, Bennington, Vt., after a long illness.

Mr. Newton was born in Pittsfield, son of the late Franklin and Ruth (Drown) Newton, and moved to New York state in 1928. He had lived in the Schaghticoke area 28 years. He operated a dairy farm until 1972 and sold it in 1975. He was a member of the Rensselaer County Farm Bureau and the First Presbyterian United Church of Schaghticoke.

He leaves his wife of more than 50 years, the former Etta Curtis; three sons, Elmer A. of Galloway, N.Y., Herbert M. of Spencerown, N.Y., and Carl F. Newton of Schaghticoke; two daughters, Marjorie C. MacWhinnie of Ballston Spa, N.Y., and Arlene C. Salisbury of Schaghticoke; two sisters, Gertrude Noyes of South Britain, Conn., and Ruth I. Horton of Waterbury, Conn.; a brother, Wilber F. of West Islip, N.Y.; three children; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Presbyterian United Church, followed by burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Schaghticoke. The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnnyder will officiate.

Calling hours at the Stegemann & Hack Funeral Home, Main Street, Schaghticoke, are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow.

Louise Stender, native of city

Louise Dorothy Stender, 81, formerly of Reservoir Road, died Saturday morning at Sweet Brook Nursing Home, Williamstown, after long illness.

Miss Stender was born in North Adams July 28, 1895, a daughter of the late Charles and Minnie (Dolfe) Stender. She attended local school and was graduated from Drury High School in 1915. Later she attended Albany (N.Y.) Business College.

She was employed for many years by the American Locomotive Co. Schenectady, N.Y., where she was in charge of the payroll department. On her return to North Adams, she became a secretary at the firm First National Bank and was saving teller at the time of her retirement. She was a member of Naomi Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, and an active member of the First United Methodist Church where she had been permitted. She also was a life member of the Order of the Amaranth of Schenectady.

She leaves a sister, Selma Bohl of West Springfield; a brother, Carl Stender of North Adams; a nephew, Harold S. Bohl of Stamford, Vt., and two grand-nephews, H. Stender and Jonathan B. Bohl of Stamford.

The funeral was at 11 a.m. today at the Simmons Funeral Home with the Rev. John A. Dusenberry, pastor of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the family lot in Southview Cemetery.

Friends who wish may make donations in her memory to the First United Methodist Church.

Cox emphasizes need for reform of courts

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justice would be "the next prevalent public issue in the next 24 months."
Judge Zoll hinted that reforming and streamlining the district courts will not mean taking the courts out of small towns.

"District courts are a unique community forum and I would consider it a mistake to remove them," he said.
He said he learned that Prof. Cox shares that view, on the basis of their preliminary discussions about the commission's report.

Judge Zoll said he favors increasing jurisdiction of the district courts to allow hearing of locally involved cases that now are heard in superior court.
One of the four panel discussions addressed the court consolidation issue. Speakers included John J. Pignatelli, chairman of the Berkshire County Commission, and a fiscal watchdog who has long advocated consolidation of the three northern Berkshire courts for the savings involved.

Also on the panel were Morris Gould, justice of the Worcester County who is administrator for the western region, State Sen. Alan D. Sitsky of Springfield, author of much of the court reform legislation passed recently, who discussed political aspects of the Cox report, and Livingston Hall, retired Harvard law school professor. Moderator was Morton Freedman, North Adams lawyer and former clerk of the district court here.

Their discussion focused on how to deal with youthful offenders from the time of their apprehension, when the panelists agreed parents should be brought in to sentencing in which they said jail isn't always the answer. "Creative sentencing" was mentioned several times as a way of encouraging the youth to make restitution for something he stole or damaged, then to give back something to the community.



Corn stalks look like Indian teepees as they stand in field on Pattison Road, North Adams, near the Williamstown line.

Death

Walter J. Donovan, veteran lawyer

Walter James Donovan of 31 Forest Park Ave., a veteran Adams lawyer and senior partner in the Donovan & O'Connor law firm, died in his sleep early today. He was 87.

Mr. Donovan, long active in town, civic and religious affairs, was born in Cheshire July 20, 1889, a son of the late Peter J. and Mary (McNamara) Donovan. He moved to Adams at the age of five, attended local schools and was graduated from Adams High School. He received his law degree in 1913 from Cornell University and opened his law practice that year after being admitted to the Massachusetts bar.

Known as a "lawyer's lawyer" his practice through the years ranged from collections to first degree murder, everything but patents and copyrights. His greatest pleasure in practicing arose out of conciliation of cases, rather than court battles, and he served as chairman of the Berkshire Bar Ass'n's conciliation committee, a unit he was instrumental in establishing.

Mr. Donovan was honored twice by the Berkshire Bar—first in 1963 as a 50 year member and again in February 1974 in recognition of his more than 60 years as a member of the legal profession.

His career also included 16 years as Adams town moderator, a position to which he was first elected in March 1951 to succeed the late Judge Henry L. Harrington. He declined to seek election to a 12th term. He also served as moderator at fire district meetings most of that time.

Mr. Donovan formerly served as a special justice and clerk of the Adams District Court. He was clerk of the draft board during World War I and its appeals agent during World War II.



Walter J. Donovan

He also served as town counsel for the towns of Savoy and Cheshire for many years. He served as vice president of the Massachusetts Bar Ass'n in 1954 and 1955 and also served as president of the Berkshire Bar Ass'n.

Mr. Donovan was presented the Human Relations Award of the Northern Berkshire Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1962, and in September of that year was named associate grand marshal of the Fall Foliage Parade in North Adams.

In December 1975, Mr. Donovan was inducted as a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great at ceremonies at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in

Adams, an honor granted Sept. 24 by Pope Paul VI at the request of Eugilio Cardinal Vagnozzi of Rome.

Mr. Donovan also held membership in the New York and American Bar Assns. He was a member of the Adams Chamber of Commerce, which honored him in March 1974 as citizen of the month. He was a member also of the Adams Lodge of Elks, the Adams Council, Knights of Columbus, and the Forest Park Country Club, and was a Fourth Degree member of the K. of C. He formerly was a member of the Mt. Greylock Tramway advisory committee.

His wife, the former Johanna M. Nary, whom he married Sept. 12, 1916, died Sept. 11, 1967.

He is survived by two sons, Kevin P. of Glastonbury, Conn., and Philip W. Donovan of Ellington, Conn.; three daughters, Mrs. George Andrews II of Beltsville, Md., Margaret M. Crimmins of Skaneateles, N.Y., and Louise Donovan of Cambridge; a sister, Mrs. Francis A. O'Hearn of Arlington; 18 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. Thomas Church, Adams. Burial will be in the family lot in Bellevue Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Donovan residence, 31 Forest Park Ave., are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow. The family has requested the omission of flowers and suggests that donations in Mr. Donovan's memory be made to the St. Thomas Parish Renovation Fund.

The McBride Funeral Home, Adams, is in charge of funeral arrangements.

20 witnesses to testify in Adams housing probe

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Also on the list are the owners of two lumberyards where materials for the projects were purchased. They are Robert Arnold, who owns Arnold's 1725 Yards and Walter Slesok of Stanley's Lumber, both of which are in Adams.

The witness list also includes Charles Gilly of Pittsfield and Thomas Naughton, also of Pittsfield. Both said houses to the authority for the project.

A number of DCA officials are also scheduled to testify, among them Mr. Mangini and Arthur S. Kimber, western Massachusetts director. Others from that office are Karen Helmboldt and Judy Kelly, housing management supervisors, and DCA senior accountant Augustine Flanagan.

State Trooper Herbert Hall, who worked on the investigation with Lt. Nally, completes the witness list. The \$500,000 program involved seven houses across Adams, which were bought and rehabilitated under the state's Chapter 705 program.

A DCA audit of the local authority's conduct of the program was made at the same time police were investigating. Findings released by Mr. Mangini just a month ago showed \$109,000 worth of materials unaccounted for, \$91,865 spent that should have been subjected to bidding procedures, overpurchasing of materials, improper storage of authority members.

In addition, there are allegations of kickbacks collected at the intersection of Rt. 116 and 8A. No injuries were reported.

possible prosecution under the state police investigation.

Also at that time, he in effect exonerated Mr. Plunkett and Mr. Little, saying they did "nothing wrong" during the period of the investigation. The probe began in August following Mr. Little's allegations. The grand jury session, which was called especially for this hearing, resulted in the state police report.

A number of Adams residents returned with his recommendation it be pursued.

2 auto accidents reported in Savoy

SAVOY—A Plainfield man was injured in an accident on Savoy but walked out of a hospital before being treated.

That accident was one of two reported by state police over the weekend.

Stephen Biagini of Rt. 116 in Plainfield was taken to the Medical Center in Pittsfield, but walked out in anger after a trooper told him he would be cited in connection with the accident, police said.

He was eastbound on Rt. 116 in Savoy when the car went out of control, skidded and struck a tree at 2:30 a.m. Saturday.

On Sunday at 4 p.m., cars driven by Lawrence Lebeau, 37, of 5 Overlook Ter., Adams, and James E. Ford, 75, of Pittsfield collided at the intersection of Rt. 116 and 8A. No injuries were reported.

A&P to give Help Line boost

NORTH ADAMS — The North Adams A&P will sponsor a "Donation Day" for Help Line tomorrow.

For anyone who takes a card from the Help Line table that day, A&P will donate a percentage of the groceries to the telephone referral service.

For more information, call Help Line.

Senior citizens planning supper

NORTH ADAMS — A Thanksgiving covered dish supper for all senior citizens will be held tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Mary Spitzer Center for the Elderly.

Those planning to attend should sign up at the center.

Births

REGIONAL HOSPITAL
Friday
A son, to Mr. and Mrs. William Dunn, 20 Meacham St., Williamstown.

The Trotter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Death

Florina Wood

Florina Wood, 79, of 5 Plunkett Lane, Adams, died Friday night at her home.

Mrs. Wood was born in Adams, a daughter of the late Zatiuke and Aemilia (Morin) Lavigne. She was the widow of Stanley Wood, who died 1970.

She attended Adams schools and as employed as a spinner by the former Berkshire Hatway Corp. She retired when the plant ceased operations.

She leaves two stepsons, George Wood of North Adams and Ralph Wood of Adams, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at 9 a.m. today with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Notre Dame Church, Adams. Burial was in the family lot in Bellevue Cemetery.

The Trotter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Funeral

Mary Nutter

The funeral of Mary (Howie) Nutter, 70, of West Road, Adams, widow of James Nutter, who died Friday evening at her home, was held at 1 p.m. today at the A.C. Simmons Funeral Home, Adams, with the Rev. Robert H. Cummings, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial was in the family lot in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Friends who wish may make donations in Mrs. Nutter's memory to the Heart Fund.

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