

MELVIN R. ECKFELD

Died Jan. 31, 1995

Malvin R. Eckfeld, lifelong Unionville resident and well-known as a musician named "Mr. Trombone," died at his home near Unionville Tuesday, Jan. 31, following an extended illness.

He was married to Betty Ewald on June 18, 1938, in Bay City, and she survives him.

Mr. Eckfeld was a farmer and was employed by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and Federal Crop Insurance Corp. He was a licensed real estate salesperson with Hamilton Realty and Osenoski Realty.

He raised and trained thoroughbred Belgian horses for many years, a hobby that earned him many honors and awards at shows.

He began playing the slide trombone at an early age, and he was a member of municipal bands in Sebewaing and Caro. He became known as "Mr. Trombone" and was a longtime member of a German Band from the Unionville-Sebewaing Area, that entertained and followed parades.

Mr. Eckfeld was a lifetime member of Unionville Moravian Church and a former trustee. He was a member of Masonic Lodge, AM and FM, a 32nd Degree Mason, member of the Bay City Consistory and a member of BPOE Elks Lodge 88 of Bay City.

Surviving are his wife Betty, a daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Glenn Dinemore of Unionville, one sister, Emma Baumgarten of Grosse Pointe, a sister-in-law, Lois Eckfeld of Texas, two brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ed and Laura Ewald and Don and Emma Ewald, all of Unionville, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by five brothers, Ted, Charles B., Emmet, Henry and Albert, and four sisters, Lydia Zimmer, Mary Graf, Lovina Miller and Adella Adams.

The funeral service took place Saturday morning, Feb. 4, in Unionville Moravian Church, with Rev. Terry Weevil officiating. Committal followed in the church cemetery. A Masonic Lodge service took place Friday evening in