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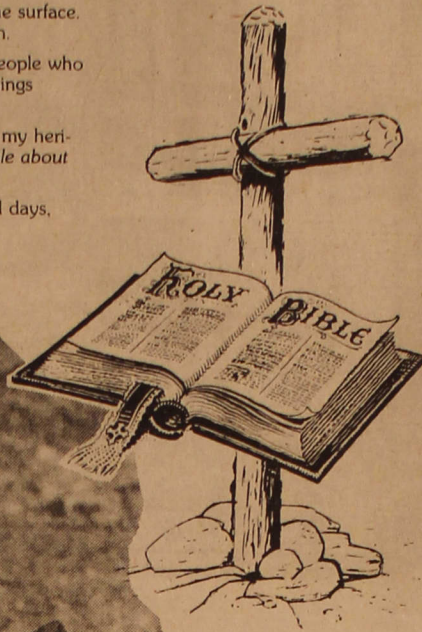
Folks who talk about "a family resemblance" are just scratching the surface. Qualities deeper than "looks" are passed from generation to generation.

This is my father. Dad came from strong, hardy stock. Believing people who lived their beliefs—while they carved frontiers... They spent their evenings building churches on the prairie.

It is my lot to be a father in today's world. That means I must put my heritage to work intelligently! *I must be firm about what's important—flexible about the rest. And I've got to know the difference!*

Obviously I need—and seek—God's help. Like my folks in the old days, I find it in the worship and teaching activities of my church.

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Saturday
Isaiah
48:17-22

Sunday
Psalm
46:1-11

Monday
John
1:19-28

Tuesday
Isaiah
65:17-25

Wednesday
Psalm
96:1-13

Thursday
John
2:13-25

15 Friday
1 Corinthians
7:17-24



GRADUATES — Elizabeth Hughes Zentz of Concord, Mass., formerly of Waynesburg, was graduated June 3 from the University of Massachusetts Medical School at Worcester with a medical doctor degree in internal medicine. She will do her residency at Mt. Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, Mass. She and her husband, George Zentz, have three children, Geoff, 14; Mike, 12, and Marty, 8. She is a daughter of Mrs. Clarence J. Hughes of 44 East Wayne Street, Waynesburg, and the late Clarence Hughes. She is a graduate of Waynesburg High School and Baldwin Wallace College.

Pirate Named Chairman Of Hit-A-Thon

WAYNESBURG — Jim Morrison, an infielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates, has been named honorary chairman of the American Cancer Society's Hit-A-Thon.

According to Morrison, the Greene County Unit will hold Hit-A-Thon week from June 15 to June 29 when boys and girls 6 to 15 years old play league baseball to raise money for cancer research, education and patient services.

"Kids will play ball and collect pledges for the number of hits or times on base they make," Morrison said. "Players turning in the most pledges are eligible for prizes, including tickets to major league games, with the grand prize an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.," he said.

"The Hit-A-Thon gives young ballplayers, their parents, coaches and neighbors a chance to take an

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Ruth Wade, president of the Clarksville Community Improvement Association, hangs a "strawberry" on a food stand.

An Old-Fashioned Strawberry Festival

CLARKSVILLE — "We just have some flea market tables and good things to eat with strawberries," Ruth Ann Wade said as she gestured to take in the area around the old First Brick Christian Church located one-half block off Clarksville's Main Street.

She was talking about the annual Strawberry Festival here Saturday which is sponsored by the Clarksville Community Improvement Association of which she is president. Wearing a long apron covered with strawberry recipes, she was one of several association members working the main food stand which was decorated with two large stuffed strawberries.

Other association members were under a tent serving strawberries in a thick syrup over different kinds of cake, ice cream, or both if that was what the patron wanted.

Under several brightly colored tents set close to one side of the old

historic church to take advantage of the afternoon shade, several people sat and talked while they ate or just visited with friends or neighbors.

The association was formed several years ago to give the community some togetherness with such projects as the spring Strawberry Festival. In October, the association sponsors a pumpkin festival.

The association purchased the old church and grounds for \$1 in 1980. The last services were held there in 1976 and the church was closed. The community group became interested in the church because its condition began deteriorating after it was closed.

The association members hope to eventually restore the building for occasional community worship services.

The First Brick Christian Church is believed to be one of the oldest church buildings in Greene County.

Fisherman's Luck

WAYNESBURG — The catch from a couple hours of fishing for one Waynesburg VFW Post member has turned into a two-week search for a World War I veteran's grave by a fellow member.

Freemont Wise didn't know what his line had snagged while he was fishing a couple of weeks ago at the old Waynesburg water dam, but it was caught tightly. He couldn't work the line loose, and he didn't want to lose his hook and lure. The line was snagged close enough to shore that he decided to wade out and get his tackle. What he retrieved would surprise even the most seasoned angler nonplussed at pulling out old boots, tires, and other discarded objects from their favorite fishing spots.

After a slight struggle in the water with the object, Wise found he had hooked the back of a large solid brass World War I veteran's grave marker. Soon after World War I, the markers were placed on veterans' graves by the American Legion. The familiar American Legion insignia is included in the ornately molded plate.

This particular marker was inscribed with "Sgt. Paul M. Lewis, 126 Inf. 32 Div. A.E.F. France, 1917-1919." The unusual abbreviation for sergeant and the absence of the Roman numeral "I" following World War are the first things noticed by anyone looking at the plaque. Also engraved on the maker are the battles

in which the American Expeditionary Forces in France were involved in — Chateau-Thierry, Somme, Belleau Wood, Meuse-Argonne, Cambrai, and St. Mihiel.

Wise took his find to Leo Vitek, fellow VFW member and service officer for Post 4793, who cleaned the face of the plaque with the intention of returning it to the grave of Paul M. Lewis. Vitek is still searching for that grave.

"I've called every Lewis in the phone book," Vitek said Thursday afternoon, "and none of them know of this Lewis." "I've checked cemeteries, funeral homes, county courthouse records, the county Veterans' Affairs office, and the American Legion. There just are no records with this name."

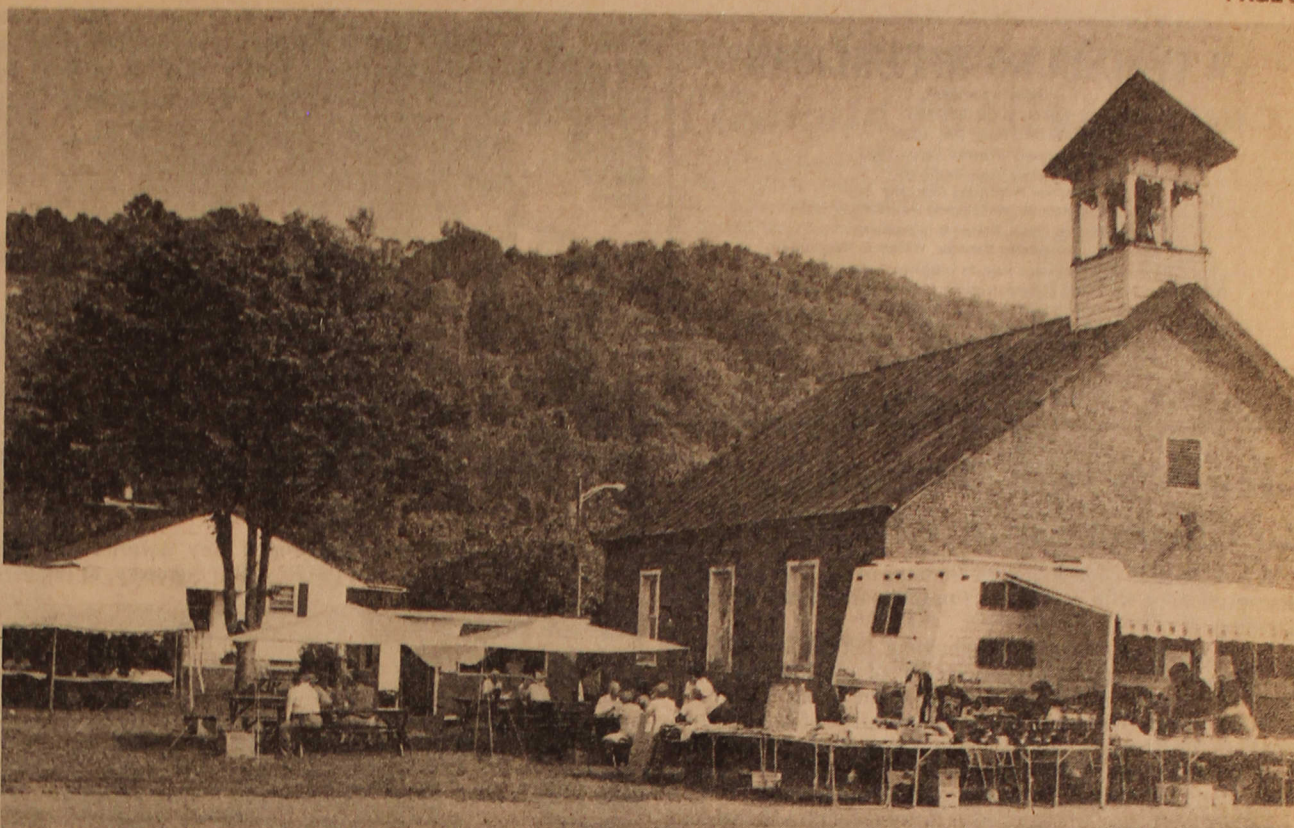
And there are no local rosters of the 126th Infantry, 32 Division available as a possible starting point to trace the final resting place for World War I veteran Paul M. Lewis. There is also a possibility that Lewis was not even from Greene County.

Vitek theorizes that someone took the marker thinking they could melt it down to sell the brass but found its size a problem and just pitched it in the water to get rid of it. Vitek said that if the grave can be found, the VFW will hold a service and replace the marker; if not, it will be kept at the VFW post home.



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Leo Vitek holds World War I grave marker.



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The historic First Brick Christian Church provides the central point for the annual Strawberry Festival Saturday in Clarksville.

Recalls Barrage-Balloon Service

By Jim Moore, Staff Writer

WAYNESBURG — For George A. Davison of Waynesburg and thousands of other Western Pennsylvania residents, this has been a special week because of the 40th anniversary of the D-Day landing in Normandy.

Davison, a retired postal worker, held a largely unpublicized job during the invasion on June 6, 1944. Many stories have been written about the paratroopers, plane crews, Navy personnel, foot soldiers and tank drivers but Davison was none of these.

Yet almost everyone who has seen pictures of the invasion are aware his "special unit" was an integral part of the largest military operation in the history of the United States.

Davison was a member of the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion responsible for those craft so noticeable flying above the hundreds of ships in the armada.

The balloons were attached to winches aboard the ships. Floating 2,000 feet above the fleet, the balloons had a small explosive charge attached just under the balloon. This discouraged enemy planes from strafing the ships. The small cable was almost invisible to the enemy pilots.

Davison, a 20-year-old construction worker at the time, was drafted into the U.S. Army in December, 1942.

The government, fearing enemy air attacks on U.S. cities during the early stages of the war, started a barrage balloon unit at Camp Tyson, Tenn. It became apparent American cities were in no danger from enemy bombs but the government found another mission for the lighter-than-air craft.

The 320th — because the U.S. Army was not integrated at the time — was an all-black unit attached to the First Army Division. Following many practice runs in England, the unit was a part of the invasion on June 6 and began taking casualties minutes after the offensive began.

Davison's three-member balloon crew was aboard a landing craft that contained 105mm howitzers and Jeeps. Before reaching shore, the crew rescued a downed British pilot. With the dawn, the crew could see the bodies of Allied soldiers floating in the water. "It was hell," Davison was later to write in an account of the invasion.

Shortly, a boat came along side and ordered all personnel to "hit the beach" because they were badly needed during the stalled offensive. Davison jumped into eight feet of water and managed to swim ashore. Within seconds, a man near him was killed with a direct hit from an artillery shell.

A man yelled for Davison to jump into his foxhole. Davison was soon sharing his place of safety with a man from Alabama, a strange situation considering the segregation of the services at the time.

Davison and his unit were expected to return to England within three days when the Allies had secured the area; however, it was to be many months before the 320th returned to England.

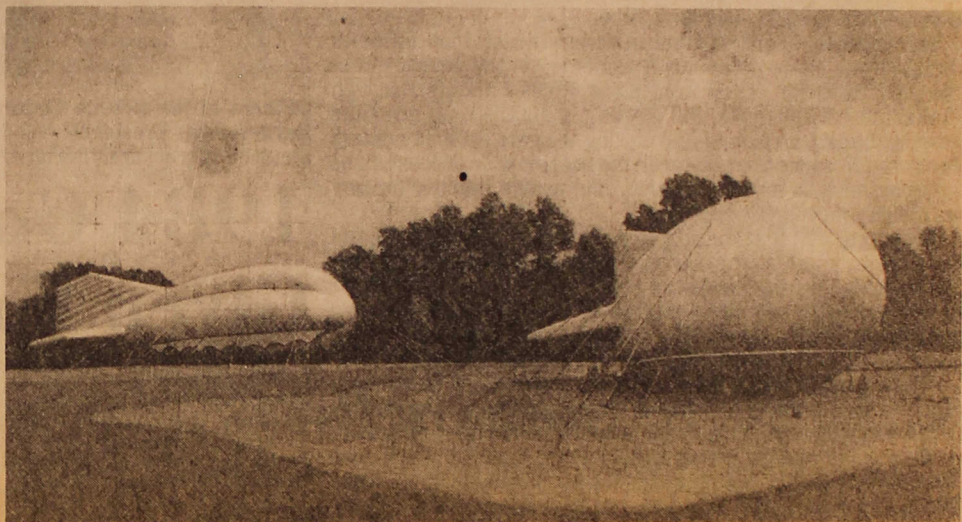
Members of the 320th set up the first medical aid station on Omaha Beach and many were decorated for their bravery during the first few hours of combat.

Davison was separated in November 1945.

REPORTS FOR DUTY

Army Pvt. Robert S. Arbogast, son of Roy J. and Patricia A. Arbogast, of Waynesburg, has reported for duty at Boeblingen, West Germany. A cavalry scout with the 1st Infantry Division, he was previously assigned to Fort Knox, Ky.

He is a 1982 graduate of Waynesburg Central High School.



Barrage balloons like these were used over the Normandy beachhead.



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Klowns Celebrate Birthday

New officers were installed, awards were given for best attendance in the senior and junior division, and magic and skits were presented during the sixth birthday party dinner of the Koal Krackin's Klowns, held Wednesday in the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesburg. President Joyce Throckmorton (Rainbow) asked all available clowns to attend the Washington Senior Citizen benefit which will be held today at Washington Park and the Waynesburg Hospice parade and rodeo Friday through Sunday, June 15-17. For clown information contact Marie Waldman at P.O. Box 35, Waynesburg R.D.3. Several openings for clowns are available. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Clockwise from bottom: Simple Simon, Raggedy Ann, Peachey Keen, Rainbow, Sugar Pop, Blueby and Twinkles.

Greene County Obituaries

John V. Tiberi

John V. Tiberi, 64, of 203 River Avenue, Masontown, died Sunday, June 10, 1984.

He was born September 21, 1918, in Masontown to Alexander A. and Regina Vedavota Tiberi. For more than 17 years he owned and operated Davis Giant Market at Dry Tavern.

He served in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant and took part in the African Campaign. All of his life was spent in the Masontown area where he was a member of the All-Saints

Mary Brown

Mary Brown, 83, of Clarksville, died Wednesday, June 6, 1984, in Brownsville General Hospital. Her death was unexpected.

She was born February 20, 1901, at Fayette City, a daughter of Andrew and Patrona Balsis. On March 20, 1919, she married Isaac Brown, who died May 6, 1983.

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in the Clarksville area. She was a member of the Pleasant Valley Presbyterian

Tonya K. Phillips

Tonya K. Phillips, infant daughter of Vernon M. and Brenda Hoban Phillips of Waynesburg, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 8, 1984, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born June 7, 1984, in Washington.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are three sisters and three brothers, Sherry, Teresa, Connie, Christopher Terry and Ronald Phillips, all at home; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoban of



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Subscribed and sworn to before me this twenty-fourth day of May 1984. Viola G. Donovan, Genevieve M. Morrow, Betty June Long, Auditors of Greene County, Pennsylvania.