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Eileen Z. Maine
 HERKIMER — Eileen Z. Maine, 59, of Prindle Apts., Iliou, died Thursday, July 24, 1986, in Mohawk Valley General Hospital after a long illness.
 She was born July 5, 1927, in Iliou, N.Y., daughter of Ellis and Marion Elizabeth Helmer Zimmerman. She lived most of her life in Mohawk and was employed by W.T. Grant Stores as a Clerk for 30 years. She retired in 1972. She was a past member of the Veteran's Association and a member of the Iliou Gospel Tabernacle.
 She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Gary (Bonnie) Kane, of Utica; a brother, Robert Northard, of Boca Raton, Fla.; one grandson; several nieces and nephews.
 Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 26, at 10 a.m. in Fenner Funeral Home, Inc., 115 Court St., Herkimer, with the Rev. Charles Fresco officiating. Burial will follow in Mohawk Cemetery. Visiting hours Friday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Donald V. Pryor
 CLINTON — Donald V. Pryor, 67, of 110 Kirkland Ave., passed away Thursday morning, July 24, 1986, in St. Luke's Memorial Hospital after a long illness.
 He was born in Clinton, November 14, 1918, son of the late Vincent and Mary Gale Pryor. He was raised and educated in Clinton, was a graduate of Clinton Central High and later attended Mohawk Valley Community College. On June 20, 1942, Donald married Esther Waldburger at St. Mary's Church in Clinton. For over 38 years, Mr. Pryor was employed at the Kelsey Hayes Corp. in Whitesboro. He is a member of St. Mary's Church, Clinton. He also served as President of the Mohawk Valley Purchasing Assn. and was an arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau of Utica. He was an avid sports enthusiast and enjoyed his summers in the Adirondacks. Don was a World War II Navy Veteran.
 Besides his wife, Esther, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James (Donna) Shappee, of Canandaigua, Mrs. Jerome (Patricia) Dawes, Clinton; three sons Donald and Douglas Pryor, both of Anchorage, Alaska, and David, of Clinton; one sister, Mrs. Alice Bishop, of Clinton. Also surviving are ten grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning, July 26, 1986, at 9:30 at The Heintz Funeral Home, 10 East Park Row, Clinton, and at 10 o'clock at St. Mary's Church, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday, 2-4 and 7-9. Those wishing may make a contribution to St. Mary's Church Building Fund in Don's memory.

Willard D. Cortis
 WHITESBORO-NEVADA — Willard D. Cortis, 72, of Carson City, NV, and formerly of Whitesboro, died July 24, 1986, at Aliquippa Hospital, Aliquippa, PA.
 He was born January 3, 1914, in Whitesboro, the son of Charles and Bertha Gregory Cortis. He was an Electrician, retiring from Revere Copper & Brass of Rome. Mr. Cortis was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Carson City, NV. He was married to Flora Bristol.
 Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Rebecca) LaManque, and Mrs. Alex (Diane) Robenski, both of Aliquippa; a son, Louis S. Cortis, of Whitesboro; and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at The J.W. Dumbleby Funeral Home, 40 Main St., Whitesboro, with the Rev. Roswell Williams officiating. Interment will be in Grand View Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday evening, 7-9.

Jason R. Cresswell
 CLINTON — Jason R. Cresswell, 12, South St., died Thursday, July 24, 1986 in St. Elizabeth Hospital.

He was born in New Hartford, December 8, 1973, the son of Frank H. and Leslie A. DeFlumer Cresswell. Jason was a Seventh Grade student at Clinton Junior High School. He attended the Stone Presbyterian Church and also had participated in the A.Y.S.O. Soccer Program.
 Surviving besides his parents, of Clinton are his paternal grandparents, Harry and Barbara Cresswell, of Clinton; his maternal grandparents, Ambrose and Barbara DeFlumere, of Clinton; his paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Martha Cresswell, of Clinton; his paternal great-grandfather, Alfred LaGasse, of Clark Mills; his maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Haigh, Trenton, Michigan; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The funeral will be Saturday morning at 10 from the Stone Presbyterian Church. Friends are invited and may call at the Owens-Pavlot Funeral Home, 35 College St., Clinton Friday evening 6-8. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Westmoreland. Those so desiring, may consider donations to a Memorial to be established in Jason's memory. Envelopes will be available at the Funeral Home.

Catherine Perrone
 FRANKFORT — Catherine Perrone, 78, of RD 1, Box 303 Golf Rd., Frankfort, died Tuesday, July 22, 1986, in Mohawk Valley General Hospital.
 Services will be 10:30, Friday, from The Whiter-Hendrix Funeral Home, Iliou, with cremation at the Che-

State checks CharlesTown for PCBs in transformers

Several transformers at the CharlesTown Factory Outlet Center are being reviewed by the state because of concern they may contain hazardous wastes.

The state has found at least two transformers at the Turner Street complex that may contain PCBs, said Joseph Forti, an attorney representing the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). He said the transformers do not appear to pose any health threat but will have to be removed if they are found to contain hazardous wastes.

Barry Kogut, an attorney for Gaetano Associates, which owns CharlesTown, said his clients are trying to find someone to dispose of the transformers, which are no longer being used. Kogut said he did not know when the transformers would be removed.

About 1,300 containers of hazardous and other waste were removed last year from the 10-acre Turner Street site. That action led to the removal of the outlet's designation from a state list of toxic waste sites but the issue is not closed because of the transformers and questions about some unpaid bills, Forti said.

Forti said the transformers were located when the 1,300 containers of hazardous and other waste were removed. Kogut said the transformers were not removed then because they were still being used. Kogut said that while there are restrictions on the use of PCB-transformers, they can be used; but once they are no longer used, they must be disposed of.

PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) are liquid chemicals used in industrial processes that also were used inside transformers more than 10 years ago. PCBs have been found to cause cancer in test animals.

Forti, of the DEC's Division of Environmental Enforcement, said he did not know how long the transformers have been at CharlesTown. Kogut said he did not know the exact location of the transformers but said they are removed from shopping areas.

"It's sealed and it's safe but there are regulations concerning the storage of hazardous waste," Forti said. "We haven't tested the transformers so we don't know for sure if they contain hazardous waste. But there are questions as to whether they contain PCBs. If there are hazardous wastes that still remain on the site, they'll have to be removed pretty close to immediately."

Questions about some bills for the previous cleanup at the site also has helped postpone a complete resolve of the issue in the state's eyes. Although Gaetano Associates paid for the cleanup, the DEC incurred some bills for testing at the site and now wants to be reimbursed, Kogut said.

"The DEC incurred some expenses for samples and investigations on the scene," Kogut said. "I think this (a possible reimbursement by Gaetano Associates) will be a topic of discussion for some time to come." He said he did not know how much money the state wants.

Strikers extend picketing hours at Yorkville plant

By DAVID DUPONT
 For The Daily Press

Striking workers at the Eastern Electric Apparatus Repair plant in Yorkville have begun picketing around the clock after sources told them work was being taken out of the plant to be done elsewhere.

The 15 workers have been on strike since Monday over Eastern Electric's refusal to honor the workers' existing contract with Westinghouse, which owned the operation until July 1. Several non-union workers are still on the job at the plant, Jones said.

On Monday and Tuesday, the workers picketed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., the plant's normal operating hours. But Claude Jones, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers bargaining unit chairman at the plant, said that sources told him some work was being taken out of the plant. He didn't know where.

Matt Chesler, spokesman at the company's headquarters in Atlanta, said, "We, as a company, plan to meet our commitments to our customers. Take that to mean whatever."

"We're willing to talk any time," he said.

According to the union, talks were broken off July 9.

"We were kind of hopeful we would get back to the bargaining table," Jones said. The workers morale, he said, is "pretty good so far."

"Whatever happens, we're prepared to stay out," he said.

The workers are upset by cuts in pay and benefits instituted by the new owners of the company.

Pay has been cut from between 6 cents to \$1.88 an hour at the plant. Workers at the plant make between \$5.21 to \$11.88 an hour, Jones said.



David Cole of New York Mills carries a picket sign at the Eastern Electric Apparatus Repair plant in Yorkville. Paul Browne, another of the 15 workers on strike since Monday, can be seen in the background.

Boehlert, black leaders react to Reagan's S. Africa policy

Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-25, was not in step yesterday with a sweeping House move to withdraw all U.S. business from South Africa, and lock the country in a trade embargo in an attempt to end apartheid.

Terminating the House bill "too much, too fast," Boehlert is co-sponsoring a countermeasure that would hone in on South Africa's oil industry, with the aim of nudging the administration of President P. W. Botha toward ending his country's policy of strict racial segregation.

Meanwhile, local black community leaders, reacting to President Reagan's South African speech on Tuesday, expressed impatience with the president's policies.

Under Boehlert's bill, all U.S. business interests and personnel involved in production of crude oil products would be required to leave South Africa within 18 months of the bill's passage. U.S. exports of those products to South Africa would be cut off within a year, and South African business interests would be excluded

from bidding on U.S. coal and natural gas leases.

Boehlert has called the apartheid system "morally bankrupt," but he argues that severe economic sanctions would foment greater violence among blacks and whites.

"This country must exercise moral leadership," he says, "and the aim is to improve race relations, not contribute to a further deterioration."

Edward Bass, chairman of the NAACP, Oneida County chapter, was of like mind.

"If they put sanctions on the white South Africans, it would be just that much harder on the black South Africans."

"If this country stops buying chrome and gold from South Africa that would put people out of work."

Bass, who has been a Reagan supporter, said he believes Western countries, including the United States, should terminate all economic aid to South Africa for six months, but continue trade.

David Mathis, deputy director of the Oneida County Employment and Training Office, and a black civic leader, was "deeply disappointed" by the result of Reagan policy.

"I think it is very clear that the Pretoria government is not going to make any substantial move to share power with blacks," he said.

A year ago, Mathis didn't think sanctions would be effective in forcing South Africa to abolish apartheid, but now he has changed his mind, saying the U.S. must take drastic action, including sanctions.

James Blackshear, executive director of the Cosmopolitan Community Center, said he was not surprised by Reagan's speech.

"Reagan's decision on not having any sanctions against South Africa really goes along with the many beliefs and policies that the Reagan administration has tried to implement concerning the disadvantaged," he said.

"I believe this decision of the president indicates he could care less

what happens in South Africa or actually to anyone who is disadvantaged. So I truly believe he has no concern, and anything he has said positive in the past about helping the disadvantaged has been nothing but a smokescreen," he said.

Mary Taylor Guilford, executive director of Utica Community Action Inc. said:

"Guilford said Reagan's refusal to

impose sanctions against South Africa should be viewed by black Americans as a signal of what they can expect in this country as well.

"If it can happen in South Africa it can happen here," she said. "We are going to get squatted on unless we stand up and say stop. It is not the only minority who will get squatted on. Other minorities will, too, such as Vietnamese, Haitians, Laotians, etc. They (white Americans) are walking all over us again but we are not going to sit back and take it."

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Mr. Francis Joseph Brennan
 Mr. Francis Joseph Brennan, 73, of E. Hamilton, died Tuesday, July 22, 1986.

He lived in Hubbardsville-East Hamilton area for the past 36 years and was a member of St. Mary's Church of Hamilton.

Surviving, his wife, Elsie; three sons, Francis J. Brennan, of Boca Raton, FL, Robert T., of Keene, NH, Paul E., of Oxford; a sister, Rita Brennan, of N.Y. City; eight grandchildren.

Services 11:30 a.m., Saturday, at Burgess Funeral Home, Hamilton; followed at 12 noon by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church, Hamilton. Burial Woodlawn Cemetery, Hamilton. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday, 7-9 p.m.

Howard Hamilton Caple
 JORDANVILLE — Howard Hamilton Caple, age 72, died at Town of Webb Health Center, Thursday, July 24, 1986.

He was born January 12, 1914, to Carl and Catherine Caple, last known to have resided in Jordanville.

Would any kin or anyone knowing of next of kin, please contact Rome Developmental Center 315-336-2300 regarding any special funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Phyllis Zagorski Firlit
 Mrs. Phyllis Zagorski Firlit, beloved wife of Jacob Firlit, who resided at 1307 Catherine St., died on Thursday, July 24, 1986, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, at the age of 65.

The funeral will be held on Monday at 8:15 from The Eganese Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave., and 9:00 at St. Stanislaus Church, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Interment will take place in St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Saturday evening from 7-9 and Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9. A complete obituary will follow.
 By family request, please omit floral offerings.

Gorbachev gets invitation to visit Utica while in U.S.

WTLB's Paul Dunn says Utica typical city

If Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev visits the United States for summit meetings with President Reagan late this year, he's also invited to visit Utica.



Paul Dunn, president and general manager of radio station WTLB, extended the invitation in an on-air editorial last week.

Mayor Louis LaPolla and Rep. Sherwood Boehlert have pledged their cooperation.

But it is a "long shot," as Boehlert said.

"Still, as anyone will tell you out at Vernon Downs, it's the long shots that have the biggest returns," he said.

"We have a great community that is typical of this country," says LaPolla, "and we should extoll our virtues and encourage important people to view us at our best."

Dunn has forwarded a copy of his editorial and a covering letter to a White House aide, requesting that Utica and Oneida County be given serious consideration for inclusion in Gorbachev's itinerary.

"According to reports we've heard," Dunn said, "there is some concern Gorbachev might think he was being set up, like seeing a Hollywood stage setting."

"Utica doesn't have the glitter of Washington, but we believe that this area is far more typical of our country than the major metropolitan areas to which all visitors — including heads of state — are usually exposed."

that's good," Boehlert said.
 "Our biggest critics seem to be people who have lived nowhere else than in the Utica area. I have, and believe me there's no place like home."

Card of Thanks
 The family of the late ROY O MILLER, SR., of Gray, N.Y. wish to thank Dr. Frank Knoblich, the Nurses at Fenelon Hospital, all our friends, neighbors and relatives, and the Reverend Arthur Telfer for all the acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our dear Husband and Father.
 Wife: EDITH MILLER and FAMILY

Card of Thanks
 We would like to thank all of our family and friends for their concern and prayers during the recent accident of our 2 year old son. He has enjoyed a complete recovery and we deeply appreciate it.
 Peter & Zada Moot & Family

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to thank our many friends, neighbors and relatives for their kind acts of sympathy, for the beautiful floral offerings, Mass Cards, etc. of care during the funeral of our beloved Mary McNeil.
 Robert & Charles McNeil

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