

OBITUARIES

William H. Baumer

Major General William Henry Baumer, 79, of La Jolla, Calif., formerly of Westfield, died Feb. 14, of heart failure while enroute from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles.

During World War II, he served in the Army War Plans Division under General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Albert C. Wedemeyer, and was instrumental in planning the Normandy Invasion. As the American delegate to the British War Cabinet, he flew with Colonel John Bevan to Moscow on Jan. 29, 1944 in the bomb bay of a Liberator 24D, a long-range bomber converted for passengers. After the flight, Bevan and Baumer met with the Red Army General Staff to discuss Russian participation in Plan Bodyguard, the code name for the overall deception plan for the invasion of Europe.

After a month's negotiations, Bodyguard became an international agreement, and on March 6 was sent by special courier to London and Washington.

During the war, General Baumer was also assigned to assist General George Patton in planning the North African invasion. Later they worked together to plan the invasion of Sicily.

Other assignments during World War II included the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces at Versailles. After V.E. Day in Europe he attended the Potsdam Conference in Berlin and was a military advisor to the Paris Peace Conference. He also attended the Big Four foreign ministers meeting, which met in Paris in June, 1946. In November he was named deputy chief of staff of the U.S. Constabulary in West Germany.

After returning to Washington in 1947, he became chief of information of Armed Forces Information and Education, where he headed the Armed Forces radio network. He resigned his commission in February, 1950.

General Baumer remained active in the Army Reserve for the next 19 years where he continued his involvement in Army War Plans. He was promoted to major general in 1966. Upon retirement in November, 1969, he was awarded his third Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters. Other decorations he received were the order of Leopold of Belgium and the Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palms.

General Baumer was also an honorary member of The Ranger Battalion Association of World War II, having written with Bill Darby, the founder of the Rangers in World War II and a West Point classmate, "We Led the Way."

Born in Omaha, Neb., he attended Creighton University and graduated in 1933 from the United States Military Academy at West Point. His first tour of service included teaching history there for four years prior to World War II. During that period he obtained a master's degree in political science at Columbia University.

In the 1950s he was special assistant to Robert Wood Johnson, chairman of the board of Johnson & Johnson, pharmaceutical company, where he was instrumental in developing a government program to motivate employees to take an active part in the governmental process. His book "Politics is Your Business" (1960) summarized some of the methods he incorporated.

He resided in Westfield from 1951 to 1961 and served on the Town Council, 1959-60.

During the 1960s until his retirement in 1972, he was associated with International General Industries, as executive vice president and president. He was also vice president of International Bank, which at the time owned 47% of IGI. He was a director of Klirk Corporation, Foster Wheeler Corporation, The Pierce Governor Company, The Woodman Company, Globe Industries, Inc. and Avis Industrial Corporation, all associated companies of IGI. He was a senior partner with Centurian Capital, Inc. of Santa Ana, Calif. From 1971 until his death Gen. Baumer was also a director of the Philadelphia Fund, the oldest mutual fund.

During his military and business careers, he authored 10 books and more than 100 articles, including six on military subjects, some for the Encyclopedia Britannica. He specialized in history and biography, but also produced several "how-to" books on subjects of current interest. Some of the more notable titles included "Not All Warriors" (1941), "Little Wars of the United States" (1960), "Buy, Sell, Merge: How to Do It" (1972).

He was married to Alice Hull Brough, who died in 1970, and they had five children who survive him: a son, William Henry, Jr. of Falls Church Va. and four daughters, Winifred Dowling of El Paso, Tex., Natalie Brough of New York City, Marjorie Mulloy of Alexandria, Va.; and Carolyn Piirto of Boulder, Colo.; and six grandchildren. His subsequent marriage to Peggy Bruen Siegner ended in divorce.

A funeral was held in Arlington Cemetery, Va. on Feb. 17, at the Fort Meyer Chapel. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date in La Jolla, Calif.

Alice Anderson Wallbank

Mrs. Alice Anderson Wallbank, 79, of Lake Worth, Florida, died February 11 in JFK Medical Center in Atlantis, Fla.

Born in East Orange, she was raised in Metuchen where she was the third generation of her family to belong to St. Luke's Episcopal Church. She and her husband, Harold Wallace Wallbank who died in 1974, lived in Watchung for 17 years. Avid sailors, they belonged to the Watchung Power Squadron and the U.S. Power Squadron and retired on their sailboat, Wetumpka, in

1961.

Mrs. Wallbank was a charter member of the Matochshoning Chapter (Metuchen) NSDAR and a member of various political organizations including the Lake Worth Republican Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Suzanne W. Rowland of Mountainside; a son, Clinton G. Wallbank of Alpharetta, Ga.; a nephew, James A. Moran of Westfield; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. William Dunbar Evans of Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church in Lake Worth on Feb. 14. Interment was in Memory Gardens Memorial Park, Lake Worth.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

William S. Disbrow II

William S. Disbrow II, 73, of Watchung, formerly of Scotch Plains, died Feb. 15, at home. He was the husband of Mrs. Otilie Schroeder Disbrow, formerly of Westfield, who taught German at Westfield High School for many years.

Born in Newark, Mr. Disbrow was in real estate business most of his life before becoming a merchant representative for Central Jersey Bank and Trust in Plainfield for three years, retiring in 1984.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Medical Corps.

Mr. Disbrow's father was the late Dr. G. Ward Disbrow, who practiced at Overlook Hospital, Summit for many years, where he was a roentgenologist.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Disbrow is survived by two daughters, Linda L. Bond-Nelson of North Plainfield, Barbara C. Disbrow of Bedminster; a son, David W. of Hackensack; two brothers, G. Ward of Ashland, Ky., David B. of Evansville, Ind.; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung.

Sam Schwartz

Sam Schwartz, 72, of Inverness, Fla., formerly of Westfield, died Feb. 15, in the Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness.

Born in Newark, he lived in Springfield and Westfield before moving to Florida a year ago.

Mr. Schwartz was a telephone salesman for Sears, Roebuck and Co., in Union and Livingston for seven years, retiring in 1987. Prior to this, he owned two home

improvement companies, Saba Construction and the A. and Jay Holding Co., both in Newark, for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Gertrude; two sons, Sanford and Barry; a daughter, Mrs. Shelley McGuire; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 19, in the Bernheim-Apter-Goldsticker Suburban Funeral Chapels, in Maplewood.

Charlotte H. Thompson

Charlotte H. Thompson, 75, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Westfield died Feb. 6, in Arizona.

Born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., she lived in Westfield many years before moving to Phoenix in 1976.

Mrs. Thompson was a past president of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club. She ran a catering business in Westfield called "The Gilded Mushroom."

She was the wife of the late Maurice E. Thompson, who died in 1981.

Surviving are three sons, Joel, Peter and David, all graduates of Westfield High School; and 15 grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 12, in the Whitney & Murphy Arcadia Funeral Home. Interment took place in Green Acres Cemetery in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Isabelle Hill Frazee

Mrs. Isabelle Hill Frazee, 89, of Orlando, Fla., formerly of Westfield, died Feb. 16, in the Sand Lakes Hospital, in Orlando.

Born in Bronx, N.Y., she lived in Westfield and Toms River before moving to Orlando in 1980. She was the wife of the late Noah Frazee, who died in 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Juanita F. Bachmann of Orlan-

do; two grandsons; four great-grandchildren; and a nephew.

Private graveside services were held Feb. 21.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad St.

John F. White

John F. White of Scotch Plains, brother of Marie Dickinson of Westfield, died Feb. 20, at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, in Philadelphia.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Scotch Plains 28 years.

He was an agent with the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Newark and Union for 30 years, retiring in 1975.

Mr. White was a communicant of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, in Scotch Plains.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a graduate of Thomas

Jefferson High School, in Elizabeth, and attended Seton Hall University.

In addition to his sister, he is survived by his wife, Gertrude White; a daughter, Aileen D. White of Philadelphia; a son, John Kevin White of Cape May; and a sister, Eileen Dennin of Scotch Plains.

A funeral Mass was celebrated today at St. Bartholomew's Church. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Ave.

Money Management

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finances. If you earn only \$20,000 a year and claim contributions of \$5,000, don't be surprised if your generosity results in a letter from the IRS.

According to the New Jersey Society of CPAs, other items that may tilt the scales in favor of an audit include claiming a dependent who is not in your immediate family, failing to report dividend income, and discrepancies between the amounts that divorced spouses claim as alimony paid and alimony

received.

In the long run, however, there is no secret recipe for creating a tax return free from the risk of an audit. But you can prevent an audit from escalating into a full-scale financial and legal nightmare. By documenting all your income sources, business transactions, medical expenses, and itemized deductions, you can rest assured that you will be better prepared if the IRS ever targets you for an audit.

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New Jersey Matters

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We should not have to walk in fear in our own neighborhoods. We should not have to continue to read or hear of dubious characters committing the same crimes they are already awaiting trial for because they were easily out on bond.

We can do better. Indeed, if New Jersey's cities and towns and people are to continue to grow and prosper in a safe environment, we must.



fire calls....

Friday, Feb. 3 - 301 Clark St., accidental alarm.

Sunday, Feb. 5 - Doriah Road and Rahway Avenue, auto accident.

Friday, Feb. 10 - 302 Elm St., unintentional.

Saturday, Feb. 11 - 1571 Lamberts Mill Rd., alarm malfunction.

Sunday, Feb. 12 - North and Dudley Avenues, auto accident washdown; 264 East Broad St., smoke scare.

Monday, Feb. 13 - 1571 Lamberts Mill Rd., excessive heat; Cuberland Street and Palsted Avenue, assist police; East Broad Street and Harrison Avenue, washdown.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - 1571

Lamberts Mill Rd., system malfunctions.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - 1571 Lamberts Mill Rd., system malfunction; next to 1200 South Ave., West, van fire; 29 East Broad St., smoke detector alarm; 125 Elmer St., accidental; 1133 Boynton Ave., alarm activation; front of 216 Watchung Fork, power line burning.

Thursday, Feb. 16 - 30 Westbrook Rd., odor; 550 East Broad St., bomb scare.

Friday, Feb. 17 - 1571 Lamberts Mill Rd., alarm malfunction; 872 Winyah Ave., shorted motor; 1571 Lamberts Mill Rd., alarm malfunction.

Saturday, Feb. 18 - 723 First St., lock-out.



police blotter..

Monday, Feb. 13 - A representative of Central Jersey Bank on East Broad Street reported a theft; a resident of Westfield reported her pocketbook was stolen from an address on South Avenue.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - A resident of Elizabeth told police her car was damaged while it was parked at Sevelle's Auto Body on East South Avenue; a Carleton Road resident reported the theft of two speakers from his vehicle; several individuals from Garwood were arrested concerning damage to the grounds at Fairview Cemetery.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - A resident of Fourth Avenue reported criminal mischief to her residence.

Thursday, Feb. 16 - A Sterling Place resident reported the theft of his motor vehicle which was

parked in his driveway; a 14-year-old juvenile was arrested in connection with a burglary at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Broad Street.

Friday, Feb. 17 - A representative of Casual Women on South Avenue told police unknown persons damaged their security system.

Saturday, Feb. 18 - There was a report filed concerning criminal mischief and burglary to the Nomahegan Swim Club on Springfield Avenue; a resident of Manitou Circle reported someone broke into his vehicle and stole two clarinets; a Clark resident told police she was assaulted while on Coolidge Street.

Sunday, Feb. 19 - a report was filed concerning the theft of \$4,000 in cash from an apartment on Elm Street.



Austin DeStefanis, chairman of Request for Funds Committee of Westfield UNICO, presents a contribution to Linda Maggio, executive director of the United Fund. Paul Battiloro, president of Westfield UNICO, adds, "We are proud to be able to support the United Fund. The programs and services of the 19 member agencies benefit all of us."

UNICO Makes Contribution To Westfield United Fund

The Westfield Chapter of UNICO National has made a substantial contribution to the 1988 United Fund of Westfield campaign.

Paul Battiloro, the club's president, stated, "the UNICO Chapter is pleased to help support the 19 member agencies of the United Fund." Mr. Battiloro further explained that the Westfield Chapter of UNICO National is a service organization composed of men of Italian heritage, dedicated to help support local and national programs in mental health, scholarships, medical research for Cooley's Anemia (a blood disorder that affects people from certain areas of the Mediterranean), and many other local worthwhile charities.

Austin DeStefanis, chairman of the Request for Funds Committee, added, "UNICO generates monies through such events as flea markets, a Super Bowl raffle, and Atlantic City bus trips."

UNICO's motto is "Service Above Self;" the name UNICO stands for unity, neighborliness, integrity, charity and opportunity. UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States.

Mrs. Maggio thanked the UNICO chapter and noted the thermometer is inching its way to the 1988 goal of \$500,000, the highest objective in the organization's history. She urged all Westfielders who have not yet returned their pledge cards to join with UNICO in pledging their support.

Mike Kelly is chairman of the 1988 drive.



CRETIN

Upon returning from a pleasant vacation in the Greek Islands, which included a visit to Crete, we were asked by friends if we had met cretins there. As you will soon learn, there is no community of cretins in Crete; only Cretans (the name of this island's inhabitants). To find such a community one would probably have to travel to the Swiss and French Alps, where a colony of congenitally deformed idiots is found. (The affliction of these people is caused by a marked thyroid deficiency.)

The term for these people, cretin, is derived from the French language and means, simply, Christian. The word cretin was chosen, presumably, because of the compassion felt for them. Many people considered the cretins to be specially blessed because they were believed to be incapable of sin.

The word cretin is sometimes applied disparagingly to "normal" people. While such insults are repugnant and not in the Christian spirit, however, remember that the name-caller is merely using a French word that, ironically, means Christian. ©1987 Leather Impressions

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