

The Theory's All Wet, But We're Still Seeing Double!

By KAREN HOFFMAN
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EIGHTY FOUR — Amy Hoy studied the picture of her two daughters and two nieces and determined immediately which niece was which.

"Oh, that's Jessica McClure on the left and Jennifer on the right," she said.

Swell. But what about your daughters? Which one is Sara and which one is Erin?

"Ah, let's see," Amy sighed, staring at the black and white photo. "Well, that's my son, Nathan, behind them."

Good, Amy. Close. And the girls?

"Mom," she said, handing the picture to Nancy McClure, "do you think that's Sara on the left? I think I can see the notch in her ear."

"How should I know?" Mrs. McClure said, wiping an errant piece of dust off her glasses. "I still can't tell Jessica from Jennifer."

Nancy McClure is a grandmother with an identity crisis. She has two sets of identical twin granddaughters. And the fact that her 23-year-old daughter Amy has trouble telling her twins apart doesn't make Nancy's situation any easier.

All she knows, Grandma McClure said, is that the whole thing is attributable to the spring water on her Eighty Four farm.

Confused? If not, have no fear. You soon will be.

Amy McClure Hoy and her husband, Keith, became the proud parents of identical daughters, Sara and Erin, on April 25. They didn't know until April 21 that the baby Amy was carrying actually was twins.

"I gained 60 pounds, but my doctor said I was just getting fat," Amy said matter-of-factly. "No one gave much thought to the possibility of twins."



Here they are, folks. From left to right, Jessica McClure, Sara Hoy, Erin Hoy and Jennifer McClure. Nathan Hoy is behind his sisters. The photographer provided the identification.



And, why should they? The same doctor had delivered identical twins, Jessica and Jennifer, mothered by Amy's sister-in-law, Barbara McClure, just six months before, on Oct. 31, 1981.

Two sets of identical twins born to the same grandparents within six months.

Statistics on the incidence of multiple births are sketchy at best. Determining the rarity of the McClure situation is hardly definitive. But one can be relatively sure it is unusual.

According to Bertha Farley of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, which has not yet compiled annual multiple birth statistics for the past year, 2,820 sets of twins were born in the Commonwealth in 1980. Of those, 40 were born in Washington County. How

many were fraternal twins and how many identical twins is not known.

Fraternal twins, in which two eggs are fertilized and develop simultaneously in the mother, account for 3/4 of all twins born in America. Fraternal twins are independent in sex determination and bear no more resemblance to each other than any other children born to the same parents.

The tendency to give birth to fraternal twins is hereditary.

Identical twins are of another sort. Described as "true twins" because they always are of the same sex and are strikingly similar in physical, functional and mental traits, they have no discernible hereditary tendency.

Identical twins develop from the same

egg. They are rare.

Nancy and Robert McClure, married for 31 years and owners of Canonsburg Mill of Washington, are the grandparents of two sets of identical granddaughters.

And what is responsible for this rarity if heredity can be ruled out? Grandma McClure has a theory.

It's the water.

The whole family — that is the senior McClures, the Hoyes, and Robert McClure, 27, and his family — all live on the McClure farm on Route 519 near Eighty Four. The Hoyes and the younger McClures, who live in mobile homes on the farm, drink water from the same spring.

And that, says Grandma McClure, is

the only logical explanation for her son and daughter both parenting identical twins.

"Isn't that what they say when you travel? 'It's the water...,'" Grandma said, a mischievous smile curling the corners of her mouth. "Well, I haven't touched a drop of that spring water. My daughter-in-law, Barbara, says she's going to bottle the stuff and sell it."

"We laugh and joke about," said Barbara of the water. "We do share the same spring, but there must be something in the McClure's background. There is no history of twins in my family."

But science, and the Encyclopedia Britannica, says that identical twins are not hereditary. So, one must look

elsewhere for the multiple birth phenomena in the McClure family.

The senior McClures raise hogs, which, of course, are born in litters. Perhaps multiple births are just the nature of things for this farm family.

"Everyone involved was raised on a farm in Washington County," said Grandma McClure.

That is one point of commonality. It also is the only point.

The four parents of the twins attended different high schools: Keith Hoy was graduated from Trinity; Amy McClure Hoy was graduated from Bentworth; Barbara McClure was graduated from Immaculate Conception and Robert McClure from Canon-McMillan.

Nothing in common there.

And none are active farmers now. Keith is employed at Abex; Robert works at First National Bank. Amy, however, does help her parents at the mill on Hall Avenue.

Hardly reason for twin twin births.

No, the only thing the Hoyes and the younger McClures share is that spring water. Of course, that doesn't account for 16-month-old Nathan, Amy and Keith's first child and the McClure's first grandchild.

"We were drinking well water then," said Amy, running a hand through her short, brown hair. "Then we put in the trailers and started sharing well water."

Ah hah! Just as Grandma suspected. There is one side effect to the multiple birth syndrome. Nathan Hoy may think that people come in twos.

"He's adjusted well to his sisters and cousins," Amy said. "But sometimes I wonder if he thinks everyone comes in pairs."

Why shouldn't he, Amy? All the other kids in his family did.

Meneely

Emmett R. Meneely, 58, of 445 High Street, Wellsburg, W. Va., died Friday, June 4, 1982, in Wheeling (W. Va.) Medical Park.

He was born May 2, 1924, in Independence, a son of Clarence and Waneta Cooper Meneely.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Meneely was a machine mechanic for Westvaco.

Surviving are his wife, Georgia Moore Meneely; two sons, Roger Meneely of Wellsburg and Gary Meneely of Follansbee, W. Va.; four daughters, Mrs. Patty Brady of Steubenville, Ohio, Mrs. Terry Best of Wellsburg, Mrs. Shirley Fiber of Follansbee and Beulah Meneely, at home; four brothers, Harold (Lefty) Meneely of Bethany, W. Va., Charles Meneely of Anahaim, Calif., Keith Meneely of Morris, Ill., and Harry Meneely of Parkersburg, W. Va.; three sisters, Naomi Meneely of Wellsburg, Naomi Meneely of Erie and Marjorie Kirschner of Washington; and 11 grandchildren.

A son, Buddy, and a brother, Clarence D. Meneely, are deceased.

Cowden

John R. Cowden, 76, of Hickory R.D.1, died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, 1982, in Washington Hospital where he had been a patient for the past five weeks. He had been in declining health.

He was born March 22, 1906, in Hickory, a son of John M. and Nettie Mitchell Cowden.

Mr. Cowden was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church and served as an elder and a trustee in the former Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. He was a charter member of the Hickory Lions Club. He was a graduate of Hickory High School, class of 1925, and attended Carnegie-Mellon. He was a member of the Mount Prospect Cemetery Association, was on the building authority for the Fort Cherry School District, was a school bus contractor in the Fort Cherry School District, and owned and operated his own trucking business.

On January 1, 1944, he was married to Mabel C. McVay, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. David (Mary E.) Anderson of Lansing, Ill., Mrs. David (Martha L.) McCrory of Hickory R.D.1, and Margaret A. Cowden of Evanston, Ill.; two brothers, Joseph M. Cowden of Clearwater, Fla., and Thomas K. Cowden of Arlington, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Snook of Manhasset, N.Y.; four grandchildren, Lisa and Mark Anderson and John and Jennifer McCrory.

A sister, Martha Harris, and two infant sons, are deceased.

Rippel

William Clifford Rippel, 98, of Rippel Road, Forward Township, died in his home at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, 1982.

He was born April 29, 1883, in McKeesport, a son of Christ and Jennie A. Strachan Rippel, and had resided all his life in Forward Township where he was a farmer.

He was a member of Bethesda United Presbyterian Church of Elizabethtown.

His wife, Gertrude Tarr Rippel, is deceased.

Surviving are six daughters, Grace Rippel, at home, Mrs. Margaret Tignanello, Elizabeth Township, Mrs. Minnie Lehman, Chairton, Mrs. Martha Briegel, West Mifflin, Mrs. Ruth McGowan, Eighty Four, and Mrs. Lois Laird, Bentleyville; seven sons, Charles C., New Eagle, W. Clifford, Jacksonville, Fla., John T., Forward Township, Christy of Eighty Four, Ralph of Forward Township, Lawrence of Belle Vernon and Albert (Bud) Rippel of Forward Township; a sister, Mrs. Catherine Gee, Forward Township; 29 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Coen

Mary E. Kirkpatrick Coen, 75, of 1 Wilmont Avenue, Washington, died at 9 a.m. Monday, February 1, 1982, in Miami (Fla.) Heart Institute, after an illness of two months. She was born November 8, 1906, in Kinzua, a daughter of John T. and Bertha Donaldson Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. Coen was a member of the Church of the Covenant, Washington Organ Club and Symphony South, and served on the YWCA Board, Girl Scout Council and Washington and Jefferson College Auxiliary. She was a 1924 graduate of Washington High School.

On March 15, 1928, she was married in Washington to Charles S. Coen, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Charles Richard Coen, and two daughters, Marilyn R. McIlvaine and Helen L. Brooks, all of Washington; four sisters, Eva L. Kirkpatrick of Washington, Hazel K. Ross of Miami, Elsie K. Bond of Washington, and Opal V. Kirkpatrick of Belleair, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A brother, Harold E. Kirkpatrick is deceased.

Paul

Vincent M. Paul, 88, of Hickory R.D.1, died Sunday, February 28, 1982, in Washington Hospital.

He was born January 26, 1894, in Hickory, a son of William and Vinta McGuligan Paul.

Mr. Paul was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church and was a retired line-man of Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad.

His wife, Edna Alrutz Paul, died July 21, 1976.

Surviving are two daughters, Loraine Anderson of Cleveland, Ohio, and Olive Dalton of Madison, N.J.; one brother, McElroy Paul of McKees Rocks; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

John G. Seabright

John G. Seabright, 92, of McDonald R.D.4, died in his residence Thursday, June 24, 1982, at 10:20 a.m.

He was born March 31, 1890, in Washington County, a son of Frederick L. and Amelia Benthe Seabright.

Mr. Seabright was a lifelong farmer in the McDonald area.

Surviving are one sister, Elizabeth Norris of Penn Hills; two nieces, Margaret Olliffe of McDonald R.D.4 and Genevieve Fugate of Penn Hills; and one nephew, John C. Norris of El Cajon, Calif.

Two sisters, Mary and Madeline Seabright, are deceased.

Mary M. Sharp

Mary M. Sharp, 85, of Weirton R.D.1, W.Va., died Wednesday, September 8, 1982, in Weirton Medical Center.

She was born August 14, 1897, in Greene County, a daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Frye Huffman. She was Methodist.

Her husband, Charles B. Sharp, died in July 1954.

One brother and two sisters are also deceased.

Surviving are one brother, Russell Huffman of Los Vegas, Nev., and one sister, Mrs. Robert (Bertha) Reed of Weirton.

Verner M. Moore

Verner M. Moore, 82, of Hickory, died at 3:55 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, 1982, in Washington Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born June 14, 1900, in Hickory, a son of William C. and Emma E. White Moore.

A life member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, he attended Hickory schools. Mr. Moore was a carpenter and was a member of the Washington Carpenters Union.

On July 14, 1930, in Wellsburg, W.Va., he married Alice Elizabeth Ayres, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Richard V. Moore of Joffre, Eugene W. Moore of Garden Grove, Calif., Ralph E. Moore of Weirton, W.Va., and James T. Moore of Hickory; five daughters, Mrs. Robert (Helen) Strike of Washington, Mrs. Walter (Irene) Carter of McDonald R.D.3, Mrs. Paul (Ruth) Pakisz of Slovan, Mrs. Norma V. Conklin of Washington and Mrs. Bernard (Nancy) Vizyak of Joffre; 26 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Lacy F. Denning

Lacy F. Denning, 88, of 1560 Barclay Hill Road, Brighton Township, formerly of Commerce Street, Beaver, and of Washington County, died at 8:05 p.m. Friday, June 25, 1982, in her home following a lingering illness.

She was born March 30, 1894, in Donegal Township, Washington County, a daughter of Joseph and Caroline Mealy Clemens.

Mrs. Denning was a member of the First Christian Church of Beaver and was a former member of the Tusca Ridge Garden Club.

Her husband, Joseph Rea Denning, died in January of 1971.

Surviving are one son, Homer W. Denning of Washington; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Roberts of Brighton Township; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, one daughter, one sister, and four brothers, are deceased.



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Hickory Lions Breakfast Sunday

The Hickory Lions Club's major fund-raising project is a pancake and sausage breakfast which this year will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Hickory Fire Hall on Route 50. Among those on duty in the kitchen will be John Bernard, Bob Phillips, chairman, Bud Weagly, and Allan Zimmerman, left to right. Tickets are available from any member or at the door.

Robert D. Dickinson

Robert David Dickinson, 46, of 1183 Montclair Drive, Washington, died Monday, March 11, 1985, at 10 p.m. in Eighty Four.

He was born May 8, 1938, in Pittsburgh, son of Eliot S. and Flora Henn Dickinson, and had been a resident of Washington since 1945.

Mr. Dickinson was a member of Avery United Methodist Church of Washington, and was owner and operator of Eighty Four Packing Inc. since 1977. He was also a member of the Board of Pennsylvania Meat Processors.

On November 7, 1970, he married Sandra Fawcett Gregg, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Gary Dickinson of Washington; two daughters, Mrs. Dennis (Darla) Martin of Washington and Robin Dawn Dickinson, at home; two brothers, Donald Stewart of Canonsburg and Robert Stewart of Forestville, Md.; two sisters, Rita, wife of the Rev. Robert Wright, of Salem, Ore., and Mrs. William (Audrey) Vietmeir of Pittsburgh; and one grandson, Joshua Martin.

Florence B. Caldwell

Florence B. Caldwell, 82, of McDonald, died Tuesday, February 12, 1985, in the Lutheran Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

She was born April 8, 1902, in Hickory, a daughter of Otto and Ella Bowman Carl.

Mrs. Caldwell was a member of the Methodist Church of McDonald.

Surviving are two daughters, Betty McWreath of McDonald and Patricia Rohde of Bay Village, Ohio; one son, Daniel Caldwell Jr. of Upper St. Clair, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Her husband, Daniel A. Caldwell Sr., is deceased.

Douglas M. Black

Douglas M. Black, 51, of 1980 West Chestnut Street, Washington, died unexpectedly at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 1982, in Washington Hospital.

He was born May 31, 1931, in New Brighton, the son of Charles A. and Susan Boettner Black. He was Protestant.

Mr. Black was employed as a driver for Suburban Lines Inc. Prior to that, he was a driver for Beaver Valley Motor Coach Co.

He was a 1949 graduate of New Brighton High School. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving as a sergeant in the U.S. Army.

He was a past member of the Loyal Order of the Moose of Washington.

On September 30, 1975, in Washington, he married L. Jeanne Reynolds, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Douglas M. Black Jr., serving with the U.S. Navy in Vallejo, Calif., Mark A. Black of Salt Lake City, Utah, and John C. Black of Provost, Utah; one stepson, David P. Reynolds, of the Mountain Home Air Force Base, Mountain Home, Idaho; one daughter, Mrs. Dennis (Valerie) Nixon of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Ronald (Janet) Buckingham of Eighty Four and Patti J. Reynolds of Buckhannon, W. Va.; one brother, Donald Black of Dorris, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Victor (Nancy) DiCicco of Norristown; four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Mary L. Sim

Mary L. Sim, 91, of 88 Third Street, Washington, formerly of Alyesworth Avenue, died at 2:20 p.m. Friday, July 9, 1982, in Washington Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born December 31, 1890, in West Middletown, a daughter of William and Emma Neely Holmes.

Mrs. Sim was a member of the West Washington United Methodist Church.

On September 29, 1909, she married Charles Harrison Sim, who died in April of 1945.

She and her husband at one time operated the Sim Greenhouse on Route 18.

Surviving are one son, Charles M. Sim of Washington; four daughters, Edythe Wingett, with whom she made her home, Lena Wood of Washington, Katherine Kinder of Donora and Mary Ann Gromo of Prescott, Ariz.; one sister, Annie Fowler of Rea; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

One son, William Sim, two infant daughters, four brothers, one sister, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, are deceased.

Goldie W. Carl

Goldie W. Carl, 82, formerly of Hickory, died Thursday, July 8, 1982, in Brentwood, Md.

She was born February 2, 1898, in Hickory.

Mrs. Carl was a former member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by a son, Arthur F. Carl of Brentwood; two daughters, Lovella Jones of Brentwood and Norma Giles of Florida; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Charles A. Carl, and two daughters, Martha Rolya and Irene Carl, are deceased.

Joseph Matchett: The Mayor With An Ear On The Community

By LINDA MORTON
Staff Writer

MIDWAY — In 1959, some of Joseph Matchett's friends decided he ought to run for a seat on Midway Borough Council. Their successful election campaign pushed Matchett into Midway's political ring, where he stayed for the next 20 years.

A civic-minded individual, Matchett was elected to council only once; the majority of his political career he completed terms for other members.

His attainment of the office of mayor was not so round-about. Matchett asked a neighbor, immobile because of a broken foot, whether she thought he could win the mayor's seat. The woman, who possessed enthusiasm as well as a sense of humor, used the voting list to conduct a telephone campaign that captured for Matchett, by write-ins, the entire 253 votes cast in that election.

Matchett completed his four-year term as mayor in December 1981. Council, appreciative of Matchett's years of service to the little borough, awarded him a plaque at the March 1982 meeting that states: "To Joe Matchett, for your dedication and contribution as mayor.

From the community of Midway, 1982."

Matchett, who will be turning 72 in August, has literally been keeping an ear on Midway for many years. His interest in the town began when he was a youth attending Midway High School. In those days Matchett's father, J.A. Matchett, and Robert Bamford, would get together once a week to discuss the business of the Midway Mutual Telephone Co. Matchett, confessing he was "all ears," would listen to their conversation because he always knew he "was going to be a telephone man."

Bell Telephone Company's refusal to bring telephone lines to the farms around Candor resulted in the formation of the Midway Mutual Telephone Co. In 1908, a group of 20 to 25 farmers organized the company, making Matchett's father treasurer and manager. A dairy farmer whose farm lay about two miles north of Candor in Robinson Township, the elder Matchett served in that capacity from 1908 to 1940.

The farmers proved they could be as stubborn as Bell by refusing to give Bell connections with their telephone system. Eventually Bell sold its interest in

Midway to the Midway Mutual Telephone Co., which Matchett joined in 1936 as a "troubleshooter."

Matchett served his "apprenticeship" as a telephone repairman, learning the trade on the job. If a telephone became broken, he took it apart and fixed it.

Before there were "outside engineers," Matchett surveyed the land, dug the hole and put in the pole, strung the wire and installed the telephone for anyone who wanted one. "You name it and I've done it for the phone company," Matchett said.

Before the dial system was introduced to Midway in 1953, the telephones worked on the magneta system, which used rings. There were four switchboards, housed in a rented room in a building at the corner of Prospect and Washington streets, and 12 operators.

In 1908 there were 36 telephones supplied by the Midway company; in 1936, 192; and by April 3, 1974, when Matchett, who was general manager, sold the company to Telephone Utilities of Pennsylvania, there were 1,700 telephones. Two years ago Telephone Utilities sold

Midway Mutual to the Mid-Continent System.

As a result of having grown up around Midway, Matchett said he probably knows everyone in town. But an even more distinguishing fact is that he used to know everyone's telephone number, too, because he assigned them. Before retiring from Midway Mutual in 1975, he could recite all the numbers from memory.

Matchett has seen Midway wind down from a booming little town beside the Pennsylvania Railroad to a sleepy cluster of houses and a handful of businesses.

In 1924, Midway boasted an undertaker, two hardware stores, 10 grocery stores, a dry goods store, a dentist, two doctors, two blacksmiths, and two tinshops. Matchett remembered a Mr. Knorr who used a wheelbarrow to deliver freshly baked, unwrapped bread from his bake shop.

Midway was called Little Egypt until 1865, when the railroad was constructed. The name was changed to Midway because the town is located halfway between Pittsburgh and Steubenville.

In 1940 Midway was still booming, Matchett recalled. Six passenger trains a day stopped.

Time and changes in the economy have taken their toll on Midway. No longer do passengers await the train to Pittsburgh, and residents now do almost all their shopping in bigger communities around the slow-paced little town, which now has two service stations, two taverns, a laundromat, a discard and collectible shop and a grocery store.

Over the years, though, Matchett has always managed to find something to do. In 1951 he joined the Midway Fire Department, and about 1959 he became assistant chief. He served as assistant chief for 15 years, resigning in the early 1970s.

Matchett said he gave up the position because his other responsibilities prevented him from attending fire school. Because he couldn't attend fire school, he said he "didn't think it was fair to go to fires and boss the other men around." In 1971 Matchett was named "consultant chief," a position he held for one year.

After 28 years as fire department

secretary, Matchett resigned in January of this year. But he has not broken all his ties with the department. For "something to put the time in," Matchett is summarizing the fire company's minutes.

Matchett's initial thought was to write a history of the department, but finding he did not have enough information, he began summarizing the minutes. The minutes go back to 1925, the year Matchett thinks the company may have been organized. Matchett said he has "50 pages done and has 30 years to do."

He has also served since 1956 on the Fort Cherry Joint School Building Authority. He was named treasurer of the authority when it was created, an office he retains. And because of his interest in the community and his desire "to help it," Matchett served three years in the early 1960s as president of the Midway Planning Commission.

Matchett and his wife, whom he met at the Burgettstown Fair in 1934, have lived on Prospect Street since 1940, the year they were married. His wife, the former Sarah McKenzie, grew up on a farm about 12 miles from Burgettstown.

Frederick T. Hiller, Business Man, Shriner Dies Sunday at Age 65

Frederick T. Hiller, 65, founder and president of the Hiller Trading Corp., Dravosburg, died Sunday in Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was founder and president of Hiller Publishing Co., Hiller Horst Farms of Coudersport; founder and owner of Freddy's Restaurant; and founder, past president and chairman of the board of New England Trucking Corp. He was a past president of Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and its Allegheny County Chapter; past president and former chairman of the board of Heavy Specialized Carriers Conference of American Trucking Association and Traffic and Transportation Association of Pittsburgh and member of Laurel Mountain Traffic Association.

Mr. Hiller belonged to John Marshall Lodge 734, F. & A. Masons; Royal Order of Jespers, Pittsburgh Court 2; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh; Past Potentate of Syria Temple of the Shrine and member of its Auto Club and Mon Valley Shriners Luncheon Club.

He was a director for Shriners's Hospital in Erie and former chairman of Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Golf Committee. He played the role of Bubblehead for the Heritage Unit of Syria Temple in 1960.

A gold card member of American Turner Association, Mr. Hiller was a qualified gym master instructor of New York Athletic Association. He was author of the novel, "Definite Youth," and wrote the play, "The Spirit of Elkdom," which was shown at the 1938 Elks convention.

He also was a member of the New Orleans Business Hall of Fame and his biography has appeared in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the East and Who's Who in France and 2000 Men of Achievement and Industry Men of Achievement.

Mr. Hiller resided in White Oak where he was a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Born in Charteroi, Oct. 2, 1916, he was a son of the late Frederick and Nathalia Schmieler Hiller. Surviving are his widow, Wilma Voelker Hiller; daughter, Barbara Santaguida of White Oak; sons, Frederick R. Hiller of Bethel Park; four grandchildren; and sister, Elizabeth Sheridan of White Oak.

Friends are being received in Striffler's of White Oak. Service will be conducted tomorrow at 1 p.m. in the Faith Lutheran Church by the Rev. Arthur Ackerman. Burial will be in Mount Vernon Cemetery. The family has suggested memorial contributions to Shriners' Crippled Children's Fund c/o Syria Temple of the Shrine, Pittsburgh.

Carter

Elva White Carter, 90, of Woodrow, died at 6 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, 1982, in her home.

She was born June 1, 1892, in Cross Creek Township, a daughter of William H. and Emma McClain White.

A resident of Woodrow the past 42 years, she was a member of Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

On November 25, 1915, she was married to William Everett Carter, who died April 13, 1975.

Surviving are one son, Eugene Carter of Woodrow; one daughter, Ethel Carter, Canonsburg, and one sister, Ruth White Zaverl, Canonsburg. Two sisters and one brother are deceased.



Frederick T. Hiller



40th Anniversary

Wayne and Betty Cooke of Cross Creek celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 14, with an open house in Cross Creek Village Grange Hall. They were married March 14, 1942, by the Rev. D. S. Vance in the parsonage of Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Cooke is the daughter of the late Dr. Richard S. and Helen Hindman Clark, and her husband is the son of the late Robert L. and Margaretta Lawton Cooke. They have three sons, Robert Wayne, married to the former Anita Reynolds; Edwin Richard, married to the former Nicki Lou Drazick, and Dennis Lyle, at home; and four grandchildren, Rita and Eric, Anita and Christopher, all of the Burgettstown area.

Hickory U.P. Pastor To Receive Doctorate

The Rev. Harvey O. Johnson, pastor of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church since October of 1979, will graduate at the 186th Commencement of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Tuesday.

Ceremonies will be held at 8 p.m. in the East Liberty Church, Pittsburgh.

Johnson's doctoral dissertation is entitled, "An examination of the pastor's perception of the yoke to find effective profiles of shared ministry for the small

church."

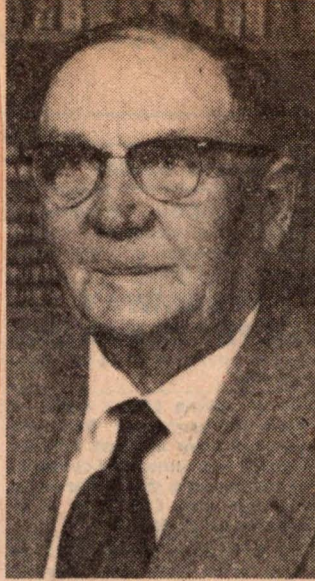
Johnson came to Hickory from the Freedom and Conway United Presbyterian Parishes in Beaver County. He also served as pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Saxonburg.

He is a native of Prospect Park in eastern Pennsylvania, attended Grove City College and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary.

He is currently chairman of the Evangelism Committee of Washington Presbytery.



HARVEY O. JOHNSON



Woodruff

Dorsey Woodruff, 87, of Canonsburg died Thursday, March 11, 1982 in Kade Nursing Home following a lingering illness.

He was born January 20, 1895, in Aleppo Township, Greene County, a son of William and Caroline Dorsey Woodruff.

Mr. Woodruff was director of the Farm Bureau for six years and a member of the Washington County Farm Board for 23 years. He was a former officer of the Allied Pennsylvania Livestock Farm Show and an officer of the Greene County Pure Bred Breeders Association. He had served for a number of years on the board of directors of the Washington County Agricultural Fair and as long as his health permitted took an active role in the fair. Mr. Woodruff also bred, owned and raced harness horses.

He was an honorary member of Trinity and Canon-McMillan FFA chapters, director and vice president of the Pennsylvania Hereford Breeders Association, and a member of American Legion Post 253. He was also a member of Washington World War I Veterans Post 676, the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, and the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. He was elected master farmer of Pennsylvania in 1951.

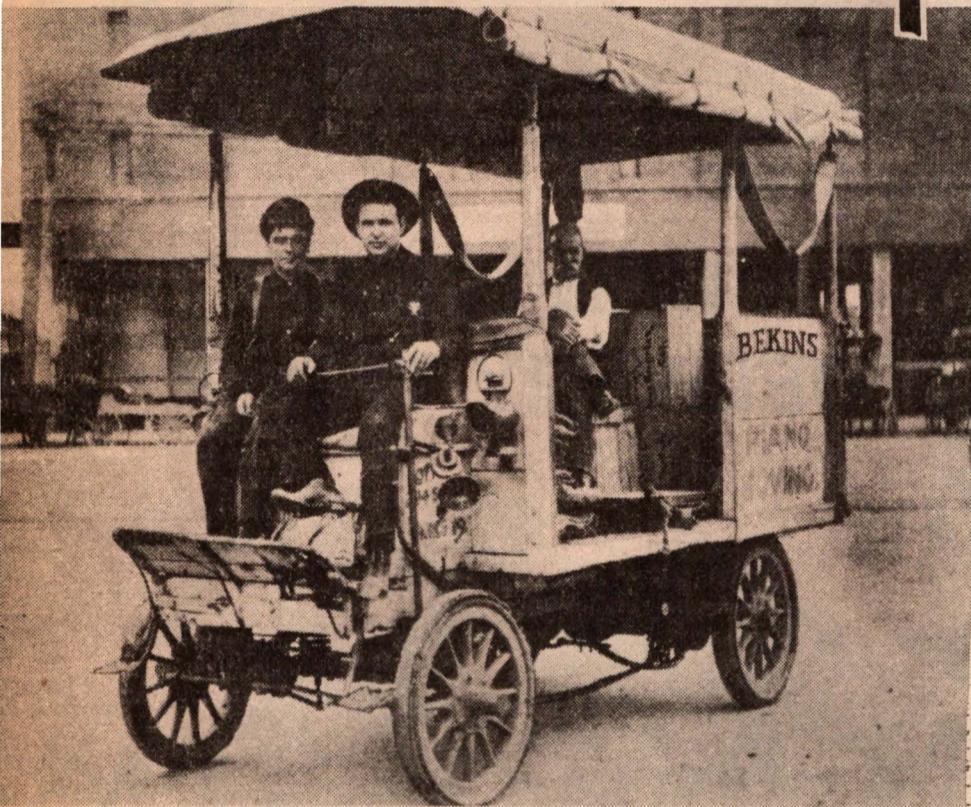
Mr. Woodruff was a veteran of World War I. He was a member of Chartiers (Hill) Presbyterian Church and North Strabane Grange.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma Bane Woodruff, a son, Frank R. of Canonsburg; two daughters, Ada May Stimmel of Houston and Eileen Dobbin of Canonsburg; two sisters, Pearl Hicks of Cameron, W. Va. and Geraldine Woodruff of Elm Grove, W. Va.; 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a daughter, Willadean Johnston and a sister Ella Wise.

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Cowden

R. Thompson Cowden, 84, of 35 Mark Avenue, Washington, died at 1:15 a.m. Monday, May 3, 1982, shortly after arrival at Washington Hospital.

He was born June 23, 1897, in Hickory, a son of Robert R. and Elizabeth Vogel Cowden, and was a retired Washington County dairy farmer.

Mr. Cowden was a member of Broad Street Baptist Church and had been active in church work, formerly serving as an elder. He was past master of Cross Creek Grange No. 954, a past member of Claysville Grange No. 1510 and was a former 4-H leader.

On January 5, 1921, he was married to Mina E. Rumbaugh, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Robert R. of Washington, Wayne L. and Ernest T., both of McDonald, and Paul E. of Oakdale; three daughters, Mrs. Wilbur (Virginia) Smith of Wellsburg, W. Va., and Mrs. Verner C. (Nova) Jones and Mrs. Robert (Florence) Masteller, both of Pittsburgh; a brother, M.E. Cowden of Burgettstown; four sisters, Mrs. Harold (Agnes) Thomas of Arnold, Mildred Banks and Mabel Cowden, both of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. William (Josephine) Ellison of Wellsburg; 18 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Jane and Myrtle Cowden and Ruth Powelson, and a brother, Clayton Cowden, are deceased.

DIES — Dorsey Woodruff, 87, of Canonsburg R.D.1, died Thursday. He was active in agricultural affairs in the district and a longtime member of the Washington County Fair Board.

Cowden

Kenneth Edward Cowden, 34, of Washington R.D.5, died at 3:18 p.m. Monday, May 24, 1982, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, as a result of injuries sustained in a fall in his home on Saturday.

He was born March 14, 1948, in Burgettstown, the son of Robert R. and Lois Lee Cowden, who survive. He was a member of Upper Buffalo United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Cowden was a graduate of Avella High School, class of 1966; and served in the U.S. Army in Germany. He was a member of the Taylorstown American Legion, and was employed as a bartender at Club 31.

Surviving in addition to his parents are one brother, Robert A. Cowden of Oakdale; one sister, Leslie A. Danley of Washington; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mina Cowden of Washington; his maternal grandparents, Lester and Florence Lee of Cross Creek; one niece, Beth Ann Cowden of Oakdale; and two nephews, Robert Cowden of Oakdale and Timothy Danley of Washington.

His paternal grandfather, Robert T. Cowden, is deceased.

Eberle

Mrs. Bertha C. Eberle, 81, formerly of Canonsburg, died Thursday, June 3, 1982, in her home in Monroe, Mich., where she had resided the past year.

She was born July 10, 1900, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Conrad and Louise Fink Haas.

On July 7, 1920, she was married in Glenwillard to the Rev. Forest S. Eberle, who died February 12, 1978. He was pastor for 43 years of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Canonsburg, of which Mrs. Eberle was an active member.

Surviving are two sons, Walter H. Eberle of Reno, Nev., and Paul J. Eberle of Hickory; two daughters, Helen L., wife of Dr. S. N. Kelso of Monroe, and Mrs. Dorothy M. Young of Houston, Texas; 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Grabski

Patricia D. Grabski, 32, of 3203 Roosevelt Avenue, Aliquippa died Sunday, April 18.

Mrs. Grabski was born September 8, 1949, in Franklin Township, a daughter of Melvin and Jane Marsh Polen of Avella. She was a member of the Baptist Temple of Aliquippa.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald D. and daughters Barbara, Beverly, and Brenda, at home, two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Marsha) Bish of Midway, Mrs. Joseph (Billie) Yuhas of Avella, and a brother, Clifford Poland of Avella.

Margaret E. Angerer

Mrs. Margaret E. Angerer, 92, of the Cade Nursing Home, Washington, formerly of Canonsburg, died Sunday, June 27, 1982.

She was born February 23, 1890, in Hookstown, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Gerhold Diehl.

Mrs. Angerer was a member of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Canonsburg, and the Ladies Aid Society of the church.

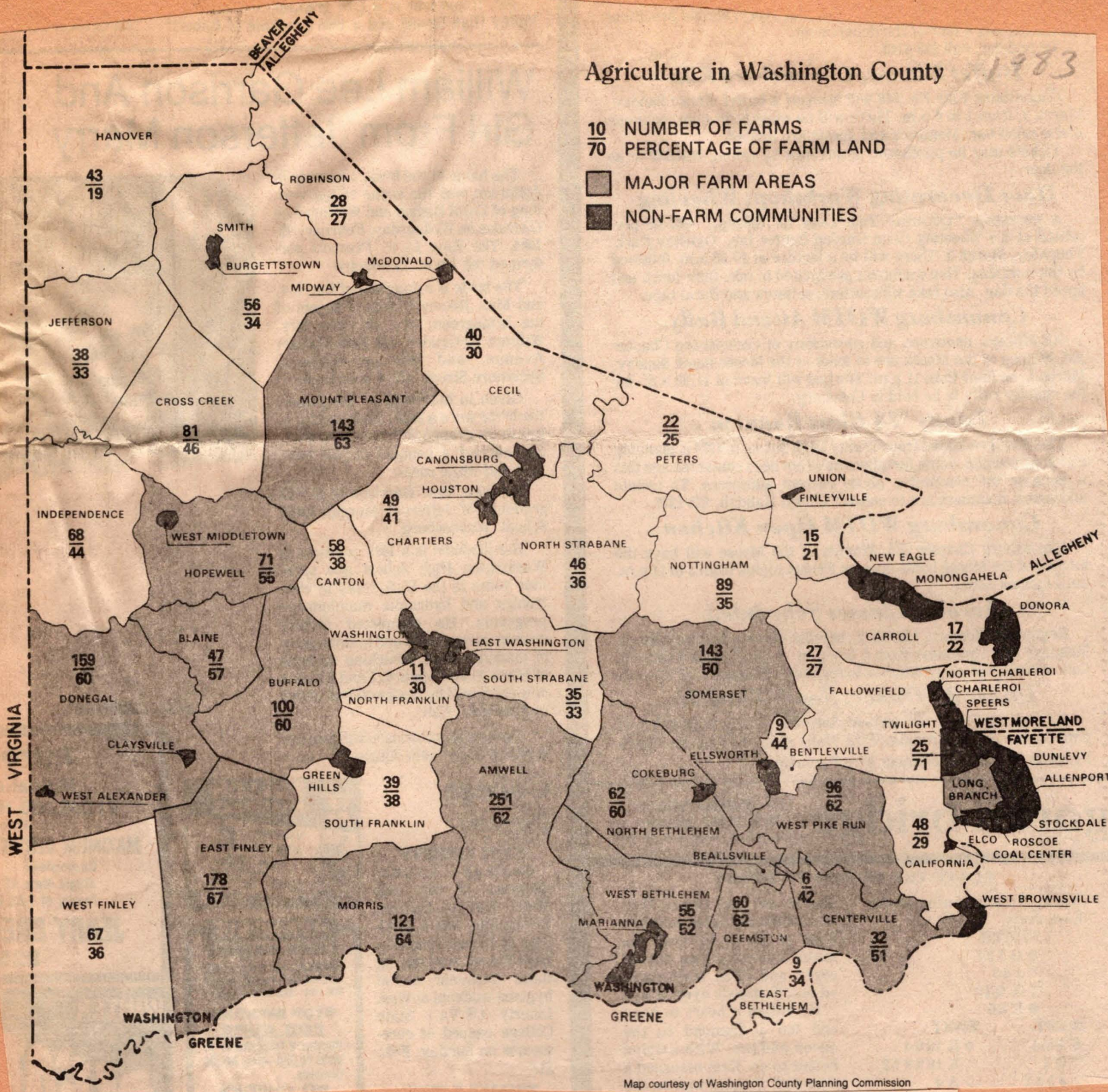
On June 12, 1912, she married J. Adam Angerer, who died June 28, 1973.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Catherine Buchanan of Hickory, Mrs. Mildred Coen of Philo, Ohio, Mrs. Anna Brautigam of Hickory, Mrs. Frank (Edna) Brautigam of North Clymer, N.Y., and Mrs. Franklin (Dorothy) Hurl of Pleasant Hills; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are one daughter, Hazel; one brother, John; and three sisters, Ann, Kate, and Mary.

Agriculture in Washington County

- 10 NUMBER OF FARMS
70 PERCENTAGE OF FARM LAND
- MAJOR FARM AREAS
NON-FARM COMMUNITIES



Map courtesy of Washington County Planning Commission

Other Quits

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tenor Lew DeWitt has retired from the Statler Brothers country music group because he suffers from a stomach ailment, the quartet announced Friday.

Through Mercury Records, the group said DeWitt, 44, will be replaced by Jimmy Fortune, who filled in for DeWitt for six months when he became ill early this year. DeWitt returned to the group briefly earlier this month.

The Statler Brothers have won three Grammy awards and eight Country Music Association awards. Two of their best-known hits are "Flowers on the Wall" and "I'll Go to My Grave Loving You."

Dream Comes True For Hickory Man

John DeVitis' dream came true in 1981.

In November 1981 DeVitis held the grand opening for his Red Fox Lodge, a place made for special occasions. The first affair held at the lodge was a bridal fair which brought prospective brides, their families and friends together to learn about handling arrangements for weddings.

The lodge, situated atop a hill surrounded by 12 wooded acres, is available for weddings, showers, graduations, banquets, or private parties of all types using both indoor and outdoor facilities including picnic grounds.

The Red Fox Lodge, which can accommodate 350 people, has bar and lounge areas for use by private parties who rent the lodge.

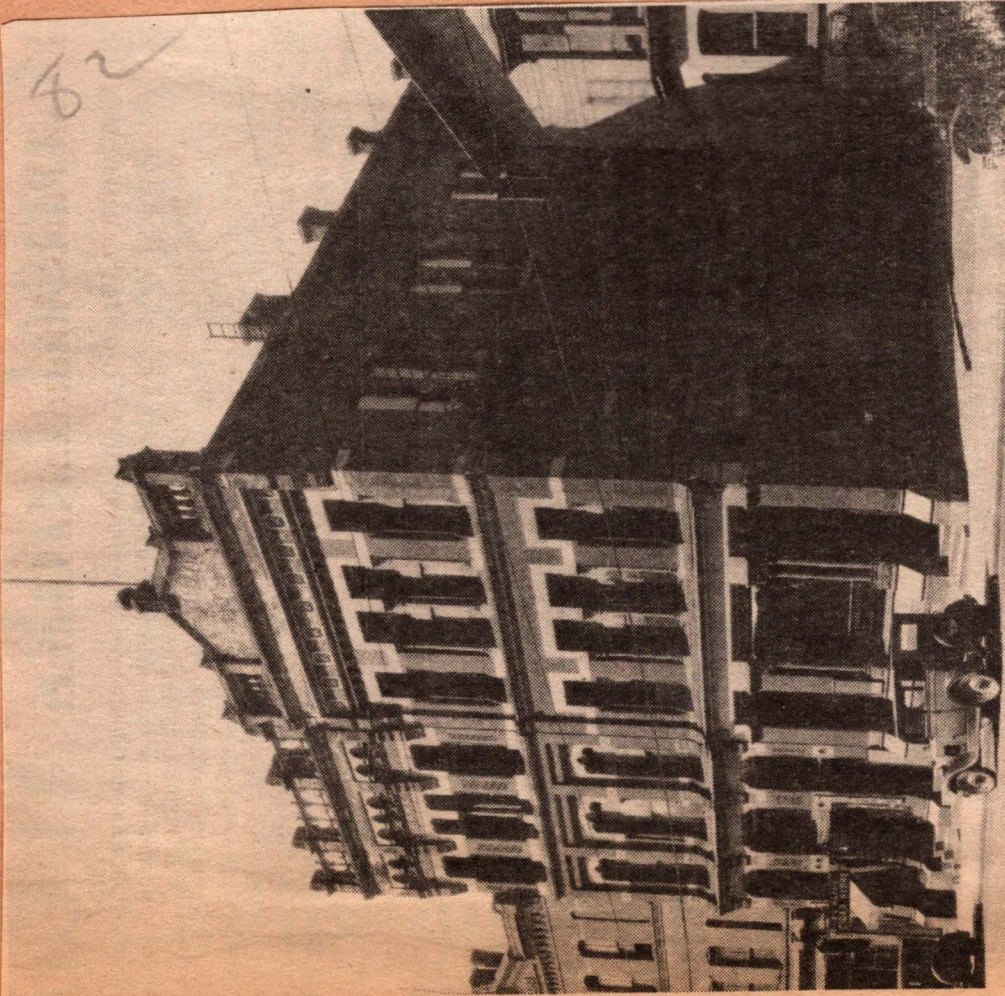
The lodge is noted for its rustic atmosphere with old barn siding and high, beamed ceilings. The bar area is decorated with antiques and there is a working fireplace in the lounge.

DeVitis, of Hickory, used his talents in designing and building the lodge. Reservations are handled by DeVitis' wife, Sandy. Their children, 16-year-old Angela and 11-year-old John, help with the family enterprise.

Included in the rental of the facilities is the cleaning service following parties. A large parking area is adjacent to the lodge.

Centrally located between the Burgettstown, Washington and Canonsburg areas, the lodge is on Route 18-North, six miles outside of Washington.

Nothing is served at the lodge, but there are complete bar facilities and a large kitchen. Future plans include a catering service at the Red Fox Lodge.



Observer-Reporter Photo

On Main Street

This photograph circa 1932 shows at left the First Bank and Trust Co., which later became the headquarters for First Federal Savings and Loan Association. Although the facades have changed, the institution, now known as Washington Federal, occupies that building, and razed the rest of the buildings to the corner of West Wheeling Street for an addition. At right is how the next-door property looked before an addition was built on the front and which now houses Loren Carl Inc. and other offices. City of Washington offices were once housed in both buildings.

Old Log House Lives On At Meadowcroft Village

Mundell

Clyde S. Mundell, 83, of Carmichaels R.D.1, a retired teacher, sign painter, artist and inventor, died at 12:55 p.m. Sunday, April 11, 1982, in Washington Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born October 14, 1898, in Mundell Hollow near Ceylon, the son of Edward T. and Rosa Donham Mundell.

A graduate of Cumberland Township High School in 1918, he taught under a provisional certificate until his graduation from California State Normal School in 1924.

He taught in Nicholson Township and Smock Hill schools in Fayette County and in 1938 became a penmanship supervisor for the Peterson System, a position which he held for 16 years. During this period he developed the skill of lettering and sign painting.

For 20 years, he taught art, woodshop, penmanship, history and English at the Nema-colin School before retiring in 1964.

During World War I he enlisted in the Army Training Corps at Waynesburg College and served until Armistice Day. He also worked on the construction of the Buckeye Mine at Nema-colin and was a vacation manager for several A&P stores.

He was a member of the Carmichaels Grange 1389 for over 30 years and was well known for his sign work for the grange at county fairs. In his spare time, he invented and obtained a patent on a grade averaging device.

He was a member and artist of the Carmichaels Development Council which won a \$3,000 national award in 1961. He was also a member of the Greene Academy of Art and lettered the official charter.

A member of the Sugar Grove Baptist Church all of his life, he was a trustee and served as Sunday School superintendent and teacher for over 20 years.

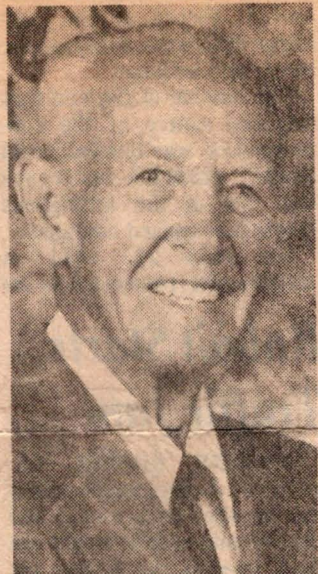
He was named the community's man-of-the-year in 1976 by the Lions Club.

Mr. Mundell was a charter member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the National Education Association. Memberships also included the National Geographic Society, National Rifle Association and the Smithsonian Institute.

He was married in 1922 to M. Audrey Board, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John (Shirley) Engle of Canonsburg; four sons, Wallace of Johnstown, Wilbur of Chillicothe, Ohio; Robert of Pittsburgh and Dale of Canonsburg; two sisters, Mrs. Russell (Ellen) Board of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Mrs. David (Grace) Davies of Greensboro R.D.; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Roger Dean and Donald Clyde, died in infancy.



DIES — Clyde S. Mundell of Carmichaels, a retired teacher, died Sunday. He was 83.

Engle

Mary Helen Engle, 81, of Thomas Campbell Apartments, Washington, died Tuesday, December 29, 1981, in Washington Hospital.

She was born September 7, 1900, in Canton Township, a daughter of Samuel Albert and Lovenia Weirich Davis.

Mrs. Engle was a member of the First Christian Church of Washington where she was past-president of the Christian Women's Fellowship, former teacher of the Lucy Mounts Sunday school class and a member of the Golden Club.

She was past-president and member emeritus of the Martha Washington Garden Club and a member of Washington Chapter No. 409 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Washington Hospital Auxiliary and Washington Chapter of the AARP.

She attended the McClay School in Canton Township.

On November 23, 1920, she married Robert Glenn Engle, who survives. They recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

Also surviving are one son, Frederick L. Engle of Washington; four daughters, Mrs. George (Mary Louise) Henderson of Weirton, W.Va., Mrs. Samuel (Betty Jean) Andrew of Weirton, W.Va., Mrs. Ronald (Marjorie) Polen of Washington and Mrs. James (Lois) Shaw of Washington; two brothers, Ralph Davis and Robert Davis, both of Washington; three sisters, Florence Fair and Nell Fleissner, both of Washington, and Martha Mazzotta of Pittsburgh; 18 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Three sons, Robert Glenn Engle Jr., Donald Edward Engle, and Joseph Harold Engle, one daughter, Helen Marie McCullough, three brothers, William, Samuel and Darsie Davis, and one granddaughter, Sandra Lee Shaw, are deceased.



Hamilton log house was built around 1800.



Taylorstown Class Of '32

Seven members of the Taylorstown High School Class of 1932 attended the 50-year reunion at the home of Louise Boone in Hickory. Teachers of the class were the late Virgil Hutchison, Miss Ruth Wolfe of Taylorstown and Miss Galia Minor of Carbondale, Ill. Guests at the reunion were Mrs. Rosella Hutchison, Grace Sawhill, Ruth Craft, and Richard Andrews. Seated from left are Roberta Durigg Mounts, Laura Meloy Andrews and Leatha Mitchell Jackson. Standing, Orrin Sawhill, Robert Ashmore, Louise Craft Boone and Kenneth Craft.

On a bitterly cold night, when every blanket that was not in use on the bed was used to cover the windows, the cry of a newborn baby rang out in the log house. Dr. Snodgrass of Buffalo Village proudly announced to the anxious family the birth of a baby girl, Nellie. The date was January 27, 1897, and the place was the countryside near what is now Buffalo Village, west of Washington. Little Nellie Wallace lived to be 84, having spent most of her life in the Claysville and West Alexander communities where she taught in the local schools. Dr. Snodgrass is buried in Upper Buffalo Cemetery, but the log house of Nellie's birth, the Hamilton Log House, lives on at Meadowcroft Village where it houses a collection of spinning wheels and a loom.

The Hamilton Log House, circa 1800, was moved to the village from near Buffalo Village. It has an outstanding cut-stone chimney topped with brick and carved in the rock are the initials "R.H." — Robert Hamilton, great-grandfather of the late Jay Hamilton who donated the log house to Meadowcroft.

The Rev. Dr. Anderson, who was moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church about 20 years ago, while in this area expressed a desire to visit this old log house since he believed that his direct ancestor, the Rev. John Anderson, who was pastor of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church from 1800 to 1833, had supervised in this very building the studies of several young men planning to be ministers.

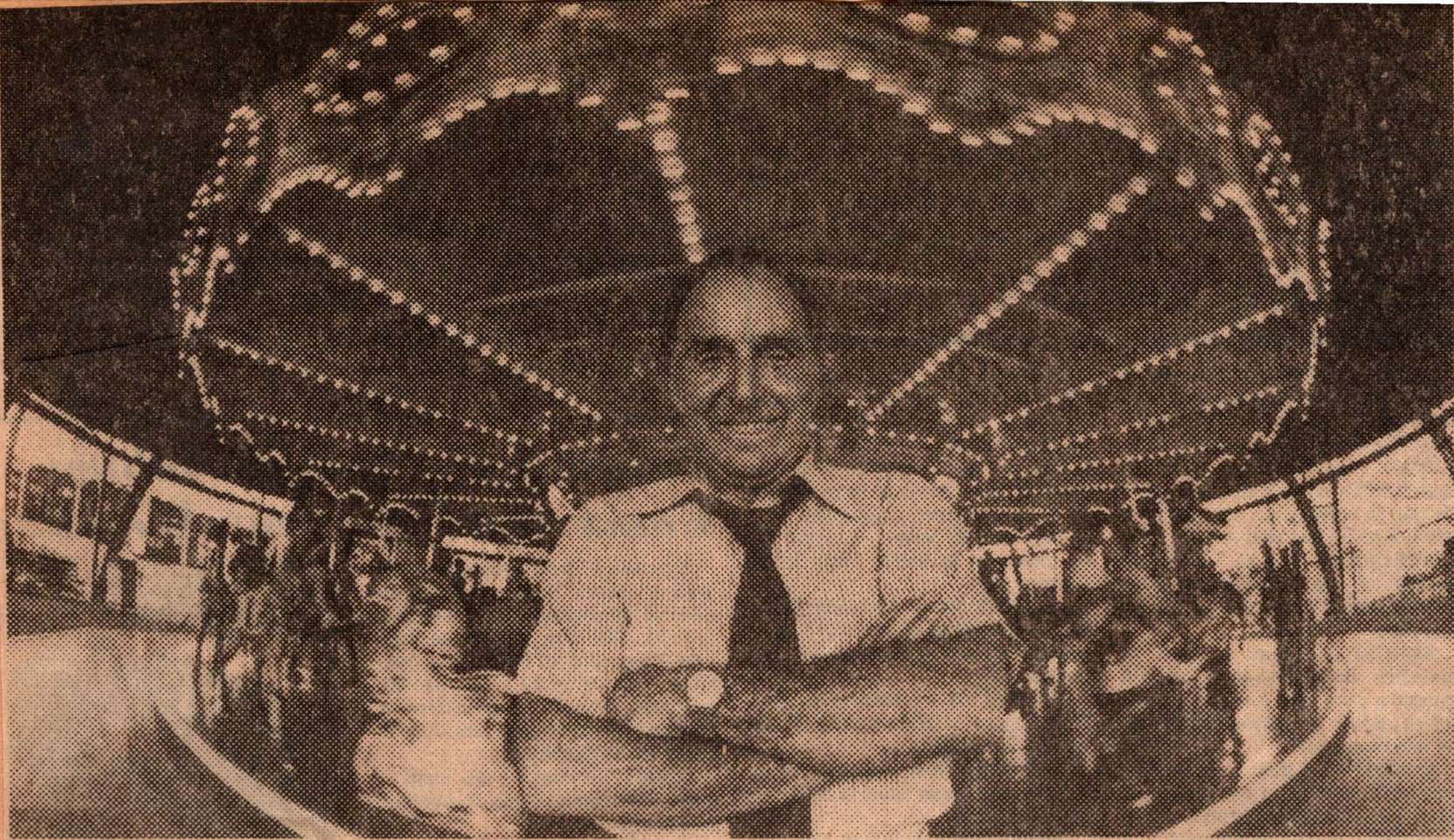
The log house was originally owned by William Smiley, one of the first elders of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church. The house eventually passed into the Hamilton family and was used as a community building and as quarters for itinerant ministers.

Both William Smiley and the Rev. John Anderson figured prominently in the religious history of the Buffalo area. William Smiley, as an aged man in the 1780s accompanied by two young men, made the hazardous excursion to New Orleans, through hostile Indian country, with flour to sell to save the Upper Buffalo Church which was in dire financial straits. And it was during the Rev. John Anderson's ministry in 1802 that a great spiritual awakening attracted 10,000 people to the Upper Buffalo Church.

In 1980, Meadowcroft Village received a letter from a woman in Indiana who at the time of writing was 70 years old, whose daughter and her family had visited Meadowcroft Village and took literature about the village back to Indiana. This woman wrote she was awestruck as she recognized from the literature the log house. In 1935, she and her late husband, George C. Miller, went to work on the Hamilton farm and moved into the log house on March 1, 1935.

The Hamilton Log House today is used for the demonstration of weaving and spinning which were an important part of every household's operation in the late 1700s. Many young women in days past made spinning a career, travelling from home to home spinning for the housewife.

Today there is renewed interest in spinning and Meadowcroft Village through the Hamilton Log House works to sustain that interest.



MARK ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Anderson of Burgettstown R.D. 2, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, August 8. The former Doris Gardner, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner, and her husband, son of Wylie Guy and Mamie Anderson, were married in Florence, August 8, 1942. Mr. Anderson is employed as a Suburban Lines bus driver in Washington. The couple are the parents of four children: Robert E., Charles R., Bonnie Rankin, all of Burgettstown, and Deanna Sonson of Washington.

And The Merry-Go-Round Went Oom Pah Pah, Oom Pah Pah

By Bob Dvorchak Associated Press

WEST MIFFLIN, Pa. (AP) — Tony Sacramento has spent a lifetime going up and down and round and round on Kennywood Park's carousel. For him, it's not a bad way to make a living.

"I love it. You'd be surprised how many people want my job," said Sacramento, who has worked for 44 years at the amusement park near Pittsburgh, including the past 36 years on the merry-go-round.

In fact, Sacramento, who celebrated his 65th birthday in July at the park, seems to have found the secret of perpetual youth working the wheel.

"It gets in your blood. I think it keeps you young. The children make you feel so good. It makes you feel like a kid again," he said in a recent interview. "There's no monotony. Not for me."

A wiry man with dancing brown eyes and boundless energy, Sacramento has become a fixture for generations of amusement park visitors.

He can dismount a wheel going 18 miles per hour as though it were standing still. He comforts lost kids, gives out free rides and leads many a throng in singing along to the organ music.

And Sacramento tends his herd of hand-carved wooden horses like an affectionate ranch foreman. During the course of a 13-hour day, he repairs saddle buckles, lubricates mechanical gears and changes any of the ride's 1,600 lights that may burn out.

"As far as Tony's concerned, that's his ride. It belongs to him," said park manager Carl Hughes.

"I tell everybody this is my baby," Sacramento agreed. "I watch it. I keep an eye on it. I want everything to be perfect. I want everybody to admire it."

"When I walk on it, I can tell if there's something wrong with my feet. It's like part of me. I can tell if something's wrong or when it's going full throttle," he added.

Part of his job is explaining the history of this merry-go-

round, a national historic site that was originally purchased for \$25,000 in 1926 from William H. Dentzel of Philadelphia.

It was supposed to be used in Philadelphia for the nation's sesquicentennial, but Dentzel missed a deadline and sold it to Kennywood.

The wheel is 54 feet in diameter, with ornate horses placed four abreast. Fifty horses are jumpers that go up and down while 14 others are stationary. There are also four chariots, one lion and one tiger.

The carved heads of laughing jesters and angelic faces decorate parts of the wheel. And a Wurlitzer band organ built in 1916 entertains the riders.

"I have people who come

out here and sit for hours on hours to listen to that organ. As soon as that music plays, it seems like all those horses come to life," Sacramento said.

Like many residents of the Monongahela River Valley, Sacramento seemed destined for a life of work in one of the area's hulking steel mills. But he quit after one day and applied at Kennywood.

"I didn't want to work in no mill," said Sacramento, whose amusement park career was interrupted only by a stint in the armed forces during World War II. "If I'd try anything else, I'd miss it. I'd miss it real bad."

Sacramento works year round at Kennywood. In the winter, he does maintenance work such as painting and sand blasting.



SILVER ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Carroll of Burgettstown celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house given by their children at Cross Creek UP Church. They were married June 20, 1957, in Cross Creek by the Rev. Thomas Conboy. Mrs. Carroll is the former Martha Jean Carroll, daughter of Pearl Nelson of Washington and the late Talbert Nelson. The late Joseph and Rose Carroll were parents of Mr. Carroll. The couple have four children: Karen Wainock of Avella, Thomas of Pittsburgh, and Brenda and Lisa, at home. Ruth Ann Sentipal baked the anniversary cake.

... Oom Pah ¹⁹⁸²
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After 12 Years, They Wonder What The Hurry Was

By LINDA MORTON
Staff Writer

Eminent domain is an unfeeling process that 12 years ago, for the public good, uprooted the Wilson family from their 200-year-old farm in Cross Creek Valley.

Washington County used the might of eminent domain to remove, in addition to the Wilsons, about 29 other families from 3,000 acres in Cross Creek and Hopewell townships. The families were relocated to make way for the construction of a flood-control dam and the creation of a 258-acre lake that would provide a water supply for Avella and a source of recreation for the public.

The Cross Creek County Park has now been labeled a non-park by a nearby resident. Since the U.S. Soil Conservation Service completed the construction of the 77-foot high breastworks in November 1979, the county has neither filled the lake nor constructed any recreational facilities.

Jim and Sarah Wilson sacrificed plenty for the creation of the county park. But they say the loss of their 180-acre farm in the valley would not continue to be quite as painful if the county had kept its word and created the park it promised.

They were forced to leave the house in which Wilsons have lived and died for nearly 200 years. Pictures of the house show a stately 14-room brick structure sitting grandly among rolling pastures and facing the gigantic barn across the road.

The bricks, which were manufactured on the property, were four thick in the walls, which extended from the cellar to the attic and provided the framework for each room's solid oak floor. There were brass knobs on all the doors and an old-fashioned brass knocker embellished the front door.

The barn, including the addition built by the last Wilson to own the farm, was 140 feet in length. The original section, constructed in 1857, had a floor of about 60 logs, each 40 feet long and some with the bark still clinging to them.

The foundation of the springhouse was of enormous hand-hewn stones. The springhouse stood solidly over an ever-bubbling spring of cool water that was piped to both the house and the barn.

In winter, about 100 registered Guernseys drank water from the spring and ate the corn, oats and alfalfa that were grown in the sloping fields behind the house.

In summer, the cows grazed on knee-high grass in the bottom below the barn and slaked their thirst in the South Fork of Cross Creek, which cut through the pasture and was edged by shady trees and bushes.

One day in 1962, however, the Wilsons learned that the contentment in Wilson Valley that had been taken for granted by five generations would be coming to an end. That day a letter arrived notifying them of the county's need of their farm to create the dam and park.

The county's method of acquiring the land went against the grain for Wilson, a plain-spoken man who said, "The letter was so vague. It took 16 years and six letters to find out what was going on.

"We never could get answers out of anybody. The whole thing was a bluff on the county's part and the farmers'. (It was

a matter of) who had the most bluff and who had the shotgun. Until the final showdown, nothing was in writing."

The shotgun reference was to a woman in the valley who he said met a representative of the county with a shotgun and warned the man to stay off her property. The man was involved in property acquisitions.

Wilson said he and his wife received a total of \$61,000 for the farm, \$52,000 from the county and \$9,000 from the county planning commission. But they did not receive the total \$61,000. Wilson said, because he and his wife had to pay the fees that were involved in the purchase of their new farm.

The Wilsons investigated having a private appraiser estimate the value of their property, but gave up the idea when they learned the appraisal would have cost them several thousand dollars. They had to accept the amount the county offered for the farm, explained Mrs. Wilson. She said, "We were backed into a corner and had no choice."

It cost the Wilsons time and money not only to search for another farm, a job they said the county said it would do, but also to sell their dairy cattle and purchase beef cattle.

Mrs. Wilson said, "We couldn't find a farm in Washington County that could handle the number of dairy cattle we owned with the money the county was giving us."

They were forced to give up the dairy business for another reason. The farm they purchased near West Middletown is 160 acres of good pasture land, but it sits on hills. The land is not suitable for raising the grains needed to feed dairy cattle in the winter, so the couple had to switch to beef cattle, which can survive in cold weather on hay alone.

For eight years, from 1962 to 1970, the Wilsons fought to save their farm. Figuring they were in a no-win situation, in 1968, the two took an option on a farm. They bought the household goods, machinery and the grains stored on the farm, expecting to use it all when they moved there.

When they approached the county for the money to buy it, the Wilsons were told nothing was going to be done about the park for two years. They lost the option on the farm, and had to sell its contents or move whatever remained to the outbuildings at their farm in the valley.

Near the end of the two years, the Wilsons were notified they had 60 days to leave the farm. When they asked their lawyer if an extension were possible, they said they learned they could be fined for each day over the 60 they were on the farm.

What followed was a mad scramble to move the belongings of a 14-room house into a 6-room frame house and its outbuildings. Mrs. Wilson said there was no time to sort through the accumulation of two centuries, so things were either stuffed haphazardly into boxes and moved or left behind.

Wilson said the county paid about \$3,600 to move them from their Cross Creek home to their new farm. Twelve years later, with Cross Creek County Park nothing but a breastworks for the dam, some abandoned roads and 3,000 acres overgrown with trees and weeds, the Wilsons are wondering what the hurry was.



The Wilson home before it was razed for the creation of Cross Creek County Park

Oglebay Park Setting For Lee And Smith Vow Exchange

Suzanne D. Smith and William C. Lee were married Saturday, July 10, 1982 at Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park, in Wheeling, W.Va. with the Rev. John Jackson performing the double ring ceremony.

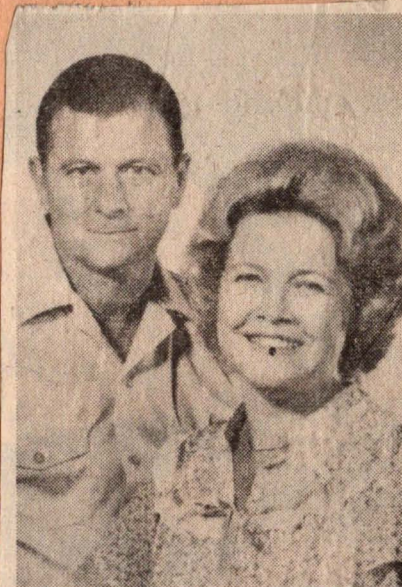
Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Smith of McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Lee of Bethesda, Ohio.

Darlene Taylor was maid of honor and Richard Saffield was best man.

Mrs. Lee is a graduate of Clarion State College and is a librarian with the St. Clairsville (Ohio) School District. A graduate of Ohio University, Mr. Lee is a teacher and athletic coach for the Union Local School District in Belmont, Ohio. The couple live in Bethesda, Ohio.



MRS. LEE



SILVER ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Giacometti of Manifold Road, Washington, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a picnic given by their son and daughter-in-law. They were married July 12, 1957, in Winchester, Va. Mrs. Giacometti is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilson of Washington and her husband is the son of Anna Giacometti and the late Joseph R. Giacometti. Both work for Suburban Lines. They are the parents of a son, Robert, of Washington. He and his wife, Tamie, are the parents of a daughter, Tiffany Lynn.



Observer-Reporter

Hickory Vocational High School Reunion

The graduating class of 1932 of Hickory Vocational High School held a 50-year class reunion, Saturday, Oct. 16, in the home of Delvin and Mary Lib Miller, Meadow Lands Farm, Meadowlands. Seated on the floor, from left, are; James Wilson, Mildred Donaldson Neill and Paxton Sherwood. Seated in the first row are, from left: Helen Caldwell; Margaret Holmes Ranegar; Isabelle Dhans Carter; Velma White Ryburn, teacher; Eli Wiggins, teacher; Flora C. Carlisle, teacher; Dorothy Cowden Ritchey, and Mary Ozenbaugh Wallo. Standing in the second row are, from left; Mildred Walters Carter, Elizabeth Monticello Taczek, Dorothy Kreikemyer Smith, Juliann Krezanosky Kalasky, Helen Allison Reynolds, and Mary Helen Farrar Davis. Standing in the third row are, from left; Willard W. Welch, Harry Raab, Byron Lacock, Margaret Stricko Hines, Wesley Adams, Roger Reynolds, Edward English, and Delvin Miller. Deceased class members are Helen Retzer Gribben, Richard Brown and Kenneth Sickles.

David McCarrell Phillips

David McCarrell Phillips, 80, of 265 McCarrell Avenue, Washington, died at 1:05 p.m. Tuesday, August 3, 1982, in Washington Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born December 18, 1901, in Mt. Pleasant Township, the son of Robert and Elizabeth Speers Phillips. He was a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church.

From 1922 to 1943, he served as postmaster of Woodrow and operated a general merchandise store there. From 1952 to 1980, he farmed in Scenery Hill. He also had been employed by the Gulf Oil Refinery for 11 years.

On September 9, 1924, he married Janet White, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William A. of Morgan and Joseph R. of Pittsburgh; a daughter, Evelyn Borden of Woodland Hills, Calif.; two brothers, Howard and Robert, both of Hickory; two sisters, Mabel Stewart of Washington R.D.1 and Mary Moore of Washington; eight grandchildren, John R. Phillips of Bridgeville, Kenneth A. Phillips of Dormont, Ronald J. Phillips of Morgan, Dianne Jenkins of McDonald R.D.4, Thomas Borden of New York City, N.Y., Ronald, Robert and Richard Borden of Woodland Hills, Calif.; and a great-grandson, Zachary David Phillips of Bridgeville.

A brother, Clark Phillips, is deceased.

Clara E. Kearns

Clara E. Kearns, 84, of R.D.1 Bentleyville, Somerset Township, died at 5:55 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 1982, in Washington Hospital.

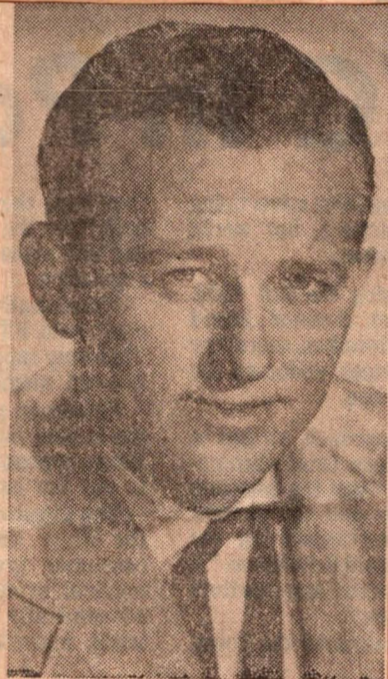
She was born June 30, 1898, in Carroll Township, the daughter of Frank and Mary Jones Williams.

Mrs. Kearns was a member of Edwards Chapel Methodist Church and the Women's Society of Christian Service. She had lived the majority of her life in the Bentleyville area.

On May 31, 1921, she married Dewey Ray Kearns, who died on June 5, 1979.

Surviving are three sons, Russell W., Harry F. and Clair E., all of R.D.1 Bentleyville; one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Edith) Riggle of R.D.1 Bentleyville; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Kearns and Mrs. Elsie Myers, both of Washington; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

A son, Wilber H. Kearns, died January 9, 1980, and a grandson, Darrell Wayne Kearns, died May 22, 1960.



DIES — Jimmy Wakely, 68, a Western actor and singer who ranked in popularity with Bing Crosby and Gene Autry in his heyday, has died in Los Angeles, his son announced yesterday. He is shown in a 1954 file photo.



SILVER ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Kay L. Briggs of Hickory will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a family dinner. They were married July 20, 1957, in Ingram First Presbyterian Church. The former Shirley Wolf, daughter of Eugene E. Wolf and the late Margaret Wolf, and her husband, the son of the late Griffith Briggs and Edith Davidson Briggs are the parents of three children, Eugene, Eric and Tammy.

Wilbur Esaw Felton

Wilbur Esaw Felton, 68, of 750 Weirich Avenue, Washington, died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, October 13, 1982, in Washington Hospital following an illness of two months.

He was born February 14, 1914, in Buffalo, Ohio, a son of the late George and Maebell Brown Felton.

Mr. Felton was a member of the First Christian Church of Washington where he had also served as deacon for several years and was a member of the Two and Two Class.

He was a mold-maker by trade and had worked at Finley Refractories for 13 years, and prior to that at Hazel Atlas No. 2 plant for 35 years. He had also been employed by Continental Can and Brockway Glass.

On August 7, 1936, he married Roxie K. Caldwell, who survives along with two sons, Wilbur K. Felton of Washington and Samuel G. Felton of Canonsburg; one brother, James Richard Felton of Phoenix, Ariz.; three sisters, Elizabeth Daily of Washington, Audrey Emph of Canonsburg and Mrs. Kenneth (Delores) Evans of Washington; and five grandchildren.

A brother, John, and a sister, Ada Tarr, are deceased.



50th ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Kaste of Burgettstown R.D. 3, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, August 23, 1982. The former Naomi B. Kraeer, daughter of the late Harry and Mary Kraeer, and her husband, son of the late William and Emma Kaste, were married by the late Rev. Knapp in Wellsburg, W.Va., August 23, 1932. Mr. and Mrs. Kaste are the parents of five children: William Fred Kaste, Hickory; Mary E. Frye, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Gladys B. Wier, Sharpsville; Norma R. McKnight, Muncie, Ind.; Nancy F. Matijevich, Burgettstown. They have 10 grandsons and two granddaughters. Relatives and friends of the couple are invited to attend an open house, Aug. 22, 1 to 5 p.m., at the Hickory Fire Hall, Hickory. They request that gifts be omitted.



Hickory Class Of 1937

Observer-Reporter Photo

The Hickory High School Class of 1937 held its 45th reunion at the Brown Derby. Walter Cowden gave the invocation, and Lillian Toth Patnesky was toastmaster. Gladys England Griffith presented corsages to the women class members. Serving on the planning committee were Lillian Patnesky, Walter Cowden, J. Max Griffith, and Gladys Griffith. Class members attending were, from left, seated: James Kress,

Edward Stewert, Ruth Smith McNelly, Arthur Carl, Dorothy Williams Orrick, Clara Babiarz Skrabski, and Olive Paul Dalton. Standing: Walter Cowden, John Perenic, Gladys England Griffith, Charles Macklin, Anton Rugar, Lillian Toth Patnesky, Grover Munce, J. Maxwell Griffith, Ila Cowden Snyder, Magdalene Mocek Magliocco, Martha Grubis Antonioli, Freda Walker Ziegler, and Clarice Pollack Maderia.



Hickory Class Of 1957

The Hickory High School class of 1957 held its 25-year reunion with dinner and dancing at the Meadow Lands Hilton Inn. The committee included Mary Jo Danley, Cora Narigon, Nada Schwab, Don Bailey, and John Kutchman. Seated are Don Bailey, Lance Ashbrook, Van Cowden, Loretta Reed Kendall, Eleanor Herriott Wilson, Charles Wilson, and Alice

Sherwood Lehmann. Second row: Delores Engel Closser, Mary Jane Allshouse Stewart, Nada Atchison Schwab, Cora Sheller Narigon, Wilma Grivetti Sarna, Ruth Ann Bell Carter, and Priscilla Beaumariage Bernard. Third row: Judy Adams Monsour, Bill Miller, John Kutchman, Bill Ullom, Bob Perenic, Paul Ulanich, and Mary Jo McDowell Danley. Not pictured is Janet Pollana Kosarik.

Matthew Reed Acheson

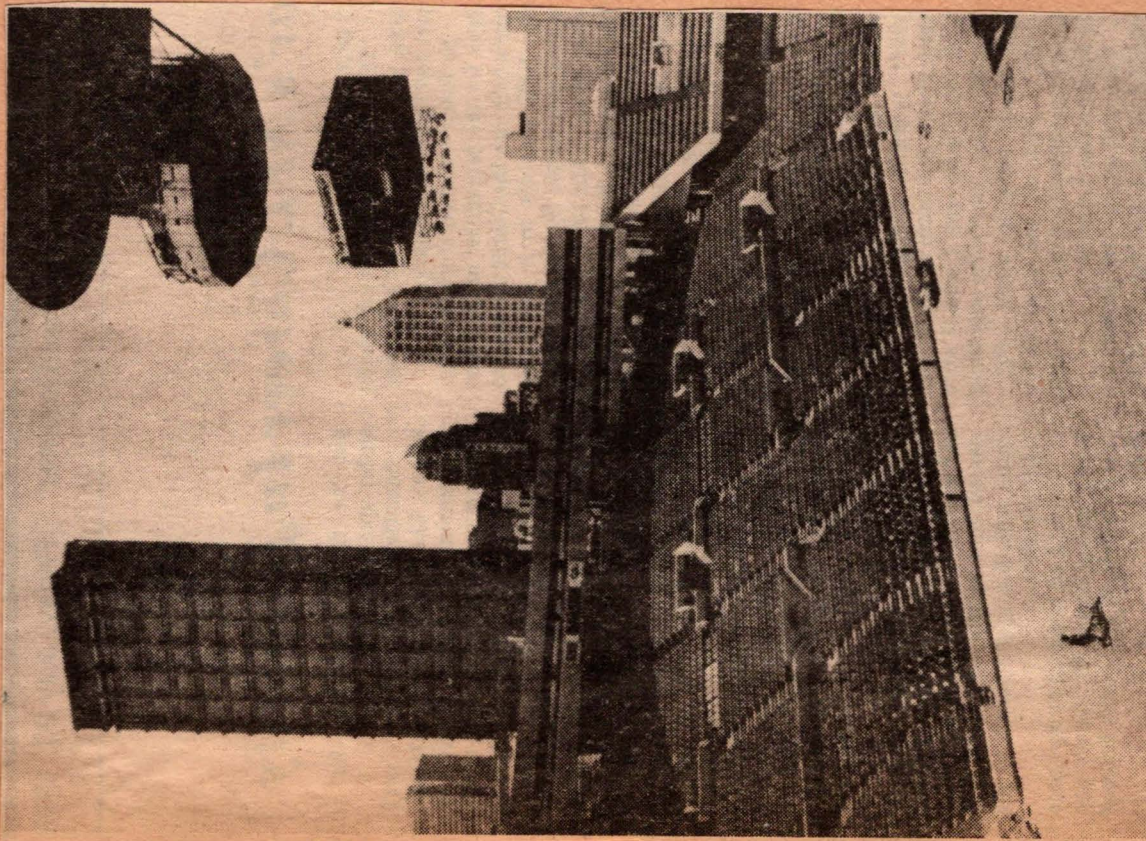
Matthew Reed Acheson, 74, of First Street, Midway, died unexpectedly in his home Saturday, January 22, 1983.

He was born January 27, 1908, in Hickory, a son of Samuel H. and Sarah Worstell Acheson.

A former member of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, Hickory, Mr. Acheson was a member of the Good Neighbors and Golden Age clubs of Midway. He was a retired steelworker, last working at Universal Cyclops of Bridgeville.

Surviving are three sons, Samuel Acheson of McDonald, Matthew Acheson of Bell, Calif., and Kevin Acheson of Washington; three daughters, Eileen Buquet of Graylake, Ill., Marsha Hinds of Los Angeles, Calif., and Carlotta Ritchie of Amarillo, Texas; two sisters, Lois Acheson and Mildred Dallmeyer, both of Hickory; and one brother, Raymond Acheson of State College.

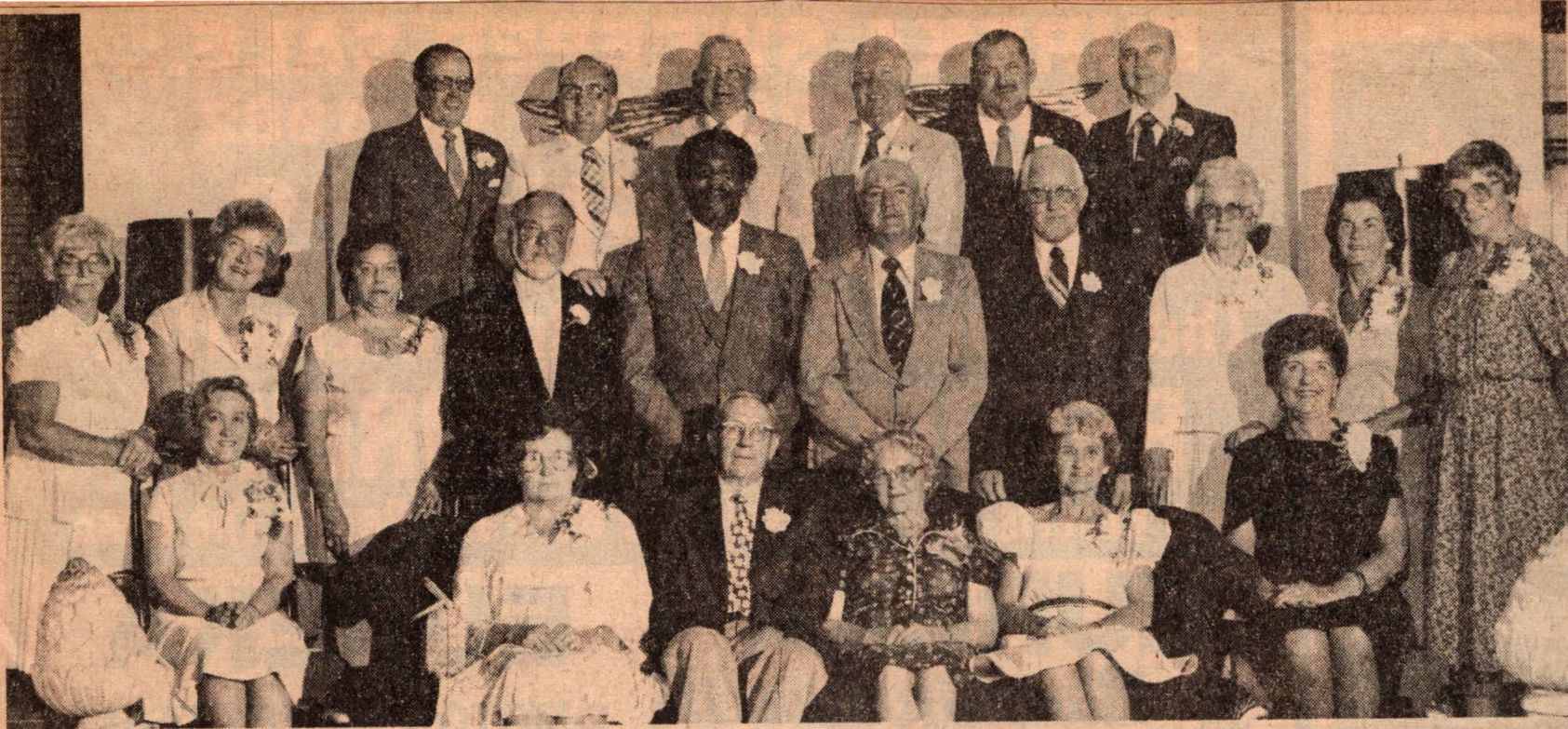
Deceased are one brother, Kenneth, and one grandson, Brian.



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New View

The Civic Arena opened its eyes to Pittsburgh Thursday afternoon, as its unique retractable dome was rolled back to permit cleaning and maintenance. The Arena is the only structure of its type in the world with such a roof, although the roof is rarely opened.



Hickory High School Class Of '42

The Hickory High School Class of 1942 held its 40-year reunion recently in The George Washington. Reunion committee members were Olive Prevost Piazza, Norma Fullerton Mungai, Harold Engel, and Joe Toth, who was also master of ceremonies. Recognized for travelling the farthest distance was Donald Caldwell of Hollywood, Calif. Eight class members are deceased. Attending the reunion were, from left, first row: Marion Grubis Kotfis, Helen Kachnycz

Gulla, George Baker, principal; Mrs. Ada Baker, Hilda Hanan Kersten, class treasurer; Mildred Wagner Friday. Second row: Olive Prevost Piazza, Elinor Apt Fisher, Minerva Brooks Moten, Donald Caldwell, Julius Lillard, Harold Engel, Earl Robinson, Norma Fullerton Mungai, Olive Smith Ferrell, Lenore Retzer Joseph. Third row: Harry Lee, Jim Carroll, Wilford Rankin, Albert White, Jim Miller, Joe Toth, vice president.



The Start of Kroger's

This was the start of the Kroger Co. in 1883. Barney Kroger, the founder of what has become of the nation's largest food-store chains opened the first store in Cincinnati in 1883. The company is marking its centennial with year-long activities.

Esther M. Wilson

Esther M. Wilson, 81, of 42 Highland Avenue, Burgettstown, died Monday, January 10, 1983, in her home. She was born June 12, 1901, in Mt. Pleasant Township, a daughter of David C. and Sarah Vogel Miller. Mrs. Wilson attended Indiana State College, was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. She taught school in Smith Township and Midway and was a member of the Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary E. Wilson, at home, and a sister, Margaret Lydick of Washington. Her husband, Hugh R. Wilson, died February 2, 1968.

Wilmer G. Schwab

Wilmer G. (Dutch) Schwab, 77, of McDonald R.D.4, Mount Pleasant Township, died unexpectedly Saturday, February 12, 1983.

He was born May 18, 1905, in Burgettstown, the son of James and Dora Rommes Schwab. He was a farmer all his life.

Mr. Schwab was a member of the Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown.

Surviving are his wife, Mae McGinnis Schwab; two brothers, Clark Schwab of McDonald R.D.4 and Francis M. Schwab of Burgettstown R.D.3; and four sisters, Dorothy Lepro of Monongahela, Elsie Johnson of Mineral Ridge, Ohio, Ethelreen Reasons of Washington, and Lois Browning of Florence.

Two brothers, James W. and Sterling Schwab, and one sister, Anna May Lyon, are deceased.

Howard A. Sheller

Howard Allen Sheller, 69, of Hickory R.D.1, died at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, January 30, 1983, in the Washington Hospital Extended Care Facility. He had been in ill health since October 1982.

He was born November 8, 1913, in Dutch Fort, the son of James and Cora Hammett Sheller. He was a member of the Mount Prospect United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Sheller was employed for 35 years as a mechanic for the Cowden Trucking Co. He retired November 11, 1978.

He was a member of the Mount Prospect Cemetery Association, and was a former member of the Mount Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department and the church dartball team.

Her was married twice. On February 18, 1936, he married Adeline Fry, who died August 31, 1967. On October 11, 1969, he married Mary Katherine Smith Lowe, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Fred (Beverly) Kaste of McDonald R.D.4, Mrs. David (Cora) Narigon of Hickory R.D.1, and Mrs. William (Connie) Kiehl of Washington, five stepchildren, Cecil Leroy Lowe of New Cumberland, W. Va., Mary Lou Cooper of Colliers, W. Va., Mrs. John (Shirley) Preston of Follansbee, W. Va., Robert Lowe of Frederickburg, Va., and Charles Lowe Avella; six brothers, Carl of We Finley, Gaylord of Claysville R.D. Paul of Waynesboro, Robert of Camichaels, Calif., Frederick of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Wayne of Panama Beach, Fla.; one sister, Elizabeth Scrocco of Fowler, Ind.; six grandchildren; and 12 step-grandchildren.

One granddaughter and two brothers, Edgar and James, are deceased.



Lois Hastings Wylie

Lois Hastings Wylie, 59, of 74 Franklin Farms Road, Washington, died at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, January 26, 1983, in the Good Shepherd Home, Canonsburg, after an illness of five months.

She was born January 20, 1924, in Washington, a daughter of Sweeney Hamilton and Beulah Mae Tilton McClain.

On December 16, 1978, in the First Christian Church of Washington, she married Robert E. Wylie, formerly of Houston, who survives.

She was a lifelong resident of Washington, graduating from Washington High School in the June 1944 class. She was employed by the Washington Credit Bureau for seven years. Mrs. Wylie graduated from Pennsylvania Commercial School in June 1977. Shortly after graduation she took position as secretary at the school, which she held until July 2, 1982.

Mrs. Wylie was an active member of the First Christian Church of Washington, a member of the church choir, the Two and Two Sunday school class and the Anna Circle of the Christian Women's Fellowship.

Surviving in addition to her husband are one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Christie Sue) Lindsay of Eight Four; one son, Richard Hastings of Amity; two sisters, Mrs. Kenneth (Irene) Walther of Stephentown, N.Y., and Mrs. Boyd (Nora Gayle) Mansfield of Washington; three stepdaughters, Mrs. William (Patty) Novotny and Mrs. Carl (Betty) Lombardo, both of Houston, and Mrs. Jerome (Peggy) Skowvorn of Washington; one stepson, Dennis R. Wylie of St. Augustine, Fla.; four grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, two great-granddaughters.

One brother, James W. McClain, died June 6, 1977.

DIES — Anna Elizabeth Jubas Giacometti, 76, a Washington resident, died Saturday, November 13, 1982, in the Breese Rest Home, Manifold Road.

Anna Giacometti

Anna Elizabeth Jubas Giacometti, 76, of Manifold Road, Washington, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, November 13, 1982, in the Breese Rest Home, after a lingering illness.

She was born July 13, 1906, in Crabtree, the daughter of Michael and Jennie Loyjek Jubas.

She attended Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Meadow Lands.

Surviving are two sons, Robert D. Giacometti of Washington, and Joseph J. Giacometti of Houston; four brothers, Andrew and John Jubas, both of Washington, Joseph Jubas of Pittsburgh, and Frank Jubas of Duquesne; two sisters, Mrs. Glen (Julia) Dean, and Mrs. Mary Kania, both of Washington; three grandchildren, Robert J. Giacometti, Kathy Salisbury, and Janice Reynier, and one great-granddaughter, Tiffany Lynn Giacometti.

Her husband, Joseph R. Giacometti, died May 25, 1978.

Silfee—Taggart Vows Given

Jayne Elizabeth Taggart and Paul Brian Silfee exchanged wedding vows at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 26, 1983 ceremony in the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Buffalo Village.

The Rev. Floyd A. Marasco performed the double ring ceremony. Paula Marasco was the organist. Barbra Elko, Ruth Paul and Robert Edgar provided the vocal selections.

The bride is the daughter of Alex and Helen Taggart of Avella R.D.2. The bridegroom is the son of Nelson and Pat Silfee of 895 William Street, Washington.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of white chiffon designed with a Queen Anne neckline, empire waistline, a bodice of chantilly lace, and a skirt which flowed into a chapel train, featuring a chantilly ruffle bustle. Her fingertip length veil was attached to a lace and seed pearl Juliet cap. She carried a cascade bouquet of peach rosebuds, miniature white carnations, stephanotis and silk flowers.

Janice Patton of West Middletown was maid of honor. She wore an apricot color gown.

Bridesmaids, who were attired identically to the maid of honor, were: Susan Cochran of Manchester, N.H.; Marsha Kusich of Avella R.D.3; Maureen Taggart, of Somerset R.D.4, sister-in-law of the bride; and Cynthia Moskal of Washington, sister of the bridegroom.

Donald Paul of Vergennes, Vt. served as best man. Ushers were Keith Silfee of Lebanon, brother of the bridegroom; Joseph Taggart of Avella R.D.2, brother of the bride; Jan Hupp of Washington, and Stephen Moskal, Washington, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

A reception for 150 people followed in the church social rooms. The ladies



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of the church served. Stephanie Taggart, niece of the bride, was in charge of the bride's book. Host and in charge of programs was the nephew of the bride, Scott Taggart.

Following a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will be at home in Washington.

A graduate of Avella High School and the Word of Life Bible Institute of Schroon Lake, N.Y., the new Mrs. Silfee is a legal secretary with Beck and DeHaven of Washington.

Her husband is a graduate of Trinity High School and the Rosedale Technical Institute and is a service technician at Southgate Datsun of McMurray.

Cromwell-Caldwell Ceremony

A wedding trip to Jamaica followed the Saturday, April 16, 1983 wedding of Jayne Ann Caldwell and Mark Cromwell. The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Pebley officiated the 4 p.m., double ring ceremony in First Christian Church, Washington. Nancy Hoy was soloist, and Ruth Ann Peters was organist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Caldwell of 23 Hilltop Acres, Washington. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cromwell of 13505 Crispin Way, Rockville, Md.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of chantilly lace accented with silk Venise lace, featuring long fitted sleeves, high collar, sheer yoke outlined in a ruffle, and an A-line skirt extending into a chapel train. Her matching picture hat held a veil of silk illusion. All wedding traditions were observed. She wore diamond earrings, a gift of the bridegroom.

Bonnie Cromwell, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, Rockville, Md., served as matron of honor, and Elizabeth Franklin, Pittsburgh, was maid of honor. Junior bridesmaid was Leah Caldwell, niece of the bride, Mount Airy, Md. They wore apricot gowns. Carol Caldwell, sister-in-law of the bride, Mount Airy, Md., designed all flower arrangements.

Erin Cauly and Christian Caldwell, cousins of the bride, were flower girl and ring bearer, respectively.

Serving as best man for his brother was Ross Cromwell, Rockville, Md. Ushers included Keith Caldwell, nephew of the bride, and Commander Kenneth Caldwell, brother of the bride, both of Mount Airy, Md.; Melvin Caldwell, cousin of the bride, Washington; Michael



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Tyler, cousin of the bridegroom, Rockville, Md.

A reception for 200 guests was held at the Ramada Inn, Washington. Helen Mals, cousin of the bride, assisted in serving. Nancy Megyesy, cousin of the bride, handled the guest book.

The new Mrs. Cromwell, a 1974 graduate of Trinity High School, and a 1978 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is employed by J.R.B. Associates, McLean, Va. Her husband, a graduate of Maryland University, is employed as an engineering manager by Scientific Application, Inc., McLean, Va.

The couple are residing at 1371 Butterchurn Drive, Herndon, Va.

Andrew J. Smith

Andrew Jackson (Jack) Smith, 93, of Scenery Hill R.D.1, died at 9:55 a.m. Saturday, October 8, 1983, in Washington County Health Center after a lingering illness.

He was born June 1, 1890, near Ruff Creek, Greene County, son of Albert H. and Mary E. Tharp Smith.

He attended Greene County schools and lived all his adult life in West and North Bethlehem townships, where he was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was married December 26, 1912, to Emma V. Coutts, who died October 16, 1981.

He was employed at the coke works of the Cokeburg Mine, the state Department of Highways and the Atlas Glass Co. of Washington, from which he retired.

He is survived by two sons, Robert W. Smith of Washington and Henry J. Smith of Eighty Four R.D.2; a brother, John Smith of Washington; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Walter Smith, William Smith and David Smith, and a sister, Dory Durbin, are deceased.

Mary Elizabeth Grimm

Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Grimm, 68, of 813 Poplar Street, Canonsburg, died at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 1983, in the Washington Hospital Extended Care Facility after a lengthy illness.

She was born January 17, 1915, in Cross Creek Township, a daughter of John M. and Nannie Belle Thompson Powelson. She was a member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church and sang in the church choir.

Her husband, Floyd Grimm, died in 1973.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Herman (Susie) Scharf of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jane Duckworth of Canonsburg; two sons, Jerry Grimm of Boston, Mass., and John Grimm of Houston; one brother, Jack Powelson of Ohio; five sisters, Pearle Spence of Mount Dora, Fla., Ruth Biernesser of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Helen Findling of Washington, Alverda Stewart of Woodrow and Martha Miller of Hickory; and five grandchildren.

Stanley C. Sowinski

Stanley C. Sowinski, 67, of McDonald R.D.4, died unexpectedly Monday, April 18, 1983.

He was born November 5, 1915, in Noblestown. He was a farmer, and was a member of St. Alphonsus Church.

Surviving are his wife, Blanche Wiencek Sowinski; three sons, Stanley M. James A. and Robert S.; one daughter, Blanche P.; three brothers, John, Walter and Edward; two sisters, Frances and Catherine; and 11 grandchildren.

Norman J. Robson

Norman J. Robson Sr., 84, of 507 Chestnut Court, Washington, died at 2:45 a.m., Tuesday, January 25, 1983, in his home, following a lengthy illness.

He was born January 11, 1899, in Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, a son of John and Ada Dicks Robson.

Mr. Robson had been employed for 19 years as a driver for the Blue Ridge Bus Lines, and later, as a driver for the Rex Allison Bus Co. for 19 years. He was also a farmer, and he was a Protestant.

On March 13, 1943, he married Pauline Willhoft Devenney, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Norman J. Robson Jr., Washington; three brothers, Walter and George W. Robson, both of Washington, and Arthur Robson, Taylorstown; one sister, Margaret Mahanna, Washington; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Deceased are one sister, Mae Miracle, and a stepson, Samuel Devenney.

Tractor Overturns, Kills Hopewell Man

AVELLA — A 56-year-old Hopewell Township man was killed Saturday morning when the tractor he was operating on an embankment on the family farm in Cross Creek Township rolled over on him.

Donald Leroy Dunkle of Avella R.D.2 was pronounced dead at the scene of internal injuries at 11:55 a.m. by deputy coroner Clyde T. Wheeler.

Dunkle owned and operated the Cross Creek Township farm.

Donald L. Dunkle

Donald L. Dunkle, 56, of Avella R.D.2 (Hopewell Township), died at 11:55 a.m. Saturday, January 22, 1983, at the family farm.

He was born September 11, 1926, in Cross Creek Township, the son of Homer and Mildred Miller Dunkle.

He was a member of the Grove United Presbyterian Church, where he was past clerk and session member. He had also served in an official capacity in many of the church offices.

Mr. Dunkle owned and operated the family farm. He was a 1944 graduate of Trinity High School and a member of the Independence Grange No. 179 and the Pennsylvania Farmers Union.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving the Pacific Theater, including Korea, with the U.S. Army.

On November 8, 1950, in Laboratory, he married Cora Redd, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, John W. Dunkle of Canonsburg; three daughters, Mrs. Cary (Kathleen) Efaw of Upper St. Clair, Mrs. Jay (Donna) Payne of Portsmouth, N.H., and Miss Corrinne Dunkle, a student at West Virginia University; a brother, Lloyd R. Dunkle of Zephyrhills, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Willard (Mary) Haney of Washington R.D.5, and Mrs. Van (Bonnie) Cowden of Burgettstown R.D.2, and two granddaughters, Dawn and Heather Efaw.

Pride Of Avella

Tranquill's Ship Docks At Naval Academy

By Joe Tuscano, O-R Sports Staff

PITTSBURGH — Snuggled into a pocket of land along Route 50 is the little village of Avella. It's a quaint place, where pleasures are wrought from life's simple, every-day occurrences.

It's been a while since Gary Tranquill left the area and, although his journeys have taken many turns through a maze of experiences, the town still rests at the core of his affection.

Like a lot of people who have an intense desire to succeed, Tranquill finds himself at the helm of the Naval Academy football team after a variety of stops along the way. But wherever he's been, Avella has never been far from his thoughts.

"You can't get away from Avella. It's a great town," said Tranquill in a telephone interview at the Panthers' weekly media gathering. "I've been

back to Avella a couple times over the summer."

Tranquill resides in Annapolis, Md., now but Western Pennsylvania will surely be on his mind this week-end when Pitt makes a guest appearance there Saturday (1:30 p.m. kickoff).

The subject, of course, will be football and the problem will be stopping the Panthers (4-2). And the chances are slim Tranquill will be able to send tremors back home in the form of an upset of Pitt. Still, he's going to try.

"Probably the biggest difference at the Naval Academy is the number of skilled athletes we have," said Tranquill comparing the two teams. "We can't go out and get the skilled athlete."

Unless, of course, that athlete is willing to commit himself to a brief stint in the Navy after graduation.

"On the other hand, we can get

maybe not the top prospect, but a guy who is relatively tall. We can take 15 or 16 guys like that because we're not restricted. They can develop. To find a skilled player, though, is hard."

Tranquill has had lukewarm success in his one-and-a-half seasons with the Midshipmen, compiling an 8-9 record while trying to erase the memory of his predecessor George Welsh.

After four consecutive winning seasons, Welsh weighed anchor for Virginia and Tranquill was secured from West Virginia, where he was an assistant coach under Frank Cignetti and Don Nehlen.

Tranquill guided Navy to a 6-5 record last year and is off to a 2-4 start this season with wins over Lehigh (30-0) and Princeton (37-29) and losses to Virginia (27-16), Mississippi State (38-10), Washington (27-10) and Air Force (44-17). The last time the two teams met, Pitt came

away with a 24-7 victory in 1979.

The bright spot for the Midshipmen is tailback Napoleon McCallum, one of the top rushers in the NCAA. He's gained 946 yards on 179 carries for an impressive 5.3-yard average. He's also third in receptions with 11 and leads the team with 16 punt returns for 259 yards and a 16.2-yard average.

"I don't know if he has any secrets," Tranquill said. "He is deceptively quick; he has that subtle quickness. He is a lot stronger and a little more intelligent this year. We're asking him to do a lot for us."

And McCallum cannot disappoint or it will be a long day for Navy. The Panthers have too many guns for Navy, a fact which doesn't escape Tranquill.

"Pitt keys on everyone and plays like hell," said Tranquill. "They play aggressive, hard-nosed defense. We have to keep the ball away from them."

"We've been making critical mistakes all season. We haven't been able to put anything together. When something bad happens, we don't pull ourselves up by the bootstraps."

The last time a Navy team downed the Panthers was in 1974, 17-0. If the Midshipmen are successful this year, then that tiny little village along Route 50 will swell with pride.

Again.

HASH MARKS — Jim Kern, a Canon-McMillan High School graduate, is no longer on the Navy football team. . . Pitt's offensive guard Mike Dahl (hamstring) and fullback Tom Brown (shoulder) are doubtful for the game. . . Navy travels to Notre Dame next week while Pitt entertains Syracuse.



Avella native Gary Tranquill patrols the sidelines in his second year as Navy's head football coach.

Ben F. Temple

Ben F. Temple, 66, of Hickory, died at 4:05 p.m. Monday, April 11, 1983, in Allegheny General Hospital following a five-month illness.

He was born December 24, 1916, in West Middletown, a son of Justus and Blanche Liggett Temple.

He was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Temple was employed at Washington Steel Corp., prior to retiring in 1980.

He was a member of the Mt. Prospect Cemetery Association and the Indian Springs Rod and Gun Club.

On February 7, 1939, he married Elizabeth Barbe, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Darrell Temple, at home, and Dale Temple of Hickory; one brother, Robert A. Temple of Las Vegas, Nev.; four sisters, Lola Phillips of Las Vegas, Dorothy May Morris of Waynesburg, Betty Green of Brilliant, Ohio, and Terry McKee of Pittsburgh; and one grandson, Brian Temple of Hickory. One son, David, and two brothers, Francis Temple, and his twin brother, Elmer Temple, are deceased.

PHILLIPS

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Stewart, Washington R. D. 1, had the descendants of the Joseph Phillips family at their home July 4 for the seventh annual reunion.

The business meeting was conducted by Dale Temple, president. Special recognition was given to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Borden and children, Tommy, Bobby, Ronny and Ricky, Woodland Hills, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Conger, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Officers elected from the coming year are: Robert Phillips, president; Mrs. Mabel Phillips, secretary, and Mrs. Mabel Stewart, treasurer. Attending were: Howard Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Phillips and children, Lois and Tom; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phillips and children, Robin Sherry, Christi and Jymne Dianne; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips, and children John, Diane, Kerry and Ronnie; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Borden and children, Tommy, Bobby, Ronny and Ricky; Joe Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ranegar Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wray Stewart and children,

Mrs. Edna Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kifer, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Conger, Miss Clara Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Maze, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wesley and children, Anna Marie, Danny and Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eckert and children, Tom Jr., Billy and Annisa; James McGugin, Jim King and Mary Ann, Nancy and Jane Stewart, daughters of the hosts.

Farrar School

Reunion Set

Plans for the first reunion of students and teachers of the former Farrar School were discussed recently in the home of Homer Denning. Other members of the planning committee were Mary Scott McGaughey, a former teacher; Sarah Craft Wilson, Jean Jackson Carroll and John A. Rush.

The group set Saturday, Aug. 2, as the date for the reunion, to be held at the site of the school in Hopewell Township, Avella R. D. 1.

Anyone with suggestions or for further information contact Homer Denning at Buffalo Village, Washington R. D. 3, phone 345-3661.

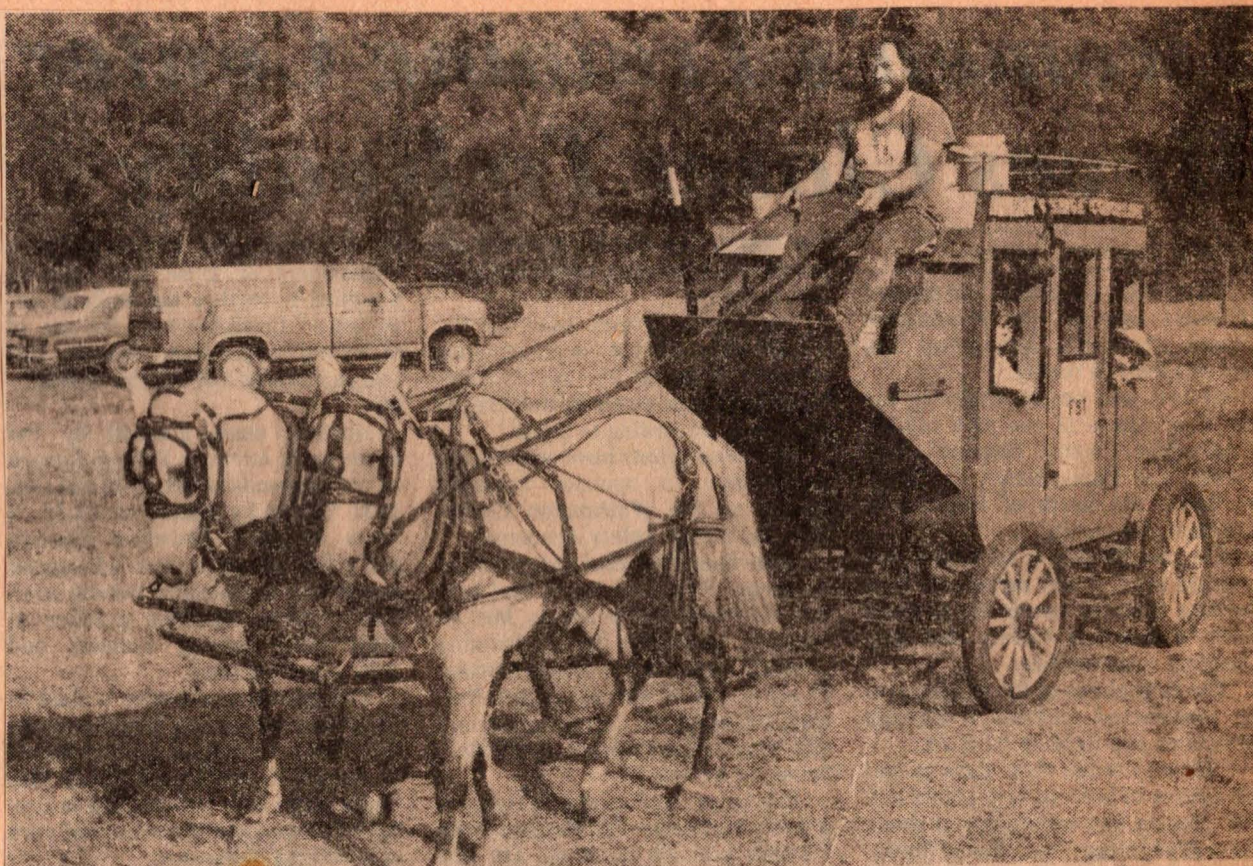
Foster, Phillips Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips of Hickory R. D. 1, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherry Anne, to Richard C. Foster II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Foster of Washington R. D. 3. The bride-elect is a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and received a B.S. degree in

California State College with a B.S. degree in industrial technology and computer science. She is employed as a computer programmer by McGraw-Edison Power Systems Division. Her fiance, a graduate of Trinity High School, received a B.S. degree in business administration and accounting from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is employed as a management trainee for 84 Lumber, Uniontown. A February 1984 wedding is planned.

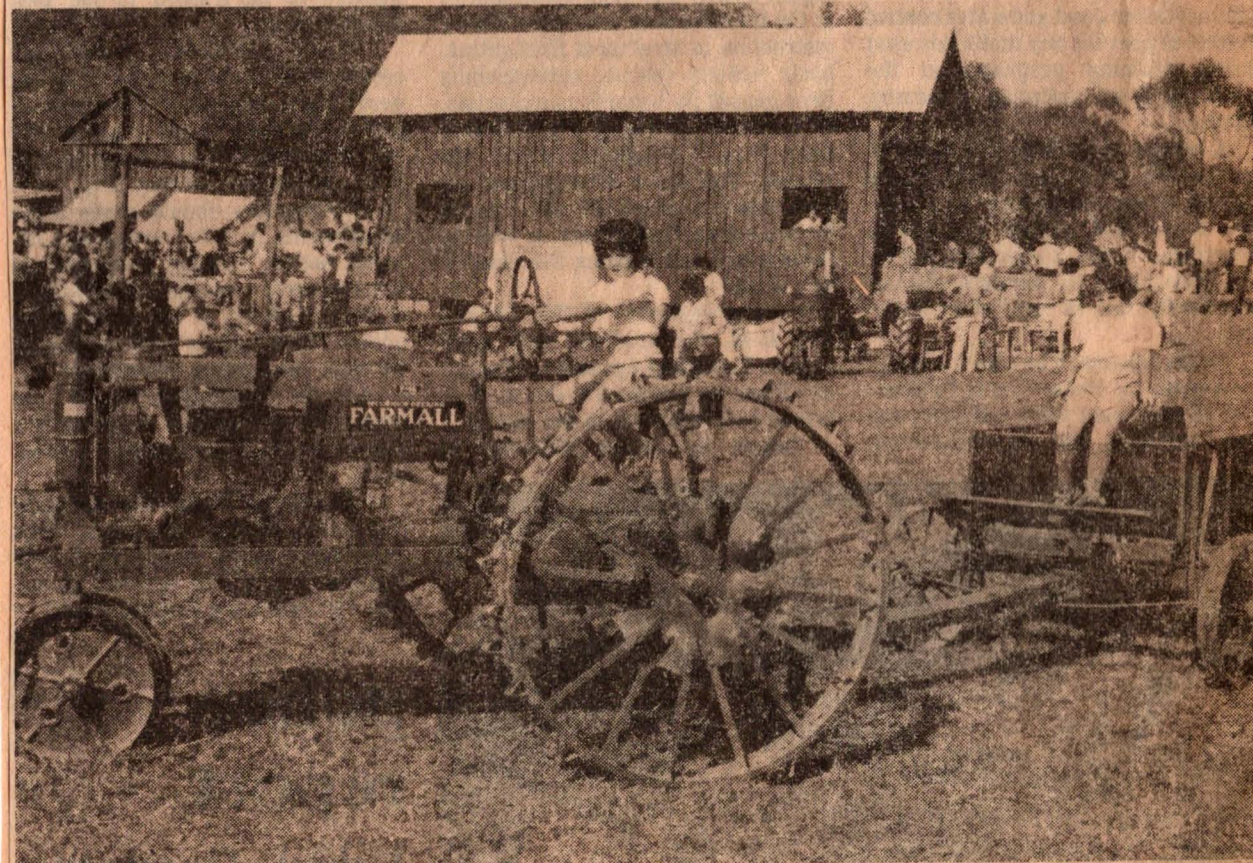


Bob Patton controls the silo unloader, cross conveyor, and his stanchion feed system from this control panel. Two three horsepower motors distribute haylage and corn silage to two rows of feeders in the 36-foot by 150-foot barn.



No Air Conditioning Here

Melvin C. Ringer, of West Finley drives the stage coach that proves to its riders that cars are much more comfortable.



Trying It On For Size

Julia Baker of Washington pretends to drive a tractor as her twin sister, Janna, sits on the wagon waiting to start rolling. The two celebrated their fifth birthday Saturday.

ELECTRICITY saves time and money for these dairymen

"It used to take 90 minutes to feed our herd with pitchfork and cart," says Bob and Dick Patton of West Middleton, Washington County.

"But now it takes less than 10 minutes a day since we installed an electrically operated stanchion feed system in the barn two years ago."

Dick points out that the feed system:

- ✓ saves 40 hours' manual labor every month;
- ✓ distributes 45 tons of feed; and
- ✓ unloads the silo.

ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$4 A MONTH.

Both Bob and Dick feel this is a bargain.

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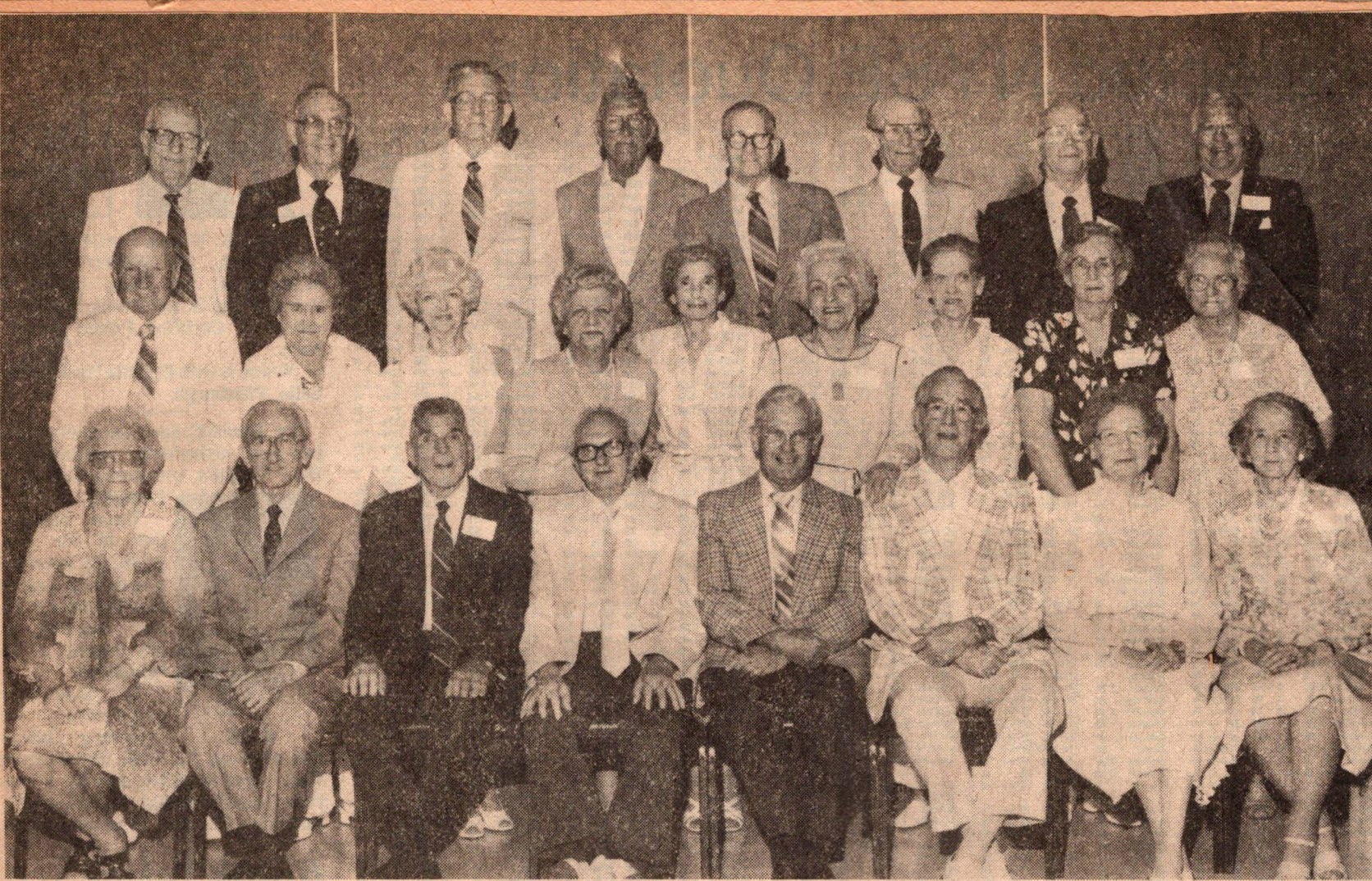
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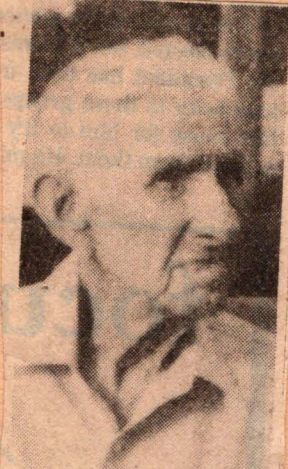


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Wash High Class of 1928

These members of the Washington High School class of June 1928 attended the class's 55-year reunion June 26 at the Holiday Inn. Twenty-five of the 91 class members attended the reunion planned by William A. Harris, general chairman and toastmaster; Ray Andrews, Eugene Ferrell, Gaylord Hartman, Helen Knestrick Massock, Gordon Miller, Kenneth Sperry and Dorothy Wise Low. A tribute to deceased class members was lead by Gordon K. Miller, class president. Mrs. Mary Iams Swart was given a prize for having the most grandchildren, 16. Front row, from left: Helen Gray McAfee, Ray Andrews, Arthur S. Rutan, Gaylord Venum, Gordon K. Miller, president; William A. Harris, Florence Rice Roach, Mary Gromo Hixenbaugh. Second row: Wilbert Gray, Betty Britton Hunter, Marie Eichelberger Olson, Helen Knestrick Massock, Beatrice Rosing Carmichael, Gerladine Russell Rougagnac, Olive

Reed, Mary Iams Swart and Edis Hennen Allison. Third row: C. Gaylord Hartman, Carlton Coen, the Rev. Albert R. Smith, William B. Miller Sr., Wade Wilson, H. Eugene Ferrell, Morris Cohen and Dr. Nathan K. Grossman.



STANLEY RUSH

Rush Marks 94th

Stanley "Oklahoma" Rush of West Middletown, celebrated his 94th birthday at a party given by Alice Esposito at Breezy Heights Tavern, Avella. Tom Peterson filmed the celebration.

Born March 7, 1889, in Hopewell Township, he is a son of the late Albert and Sanja Cinto Duvall Rush.

March 23, 1915, he married Margaret Vankirk Williams Rush, who died October 7, 1966.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Rush was self-employed as a carpenter, and is a member of the Christian Church in West Middletown.

He is the father of five children, Cyrus Rush, Eighty Four; Howard Rush, Peters Township; Albert Rush, with whom he makes his home; Elizabeth Hodgens, Washington, and Geraldine Rush, Bridgeville. He also has one sister, Nancy Foster, Washington.

One son, James Rush, two brothers, and two sisters are deceased.

He has 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



WENDELL PRYOR

By Terry Hazlett

When Center Stage takes center stage at tonight's "Night Of Harmony" concert at Trinity High School, no one will be more thrilled than Wendell Pryor.

Pryor, a native of Hickory and graduate of Fort Cherry High School, is a member of the Detroit-based quartet, which has won numerous awards, and last year, finished second in the Barbershop International Contest.

Even though Pryor still lives locally (in Eighty Four), tonight's concert will be a coming home of sorts - it will be his first performance in the area in some time.

DIES — Charles S. Coen, local businessman and civic leader, died Thursday in Miami Beach, Fla. He was 79. (Obituary, Page D-4)

Charles S. Coen

Charles S. Coen, 79, local businessman and civic leader, died Thursday, May 5, 1983, at 6 a.m. in the Miami Heart Institute, Miami Beach, Fla. He had been ill since April 5.

Mr. Coen, who lived at 1 Wilmond Avenue, Washington, was born August 8, 1903, in Marietta, Ohio, a son of Oscar and Eva Mae Day Coen.

He came to Washington in 1925 and became associated with the Ross Independent Oil Co. Three years later he became secretary of the company and was made executive vice-president in 1934.

In 1945 he purchased the company from its founder, and he later changed the firm's name to the Coen Oil Co. Mr. Coen was chairman of the board at the time of his death.

Mr. Coen served on the board of Washington Hospital for 33 years and was chairman from 1969-81. He was made a life-member of the board of trustees of Washington and Jefferson College in 1969.

He was a member of the Church of the Covenant, the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, the Allegheny Club, the LaGorce Country Club of Miami Beach and the Bal-Harbour Club of Miami Beach.

He served on the boards of directors of the Miami Heart Institute, Fortune National Life Insurance Co., Bal-Bridge Corp. and the Pleasant County Bank of St. Marys, W.Va. He was also president of the C.S. Coen Land Co.

In 1957 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washington Jaycees. He was also honored in 1970 as Man of the Year in St. Marys, W.Va.

A graduate of St. Marys (W.Va.) High School, he attended West Virginia University.

He was married March 15, 1928, to Mary E. Kirkpatrick, who died February 1, 1982.

Surviving are one son, Charles Richard Coen, Washington; two daughters, Marilyn R. McIlvaine and Helen L. Brooks, both of Washington; one brother, Carlton B. Coen, Canton, Ohio; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Earl Day Coen and Robert Coen, and a sister, Ethel Marshall, are deceased.

Gregg—Bedillion Vows Said

Tammy Jean Bedillion became the bride of Richard Blair Gregg on Saturday, April 23, 1983, the wedding anniversary date of her parents and maternal grandparents, in the Chartiers Crossroads U.P. Church, Washington R.D.1.

The Rev. Andrew Jillson officiated the 2 p.m., double ring ceremony. Norman Bedillion was organist. Gilian Simon was the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bedillion Jr. of Washington R.D.1. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gregg of 190 Iola Avenue, Washington.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white organza, styled with an alencon lace bodice trimmed with pearls, a see-through lace yoke, a high lace collar, long, puffed sleeves with lace cuffs and a full pick-up skirt. Her finger-tip length veil of English illusion was attached to a matching headpiece. She carried a bridal Bible, a gift from her parents for her 21st birthday. In following the wedding traditions, the bride carried an heirloom lace handkerchief, wore pearl earrings, a gift from her parents; her paternal grandmother's birthstone ring, and a blue garter, a gift from her maternal grandmother.

Judith Bedillion of Washington was maid of honor for her sister. She wore a pink gown.

Bridesmaids were Nancy Bedillion, sister of the bride; Denise Gregg, sister of the bridegroom, and Darla Farrer, all of Washington. All wore pink gowns.

Rick Shrontz of Washington was best man. Ushering were Gary Fon-



MRS. GREGG

ner and Mike Krizay, both of Washington, and Frank Fonner of Pittsburgh.

A reception for 250 guests was held in the North Franklin Fire Hall. Susan Williams, cousin of the bride, was in charge of the bride's book.

The new Mrs. Gregg is a 1980 graduate of Chartiers-Houston High School. Her husband is a 1979 graduate of Trinity High School and is employed at Comair Airlines, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The newlyweds are at home in Erlanger, Ky.



Mortgage Burning

Members of the First Christian Church of Washington burned the mortgage on the building at 615 East Beau Street, at services April 17. The first service in the church was held March 17, 1968. Participating in the ceremony from left, are: Guy Montecalvo, chairman of the church board; Merle Sickle, chairman of the congregation; Dr. Robert E. Pebley, church pastor; R. Thomas Edwards, chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and Robert Withrow, church treasurer.

Briggs

Mrs. Edith J. Briggs, 87, of 10 Dinsmore Avenue, Burgettstown, formerly of Hickory, died at 5:30 p.m. Monday, January 4, 1982, in the Kade Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

She was born June 1, 1894, in Mt. Pleasant Township, the daughter of the late R.H. and Clara Lee Caldwell Davidson.

Mrs. Briggs, the last of the Davidson family, was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Her husband, Griffith S. Briggs, died in 1963.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Beryl Smiley of Hickory; four sons, Arley Briggs of Cross Creek, Ross Briggs of Houston, and Roy Briggs and Kay Briggs, both of Hickory; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

One son, Robert Briggs, and one daughter, Mrs. Josephine Bell, are deceased.

Robert W. Cowden

Robert W. Cowden, 66, of Hickory R.D.1, died at 1:45 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 1983, in Washington Hospital after an eight-week illness.

He was born July 8, 1916, in Mt. Pleasant Township, a son of Don M. and Ida Weaver Cowden.

He was a member of Venice United Presbyterian Church and Miller's Run Grange. He had been a farmer all his life.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Robert M. (Don) Cowden of Prosperity; two daughters, Miss Ann P. Cowden of Sandusky, Ohio, and Miss Beth Cowden of Washington; a sister, Miss Elsie Cowden of Hickory, and a granddaughter, Danielle Cowden.

Kenneth Schofield

Kenneth Schofield, 66, of Rea, died at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, 1983, in Ohio Valley Medical Center, Wheeling, W.Va., after a six-month illness.

He was born April 14, 1917, in Barrow In Furnace, Lancashire, England, a son of John and Josephine Warner Schofield.

He was a retired welder for U.S. Steel, Homestead Works, a veteran of World War II and a member of Cross Creek Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Lois Warne Schofield; two daughters, Josephine Schofield Harris of Claysville and Mrs. Charles (Betty Ann) Haines of Washington; a son, Kenneth J. Schofield of Washington; a sister, Barbara Stewart of Woodrow; a brother, Jack Schofield of Hickory, and a grandchild.



No Rooms, No Inn

The old hotel in Hickory is closed — for good — as the sign, and the rubble, indicate. The hotel, known in 1876 as the Keystone House, was torn down this week. The hotel and its proprietor, Joseph Hemphill, were pictured in the 1876 Caldwell Atlas of Washington County. It was later operated by the Hill family of Hickory, and later by Jay Campbell McCreary. Before tumbling to ruins, the hotel had been converted to apartments. Members of the demolition crew are, from left, Don Cleric, Tom Cowden and Alan Zimmerman, owner of the now non-existent hotel.

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Wilbur S. Smith

Wilbur S. Smith, 65, of Washington Pike, Wellsburg, W.Va., died Thursday, July 14, 1983, as a result of a logging accident.

Born June 15, 1918, in Washington County, he was a son of the late Harris and Charlotte Leng Smith.

Mr. Smith was self-employed as owner and operator of Pike Vue Nursery and Landscaping in Wellsburg for 35 years.

He was a charter member and elder of the Independence Bible Church. The congregation met in his home.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Air Force, and was a member of the West Virginia Nurseryman's Association.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Cowden Smith; two sons, Dean S. and Neal E. Smith, both of Wellsburg; three daughters, Mrs. Michael (Ruth) Brown, Connellsville, Naoma Sassler, Keystone Heights, Fla., and Mrs. David (Jean) Minda, Wellsburg; two brothers, Howard Smith, Burgettstown, and George Smith, Bulger, and eight grandchildren.

A brother, Harris Smith Jr., is deceased.



Assuring The Proper Fit

It's that little extra care that assures a child the proper fit for her shoes. Darryl Carter, salesman for Kinney Shoes, makes certain Amy Phillips, Hickory, won't experience any discomfort from shoes that are too tight.

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Transfer Of Suburban Bus Lines Service Quashed

(Burgettstown bus service postponed when 1 of 5 stockholders pulls out, Page W-2.)

By MARGI STUMPF

THE state Public Utility Commission has quashed the transfer of operating rights from Suburban Bus Lines Inc. to the new Shortway Suburban Lines Inc., putting the fate of 750 Washington County and South Hills commuters in limbo.

Brushing aside the recommendation of an administrative law judge, the commission ruled 2-1 June 10 that the Washington-based Suburban Lines cannot complete the transfer, even though Shortway-Suburban has been providing transit service under temporary PUC approval for almost eight months.

Complicating matters, PUC staff attorney Michael Schnierle said he understands the order to mean that Suburban Lines is obligated to resume operation of the bus service, even though Suburban may be, for all practical purposes, out of existence.

According to

president of Suburban and now general manager for Shortway-Suburban, Suburban doesn't have any equipment or any employees.

"It would be difficult for Suburban to go back into business," he said.

Suburban may have no choice, however.

Schnierle said no sale of equipment or transfer of rights can occur without PUC approval. In the eyes of the PUC, Suburban still exists as a corporate entity and is still responsible for providing service under its PUC permit.

In order for Suburban to stop that service, it must prove compelling circumstances to the PUC, Schnierle said. He could think of no such reasons short of bankruptcy, noting that testimony in the case last fall indicated that Suburban was financially able to continue running its buses.

The PUC could instruct its lawyers to seek an injunction against Suburban to force it back into serv-

ice of Holland Industries of Toledo, Ohio, which owns several transit operations located from New York to Florida.

Last March, PUC Administrative Law Judge Michael Nemecek recommended that permanent operating rights be granted to Shortway-Suburban, although objections were filed by the PUC trial staff.

Although definitive reasons for the PUC's decision will not be known until the order is published, commission members questioned the "financial fitness" of Shortway-Suburban and cited Holland's abandonment of a service route several years ago between Weirton, W.Va., and Pittsburgh.

The order is not effective until official copies are prepared by the PUC's Office of Special Assistance and served upon the proper parties, possibly later this week.

Meanwhile, service will continue, Holland officials say. But it is not clear what will happen after the order is served.

the only scheduled Washington-to-Pittsburgh bus service under a temporary lease arrangement approved by the state. Holland picked up the service as part of its buyout of Suburban Bus Lines, which had operated the Pittsburgh-Washington route for 20 years.

Stops are made in Canonsburg and northern Washington County communities such as Peters Township, and in some of the south suburbs of Pittsburgh such as Mt. Lebanon and Dormont.

If Suburban resumes the runs, it would have to take back the 36 drivers and mechanics who were fired when Holland Industries took over, according to the employees' attorney, Lawrence Zewe.

"Suburban will again be the carrier, and the union is the recognized bargaining agent, and the union members should again be back to work," Zewe said.

After its members were fired, the union filed an unfair labor practices complaint with the National Labor Board, charging Suburban

Two months ago, a federal judge turned down an NLRB request to reinstate the employees. The union is still pursuing its complaint with the NLRB, however.

Union President Louis Keplar said hearings on the complaint are scheduled this week.

Technically, the PUC order could be delayed if there is an appeal by any of the parties involved. But Suburban probably won't take that avenue, Hilty said.

Holland also could appeal to Commonwealth Court, but will not make a decision until it sees the PUC order, said Michael Margolies, chairman of Holland Industries.

"We are anxiously awaiting it," he said.

Margolies said Shortway-Suburban will not stop the commuter service of its own volition.

"If there's any discontinuance of that service, it will be through no fault of ours. We have no plans or thoughts or ideas of discontinuing into Pittsburgh unless barred from doing so."

PUC Order Canceling Shortways' Operations Expected By Mid-July

By Barbara Raffaele, Staff Writer

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission orders affecting bus service between Washington and Pittsburgh are expected to be issued in two weeks, a PUC spokesman said Friday.

The orders cancel operating rights granted to Shortway-Suburban Lines Inc. on Oct. 15, 1982 and order Suburban Lines, Inc. to resume that service.

PUC commissioners approved the action 2-1 at a June 10 meeting, but the orders have not been issued by the Office of Special Assistance. The commissioners approved a motion by Michael Johnson that stated if the transfer was approved "...the com-

mission effectively would be exposing the public to a substantial risk of abandonment or deterioration of service rendered by the applicant."

Temporary operating rights were granted to Shortway, a division of Holland Industries, after it bought Suburban Lines and fired 38 union bus drivers.

Shortway officials testified during several PUC hearings that Suburban Line buses were sold and Suburban would liquidate if it were ordered to resume the service.

Shortway-Suburban president Thomas Wegerbauer and vice president J.C. Hilty have refused to comment on the cancellation until the orders are received.

Meanwhile Washington County

commuters are concerned about the fate of bus service to Pittsburgh.

In another aspect of the case, testimony was completed Thursday before the National Labor Relations Board in Pittsburgh where the former bus drivers, members of Local 1543 AFL-CIO, charge that the transfer of the company was a move to break the union.

The drivers say that a clause in their contract called for their inclusion in negotiations to sell commuter rights within Allegheny County to the Port Authority. It was reported in May that Shortway-Suburban had reached a tentative agreement with PAT on the purchase of the rights to conduct commuter service in Allegheny County on Route 19 and Mc-

Murray Road for \$320,000 in monthly payments of \$8,888. In addition PAT agreed to continue paying monthly compensation fees of \$10,860.

The testimony before the NLRB was heard by Administrative Law Judge James Youngblood of the Washington, D.C. office. Briefs in the case are due Aug. 2. A decision could take three or four months and be appealed by either the employers or the employees.

An NLRB request that the U.S. District Court of Western Pennsylvania order the drivers reinstated to their jobs until a final decision on the unfair labor practices was turned down by Judge Maurice Cohill in April. It is being appealed by the NLRB in the Third Circuit Court.

Robinson U.P. To Mark 135th Anniversary

The following article was compiled by Mrs. Madelon V. Blackhurst. The Robinson United Presbyterian Church has chosen August 21, 1983 to observe its 150th Anniversary. The church was founded, after considerable opposition from neighboring churches on August 27, 1833 at a meeting of Chariters Presbytery of

Noblestown. The first requested permission to organize a new congregation had already been presented to Chartiers Presbytery in the fall of 1830. Despite the objections of the Mountor's Run (Clinton) and Burgettstown congregations, the new church building was nearly completed when Presbytery finally gave

their consent. Robinson's first pastor was the Rev. William Wilson who shared his time with the Mountors Run congregation. Wilson was born and educated in Ireland and came to America in 1792. He was the first student to study theology under the Rev. John Anderson. Wilson remained the pastor until his death in

1842. The first officers of the new church congregation were Thomas Bigger, Samuel Wallace, William Donaldson, James Pollock, Benjamin Bubbitt, Richard Donaldson, Andrew Donaldson, Alexander McBride and James Smith, ruling elders. Of these Bigger, Pollock and Wallace had served as elders at Mountor's Run and William Donaldson at Burgettstown.

June 20, 1843 the Rev. John Scott was called to the pastorate of Robinson's and Mountor's Run congregations. He served until 1845 when he entered the mission field.

The joint relationship between Robinson and Mountor's Run was dissolved on September 21, 1847 and the Rev. James G. Rankin was called as pastor at Robinson. He assumed his duties in April 1849 and served there until his death November 6, 1868.

The fourth pastor called was the Rev. William R. McKee. During his pastorate, the first church was dismantled

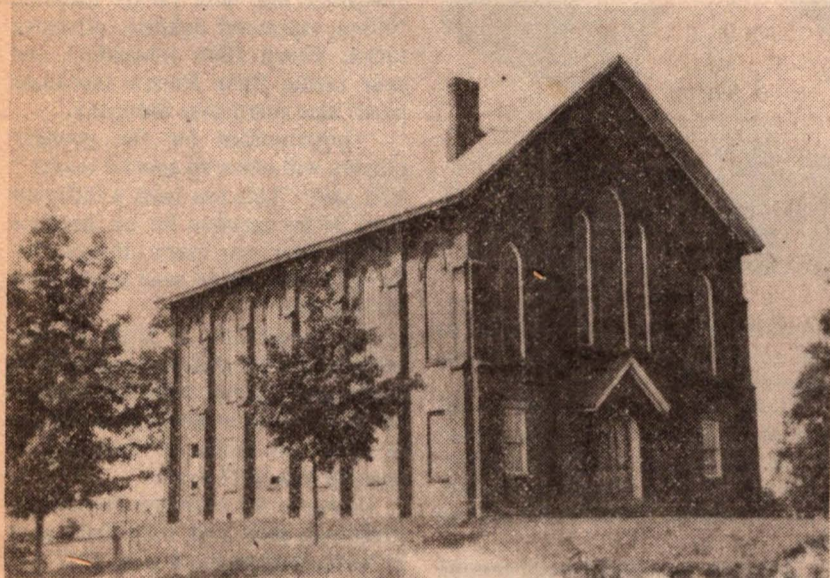
and the new red brick church was erected in its place.

While the construction of the new church was taking place the Racoon Presbyterian Church granted use of its church for worship by the Robinson congregation.

McKee resigned the pastorate in 1896 and was replaced by the Rev. David Dunseith who served from 1898 to 1901 when he too accepted another charge. The Rev. Thomas Gibson replaced Dunseith and served until 1911. Theseventh pastor, the Rev. Richard D. Hays was installed in 1912 and resigned in 1917.

Other pastor who have answered the call as pastor of Robinson United Presbyterian Church were Paul E. Carson, 1917-18; R.S. Copeland, 1919-23; T. Murray Brown, 1923-26; B.M. Wallace, 1927-28; H. Carlyle Carson, 1929-31; J. Walter Irwin, 1931-40; R. B. Fulton, 1940-46; Dr. R.S. Copeland, 1948-56; David Hare, 1960-66; Robert

Miller, 1966-69; Robert O. Brown, 1970-74; Charles J. Swenson, 1975-76; Carol Paris, 1977-80. The current pastor is the Rev. Rober Ezzel.



Robinson United Presbyterian Church as it appeared around the turn of the century. This structure was built in 1833 by John Lowry.



Peggy Allison

1979 graduate of Monrovia High School, and a 1983 graduate of Indiana State University, where she majored in business and sociology. She is employed by a law firm in Terre Haute.

Her fiance, a 1980 graduate of Fort Cherry High School, is attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, where he is majoring in mechanical engineering.

A May 1984 wedding is planned.

White, Allison

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Allison of Monrovia, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Peggy, to Jamie White, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. White of Hickory.

The bride-elect is a



Trinity Class Of 1938

The Trinity High School Class of 1938 held its 45-year reunion at the Lone Pine Golf Club. Sixty-one class members and their guests attended. From left, first row, are: Steve Lebnick, Bob Hall, Harry Chappel, Russell Justin. Second row: Carrie Wilson Withrow, Eula Mae Allison Bebout, Stella Kendall McCoy, Mary Jane Bainbridge Davidson, Ann Hartzell Grimm, Viola Brown Irey, Grace Larkin Shoup, Mary Carmen Bohner, Ruth Mounts Sutherland, Pearl Ross Neill, Margaret Paraska Gregg. Third row: Gerald Condit, Virginia Zoeller Brumage, Elizabeth I. Earnest Montgomery, Ada Ruse Crouch, Lois Bainer Ullom, Esther Barney Ewing, Mabel McVay Cowden, Betty Lewis Sprague, Louise Sieracki Paul, Louise Bogochenko

Puskavich, Ruth Taylor Logsdon, Frances Paul Frazee, Edna Sibert Ferguson. Fourth row: Dick Baker, Ray Montgomery, Bob Morrison, Dan Porter, Carl Haines, Dorothy Mounts Miller, Cecelia Stavovy Saveikis, Theresa Guzzo DeAngelis, Doris Barnickel Kelvington, Ruth Baker Bauer, Betty Dagg Brueggemann, Margaret Cramer Bochek. Fifth row: Ophelia Reed Dorsey, Carl Navoy, Tony Spin, J. Lloyd Donahoo, Dave Zanolli, Al Tyler, Rudy Chehovin, Howard Carter, Tom Merritt, Ethel Fabian LaBarbera, Ruth Henderson Bennett, Mildred Dornberger Mayer, Betty McBride Lacock. Sixth row: John Williams, Albert Plymire, Charles (Bud) Phillips, Gene Weddle, Ralph Ellis, Don McKahan.

Leonard Lyle Cooke

Leonard Lyle Cooke, 71, of Avella R.D.2, died unexpectedly at 9:09 a.m. Thursday, June 30, 1983, in Washington Hospital.

He was born October 10, 1911, in Rea, the son of R. Lyle and Margaretta Lawton Cooke. He lived in Cross Creek Township all his life. He was a farmer, retiring in 1971. He was also a sales representative for the Southwestern Mutual Grange Insurance Co. for 15 years.

He was a member of the Cross Creek United Presbyterian Church, where he served on the session, as a trustee, and as a director on the cemetery board. He was also the secretary of the church historical society.

Mr. Cooke was also a member of the Fort Vance Historical Society and the Washington County, Pennsylvania and national chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, where he was serving as secretary. He formerly had held the offices of state deputy and president.

He was a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Genealogy Society and the Washington County Landmarks Society. He also belonged to Cross Creek Grange No. 954, and was past master of the grange.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945.

Mr. Cooke was married October 10, 1940, to Hazel Carter, who survives.

Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. George (Margaret) McAdoo of Avella R.D.1; three brothers, Leroy Cooke and Wayne Cooke, both of Cross Creek, and John Cooke of Chicago and Wayne Cook of Cross Creek; two nieces, six nephews and several grand nieces and nephews.

One brother, Raymond Cooke, is deceased.

Margaret B. Smith

Margaret B. Smith, 93, of 2075 Fillmore, Topeka, Kans., died Sunday, March 25, 1984, in a Topeka nursing home.

Born in Hickory, she was a daughter of Herbert Smiley Buchanan and Alena Lyle Buchanan.

Before moving to Topeka in 1952, she lived in Lawrence, Kans. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church Of Topeka.

On September 7, 1910, she married Arthur H. Hazlett, who died June 16, 1916.

She then married Albert E. Smith on July 1, 1924. He died December 4, 1944.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Ulrich of Topeka, Kans., and one sister, Mrs. Sara B. Hannon of Washington.

A son, Harry B. Hazlett, died November 27, 1981.

Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Kans.

Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home, Topeka, is in charge of arrangements.

Harry L. Hill

Harry Leslie Hill, 66, of Hickory, died Thursday, June 30, 1983, in Washington Hospital.

Born November 19, 1916, in Washington, he was a son of Huber and Anna Mary Briggs Hill.

Mr. Hill was a self-employed farmer and carpenter.

January 19, 1945, in Buffalo Village, he married Mary Klages, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Paul Hill and Roy Hill, both of Hickory; two sisters, Mrs. Ora Hughey, Burgettstown R.D. 3, and Mrs. Emma Nelson, Auburn Heights, Mich.

One brother, Wray Hill, and one sister, Ruth Hill, are deceased.

Hickory U.P. Church Setting For Frye — Palmer Nuptials

Cynthia J. Palmer and Ronald E. Frye were united in marriage Saturday, August 6, 1983, in Hickory United Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Harvey O. Johnson performed the 6:30 p.m., double ring ceremony. Thelma Williams was organist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Weagly of McDonald R.D. 4. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. William Frye of McDonald R.D. 3.

The bride was attired in a white, floor-length gown featuring a high neckline, an illusion yoke accented with embroidered appliques and seed pearls, and a ruffle extending over the shoulder, ending in a point at the waist. A light blue satin ribbon accented the waistline, from which a pleated skirt fell. Her matching picture hat with an upturned brim held a matching fingertip-length with a blue satin ribbon tied in a bow in the back. She carried a cascade of white roses, white feather pom poms, and blue baby's breath.

Serving as matron of honor was Barbara Rea, Avella R.D. 1. She wore a blue gown. David James, Bridgeville, was best man.

Also participating in the ceremony were the children of the couple, Rhonda and Jesse Frye, and Erica Palmer.

A reception for 80 guests supplemented the ceremony at the home of the parents of the bride. Photographing the event was the father of the bride. Assisting in serving were



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Allen and Thelma Zimmerman.

Following a wedding trip to Lancaster County and Amish Country the couple are residing at McDonald R.D. 3.

The new Mrs. Frye is a 1972 graduate of Fort Cherry High School, and the Pittsburgh Beauty Academy. Her husband, a 1968 graduate of Fort Cherry, served in the U.S. Air Force and is employed as a blaster by Midway Coal.

Party For 90th

Mrs. Mae Miller of 55 East Main Street, West Middletown, will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house Friday, July 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the West Middletown Fire Hall being given by her two sons, Robert M. Miller of Follansbee, W. Va. and Harry B. Miller of Washington.

Family, friends and neighbors are invited and the family requests gifts be omitted.

She has been a resident of the Avella and West Middletown areas all of her life. On May 24, 1922, she married Robert S. Miller who died in January of 1930.

Mrs. Miller has four grandchildren: Harry S. Miller of Erie, Judy L. Miller of Dover, N.J., Robert L. Miller of Weirton and Linda Miller Black of Follansbee, W. Va.



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Robert L. Woodford

Robert L. Woodford, 74, of Wabash Avenue, Hickory, died Friday, June 24, 1983, at 1:52 p.m., in his home, following a lengthy illness.

Born October 28, 1908, in Brookline, he was a son of Addison and Anna Stokes Woodford.

Mr. Woodford was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, and was a retired custodian of Charters-Houston School District.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Speirs Woodford; one brother, Eugene Woodford, St. Petersburg, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Cleo Monroe, St. Petersburg, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

Walter Gevenosky Jr.

Walter Gevenosky Jr., 54, of McDonald, died Friday, February 10, 1984, in his home.

He was born April 2, 1929, in Eldersville, a son of Walter and Dominica Gevenosky Sr.

Mr. Gevenosky served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a construction worker for the John Pangersis Jr. Construction Co.

He was a member of Saint Alphonsus Church, the McDonald Volunteer Fire Department and the LaSolidarite Association of McDonald.

Surviving are his wife, Geraldine F. Tropeck of McDonald; one son, Thomas Edward Gevenosky at home; two daughters, Patricia Ann Apel of Meadville and Shirley Marie Allison of Hickory; two brothers, Roman Gevenosky of Weirton, W. Va., and Constance Gevenosky of Avella; seven sisters, Laura Strunga of Burgettstown, Wanda Cruny of Avella, Helen Fitz of Wickcliffe, Ohio, Jeanie Dana of Avella, Stella Cherenko of Burgettstown, Felicia Dagnana of Hickory and Pauline Wojcik of Avella; and two grandchildren.

Several brothers and sisters are deceased.

Wray E. Paul Sr.

Wray E. Paul Sr., 87, of 710 Sara Drive, South Strabane Township, Washington, died unexpectedly at 1:26 p.m. Wednesday, September 7, 1983, in Washington Hospital.

He was born September 20, 1895, in Lone Pine, a son of James M. and Mary M. Wonsetler Paul.

Mr. Paul was a member of the Church of the Covenant, and he was an elder of the church. He spent his entire life in the food business, which was started by his brother in October 1903, and ended with Paul's Supermarket on College Street.

A lifelong resident of Washington, Mr. Paul graduated in 1912 from Washington Business College. He was a member of Sunset Lodge No. 623 F&AM, York Rite Bodies of Washington and Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Coudersport and Syria Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War I, he was a member of American Legion, Edwin Scott Linton Post No. 175, Washington, for 56 years. Mr. Paul was past president and lieutenant governor of Kiwanis. He helped organize the Washington Grocers Association and was also its president. He served on the board of the Pennsylvania Grocers Association.

June 17, 1919, in Washington, he married Delilah E. Harsh, who survives.

Surviving are one son, Wray E. Paul Jr. of Washington; four grandchildren, Wray E. Paul III of Rochester, N.Y., Mrs. Barry G. (Wendy Dee) Stutts of Clinton, Ohio, Miss Nancy Paul of Wallingford and Donald R. Paul Jr. of Houston, Texas; and one great-granddaughter, Sarah Elisabeth Stutts.

Mr. Paul was the last of 16 brothers and sisters. One son, Donald Richard Paul, died September 19, 1981.



DIES — Wray E. Paul Sr., who worked his entire life in the food business begun by his brother in 1903 and is currently Paul's Supermarket on College Street, died Wednesday, September 7. Mr. Paul, who resided at 710 Sara Drive, was 87.

Glenn N. Carter

Glenn N. Carter, 72, of McDonald R.D.4, died unexpectedly at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 1983, in his home.

He was born May 10, 1911, in Hickory, the son of Robert L. and Anna Mary Small Carter. He was a retired employee of Canonsburg Milling Co., retiring in 1974 after 30 years' service.

He was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church and the Canon Lodge No. 204, Knights of Pythias. He also was a member and past master of Miller's Run Grange, and a director on the board for Mount Prospect Cemetery Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred Walters Carter; two sons, Donald D. Carter of Washington and Ross Carter of Northboro, Mass.; one daughter, Mrs. William (Donna) Metts of Library; one brother, Alvin D. Carter of Hickory; and five grandchildren.

One brother, Clarence Carter, is deceased.

James (Pat) Ray

James Clifford (Pat) Ray, 86, of Hickory R.D.1 died at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 1984, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

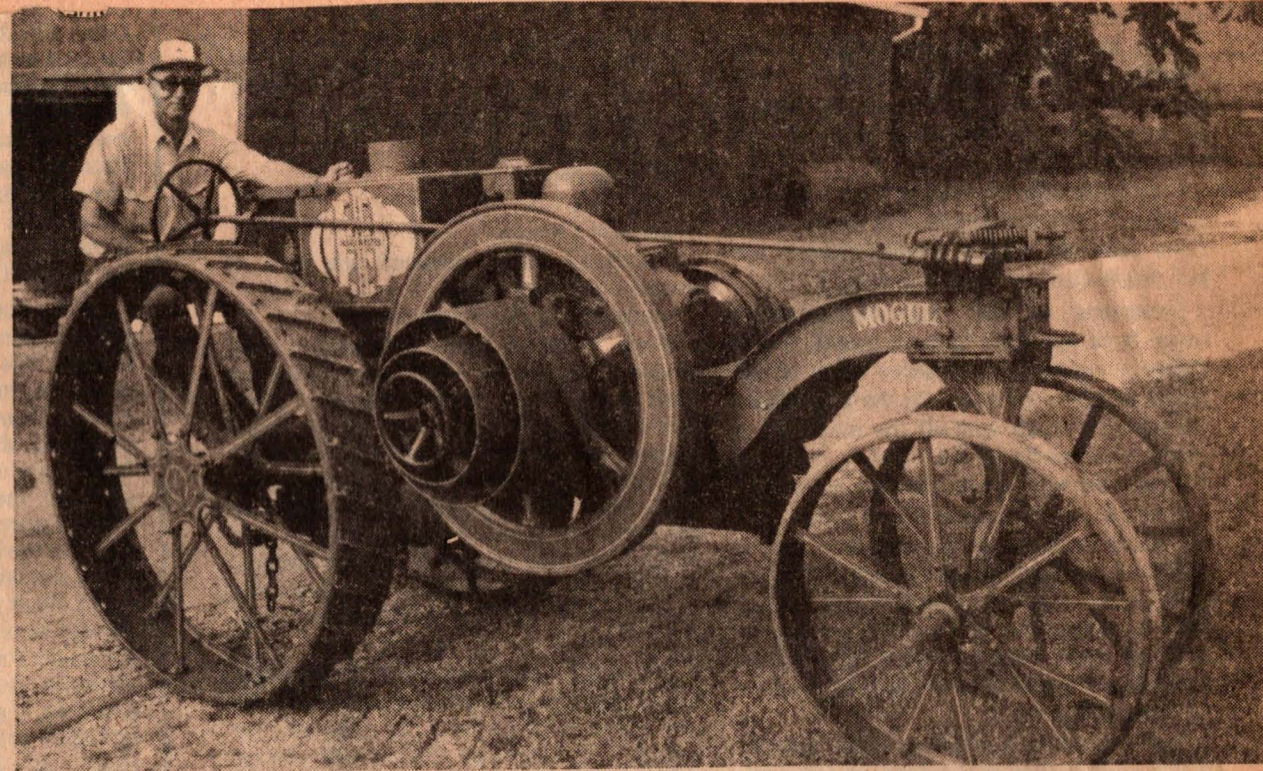
Born July 1, 1897 in Washington County, he was a son of John J. and MariaHenderson Ray.

Mr. Ray was married March 30, 1922, to Mary E. Paul, who died February 27, 1976.

He worked as a dairy farmer for 40 years in Mt. Pleasant Township, where he had spent most of his life. Mr. Ray was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. He was a life member of the Holstein Friesian Association of America and belonged to the Aberdeen Angus Breeders Association.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Martha) Braddock of Hickory R.D.1; a sister, Jennie Marie Holmes of Parkersburg, W Va.; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandson.

They're Steamed Over Annual Exhibition



A 1914 International Mogul, one of the first gas internal combustion tractors ever made, will be on display Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17, at the Tri-State Steam Show. Presently owned by Robert Mungai of Burgettstown R.D.3, the tractor never left the Hickory area. According to Nello Mungai, shown with his son's tractor, only 20 of the tractors were ever built as they were produced for only one year.



Three of the largest steam traction engines ever assembled at one show will each be in operation at the 27th annual exhibition of the Tri-State Historical Steam Engine Association, set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17, at the Hookstown Fair Grounds.

The traction engines, a 140-horse-power Rumley, a 120-horse-power Peerless, and a 110-horse-power Case, are all owned by Willis Abel of Finleyville.

According to Nello Mungai, president of the Tri-State Steam Association, "He (Abel) bought the Rumley in the north west corner of Canada last year and traveled 3,500 miles to bring it home. It has been completely redone."

"This year's show has something for everyone," continued Mungai. In addition to the large engines, there will be a well driller and excavator manufactured by the Keystone Drilling Co. of Beaver Falls, Hezekiah the wood cutting mule, Vince Viscuso model cranes, steam balers and threshers, shingle mills, a fan saw mill and antique cars and trucks.

The Keystone company, that manufactured the steam well drilling machine, ceased operations in 1956 but many of its machines have been reclaimed, are being restored and shown as collectors items.

Much credit for the interest in them is due Dean E.Redd of Charle-roi, who owns the Keystone Traction Driller that will be on display and also owns four Keystone Traction excavators, many of which are still powered by steam.

The show begins at 9:30 a.m. each day and will feature two parades daily, at 11:30 a.m. and at 5 p.m.

Friday's schedule also includes Appalachian Folk Music at 6 p.m. followed by an Old Fiddlers Contest at 7 p.m.

Saturday, the Bill Burriss Band will play at noon and 7 p.m. followed by a square dance at 8 p.m.

As usual there will be a benefit auction for the Mars Home For Children at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The fairgrounds are located on Route 168, one mile north of its junction with Route 30.

Nello Mungai leans on a 1917 Double Frick Traction Eclipse engine, which is owned by his son William of Hickory R.D.1, and will be on display at the 27th Annual Tri-State Historical Steam Engine Association Show. The machine has been completely refitted with 315 feet of new pipe.

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Hickory Class Of '48

Hickory High School Class of 1948 held its 35-year reunion recently at Fallen Timber Golf Club, Midway. Attending were, first row, from left: Doris Cave Barney, treasurer; Elsie Cowden, class advisor; Scotty Russell, president; Ruth Weaver, teacher; Patty Beaumariage Rhodes, secretary. Second row: Rozella Atchison Beegle, Mary Jane Snedeker Engle, Stella Rae Evans, Twila Atchison Martin, Elsie Smith, Zona Bowen White, Lois Lee Cowden, Mary Ann Patnesky Ferlic. Third row: Richard Burgoon, Bill Phillips, Joseph Piazza, Donald Nagode, Richard Lee, Lester Barney, Russell Cowden.



Smiths Mark 40th

In honor of their parent's 40th wedding anniversary, the children of Wilbur and Virginia Smith are holding an open house. Friends and relatives are invited to the Smith home at 1691 Washington Pike, Wellsburg, W.Va., from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 19.

Virginia is the former Virginia May Cowden of Burgettstown, and the daughter Mina Cowden of Washington, and the late R.T. Cowden. Wilbur is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harris S. Smith of Bulger.

The Smiths were married on June 16, 1943 in Burgettstown, with the Rev. R. L. Stevenson officiating.



Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith

They have five children and eight grandchildren. Their children are Ruth Brown of Connellsville, Naoma

Sassler of Keystone Heights, Fla., and from Wellsburg, W.Va., Dean Smith, Jean Minda, and Neal Smith.

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Silver Anniversary

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Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Phillips of Hickory are observing their 25th wedding anniversary today. Phillips, the son of Howard Phillips of Hickory and the late Ruby Phillips, married the former Mabel Agnes Brady, Marie Brady of McKeesport and the late Robert F. Brady on December 26, 1953, in the Park Baptist Church, McKeesport, with Dr. W. J. Clawson officiating. Members of the First Christian Church, Washington, Mrs. Phillips is employed at Wean United, Pittsburgh. Her husband is an employee of Suburban Bus Lines and is in partnership in the KOP Towing Company. They will celebrate their anniversary with relatives and friends at an open house on Saturday, Dec. 30, from 2 to 7 p.m. in their home.

100th Birthday Party

Mrs. Ethel Coleman of 350 East Jackson 209, Orlando, Fla. 32801, will be 100 years old on March 14. A celebration will be held in the Orlando Central Towers to mark the occasion on Sunday afternoon. She will also be recognized during the morning worship service March 14 in the Nazarene Church which she attends.

She was born March 14, 1882, in a farm near Hickory, the oldest of four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jeffrey.

She is the last of the family, and is a former member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church. The family later resided in Washington.

Mrs. Coleman has lived in Florida the past 50 years. She is the widow of a Methodist minister, the Rev. William C. Coleman, D.D. He served as a chaplain in World War I.

Miss Zelma McCoy of Washington, a distant relative of Mrs. Coleman, plans to attend the birthday celebration in Florida.

Another Landmark Is Gone: The Old Arden Milling Co.



The view of the Washington County Fairgrounds after the razing of the Arden Milling Co.

Observer-Reporter

By Phyllis K. Ross Staff Writer

The Arden Milling Co., the Old Red Mill, Pettit's Furniture Company, all names it has carried, has succumbed to the wrecker's ball.

Located on North Main Street, adjacent to the Washington County Fairgrounds, the old mill, in its hey day, was bustling with activity.

According to research done by Mrs. Babe Popats of Arden, the first mill, a log structure with its paddle wheel slowly turning in Chartiers Creek, was known as the Arden Milling Company and boasted a business which required two mules to deliver the feed.

It had an early capacity of producing 125 bushels of milled flour per day and 100 bushels of chops an hour.

Destroyed by fire it was replaced in 1876 by the recently destroyed structure.

In its 106-year history, the Arden Milling Company building has been known as Leeches Mill, Cook's Mill, and Minor's Mill, the latter which ran from the late 1920's until Ewing Minor rented it to John Dunn in 1959.

The Dunns operated a feed store and nursery there until the early 1960s, when the John Tarr family turned it into a restaurant and christened it the Old Red Mill.

It was again used as a restaurant

for a short time by John Burns who maintained the Old Red Mill name.

In more recent years the mill became the site of a used and antique furniture business operated by Arley J. Pettit for 25 years. In all that time, the milling company building continued to be owned by Ewing Minor.

According to Pettit, it is a shame the building was ever destroyed. "I had people there who estimated the value of the hand-hewn, pegged beams in the structure at \$75,000 to \$100,000."

In its last few years of existence, the building stood broken, beaten, and ready to give up. It finally succumbed to the wrecker's ball in December, 1982.

Coincidentally, relatives of the same Tarr family, who operated a restaurant there, tore it down for the county, which plans to use the property for Fairground improvement.

According to Bill Sember of the Washington County Planning Commission, the Washington County Fair Board needs the land for additional parking during the annual county fair.

To the passerby, the landscape along North Main Street Extension has changed in the last 18 months with the destruction of both the County Home For Women and the Old Arden Mill.

Bucks family knows what it means to be thankful

When Marie, Donna and Sue Ann Carolus were growing up as young girls in Levittown, they were unusually close.

Part of that closeness could be traced to the fact only seven years separated the sisters in age. Part of it could be traced to the kind of family closeness that results after a death.

Their father, William, who came to Levittown in 1954 to work at the Fairless Works plant, died in 1959. Ethel Carolus, the mother, then took her three daughters and went back to Pittsburgh, their original home.

They weren't happy there. So they came back to Levittown in 1963. The girls went to school in the Pennsbury district and graduated from that high school. Marie became a nurse. Donna married Warren Dale Campbell and lives in Fairless Hills.

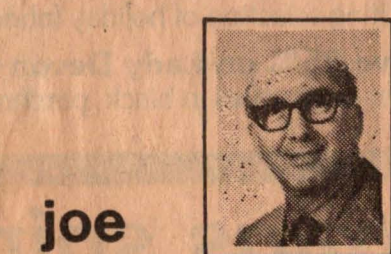
Sue Ann, now married to Robert Hall, lives in the Red Cedar Hill section of Levittown. When she graduated from Pennsbury High School in 1972 and went job hunting, she was asked to take a physical examination as part of the job qualifying.

Test shows

One of the tests showed a kidney deficiency. At first, it was thought to be diabetes. It wasn't. Even though Sue Ann had shown no symptoms previously, she had kidney problems.

Still, there was no alarm. She became the mother of a daughter, Jessica, in 1979. She worked at Educational Testing Service in Princeton.

Then, last May, the kidney problem turned acute. Sue Ann had to be placed on a dialysis machine. Dialysis is time-consuming. It is expensive. The doctors thought it would be better to



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seek a donor for a transplant.

In July, Marie and Donna underwent evaluation. Doctors were amazed at how compatible the sisters were with Sue Ann. Mrs. Carolus, who works in the pre-admissions depart-

ment at Lower Bucks Hospital, could have told them that. Her girls have been that close for years.

So when it came time for the decision it was Marie, a nurse at Lower Bucks Hospital, who said she would donate a kidney. "I'm not married and Donna is. I thought it would be better if I gave the kidney."

Right up to the day of surgery the sisters kept each other at ease. "Now remember," Marie told Sue Ann, "you've only got one chance. I'm only going to go through this one time."

Fast recovery

Two weeks ago yesterday at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, Dr. Simon Simonian, chief surgeon, did the transplant. Dr. Robert Bowers and Dr. Chonci Lee operated on Marie. Dr. Pat Lyons, chief of nephrology, and Dr. Robert Chavala, his assistant, also

have been much involved.

To date, things have been remarkable. "I've been eating solid food for some time," Sue Ann said from her hospital room yesterday via telephone. "In fact, I wish they'd bring more food."

"The doctors were quite confident about all of this beforehand. They just couldn't get over how we matched up with each other in all the tests."

In her mobile home off Route 1 in Fairless Hills, Marie yesterday looked forward to going back to work in January. "I feel great," she said. "But I do a lot of lifting in my job. That's why it's going to be a few more weeks yet."

Asked what she remembered about the growing up days when the closeness of the sisters first manifested itself, Marie said, "Well, we liked to camp out a lot. Just pitch a tent. We

didn't fish or go boating. We just played board games like Monopoly."

Marie, however, feels there were many outside forces contributing to the rapid healing of both sisters from the transplant ordeal. "A lot of people I know were sending a lot of messages by prayer."

Today, Thanksgiving Day, is going to be even more special, at least for Sue Ann. She hasn't seen her daughter since three days before the operation. "That's a long time for a mother to go without seeing her baby."

So after the holiday feasting, there will be a reunion at Hahnemann.

And if the sisters and their mother hold hands a bit tighter, hug a bit closer, smile a bit more, it's understandable.

On this day, they know what it means to be thankful.

Samples was in cardiac arrest when he was brought from his home to Forsyth County Hospital by ambulance about 8 a.m., said the day nursing supervisor, Gayle Jones.

He had a history of heart trouble and was released last Tuesday from Northside Hospital in Atlanta after treatment for a heart-related ailment, Mrs. Jones said.

In 1961, Samples was hospitalized for coronary arteriosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, after having suffered chest pains. Dr. Fred Bennett, who treated the comedian, said at the time the condition was "not severe enough to warrant coronary bypass surgery." He recommended that Samples lose weight.

A sawmill worker before his television days, Samples cut a recording single, "The World's Biggest Whopper," in 1967 and followed that with an album, "The World of Junior Samples." He also recorded an album of ad lib humor with Archie Campbell called "Bull Session at Bull's Gap."

The deadpan delivery of the 300-pound comedian was considered the key to his humor on "Hee Haw." He once said his appearances "just 'bout ruin me" because his neighbors in Cumming took it for granted that he was rich and "they want me to pay my bills."

— Comedian Junior Samples, a regular on the television show "Hee Haw" since 1969, had a heart attack at his home Sunday and died within an hour at a hospital. He was 56.

Regular Is Dead

SAMPLES





SLIM PICKENS

Veteran Actor Slim Pickens Dies At 64

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Slim Pickens, the gravel-voiced cowboy actor who rode a nuclear bomb from the belly of a B-52 bomber in the movie "Dr. Strangelove," has died at the age of 64.

Maggie Pickens said Friday that her husband died Thursday night at Evergreen Convalescent Hospital in Modesto, where he had been since Oct. 11.

In August 1982, neurosurgeons removed a brain tumor from him at the University of California at San Francisco.

"He worked as recently as March. He was fine," his daughter, Daryle Ann Lindley, said Friday from Columbia. After his surgery, Pickens "went back to work and seemingly was doing great. And all of a sudden he kind of started going downhill."

The former rodeo rider's movie career soared after his role as the drawling, cowboy-style pilot Maj. King Kong in Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove" in 1964. In the closing scene of the film, a whooping, hollering Pickens rides an atomic bomb like a horse as it falls to its target.

"After 'Dr. Strangelove,' my salary jumped five times," he said in 1981. "And assistant directors started saying 'Hey, Slim,' instead of 'Hey, you.'"

"I thought he was terrific," another famous cowboy, Roy Rogers, said Friday. "I would have been proud to have had him as a sidekick. He was funny, and also a good cowboy. He was a heck of a cowboy."

"The movies, God bless 'em, has been real good to me," Pickens once said in an interview. "I'm happier than hell right now, and I only wished I'd given up rodeoing sooner."

"As far as I'm concerned, acting is like a license to steal," he said. "I know of no occupation where with less money invested you can make so much money. Hell, an actor will tell you how hard he's working, but you just go and ask him when was the last time he dug ditches or post holes."

Pickens, who was born Louis Berry Lindley Jr. in Kingsburg on June 29, 1919, was a rodeo performer in the 1930s and began his screen career in the 1940s. He chose his stage name during his rodeo riding days when a promoter suggested Slim Pickens, saying, "That's all you'll get in this rodeo."

When directors wanted a stagecoach driven, an outlaw plugged or a cast beefed up, the call often went out to Pickens.

"The Western is the closest thing to a fairy tale that we have in this country," he said in a 1981 interview.

Pickens' movie career started in 1945 when he was paid \$25 to appear in the film "Smoky," starring Fred MacMurray. Pickens rode a "chute-fightin' son-of-a-gun named Sundown."

Pickens continued his rodeo career after "Smoky," but became an actor full time in 1950, when director William Keighley hired him for an Errol Flynn Western, "Rocky Mountain."

"I know I'll never be an actor, but let them find that out for themselves," he said.

He learned the trade in 20 Rex Allen films at Republic Studios, then began getting bigger parts.

Pickens' other film credits include "Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid," "Blazing Saddles," "Rancho Deluxe," "White Line Fever," "Beyond the Poseidon Adventure" and "The Apple Dumpling Gang."

First Christian Church Site Of Kearns, Hoy Ceremony

The First Christian Church of Washington was the setting for the exchange of wedding vows, Saturday, February 25, 1984, between Holly Bell Hoy and James Richard Kearns.

The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Pebley performed the 2:30 p.m., double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Ruth Ann Peters was the organist. Soloists were Mrs. Nancy Hoy, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Reita Brown.

Parents of the bride are Jack and Nancy Bell Hoy of Washington R.D.4. The bridegroom is the son of James Richard Sr. and Virginia Keenan Kearns of Fox Drive, Avella R.D.1.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of white chiffon over taffeta accented with pearl and sequin-decorated Venise, Chantilly and Brussels lace and designed with long, full, cuffed sleeves, a high neckline, sheer yoke, fitted bodice and circular skirt that fell into a chapel sweep train. A Venise lace tiara held a three-tier veil of silk illusion.

The bride carried a cascade of white roses, stephanotis, white spider mums, baby's breath and ivy; a handkerchief that belonged to her late grandmother, Mrs. Thelma Hoy; pearl earrings, a gift of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bell, and a diamond necklace, a gift of the bridegroom.

Attired in a red matte taffeta, full length hoop gown, Amy Strosser of 198 Webb Drive, Washington, was maid of honor.

Attired identically to the maid of honor were bridesmaids, Jacqueline Hoy of Washington R.D.4, sister of the bride; Lori Packey of Washington R.D.1, cousin of the bride; Sherry Hoy of Fort Worth, Texas, cousin of the bride, and Jamie Kearns of Fox Drive, Avella R.D.1, sister of the bridegroom.

Courtney Doerfler of McMurray was the flower girl. Kenneth Keenan of Avella, cousin of the bridegroom,



MRS. KEARNS

was ring bearer.

Kenneth Kearns of Avella R.D. served as best man. Ushers were David Kearns of Avella R.D., brother of the bridegroom; Mar Brownlee, Louis Kelly and Mike Craft, all of Avella R.D.1.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for 300 guests in the Lone Pine Community Center. Car Barnes was in charge of the bride book.

The new Mrs. Kearns is a 1964 graduate of Trinity High School and employed as a veterinary assistant for Dr. Muriel Roe, D.V.M. Her husband is a 1979 graduate of Avella Area High School, is a self-employed dairy farmer.

Following a wedding trip to Orlando, Fla., the couple is residing in Avella R.D.1.

Open Trolley Car Moved To Arden Museum In 1983

The Arden Trolley Museum on North Main Street Extension in Chartiers Township acquired and moved an open trolley car to the museum last year. The summer car has wood slat seats and open sides. Open cars frequently transported picnickers to amusement parks on weekends.

The Brill Narragansett-type car has two step boards along each side for easy boarding. It was built sometime around 1912 and operated in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The car is constructed of "Peroba de Campo" or Field Peroba wood, an extremely hard and tough wood which grows in Brazil.

The open car came to the Shade Gap Electric Railway at Orbisonia, Pa., in 1965, and to Arden last July 18. The car had received no maintenance and had been stored outside for at least 18 years. Much funding must be raised for restoration work before public operation here.

The museum also received the last "true" interurban trolley car in the country, the #24 streamliner from the Red Arrow Division of Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. Member Bob Brown and his wife, Helene, of Paoli, spent over 20 weekends removing graffiti and repainting, as well as replacing cut upholstery seat cushions, and then pledged and covered the costs of moving the car from Pier 5 in Philadelphia to Arden.

The Pennsylvania Railway Museum Association operates the Arden Trolley Museum. Those taking office in 1983 were R. Scott Davis, Bellevue, president; Ralph V. Ciccone, McKees Rocks, vice president; Raymond R. Windle, West View, secretary; Lewis J. Redman, Ben Avon, treasurer, and Bruce P. Wills, Bellevue, director.

Several projects received attention at the museum in 1983 including car #14398, sheet metal body riveting; car #15, rebuilding sheet metal and anti-climber end; car #178, rebuilding door, professionally reupholstering seats, replacing wall sections, refinishing interior woodwork and rewiring car heaters; car #11, exterior paint removed, sealing and repainting; track extension, the 429th Reserve unit installed the line poles on the 5/8 mile track extension to Arden Mines; overhead line maintenance, the old wood poles in the yards in front of the two car barns were replaced with used steel poles; track maintenance, the track team acquired a gasoline-powered rail drill and used it to install a guard rail around a sharp curve at the trolley loading platform.

More than 1,000 people attended the fourth annual Trolley Fair July 2-3. The fair featured a photo contest, trolley treats, model railroad and antique car displays, car barn theater and continuous trolley rides.

The gift shop sold railroad books, T-shirts, toys and "trolleyana" to 4,200 regular visitors in 1983. In addition, people attending the Washington County Fair parked cars at the museum parking lot and rode an antique trolley car to the fairgrounds entrance.

Members of the Pittsburgh Railway Museum Association receive "Trolley Fare," a bi-monthly newsletter filled with museum news and news of trolleys from Pittsburgh to Sydney, Australia. Regular columns feature inclines and trolley news from Philadelphia, San Francisco and Pittsburgh.

Prospective members should write to PRMA, PO Box 832, Pittsburgh, 15230 or call (412) 734-5780 for information.

Juliana Alderson

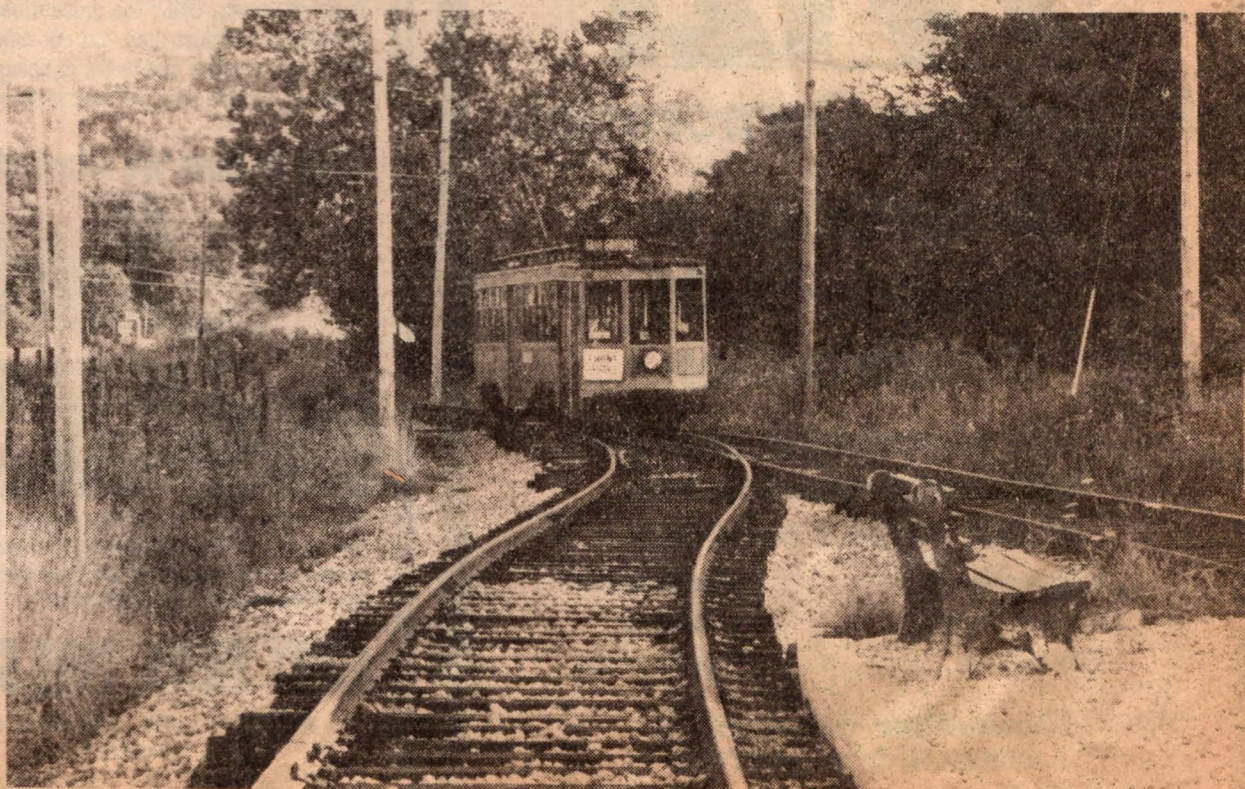
Juliana Alderson, 85, of Sun City, Ariz., formerly of Hickory, died in Sun City at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, February 9, 1984, after a lengthy illness.

She was born September 6, 1898, in Gladden, a daughter of Julian and Leona Barrot Fortune.

She was a retired beautician and proprietor of the Clover Farm Store in Hickory. She was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Her husband, John Welsey Alderson, died in 1956.

She lived in Hickory for 52 years before moving to Arizona two years ago.

Surviving are a son, Vern Alderson of Sun City, and a niece, Mrs. Thelma Kenoski of Los Osos, Calif.



Many people attending the Washington County Fair last August rode a trolley from the Arden Trolley Museum to the fairgrounds.

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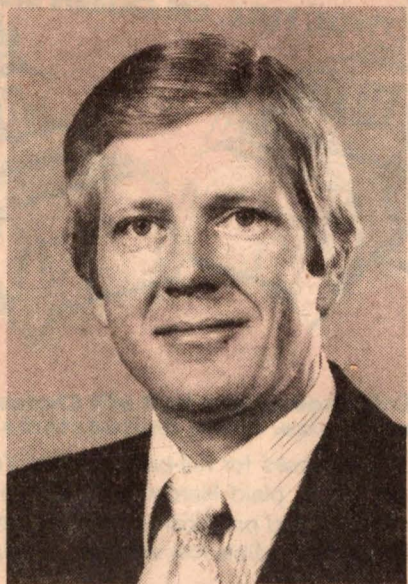
White Executive VP At Washington Federal

Richard L. White has been promoted to executive vice president of Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association of Washington.

White started his career with the financial institution in 1965. He has served in various capacities including secretary-treasurer, vice president-secretary and senior vice president. He will now have the additional title of chief operations officer.

A native of Hickory, he graduated from Hickory High School and received a degree in business administration from the University of Pittsburgh in 1969. He has also completed specialized courses at the University of Georgia and the Graduate School of the University of Indiana.

White and his wife, Margaret, have two children.



RICHARD L. WHITE

Lawrence R. Zewe

Lawrence R. Zewe, 46, a local attorney, died at 10:12 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 1984, in his home, 27 Willowbrook Lane, Washington.

He was born January 31, 1938, in Donora, a son of the late Lawrence Eric Zewe and Margaret Strahosky Zewe, who survives. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church.

Mr. Zewe graduated in 1955 from Monongahela High School, in 1959 from Geneva College and in 1962 from the Dickinson Law School, Carlisle. He had lived in Washington since 1967, prior to that, residing in Donora.

Mr. Zewe entered U.S. Army in 1963, and later served with the U.S. Army Reserves.

He was a member of Edwin Scott Linton American Legion Post 175, where he served as judge advocate. He was president of the Western Pennsylvania Motor Club for the Washington and Greene County area.

Surviving are his mother, at home; one sister, Judith Grimm, and one nephew, Randy Grimm, both of Washington.

Wilnetta B. Maloy

Wilnetta B. Maloy, 81, of Washington R.D.2, died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, February 6, 1984, in the Washington Hospital.

Born December 6, 1902, in Washington, she was a daughter of Edgar R. and Elizabeth Graham McGaughey.

Mrs. Maloy was a member of the Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church and the Missionary Society of the church.

She attended Washington County schools.

On January 26, 1921, she married Norris H. Maloy, who died December 12, 1972.

Surviving are two sons, James E. Maloy of Washington and Harold E. Maloy of Washington R.D.2; two daughters, Grace Maloy McLean of Wellsburg, W.Va., and Mrs. Neil (Mary) Hickman of Prosperity R.D.2; five brothers, Merle McGaughey of St. Petersburg, Fla., Curtis McGaughey of Avella, John McGaughey of Junction City, Ohio, Roy McGaughey of Somerset, Ohio, and Joseph McGaughey of Charleroi; one sister, Eva Lightner Starbuck of Tuscon, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bernice Beaumariage

Bernice Bell Carter Beaumariage, 78, of Hickory, died of 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 1986, in Canonsburg General Hospital following a 10-day illness.

She was born May 15, 1907, in Mount Pleasant Township, a daughter of Robert Frederick and Lina E. Mitchell Bell.

Mrs. Beaumariage was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, and had served as a ruling elder in the church. She had been an elementary school teacher, having taught in Cecil Township, Cross Creek Township, Canon-McMillan School District, and the last five years in the Fort Cherry School District.

She graduated from Hickory High School in 1924 as valedictorian, and Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, in 1926.

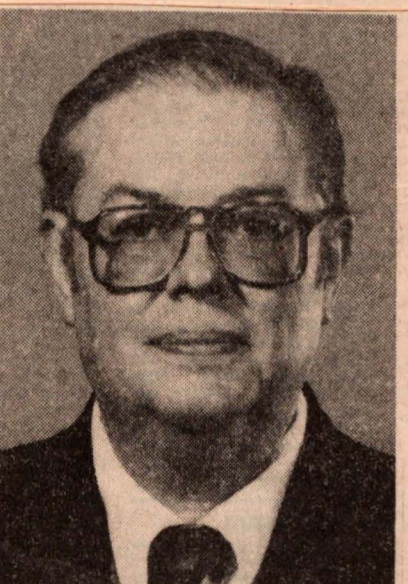
She was a member of the state and national Retired Teachers' Associations, Mount Pleasant Society of Farm Women, the Women's Missionary Society of the church and the Fireside Club.

After retirement from teaching she served as a companion to the elderly.

She was twice married, first to Clarence E. Carter on June 11, 1931. He died on January 30, 1970. On July 31, 1971, she was united in marriage to Jules N. Beaumariage, who died August 1, 1971.

Surviving are three sons, Robert L. Carter and Elden D. Carter, both of McDonald R.D.4, and Larry G. Carter of Avella R.D.2; a daughter, Mrs. Harry R. (Gayle) McDonald of Washington R.D.4; three stepdaughters and nieces, Mrs. Donald (Patricia) Rhodes of Monroeville, Mrs. Bernard (Phyllis) Flynn of Washington and Mrs. Wendell (Nancy) Pryor of Eighty Four R.D.3; a sister, Mrs. Oakley (Volena) Lighthizer of Summerfield, Fla.; a brother, Denny N. Bell of Rogue River, Ore.; 11 grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a stepson and nephew, Gerald Wayne Beaumariage, and two sisters, Mary Beaumariage and Roberta Beaumariage.



DIES — Lawrence R. Zewe, a local attorney, died Wednesday in his home. He was 46.

Anna Mgrdichan

Anna B. Rea Mgrdichan, 87, of Hickory R.D.1, died at 6:05 a.m. Monday, January 2, 1984, in Hixenbaugh Nursing Home, Claysville, following a six-month illness.

Born June 4, 1896, in Castille, she was a daughter of Washington L. and Florence Ada Carey Briggs.

Mrs. Mgrdichan was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

She was married to Spencer Bissett.

On May 27, 1925, she married Joseph Vincent Rea, who died July 19, 1951.

On January 25, 1952, she married John A. Mgrdichan, who died January 3, 1977.

Surviving are one son, Howard Paul Bissett of Hickory R.D.1; three daughters, Emma Virginia Arrigo of Canton, Ohio, Mrs. John (Margaret) Rea Schofield of Hickory R.D.1, and Mrs. Charles R. (Stella M.) Evans of Washington R.D.3; one sister, Hilda Bosse of Baltimore, Md.; one brother, Raymond Briggs of Washington; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Deceased are four sisters, Ica Donahoo, Emma Briggs, and two who died in infancy; a brother, Forest Briggs, and one granddaughter, Lois Mae Ullom.

Cornelius S. Thomas

The Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, 80, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Hickory, died Monday, April 9, 1984, in a nursing home in Columbus.

He was born November 5, 1903, in Jersey City, N.J.

He graduated from Hartwick Seminary in New Jersey in 1924, Gettysburg College in 1927 and Western Theological Seminary in 1931.

The Rev. Thomas served as pastor of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, from 1930 to September 1, 1950.

He then became pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. In recent years, he served as minister of visitation for Third Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

He was married to Mary Vernay, who died in 1982.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue Silfies of St. Louis, Mo., and Ann McIsaac of Columbus, Ohio.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in Third Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, corner of Fifth and Negley avenues.

Wedding Trip To Las Vegas Caps Foster-Phillips Vows

A wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., followed the February 4, 1984, ceremony which united in marriage Sherry Anne Phillips and Richard C. Foster II. The Rev. Greg Bostrem officiated the 2:30 p.m., double-ring ceremony, and G. Richard Zimmerman was organist. Singing were Robin Auld and Jymme McQuillan, both sisters of the bride, Tom Auld, brother-in-law of the bride, and Reita Brown. The Church of the Covenant, Washington, was the setting for the candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Phillips of Hickory R.D. 1. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foster, Washington R.D. 3.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a gown of white tissue taffeta designed with a Victorian neckline, leg-o-mutton sleeves and a fitted bodice enhanced with Venise lace and pearls. The gown was made with a natural waistline, a full skirt and cathedral train. Her small-brimmed, dome hat was accented with Venise lace and held a cathedral-length veil of silk illusion. She carried a lace fan with red roses, carnations and stephanotis.

Robin Auld of Washington was her sister's maid of honor. Dressed in garnet red chiffon gowns and matching hats, bridesmaids were: Christi Hoffman, sister of the bride, of Hickory; Jymme McQuillan, sister of the bride, of Hickory; Renee Dickson, sister of the bridegroom, of Washington.

Serving as best man was Garry Lightner of Washington. Ushers were: Robert Miller of Washington; Dave Dickson, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, of Washington, and John Barricklow of Denver, Colo.

Chad Auld, nephew of the bride, of



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Washington, was ringbearer.

Following the ceremony, a reception for 175 guests was held at the Valley Brook Country Club. Bob Prigg of Washington handled the bride's book.

The bride is a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and California State College, where she received her bachelor of science degree in industrial technology and computer science. While at California, she was a member of the Sigma Kappa social sorority. She is employed by McGraw Edison Power Systems Division as a computer programmer. Her husband, a graduate of Trinity High School and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he received a B.S. degree in business administration-accounting. He is employed by Eighty Four Lumber, Uniontown, as a management trainee.

Samuel R. Reedy

Samuel R. Reedy, 78, of the Kane Lutheran Residential Care Center in Kane, formerly of 52 Acheson Avenue, Washington, and Port Charlotte, Fla., died at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, 1983, in Kane Hospital.

He was born April 30, 1905, in Glasgow, Pa., a son of Wesley and Emma Hanenkrat Reedy. He was Presbyterian.

Mr. Reedy was an insurance representative in the Washington area for Prudential Insurance and for many years he was a sales representative in Sears Roebuck and Co.'s Washington stores.

He was a graduate of Hickory High School.

He was married October 6, 1927. His wife, Kathryn A. Reedy, died June 14, 1973.

Surviving are one son, Samuel R. Reedy Jr. of Bethany, Okla.; one daughter, Jeanne Kylander of Warren; two brothers, Lester Reedy of Hickory and Clair Reedy of Claysville; two sisters, Minnie Cooke of Hickory and Mae Ray of Washington R.D.8; and four granddaughters and two grandsons.

Two brothers, Hiram and Arthur, and one sister, Edna, are deceased.

Perry Liggett

Retired Master Sgt. Perry B. Liggett Jr., 59, of 651 Corn Wall Terrace, Mary Esther, Fla., died Tuesday, January 3, 1984, at the Leesburg (Fla.) Medical Center.

Born March 3, 1924, in West Middletown, he was the son of Perry and Minnie Liggett.

In 1970, he retired from the U.S. Air Force after more than 25 years of active duty. During World War II, he was with the 320th bomb group in Europe.

He was a life member of VFW Post 7674 of Florida; a member of the DAV Chapter 72, Florida, and a member of the American Legion Edwin Scott Linton Post, Washington.

Surviving are his wife, Julie Liggett; one daughter, Lisa, and a granddaughter, Ashley, both of Mary Esther; two stepsons, Andy Wetzen of Pomona, Calif., and Chris Wetzen of Mary Esther; one stepdaughter, Julie Wetzen, also of Mary Esther; one stepgranddaughter, Megan Wetzen of Pomona, Calif., and one sister, Clea Chambers of Canonsburg.

He was buried in Mary Esther with full military honors.

The Saga of the Lindsey Hotel

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor

A certain sense of nostalgia strikes the sentimental soul, with the literal wiping away of a historical building that has withstood the elements of time for upwards of two centuries. Such is the case of the old Lindsey Hotel, that graced the Main Street of the quaint old-fashioned village of West Middletown since 1801, until it was razed last summer (1983).

The Lindsey was a frame hotel, the first such institution in the charming community of early historic buildings. It was built by James Lindsey, and at one time was considered the finest tavern between Baltimore and the Ohio River. As do most of the buildings in West Middletown, it bordered the rough uneven brick and stone sidewalk that runs along the picturesque tree-lined paved road that connects points east and west.

As early as the 1790's, families had begun to settle and build their log homes along the high ridge that divided otherwise rolling and fertile land that, after clearing of trees and stumps, proved suitable for farming. And it was soon thereafter that westward bound pioneers passed these front doors in their covered wagons, on foot or on horseback. Thus came the need for hotels with food and lodging for the motley stream of slow-moving forerunners of the Ohio Country civilization.

The two-story Lindsey Hotel contained eleven rooms, including a 10' by 10' ladies' parlor upstairs. The other rooms led off from this. The downstairs was southern style, with two long rooms, fireplaces and one chimney. The structure was not of log, yet the sills were ten inches deep. It was put together with wooden pins instead of nails.

The Lindsey was the center of much activity during its early years. Circus animals performed in its back yard, and the roustabouts were housed in the hotel itself. This was an exciting season for residents of the new village, when the circus came to town.

No doubt many notables of the day took advantage of lodging at the Lindsey Hotel. One of these was statesman and orator, Henry Clay, who visited West Middletown in the year 1825. Billy Lindsey was his congenial host at the hotel. Clay's arrival was preceded by a committee of townspeople who rode out to meet him and escort the defeated presidential candidate into town amid much excitement among the residents. A reception was then held at the hotel and people came from miles around to greet "Harry of the West," and shake his hand. A spirited discussion of slavery was one of the topics of conversation. Only a few days before the stateman's visit, a group of slaves had been herded through the town, bound in chains, while their slave-masters wielded whips from behind.

It was also during the political figure's stay at the Lindsey that the topic of change of location for the National Road was dis-

and no doubt were in constant association with the village hotels and their owners. Present-day residents have taken this family's name for their historical and literary society, and the octagonal replica of the study of Alexander Campbell today bears the McKeever name.

Andrew Ralston, inventor of the threshing machine; the McElroys and the Manchesters, who respectively were responsible for the organization of the West Middletown patriotic celebrations and the brass band, from which later evolved the present-day annual Memorial services; the Clemens family, ancestors of beloved writer, Mark Twain; the Fulton family, whose descendant was Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat; and, yes, even the notorious abolitionist, John Brown, whose atrocities and eventual hanging for treason left their mark on American history - all of these either residents of or visitors to West Middletown during the years of its development, must have daily trudged past the Lindsey Hotel and nodded to its jovial innkeeper.

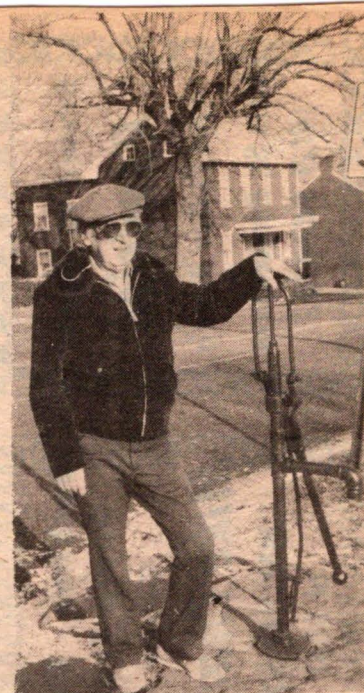


THE LINDSEY HOTEL

This picture was taken by Homer (Dutch) Ross, who has spent his lifetime in the village of West Middletown, most of those years within sight of the Lindsey Hotel, and for the past eleven years, directly across from it, where he lives now with his wife, Mary.

When its need as a hotel no longer existed, the Lindsey was purchased by private owners and used as a residence. Its last permanent owners to occupy the ancient building were Mr. and Mrs. France and their seven sons and one daughter. An interesting sidelight to this family's occupation of the building was that all seven sons served in World War II, and all came home safely.

At the time of its razing, its owners were John and Marge Temple. West Middletown's Council condemned the deteriorating building and suggested that it be torn down for the safety of the town's residents. Walls were buckling and ceilings were collapsing, to say nothing of the desolated exterior



Despite the chill of a January day, Homer (Dutch) Ross poses by the town pump and gazes toward what was once the Lindsey Hotel, now reduced to a plot of brown grass and a pile of rubble. Behind him across the street is the house where he and Mary have lived for the past eleven years.

Bebout

Charles H. Bebout Sr., 61, of 1829 National Road, Wheeling, W.Va. formerly of Washington, died Saturday, March 7, 1981, in Wheeling Hospital.

He was born May 19, 1919, in Washington, a son of John and Matilda O'Hailey Bebout.

Mr. Bebout was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Wheeling. Before his retirement, he was a bus driver for Suburban Bus Lines, Inc.

A veteran of World War II, he was a member of American Legion Post No. 1.

Surviving are his wife, LaVerne Vaas Bebout; one son, Charles H. Bebout Jr. of Shadyside, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Kristie and Charles D. Bebout, both of Shadyside, Ohio.

Meneely

Clarence Meneely, 87, of 2116 Commerce Street, Wellsburg, W.Va., died Saturday, March 7, 1981, in Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

He was born October 13, 1893, in Rea, a son of George and Margaret Henderson Meneely.

Mr. Meneely was former manager of the Wellsburg Laundromat.

Surviving are three daughters, Miss Beulah Meneely, at home, Miss Naomi Meneely of Anaheim, Calif., and Mrs. Marjorie Kirschner of Washington; five sons, Harold (Lefty) of Bethany, W.Va., Charles of Anaheim, Calif., Emmett of Wellsburg, Keith of Morris, Ill., and Harry of Parkersburg, W.Va.; 48 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

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Indianapolis Church Is Site Of White-Allison Ceremony

The West Newton United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., was the setting for the May 26, 1984, ceremony that united in marriage Peggy Sue Allison and James D. White. The Rev. Bob Hine officiated the 6:30 p.m., double-ring ceremony. Organist was Irma Morris of Indianapolis. Singing were Cindy Didlinger and Mike Johnson, both of Mooresville.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Allison of Monrovia, Ind. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. White of Hickory. Grandparents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Allison of Indianapolis and Mrs. Lurah Selch of Monrovia, and A.D. White of Hickory.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a white dress of satin with alencon and Venise lace. Bands of matching lace edged her cathedral train and hat. She carried a cascade of white and light blue roses and carnations.

Mrs. Thomas Stamper of Indianapolis was her sister's matron of honor. Attendants were: Mrs. Loran E. Smith Jr. of Indianapolis, sister of the bride; Cathy Paul of Whiting, Ind.; Patty Sandusky of Monrovia, and Mrs. David Weber of Hickory. Flower girl was Amber Smith, niece of the bride.

Serving as best man Marshall White of Hickory, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Ken Allison, Tom Briggs, Jack Marquis and David Weber, all of Hickory.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the church hall. Serving were Gina Lacey of Crothersville, Ind.; Lisa Atkinson of Oxford, Ind.; Sheila Beard of Dana, Ind., and Libby Brown of Terre Haute, Ind.



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The new Mrs. White is a graduate of Indiana State University, Terre Haute, where she majored in business and sociology. She is employed by a law firm in Terre Haute. Her husband has a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute.

After a honeymoon trip to Florida, the couple will reside in Terre Haute until August of 1984 at which time they will move to Alexandria, Va., where the bridegroom will be stationed as second lieutenant in the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Thomas Lee Moore

Thomas Lee Moore, 70, of Michigan Avenue, Washington, died unexpectedly at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 16, 1985, in his home.

He was born January 2, 1915, in Washington, a son of Thomas Wilson and Margaret Ewing Moore.

He was employed by Brockway Plant No. 2 as a mold maker. He later moved to Zanesville, Ohio, where he worked for Brockway Mold for 14 years before retiring in 1980.

Mr. Moore was a member of the Third United Presbyterian Church of Washington for 55 years.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army, with Company A, 233rd Combat Engineer Battalion.

On December 7, 1938, he married Mildred Miller, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert Lee Moore of San Antonio, Texas; one brother, James Arch Moore of Washington; two step-grandchildren, Janie and Michael Markley of San Antonio, and seven nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Harry Wilson, Harold Ewing and Samuel Arthur Moore, are deceased.



DIES — Thomas Lee Moore of Michigan Avenue, Washington, who was a mold maker for Brockway in Washington and Zanesville, Ohio, died Wednesday, January 16, 1985. He was 70.

Blanche S. Gorby

Blanche Shirlene Gorby, 52, of 180 Point View Drive, Washington, formerly of Hickory, died at 10:50 p.m. Saturday, January 12, 1985, in Washington Hospital, following a long illness.

Born December 25, 1932, in Detroit, Mich., she was a daughter of Violet Majewski Holmes of Washington and the late H.L. (Dutch) Holmes.

On June 21, 1983, she married William E. Gorby, who survives.

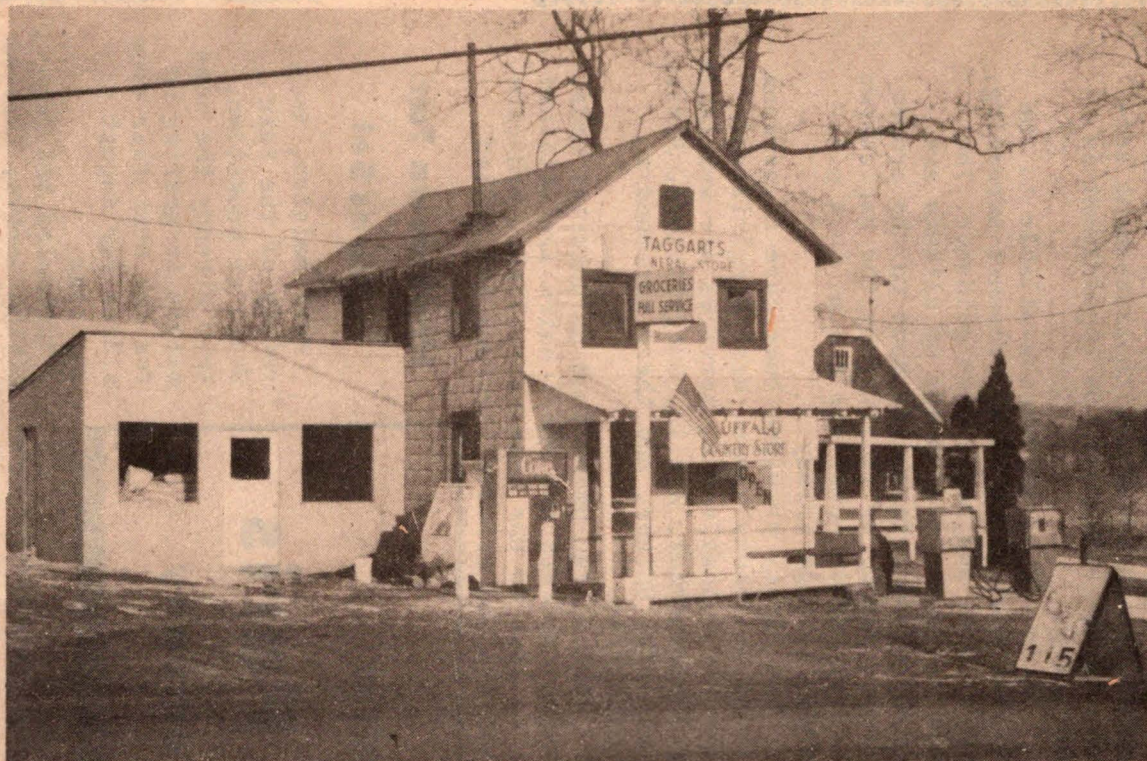
Mrs. Gorby was last employed as a seamstress for Bobby Brook Co. and had formerly worked for Hazel-Atlas Glass and Brockway Glass.

She was a 1949 graduate of the Washington High School. She was a Catholic.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and mother, are one son, Donald D. Miller II of Hickory; one stepson, William C. Gorby of Washington; one brother, Harry L. (Cappy) Holmes Jr. of Washington; one sister, Mrs. Ralph (Bette) Vanucci of Flint, Mich., and a niece and four nephews.

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Josephine S. Miller

Josephine S. Miller, 81, of 1456 Whiteford Road, York, died Friday, January 4, 1985, at York Hospital, following a long illness.

She was born July 21, 1903, in York, a daughter of Elisha and Fannie Ensor Stonebraker.

Surviving is one son, James B. Stonebraker of Mt. Wolf; one sister, Minnie Shoop of York, nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Her husband, Robert G. Miller, died in August 1978. A number of his relatives still live in the Washington area.

Services were held Monday, January 7, at the William J. Workinger Funeral Home, York.

Florence Neville

Florence Neville, 91, of Washington R.D.2, formerly of Tyler Avenue, died at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 8, 1984, in Greene County Memorial Hospital.

She was born August 3, 1892, in Sunderland, England, a daughter of Thomas Dobson and Jane Laws Neville.

She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and the church Altar Guild.

Miss Neville came to the United States with her parents in 1913.

Surviving is a niece, Mrs. Harry (Betty) Milhoan of Washington R.D.2, with whom she made her home.

Three brothers, George, Joseph and Thomas Neville, are deceased.

John H. Fowler

John H. Fowler, 91, of Scenery Hill R.D.1, died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, April 22, 1984, in Washington Hospital.

He was born November 27, 1892, in Lippencott, Greene County, a son of Simon D. and Delilah Miller Fowler.

Mr. Fowler had attended Lippencott School. He was a Protestant.

On September 12, 1912, he married Margaret P. Grable Fowler, who died December 15, 1982.

The couple had moved to a farm in North Bethlehem Township in 1912, where he had since resided and where he was a self-employed farmer and stock dealer. He was a member of the Moose Lodge of Waynesburg.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Noreen M. Hull of Washington; two sons, Stanley Fowler of Washington R.D.4 and Earnest Fowler of Scenery Hill R.D.1; nine grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the last of his immediate family.

A son, Clarence Fowler, two grandchildren, two brothers, Albert and Marion Fowler, and two sisters, Carrie Miller and Eva Waychoff, are deceased.

James E. Little Jr.

James E. Little Jr., 66, of Hickory, died Sunday, April 8, 1984, at 5:50 p.m. in Washington Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born October 4, 1917, in Canonsburg, a son of James E. Sr. and Jean Caroline Taylor Little. He was a retired truck salesman for West Virginia-Ohio Motor Sales, Wheeling, W.Va.

Mr. Little was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, where he had served as an elder, and a member of the Hickory Lions Club. He served in Iran during World War II and was a graduate of the Infantry Officers Candidate School, Ft. Ben-

Colwes

Charles M. Colwes, 79, of Thomas Campbell Apartments, 850 Beech Street, Washington, formerly of Hickory, died at his home, Tuesday, January 16, 1979, at 12:20 p.m. after a short illness.

He was born February 6, 1899, in Hickory, a son of Frederick and Caroline Kinemond Colwes.

He was a member of the Faith United Presbyterian Church and Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454, F&AM for 59 years. He was a retired barber, having operated a barber shop in Hickory with his brother Harry for 53 years. On May 20, 1959, he married Genevieve Ross, who survives.

Also surviving is one sister, Miss Della Colwes of Hickory. Three brothers, David, George and Harry, and three sisters, Mathilda, Dorothy and Adessa, are deceased.

ning, Ga.
His wife, Martha Jane Allison Little, died in 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Jane Allison Petrole, Herndon, Va., and Joanne Susan Little, at home; two sons, James E. III and John David Little, both at home; one sister, Mrs. Marion Stevens, Upper St. Clair, and two grandsons, Daniel Robert Petrole Jr. and John James Petrole. A daughter, Jean Caroline Little, and two brothers, Frank and Robert, are deceased.



Nursing School 55-Year Reunion

Attending the 55-year reunion of The Washington Hospital School of Nursing class of 1929 which was held in The George Washington are from left, front row: Rebecca Pepper Wheatley, Genevieve Norwood, Velma Speicher Morris and Jean Prowitt McCullough; standing, Agnes Graham Hiles, Dorothy Diehl G. Allison and Mabel McGugin Lawton.



Fort Cherry Champions

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The Hickory Yankees won the Fort Cherry Youth Baseball Minor League title with an 11-1 record. Members of the team include front row (from left): Shane Maga, Scott Dolan, Matt Grimm, Larry Heckman and Adam Turk. Second row: Brian Temple, Jamie Price, Larry Drugmand, Brad Bongiorno, J.T. Miller, Seth Kelley and Lee Romanetti. Third row: manager Larry Grimm, assistant Frank Peresutti, coach Gerry Miller and coach Bill Kelley.

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Clayton — Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Campbell of Hickory announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Jean Campbell, to Alan Bradley Clayton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clayton of 128 Fifth Street, McDonald.

The bride-elect is a 1980 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and is employed by Hobart Corp., Bridgeville.

Her fiancé is also a 1980 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and is employed by Chemlawn Corp. A June 1985 wedding is planned.

Thomas R. Smith

Thomas R. Smith, 51, of Hickory, formerly of McDonald, died Tuesday, June 19, 1984, in Presbyterian University Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Born March 10, 1933, in McDonald, he was the son of Helen Thealoux Smith of McDonald and the late Alex G. Smith.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict and was employed as sales manager for Med-Rad of Pittsburgh.

He was a member of Trinity U.P. Church of McDonald, F&AM Garfield Lodge 604 of McDonald, Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, Pittsburgh, Syria Shrine of Pittsburgh and Syria Horse Patrol.

On April 5, 1957, he married Cecelia Louise Agnes Blank, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, T. Scott Smith, stationed with the U.S. Army in Pittsburgh, and Daniel Ross Smith at home; two brothers, Alex Smith of Sebastian, Fla., and Robert Smith of McDonald, and one granddaughter.

Wins Jersey Cattle Breeders Award

By Phyllis K. Ross farm writer

The 1984 recipient of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club's Distinguished Service Award lives in Washington County.

Kenneth "Dutch" Lusk of Charle-roi, formerly of Eighty Four, received the award for dedicating many of his 68 years to "traveling for the Jersey Cow."

Lusk has lots of experience with the Jersey breed because, at one time, he owned and milked 70 registered Jerseys.

He and his family purchased and operated the Meadowbrook Dairy, along Route 136, not far from the Dunningville Exit of I-79.

"He started a dairy there about 1950" said his son, Robert Lusk, manager of the ASCS office in Washington. "It was then that he went to the Jersey breed because of the higher butterfat content."

Located eight miles from Washington, the original dairy supported 10 or 12 milk routes throughout the county, four of them in the city of Washington. The others were in the Finleyville, Canonsburg and Bentleyville areas.

The milk plant part of the farm was sold in 1963.

According to the elder Lusk, after Bob was through college and his other two sons, Don, who now lives in Eighty Four, and Ron, who lives in Shelby, Ohio, had decided they didn't like to milk, he sold his milking cows but kept the heifers, which he continued to raise and sell.

His daughter, Glenda Russell Miller, lives in Eighty Four and is also not involved in dairy farming.

It was the sale of cows that allowed Dutch to travel more and he eventually accepted a position as field

representative for the American Jersey Cattle Club and traveled in several eastern states visiting farms, going to sales and encouraging Jersey breeders.

During those four years, he established a goal of visiting farms that had never seen a breed representative before. "The established breeders didn't need to see me as badly as the little guy who was trying to get started. He needed all the information he could get," Lusk said.

After retiring from dairying and milk processing, Dutch represented a number of different feed companies.

The only one still involved in farming is Robert, who, with his wife, Connie, and their three children actively farms, "Lusk's Little Acres" and perpetuates the Jersey breed.

In fact it is those grandchildren with whom Dutch has worked the past several years. Up until two years ago, he was still supervising their showing at the Pennsylvania All-American Junior Show.

They must have learned something because in 1983 all three Lusk grandchildren won production awards, bringing home the coveted Brunges Award for the highest production, and also fourth and fifth places.

Dutch has worked with youth for years, hauling dairy youngsters all over the state to show their cattle. Almost 20 years ago he received an award from the District I Jersey breeders for his "Outstanding Service to Youth."

Lusk thinks the Jersey will make a comeback even though it seems the most popular dairy cow in Washington county is the Holstein.

"It used to be there were more Jerseys than Holsteins," he said. "I see Jerseys making a comeback. The



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value is there and its proven more are decreased with the Jersey, it with protein pricing. When you combine that with the fact that feeds costs makes the breed a valuable investment."

Connie J. Carter Is Bride Of Ritchie D. Weaver Jr.

Connie Joanne Carter became the bride of Ritchie Dell Weaver Jr., Sunday, June 24, 1984, in the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Dr. Harvey O. Johnson performed the 7:30 p.m., double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Thelma Williams and Mrs. Lois Risser, aunt of the bride, were organists. T. Lee Carter, uncle of the bride, was the soloist. Donald Carter, brother of the bride, lit the candleabra.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. A. McCarrell Carter of McDonald R.D. 4. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie D. Weaver of Canonsburg R.D. 1.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white gown of silk organza, styled with a high neckline of schiffli lace and pearls, a sheer yoke, fitted bodice of beaded Venise and Chantilly lace motifs, a double ruffle of lace on the sleeves and an A-line skirt trimmed in Chantilly lace that extended into a ruffled semi-cathedral-length train. A picture hat of schiffli lace, accented with pearls, held a waltz-length veil of imported illusion edged in satin cording. She carried a cascade of white roses, gardenias, stephanotis and baby's breath. Following wedding traditions, she wore a sixpence in her shoe, a gift of Mrs. Margaret Woodford of Blantyre, Scotland; a wedding band worn by her mother and her great-great-grandmother, Ellen Donaldson McCarrell; pearl earrings, a gift of the bridegroom, and a pearl necklace, a gift of her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Chester Corwin.

Wearing pink chiffon, Susan Patterson of Corfu, N.Y., was the maid of honor.

Attendants were Mary Beth White of Washington R.D. 3, wearing blue chiffon; Beth McWreath of McDonald R.D. 4, wearing apricot chiffon, and Linda Weaver of Canonsburg R.D. 1, wearing green chiffon.

Jill Surhie, niece of the bridegroom, was the flower girl. Brian Corwin, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Rick McConnell of Canonsburg



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was best man. Ushering were Ron Carter of McDonald R.D. 4, brother of the bride; Nick Weaver of Canonsburg R.D.1, cousin of the bridegroom, and Dave Weaver of Coatsville, brother of the bridegroom.

A reception for 260 guests in the Red Fox Lodge, Hickory, followed the ceremony. Carol Risser and Lois Risser, cousin and aunt of the bride, respectively, and Nancy Painter, assisted in serving. Linda White was in charge of the bride's book.

The new Mrs. Weaver is a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and University of Charleston (W.Va.). She is employed as a radiology technician by Central Medical Pavilion, Pittsburgh.

Her husband is a graduate of Chartiers-Houston High School and is a self-employed dairy farmer in partnership with his parents.

Following a wedding trip to Walt Disney World and Epcot Center, the couple are residing at Grace Avenue, Canonsburg.



Patricia Slosky

erty (W.Va.) State College. He is employed as assistant manager at Pizza Hut, Chestnut Street, Washington.

Briggs — Slosky

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Slosky of Washington announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lynn Slosky, to Eugene E. Briggs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Briggs of Hickory.

The bride-elect is a 1978 graduate of Trinity High School and a 1982 graduate of Washington and Jefferson College. She is employed by the Washington School District and the Pizza Hut, Chestnut Street, Washington.

Her fiance is a 1976 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and a 1980 graduate of West Lib-



Celebrates 99th

Elizabeth Briggs of Hickory celebrated her 99th birthday, Sunday, Nov. 27, 1983, in her home with a birthday dinner given by her grandson and his wife, Darcie and Bonnie Briggs and children David, Rod and Dana.

Also attending were Web and Betty Poland and their grandson, Danny, who celebrated his fourth birthday the same day.

Bell — Bryce

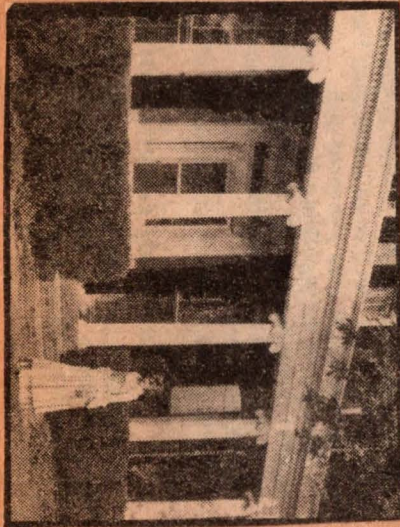
Mr. and Mrs. David W. Bryce of McDonald R.D. 4 announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheri Lynn Bryce, to Bryan Donald Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bell of Hickory R.D. 1.

The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School and will attend the National Travel School, Uniontown. She is employed by Color Your World, Bridgeville.

Her fiance is a 1977 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and is employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

A May 11, 1985, wedding is planned.

Accepting Bids on the W. L. Moore Farm on Rt. 16, South of Atlasburg, PA (Washington County). 180 acres, 130 acres tillable, 2 dwellings, barn & outbuildings, 2 veins of coal & mineral rights. We reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Call for appointment 356-7835. Send bids by June 1st, 1984 to Nora M. Phillips, Box 126, Hickory, PA 15340.



Renzie Leroy Davidson

Renzie Leroy Davidson, 67, of Hickory R.D.1, died Wednesday, July 4, 1984, at 3:45 p.m. in his home following a two-year illness.

He was born November 15, 1916, in Washington County, a son of Lawrence and Frances Mae Dunn Davidson.

Mr. Davidson was a member of the Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church. He had been employed as a truck driver for Russell Industries for 21 years and J.R. Cowden Trucking Co. for 18 years. Mr. Davidson was a member of the Hickory Lions Club, of which he was a past secretary, and he was a charter member of the Hickory Fire Department. He attended Buffalo Grade School and Hickory High School.

On March 30, 1940, he married Mary Jane Bainbridge, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Renzie L. Davidson Jr. of North Huntingdon; one daughter, Barbara Ann, wife of Elden (Peck) Carter of McDonald R.D.4; two brothers, Louis E. Davidson of Taylorstown and Earl (Tiny) Kline Davidson of Washington R.D.1; three sisters, Mrs. Alvin (Nora Jean) Simpson and Mrs. Harry (Hilda) Wagner, both of Hickory, and Janet Darlene Wiemer of Glogow, Mont.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One brother, Richard Davidson, is deceased.

Antique Heaven

144-Year-Old Home Boasts Antiques Which Are Even Older

By Elizabeth M. Rogers, Staff Writer

EIGHTY FOUR — A step into the Samuel Brownlee home in Eighty Four is a step into the past — a 144-year step to be precise.

Built in 1840, the Georgia colonial mansion on Route 519 across from Wylandville Elementary School brims with antiques and replicas of antiques, some handcrafted by its current owner, Charles Miller.

In celebration of Eighty Four's centennial, Lucille Miller and her daughters will conduct tours of the estate from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29.

The Millers purchased the 21-acre estate from William Sellors in 1967. A native of Mt. Lebanon, Miller was employed at that time as a metallurgical engineer by Westinghouse Electric in Philadelphia.

Several years later, he resigned from Westinghouse to restore and create furniture in his wood shop, behind the home. His wife, a registered nurse, operates a gilding business overtop their three-car garage.

Their four children, Charles, Kathryn, Leticia and Janice, grown, the couple plan to retire soon and have placed the estate on the market.

Typical of Georgian architecture, the front and back of the

15-room home are symmetrical. Two windows extend from the floor to the ceiling in each of the front rooms and are balanced by the same at the rear. The front porch is held in place by fluted ionic columns and scroll caps dating to 1848.

Inside the front door is a gracious hall with entrances to the dining room and living room to the left and right respectively. A winding staircase ascends to two upper floors. Most of the rooms contain fireplaces, some operational.

A Sheraton dining room table (the style circa 1880) is the focal point of the dining room. A silver-plated water pitcher dating to the Civil War belonged to Miller's grandmother and sits atop a table there.

Behind the dining room is the kitchen, renovated during the 1940s. Miller replaced the ceiling with a pressed-tin (terneplate) ceiling salvaged from the ballroom of the William Henry Hotel, formerly at the corner of South Main and Wheeling streets in Washington.

A gilded American eagle, one of Miller's first gilded pieces, hangs over the fireplace in the living room. To the left of the fireplace sits a pie crust tea table with claw ball feet. Miller copied the table, a Christmas gift to his wife, from the original

displayed in the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Behind the living room is the music room, featuring a grand piano, imported Italian marble fireplace and Mrs. Miller's cloisonne collection.

Hanging in almost every room are artwork or mirrors enclosed in elaborate, gilded frames, most restored by Mrs. Miller.

Miller constructed additional rooms at the rear of the home during the 1960s. Keeping with the 1840s theme, he added a family room on the first floor and bath and dressing rooms on the second floor.

Mrs. Miller handpainted the wallpaper in the hallway leading to the family room. Examining it closely, one can see that the drawings of boats on the wallpaper are personalized with the names of their three daughters, Kathryn, Leticia and Janice.

The family room's furnishings are reflected in a gilded, girandole mirror. Miller fashioned the mirror after one hanging in the dining room of the Century Inn in Scenery Hill.

Several Williamsburg dried flower arrangements, created by Mrs. Miller, decorate the room while a piece of tapestry created in Belgium hangs on the back of a Chippendale-style sofa.

The upstairs rooms contain as many pieces of art and antiques as the downstairs.

The fireplace in the master sitting room is flanked by two identical, red leather chairs, one an antique, the other built by Miller. A picture of Mrs. Miller hangs over a handmade, walnut poster bed in the master bedroom.

Several steps descend from the master bedroom to the new addition which contains a large bathroom and dressing rooms. Behind those rooms is Mrs. Miller's gilding shop over the garage.

Handcrafted by Miller for his oldest daughter, Kathryn, a mahogany canopy bed is the center of attention in the front east bedroom.

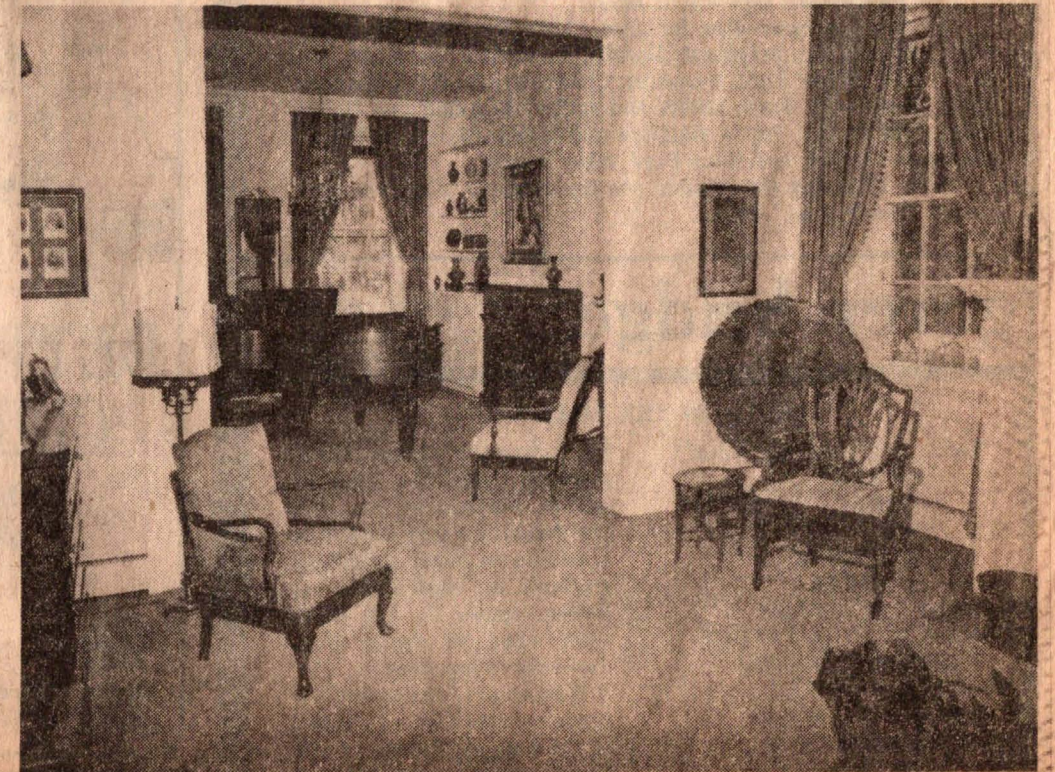
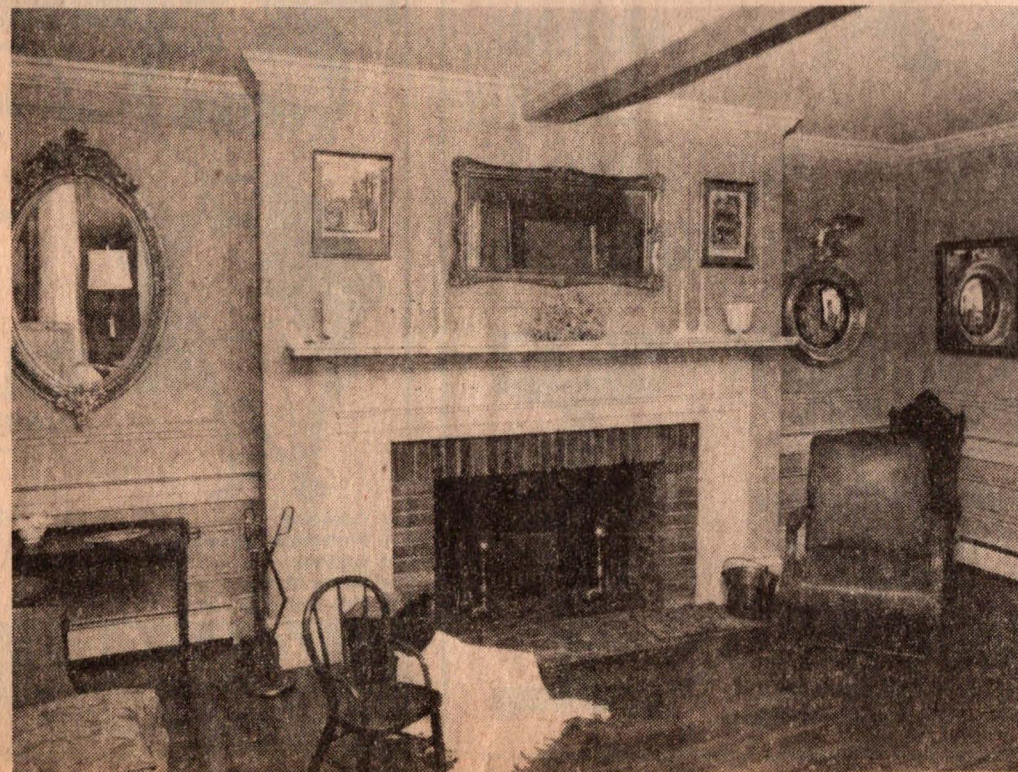
The guest room, affectionately called by the Millers, "the mother-in-law room," is the only room decorated exclusively in a French motif.

The attic, once used as a bedroom for their son is now used for storage.

Although not original with the home, the brick driveway twisting upward to the home from Route 519 completes the entire colonial look. Miller installed the driveway in the 1970s using bricks originally parts of roads in the northside of Pittsburgh, long since replaced with asphalt.



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Girandole mirror in family room



Family room, left, and living room and music room in Brownlee home

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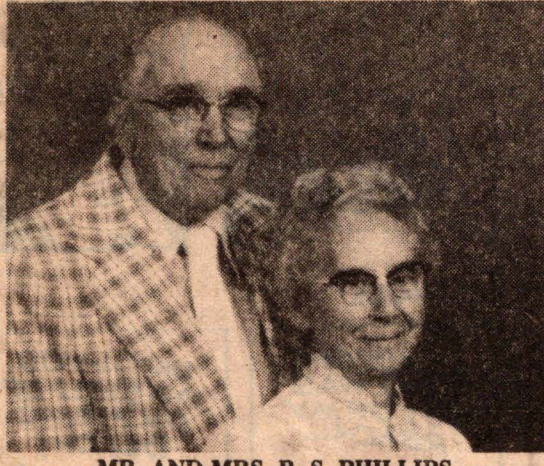
Robert Phillipses Mark 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Phillips, Hickory R. D. 1, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, at the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, Hickory. All friends and relatives are invited.

The former Gertrude McGugin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, Hickory, and Mr. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips, Hickory, were married June 16, 1934, at a ceremony in Davenport, Iowa.

The couple has one son, James R. Phillips, Hickory R.D. 1, and four granddaughters: Mrs. Thomas (Robin) Auld, Washington; Mrs. Richard (Sherry) Foster II, Washington; Mrs. Chester (Christi) Hoffman III, Hickory R.D., and Mrs. Richard (Jymme), McGuillan, Hickory R.D., and one great-grandson, Chad Auld.

The couple requests that gifts be omitted.



MR. AND MRS. R. S. PHILLIPS

Raymond Thomases Mark 50

Raymond H. and Mary Edna Thomas of 12 Dire Drive, Hickory, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Wednesday, July 25.

The former Mary E. Neil, daughter of the late Leonard and Gwendolyn Conkle Neil, who lived in Hickory, and Raymond Thomas, son of the late Daniel Thomas and Liffie Thomas Miller of Butler County, were married July 25, 1934, by the Rev. James Potter of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling, W. Va.

Mr. Thomas is retired from the Koppers Corp., Follansbee, W. Va. plant.



MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND H. THOMAS

The couple are the parents of four children, Raymond Thomas of Houston, Alvin Neil Thomas of Hickory, Mary Ann Ostovic of Washington and Betty

Eileen Camden of Washington R.D.1. There are eight grandchildren, Raymond Thomas of Bridgeville, Gwendolyn Dawkins of Germany, Mary, Adam and Betty

Thomas of Houston, Patrick Neil Thomas of Hickory, Sarah Jane Bryner and Jon Philip Camden, both of Washington. There are two great-grandsons.

Trinity UP Church Setting For Cole-Kress Exchange

The Trinity United Presbyterian Church, McDonald, was the setting for the July 14, 1984, wedding of Carrie Sue Kress and Henry Everett Cole Jr. The Rev. Edward R. DeLair officiated the 5:30 p.m., double-ring ceremony. Miss Jill Masquelier was pianist and Lesa Donati was soloist.

Parents of the couple are Arthur C. and Virginia C. Kress of 315 Fourth Street, McDonald, and Henry E. and Judy Cole of Hickory R.D. 1.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white taffeta, designed with a Queen-Anne neckline and long, leg-o'-mutton sleeves. The dropped waistline flowed into a full skirt that ended in a cathedral train. Her headpiece was a wreath of pearls and silk flowers that held a double layer of fingertip veiling dotted with pearls.

Attired in white silk, Marcy Kress of McDonald was her sister's maid of honor. Also in white silk was matron of honor Lori Weber of McDonald. In identical attire were bridesmaids: Melissa Cole of Hickory, sister of the bridegroom; Ann Stanish of Midway; Terri Krenn, McDonald, and Lindsay Ehle of McDonald, junior bridesmaid.

Jennifer Armstrong of Hickory was flower girl.

Serving as best man for his brother was Duane Cole of Hickory. Ushers were: Dave Weber of McDonald; Russell Masquelier of McDonald; Ken Allison of Hickory, and James Markovitz of McDonald.

Junior usher was Ryan Cole of Hickory, brother of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony, a recep-



MRS. COLE

tion for 300 guests was held at the Hickory Fire Hall. Carla Krenn was responsible for the bride's book.

The new Mrs. Cole is a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and Duff's Business Institute. She is employed as a business analysis clerk for Allegheny International. Her husband is a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and West Virginia University. He is a Nationwide Insurance agent.

After a wedding trip to Hilton Head, S.C., the couple are at home in Cecil.



Hickory Class Of 1939

Members of the 1939 Hickory High School Class held their 45-year reunion the Casa Royale, Washington, with 25 class members attending. Don Bruce, master of ceremonies, presented the following with mementoes: Charles Zemaitis and Howard Rettinger for having traveled the farthest; John Lee, first reservation; Barbara Shaffer, last reservation; Frank Prime, most grandchildren, and Kathryn Bell for having been married for 45 years. John Lee, class president, presided at the business meeting. Plans were discussed for the 50-year reunion. Barbara Shaffer and Wayne Cooke were added to the present reunion committee consisting of Don

Bruce, Bettie and Jim Dallmeyer, Dorothy Hamilton, Betty Kifer and Bob Smith. From left are: front row, Marilou Ritchey Kimble, Gretta Scott Bauer, Sarah Paxton Kenamond, Betty Foster Kifer, Miss Elsie Cowden (teacher), Kathryn O'Donnell Bell, Bettie Dinsmore Dallmeyer, Evelyn Morgan McCarrell; middle row, Howard Rettinger, Mary Krese Klopach, Wannetta Malone Ferritto, Dorothy Kelly Hamilton, John Lee, Barbara Bedillion Shaffer, Mary Alice Dixon Braddock, Jean Bennett Young and James Dallmeyer; back row, Harold Engel, Wayne Cooke, Ralph Bell, Robert Smith, Charles Zemaitis, Frank Pollock, Clark Kennedy, Frank Prime and Donald Bruce.

Country Musician Ernest Tubb Dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Country music pioneer Ernest Tubb, the "Texas Troubadour" whose distinctive baritone and songs like "I'm Walking the Floor Over You" made him a legend, died Thursday. He was 70.

Tubb, a lanky Texan who always wore a cowboy hat in public, died in Baptist Hospital, where he had been since Aug. 10. He suffered from emphysema and had been in poor health for about two years.

Hospital officials said his wife and their children, three sons and four daughters, were at Tubb's bedside when he died. His son Justin is a singer-songwriter who performs on the Grand Ole Opry.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Two Rivers Baptist Church, across the street from the Grand Ole Opry House.

Tubb pioneered the "honky-tonk" sound of country music, a style that developed in the rowdy Texas beer halls of the 1940s and featured forceful guitars and earthy lyrics.

His biggest hit was "I'm Walking the Floor Over You," a woeful, love-lorn ballad that became a trademark and sold a million copies in 1941.

Tubb, known for his folksy friendliness, angular grin and a Texas drawl, first sang on the Grand Ole Opry in 1942. His last Opry appearance was Aug. 14, 1982.

He helped country music singer Loretta Lynn early in her career by recording duets and playing concerts with her. Tubb played himself in the 1980 movie "Coal Miner's Daughter," based on her autobiography. The movie is to be shown on ABC-TV Sunday night.

"To me, country music is from your heart and soul; it's your life," Tubb, who was affectionately called "ET," said in a 1980 interview.

"He epitomized country music," said Jo Walker-Meador, executive director of the Country Music Association. "He was the most gentle and most loved of all the stars. He was a real gentleman. In the 26 years I worked with Ernest, I never heard him utter an unkind word."

Tubb was famous for the word "thanks" which he had painted on the back of his guitar. As he walked off

stage to applause, he would turn the guitar over and flash his gratitude to the amused audience.

Born Feb. 9, 1914, in Crisp, Texas, Ernest Dale Tubb never finished grammar school, but that didn't hurt his music career. He recorded more than 250 songs and sold at least 30 million records. He was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1965.

"Ernest was a fine man and wonderful showman," said 72-year-old bluegrass king Bill Monroe, also in the Country Music Hall of Fame. "I went to see him a couple of nights ago. We shook hands and talked a lot. He was so happy I came to see him."

Another country music star, Hank Snow, said, "The industry has lost a giant and a man who probably helped more people reach the No. 1 spot in country music than anyone else."

"He's the one who fought to get me placed on the Opry" in 1949, Snow said. "They said we sounded too much alike. He finally took them a couple of my records and convinced them."

Singer Moe Bandy, known as the current "king of honky-tonk," said Tubb was his inspiration.

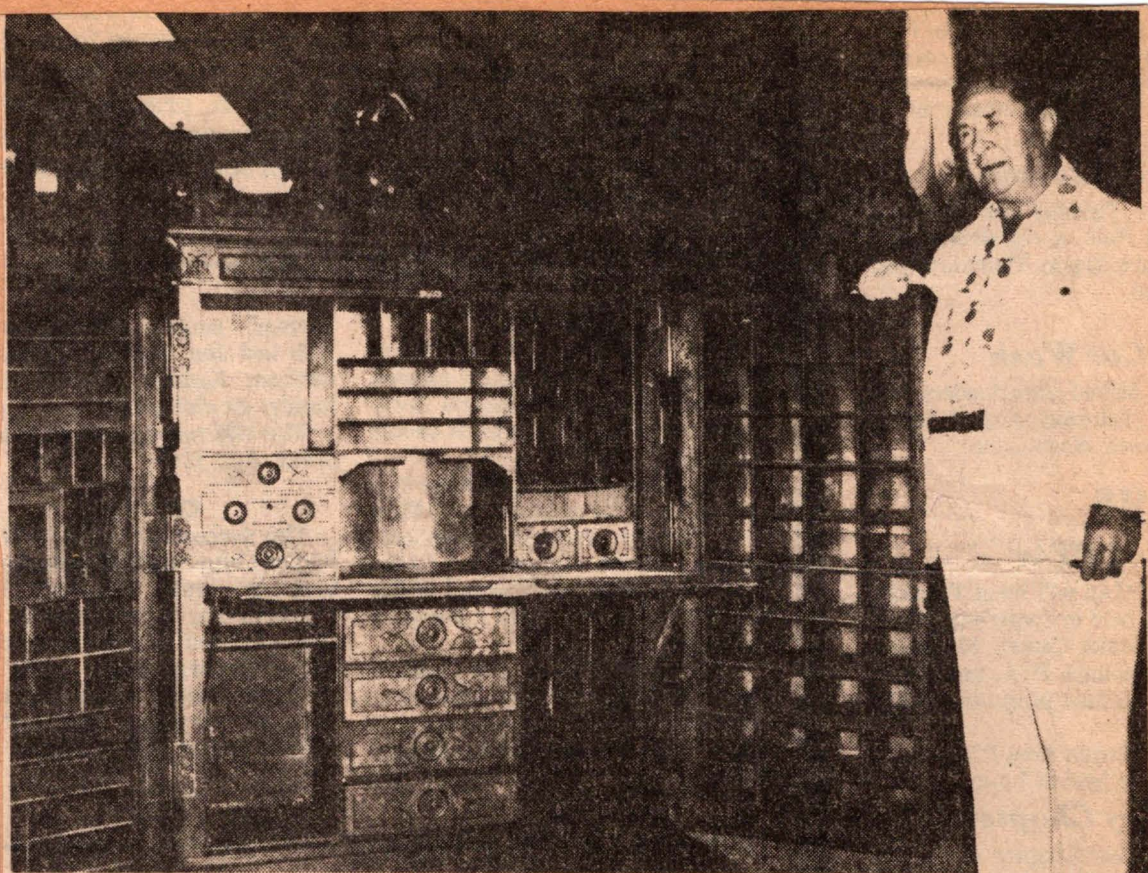
"He was my hero," Bandy said. "He really inspired me. I'm glad I had the honor to work with him several years ago. I lost a big inspiration, and it sure will be strange without him."

The 59-year-old Opry will probably have a brief tribute to Tubb on Friday or Saturday, said general manager Hal Durham.

"Country music has suffered a devastating loss," Durham said. "He was uniquely respected and loved by his colleagues. Nearly everyone in country music was influenced by him."

Tubb's hits included "Waltz Across Texas," "Let's Turn Back the Years," "Rainbow at Midnight," "Tomorrow Never Comes," "Filipino Baby" and "Little Ole Band of Gold." He had often acknowledged that his rough, nasal voice had some ragged edges.

"I don't care whether I hit the right note or not," he once said. "I'm not looking for perfection of delivery — thousands of singers have that. I'm looking for individuality."



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Vince Darby displays his Wooten desk shortly before its sale

Going, Going Gone!

Vince Darby isn't an antique connoisseur. He readily confesses he knows little about the subject, and he doesn't collect antiques nor does he have any in his home — at least not any more.

Twenty-two years ago, Darby, of Washington R.D.8, attended an auction in Claysville, mostly out of curiosity. An old desk caught his eye, and, on a whim, he purchased it for \$60.

As Darby tells it, "An old man followed me around while I was loading it, and he kept telling me Henry Clay Frick had once owned the desk. I didn't really pay much attention to him. The desk was so huge, I didn't have any place to put it, so I stuck it in my garage and just about for-

got it."

About a year ago, Darby was reading an antiques column, and noticed a picture of a desk similar to the one he owned.

"The paper said there were only two of the desks left in the country, and they couldn't be located. I thought, well, that looks like the desk downstairs. Then, one day, I was talking with an auctioneer friend of mine, John White, and to his wife. We were down in the basement and she said, 'Oh, my Lord, it's a Wooten desk.' Well, I didn't know anything about a Wooten desk, but when I found out it was valuable, I figured I should see what it would bring."

With the help of Ed Corgiat of The Stamp Act at Franklin Mall, bids were sought through antique magazines. The desk was also displayed at the antique shop.

Bids came in from as far away as Tennessee, Texas and New York, and, when the bids were opened, it was a man from New York who was awarded the antique — for \$6,000.

Darby is rather calm about the sudden windfall. He hasn't made any specific plans for the money yet, but he's certain he won't be rummaging through any antique stores for old desks.

Unless, of course, he comes across one by accident...there is, after all, one Wooten desk still missing.

Marie Sargent

Marie Sargent, 83, of 1354 Gabby Avenue, Washington, formerly of 1469 Henderson Avenue, died at 12:15 p.m. Friday, September 21, 1984, in Washington Hospital following a lingering illness.

She was born June 3, 1901, in Washington County, a daughter of J. Calvin and Elizabeth Shipe Crile.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, the Live Wire Sunday School Class and the Naomi Circle.

Mrs. Sargent was employed for several years by the Hal Lewis Dress Shop and was a former member of the BPW.

On November 15, 1919, she married Howard R. Sargent, who died May 20, 1981.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Kent (Ethel) Bell of Washington, with whom she made her home; four sons, Russell Sargent of West Palm Beach, Fla., Charles Sargent of Pittsburgh, Kenneth Sargent of LaBelle, Fla., and Vernon Sargent of Washington; three sisters, Emma West of Marianna R.D.1, Helen Chase of Washington and Bertha Hewitt of Avella R.D.1; 14 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Six brothers, Leroy, Ernest, George, Hartie, Lincoln and Clarence Crile, four sisters, Mary Briggs, Inez Cowell, Nellie Chivers and Neva Shoup, a granddaughter and a great-grandson are deceased.

Lucy G. Wilkerson

Lucy G. Wilkerson, 55, of Burgettstown R.D.2, died Wednesday, August 29, 1984, in her home.

Born January 3, 1929, in Pristoria, she was a daughter of the late James and Dora Hughes Nelson.

Mrs. Wilkerson was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Atlasburg and had been a resident of Eldersville for 30 years.

She was employed by the Parkway West Holiday Inn.

On July 14, 1948, she married William A. Wilkerson, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William A. Wilkerson Jr. of Waynesburg R.D.4 and Clarence E. Wilkerson, at home; two daughters, Mrs. William (Diana) Cowden and Mrs. John (Sandra) Pacyna, both of Hickory; four brothers, James Nelson and Jerry Nelson, both of Jefferson, Donald Nelson of Avella and Joseph Nelson of Brave; five sisters, Mrs. Eileen Woods of East View, Mrs. Jacquiline Woods of Monaca, Mrs. Clara Lou Zollars and Mrs. Judy Hogue, both of Waynesburg and Mrs. Marjorie Wise of Bulger, and six grandchildren.

Laschen

Charles Laschen, 86 of California, died in Brownsville General Hospital Sunday, July 15, 1984 at 2:15 a.m.

He was born in Phillipsburg, Nov. 13, 1897, son of the late Martin and Johanna Sandusky Laschen.

Mr. Laschen was a member of the United Christian Church, Malden Crossroads and was a retired coal miner from J & L Steel Corp., Vesta 4 mine.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Grimes Laschen; a son, Charles and four sisters, Augusta Bell, Pauline A. Jericho, Anna Bock and Matilda Huber.

Surviving are a son, the Rev. Kenneth Lashen of Donora; four daughters, Karen Keplar, Lorraine Siegel and Doris Lashen, all of California, and Joanna McCombs, of Fredericktown; a sister, Elizabeth Garnic of California; 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Eva A. Bedillion

Eva A. Bedillion, 89, of Hickory, died in Washington Hospital at 8 a.m. Wednesday, September 26, 1984, following a short illness.

She was born June 8, 1895, in McKeesport, a daughter of Edward and Eva Giles McCloskey.

Mrs. Bedillion was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, where she had been a choir member for many years. She also was a member of the Fireside Club and the Women's Club, both of Hickory.

Her husband, William K. Bedillion, died in 1974.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ralph (Ruth) Dias of Brighton, Mich., and Mrs. James (Wilma Billie) Nunn of Hickory; two sons, Glenn Bedillion of Hickory and Warren Bedillion of Rea; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

President Autographs Old Poster For Local Barbers

By Byron Smialek, Staff Writer

Despite the fact that the Republican National Convention is going on this week, there doesn't seem to be much political talk among the customers at the Marasco Barber Shop.

When the subject of presidential politics is brought up, however, the topic of discussion is usually Ronald Reagan... when he was an actor, not the chief executive and commander in chief of the U.S. armed forces.

For the past 30 years, Ronald Reagan, the movie actor, turned governor turned president, has had a unique place in the barbershop at 979 Jefferson Avenue in Tylerdale, that of a picture on a cardboard poster advertising a once popular hair treatment for men, Wildroot Cream-Oil.

The face on the poster — unlined and wrinkle-free, brown, wavy hair combed to perfection, a cigarette held in the fingers of his left hand, gazing nose-to-nose into the eyes of a comely blonde — is that of Ronald Reagan taken at least 40 years ago, maybe more, when he was struggling to es-

ablish himself as an movie actor.

A month ago, the Marasco brothers, Floyd and Eugene, sent the poster to the White House where it was autographed by none other than President Ronald Reagan.

"We moved into this shop sometime in the early 50s, and brought that poster with us," Eugene Marasco said Wednesday while cutting a customer's hair. "Those kinds of posters advertising hair-car products were popular in those days and we put it up in the back of the shop as a decoration and for privacy, to kind of set off our office from the rest of the shop."

The poster with the movie-star face on it attracted no particular notice in the decades that followed, even as the subject of the picture became a television personality as host of the old "Death Valley Days" series, and later built a political following.

"For all those years we didn't know that was Reagan on the poster," Eugene said Wednesday. "About a year ago we found out who it was from our supplier, our cousin Sam

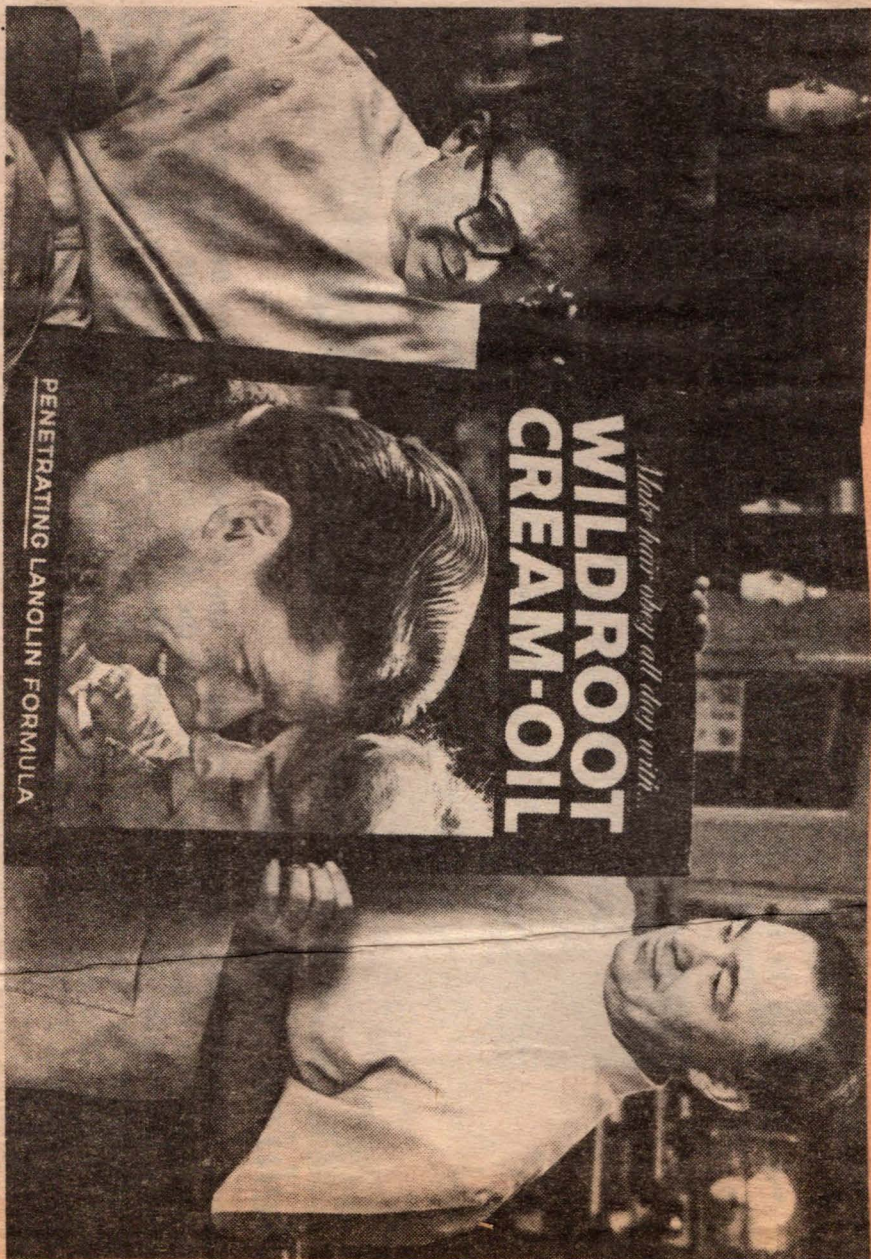
Morosco (owner of Washington Barber & Beauty Supply Co.). Sam saw a picture of that poster in one of the trade magazines that he gets, and he told us who it was."

Floyd and Eugene — both of whom are registered Democrats, by the way — thought it would be a nice touch to have the poster of Reagan, the actor, autographed by President Reagan. They took a color photo of the poster and sent it, along with a cover letter asking for his signature, to the White House.

"That was last year and it was three months before we got an answer," Eugene said. "We finally got an answer from somebody at the White House. They said he wouldn't sign a picture, but if we would send in the actual poster, he'd sign it."

A month ago, after insuring the poster for \$200, the Marascos sent it to the White House and within two weeks it was returned, signed by the president.

"We're going to have it framed to preserve it," Eugene said. Now that they have his autograph,



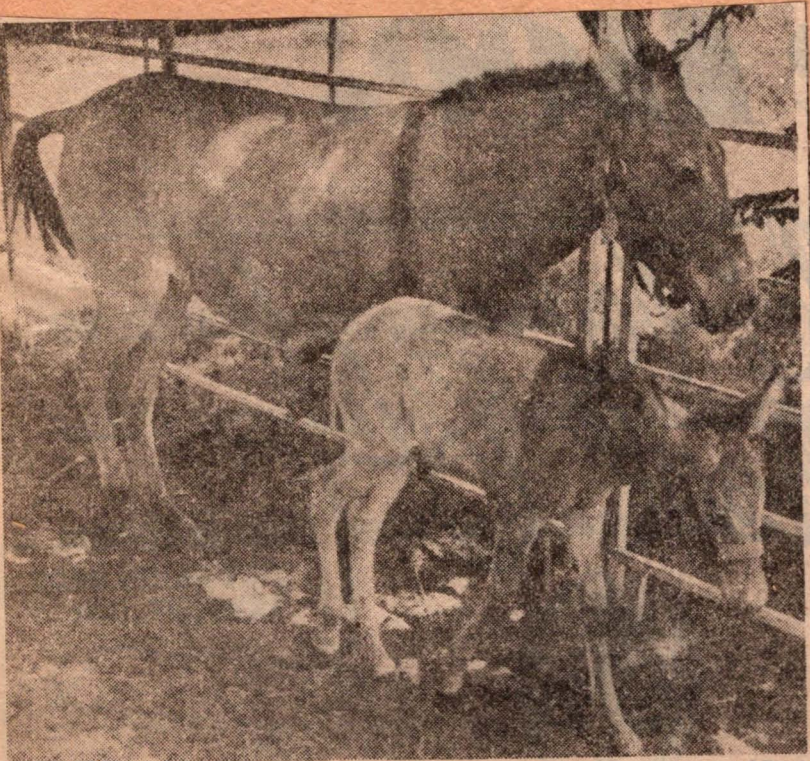
Floyd, left, and Gene Marasco with Reagan poster

will that sway them away from the Democrats?
"We vote for the man, not the party," Eugene said, "and that's all

I'm going to say about politics. Really, there hasn't been too much said about politics lately, even with the convention going on.

"There was a lot more talk about politics during the Democratic convention, but things are pretty quiet now."

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Mule mare and her foal, Blue Moon

Mule Birth Kicks Up Quite A Ruckus

CHAMPION, Neb. (AP) — Krause, the first mule stubborn enough to defy Mother Nature, has kicked up a lot of attention here by giving birth to a colt named Blue Moon. The blessed event was even announced from the pulpit.

After the July 6 birth, Bill and Oneta Silvester held an open house at their farm about seven miles southwest of Champion to show off Blue Moon and her mother, Krause. It's been an open house ever since.

"We've had more than 100 people out here," Mrs. Silvester said Wednesday. "I've stopped keeping track."

Over gallons of coffee, lemonade and ice tea, the Silvesters are telling and retelling the story of the surprise birth.

Besides drawing the curious from nearby farming towns in the southwest corner of Nebraska, Krause has attracted the attention of scientists, who say she would be the first mule ever to produce an egg and give birth if the case can be verified.

Mules, a cross between a male donkey and a female horse, are usually sterile because they are a hybrid of two species.

Miracle or not, Blue Moon's birth was announced from the pulpit during services at the United Methodist Church in nearby Imperial.

A veterinarian took blood samples from Krause, Blue Moon and Chester, the donkey who the Silvesters say sired Blue Moon. The tests were shipped to the Center for the Reproduction of Endangered Species at the San Diego

Zoo, where geneticist Dr. Oliver Ryder analyzed the chromosomes in each of the animals.

Preliminary tests indicate that both Krause and Blue Moon are mules, and Ryder said he was confident the results were valid.

Mrs. Silvester said her family had a few anxious moments waiting for the results.

"We were afraid maybe Krause really wasn't a mule but a horse," Mrs. Silvester said. "The tests came back proving Krause had 63 chromosomes, the number of a mule, and Blue Moon also has 63 chromosomes."

Horses have 64 chromosomes and donkeys 62.

Dr. Merlin Bradley, a professor at the University of Missouri Animal Science Department and a lifelong mule enthusiast, said if it can be proved that Krause gave birth, it would be a genetic first.

"It'll be the very first authenticated case of a mule giving birth to a foal," he said. "I wouldn't say anything is impossible in biology."

The only known exception was a pair of foals born to mules this year in a Cornell University experiment in which horse embryos were implanted in the mules, said Dr. Douglas Antczak of the College of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca, N.Y.

Blue Moon, Krause and Chester are kept in a special pen that Silvester built for them. They are kept separate from the 16 other mules at the farm.

Blue Moon and Krause, with light brown coats, are identical, right down to the light brown stripes on their hind legs.

Apple Pickin' Time

Area Orchards Begin Harvesting The '84 Crop

By Phyllis Ross, Staff Writer

An apple a day keeps the doctor away and an orchard of apples keeps the grower busy, especially in the fall of the year.

Jim McClelland owner of White Hall Farm and McClellands Orchards in North Strabane Township is no exception. The fourth generation to work the farm that was originated in 1831 by his great-grandfather, he says, "There were 289 acres then, there are about 150 acres left now. I have about 100 acres in orchard."

McClelland has apple, peach, pear and plum trees, but mostly apple. "You can't count on the peaches, we haven't had a good crop of peaches for four years. But 1984 is a nice apple year."

McClelland picks apples in 24 bushel bin boxes with the help of migrant Mexican labor.

"We have the only registered migrant labor camp in Washington County. We've been using migrants for 12 or 14 years. They're all legal immigrants. One man, Domingo Munoz and his family have been with me for nine years. I respect him. They are some of the finest people I have ever had working around here. They come here to work, not to waste time and they do it happily and do it well. Each man picks 75 to 150 bushels of apples per day. They're always here and you can depend on them. That is not always the case with some migrants. Domingo knows the kind of people I want around. He won't bring anybody in here that he or I don't want. He'd be the first man to send a man away if he's not doing the right job. He does a perfect job for me. When we start out in the morning I know how many people I'm going to have (to work). When I hire Americans there a lot of no-shows."

"It's piece work. They're paid by the bins they pick. A lot of people are of the opinion that this is cheap labor. It isn't, it's the most expensive labor I have, because they don't mess around at all. They're interested in making money and they do. When the picking is good, they make at least triple minimum wage per hour, but they're always here. We start at 7:30 a.m. and work until lunch. Sometimes they'll just eat a sandwich in the field. It depends on the picking. If the picking is good, they just want to make money. They don't quit until they get a bin full, then they hit the showers, eat dinner and sit around and talk. They go to bed about dark. With the exception of a couple of boys, they've all been here for at least four or five years.

"When they're done with me sometime in October, they go back to Mexico. Some will go down to Florida and pick oranges all winter and be back here January. The rest of them will be back here in February and work in the greenhouse at Simmons Farm."

McClelland markets his fruit at his farm market and packs for a number of grocery stores. He also



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Jim McClelland inspects a bin of apples

belongs to a canning coop, owned and operated by 186 fruit growers in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia, called Knouse Foods.

"We have our own juice plant right here and make thousands of gallons of apple cider. McClelland's cider is made from the small, hand-picked apples or the light colored ones. They are all disease and insect free, refrigerated and washed. We crush 100 bushel of apples at a time through screens and into bulk refrigerated tanks. We get three and one-half to four gallons of juice out of every bushel of apples.

McClelland also picks pears. "We had a lot of Bartlett's this year. We picked some 500 bushels.

"People are changing," McClelland said of his customers. "This is the day and age of perfection. They don't want any off-grade fruit. It used to be people would be lined up for utility fruit. Now utility fruit goes to juice. People today eat with their eyes. They complain about the high cost of living, but they don't want to take an apple that doesn't have as much color as another and make an apple pie or sauce out of it at half the price. They want the best. If they demand perfection, they have to pay for it.

"The grower has learned to cut costs and do things with machinery. We're getting better production with less labor. The prices aren't much better, but people demand a better level of living. They demand that we produce a better product at a comparable price. A wormy apple is unheard of in a good orchard operation. The oldtimers would pick a peck or two of wormy apples and make a good pie, but look at the time it took. Today's housewife gets perfect apples. She doesn't have to worry about insects or disease.

"I don't get much fuss (from cus-

tomers) about chemical sprays. We're regulated by law to what we can spray with. Every apple that goes out of here is washed. There is so little residue on them, because of tolerances that the government prescribes. It really gets you. You pretty near have to be a chemist anymore to raise apples.

Like McClelland, Don and Dorothy Weaver of Scenery Hill also raise apples, primarily. "We have 35 acres of apple trees," she said and we do pretty well with them."

The Weavers took 13 plates of apple entries to the Washington County Fair this year and all took blue ribbons. "We expect all our apples to have at least 90 percent color," Dorothy said.

"We're real proud of what we grow. Don has been in the orchard business for better than 50 years. I've only been here for 32 years. We still have as customers some of the same stores he started with. Most of the owners (store) are second generation."

"We're able to supply our customers with apples year round. We keep our storage cooler full with 8,000 bushels. We just started the cooler for this year. We sold all our summer rambo and lodi apples.

"Both the industry and the people have changed over the years. As far as planting and tree growth are concerned they are better than they have been in the past. But they have to be. Competition is stronger and there is even overseas competition.

"The grower has got to have a very good apple and be very competitive because of cost cutting. People are more particular than they used to be. They've been educated. I've always tried to point out quality to people. If an apple seems a little too rough, we put it in cider. We take our cider apples to Posts to get them

pressed. We made 307 gallons for the Covered Bridge (Festival) and sold it all. We use an early delicious apple that comes in before all the others. It makes good cider. We try to make sure all our cider contains at least 50 percent delicious apples to insure the sweetest cider possible.

"We work with the state Department of Agriculture and the state horticulture committee every year to try to improve our product.

The Weavers pick all their apples by hand and hire local people to do it.

"In prime time we hire 30 employees. When the trees are full, our workers will pick some 50 to 100 bushels apiece per day. We had one man here who could pick 135 bushel a day. He was as fast as anyone I've seen."

In addition to 35 acres of apple trees, the 100-acre farm, located on the county's highest point, according to Mrs. Weaver, boasts three acres of peaches.

"We had six (acres) but lost three acres and some 200 peach trees a couple of winters ago. These last few winters have really been tough on peaches. We grow a few plums and nectarines, but no pears, except for a few sickle pears.

"There is always something to keep you busy in the fall. When we got back from Covered Bridge, we had to pack apples for the stores. We service a lot of private stores in Bentleyville, Rostraver, California, Monessen, Donora, California, Brownsville and Richeyville. We pack fresh every week. We get an order and then we pack it. We don't do things ahead. We try to make every order special.

"This weekend we took customers out through the orchard on wagons like we do for Pike Days. When they come back from the ride we give them an apple and a glass of cider. It's all part of serving the public."



Century Farm

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Mr. and Mrs. Leondas Hopkins of Coal Center R.D.1 hold the side of the covered wagon that brought Mr. Hopkins great-grandfather, David Graves, a Welsh Quaker minister, to Washington County from New Jersey in 1798. In the background is the farmhouse that the Rev. Graves built in 1832 and that has been continually inhabited by his progeny since. The house has a corner stone with the Rev. David Graves name and the date of 1832. The Hopkins are the parents of five sons, one of whom plans to return to the home farm. The Hopkins also have the sheepskin grant for the farm and Rev. Graves Bible. It was recently designated a Century Farm by the State Department of Agriculture.

Harold Baker Sr.

Harold Lee Baker Sr., 69, of 325 Clark Avenue, Washington, died at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 11, 1984, in his home.

He was born October 19, 1914, in Wheeling, W.Va., a son of Harry Sr. and Iona King Baker.

Mr. Baker was a member of the First Christian Church and the property committee of the church. He was a deacon and an active member of the Two and Two class. He had also been a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose No. 22 and was a member the Washington Chapter of the SPEBSQSA.

Before retiring in 1976, he worked as a maintenance mechanic for Brockway Glass for 31 years. He was a 1934 graduate of Wheeling High School.

On February 27, 1937, he married Hilda Bell Hendershot, who died February 19, 1974. In October of 1975, he married Mary Pearl Brownlee, who died June 17, 1981.

Surviving are two sons, Harold Lee Baker Jr. of Washington and Carl R. Baker of Brockway; three stepsons, William Craig Brownlee with the U.S. Navy, the Rev. John C. Brownlee of Charleroi, and Edward P. Brownlee of Youngstown, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Thomas (Jean) Welling of Port Matilda; three brothers, Robert Baker and Harry Baker Jr. of Wheeling, W.Va., and Donald Baker of Martins Ferry, Ohio; four grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

His parents and his stepmother, Hilda Stieber Baker, are deceased.

Country Music World Pays Tribute To Tubb

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The elite of country music paid final respects Monday to honky-tonk entertainer Ernest Tubb, eulogized by singer B.J. Thomas as the greatest country music singer ever.

Tubb's blue steel casket was surrounded by guitar-shaped floral arrangements, and his familiar white cowboy hat rested atop the end of the open casket during his 60-minute funeral.

Tapes of Tubb singing his songs were played during the service at the Two Rivers Baptist Church, across a parkway from the Grand Ole Opry House. "I'm Walking the Floor Over You" closed the service.

Tubb, who performed on the Opry for more than 40 years, died Thursday of emphysema at age 70.

"I'll never forget Ernest Tubb in his blue suit, white hat and his guitar with 'Thanks' on the back," Thomas told the estimated 1,500 mourners.

When Tubb finished a song and started walking off the stage, he would turn the back of his guitar to the audience. On it, he had painted the word "thanks."

Before singing "Tomorrow Never Comes," which Tubb wrote, Thomas said, "This song is in memory of the greatest country singer who ever lived."

Other Tubb songs played at the service were "If We Never Meet

Again This Side of Heaven," "I Love You Because," "Precious Memories," "I Will Miss You When You Go" and "Stand By Me."

Tubb, a singer-guitarist-songwriter, pioneered the honky-tonk sound of country music, a style characterized by forceful guitars and earthy lyrics that originated in the Texas beer halls 40 years ago.

He portrayed himself in the movie "Coal Miner's Daughter," based on singer Loretta Lynn's autobiography. Miss Lynn was on a concert tour and did not attend the funeral.

Among those who did attend were 80-year-old Roy Acuff, Little Jimmy Dickens, Kitty Wells, Billy Walker, Hank Snow, George Hamilton IV, Jim Ed Brown, Connie Smith, Lorrie Morgan, Charlie Walker, Jeannie Seeley and Del Webb.

Pallbearers were either singers or former members of Tubb's band, the Texas Troubadours. They included Bill Monroe, Cal Smith, Hank Williams Jr., Teddy Wilburn, Carl Butler, Jack Greene, Billy Parker, Junior Prunedo, Carl Smith, Porter Wagoner and Tubb's brother, Calvin Robert Tubb Jr.

The Rev. Billy Roy Moore of the non-denominational Lord's Chapel in suburban Nashville, recalled that Tubb once stopped to help a traffic accident victim. "That was the kind of person he was. He wanted to help."

First Christian Church Is Site Of Kraefer-Clark Vows

The First Christian Church of Washington was the setting for the exchange of wedding vows, Saturday, September 8, 1984, between Tina Marie Clark and Wayne R. Kraefer.

The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Pebley performed the 3:30 p.m., double-ring ceremony. Ruth Ann Peters was the organist and Nancy Hoy was the soloist.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Clark Sr. of 355 North Avenue, Houston. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Hilda L. Kraefer of 555 Davis School Road, Washington, and the late Samuel Kraefer.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of white organza styled with a high neckline of Chantilly lace, an illusion yoke, fitted bodice, Edwardian style sleeves and full skirt that extended into a chapel length train edged in a lace flounce. A Chantilly lace cap held a waltz-length veil of imported illusion trimmed in lace. She carried a white lace fan with a cascade of white roses, lilies of the valley and baker fern.

Wearing powder blue, Tracy Panchura of Houston was the maid of honor.

Attired identically to the maid of honor were attendants, Nancy Kraefer of Washington, sister of the bridegroom, and Bobbie Clark of Washington, sister-in-law of the bride.

Chuck Felix of Washington served as best man. Ushering were Jeff Keller of Washington, and Nelson Kraefer and Samuel Kraefer, both of Washington and both brothers of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony, a recep-



MRS. KRAEER

tion for 300 guests was held in the Chartiers Township Fire Hall. Deana DeRosa was in charge of the bride's book.

The new Mrs. Kraefer is a graduate of Chartiers-Houston High School and is employed by the Foodland, Canonsburg. Her husband is a graduate of Trinity High School and is self-employed on the family farm.

Following a trip through the mountains of Pennsylvania, the couple are residing on West College Street, Canonsburg.

HERE COMES BLONDIE

by YOUNG and GERSHER

Editor's Note: "Blondie" will be part of the Observer-Reporter comic page beginning Monday.

Mike Gersher has been drawing "Blondie," the world's most popular comic strip, for the last 17 years.

Mike began a romance with the unpredictable blonde when he was only five years old. He collected mountains of comic books and "Blondie" was his favorite. Gersher says that he always wanted to be a cartoonist, but never dreamed that he would ever draw "Blondie," but he's been doing it for almost two decades.

In 1963, while still in high school, Gersher won a national cartooning contest, which led to his meeting Jim Raymond, who collaborated with "Blondie" creator, Chic Young. Raymond was impressed with young talent and hired him as a trainee-assistant. In time, Gersher became Raymond's full-fledged and able assistant.

Raymond began drawing Blondie in much the same way Gersher did, by becoming Chic Young's assistant and gradually assuming more and more of the drawing of the strip. When Young died in 1973 Raymond had the full responsibility of the art for the strip and began collaborating with Chic's son, Dean, who continued writing the script and gags.

Dean keeps the strip contemporary. The Bumsteads don't change, really, although the actual and cartoon worlds around them do. Young avoids social and political implications. "I just want fun. And I show Dagwood and Blondie as a very loving, affectionate couple."

When Jim Raymond's health began to fail in 1979, more and more of the strips were drawn by Gersher. Early in 1981, Raymond turned the entire artistic task over to Mike. Raymond died in October of '81.

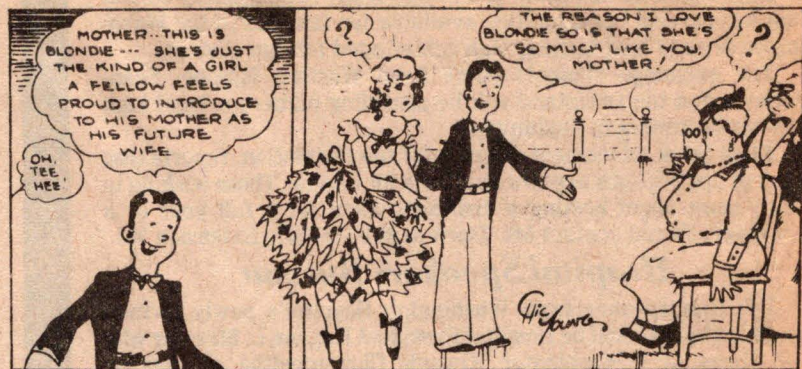
Gersher meticulously follows the established style of drawing, and because of his long association with the strip instinctively knows what Young has in mind and when Dean's scripts and gags come in he swiftly translates the concept at the drawing board.

Through the years the strip's major characters have remained intact. Mr. Beasley, the unfortunate postman who invariably gets knocked down by Dagwood as he is flying out the door to catch the bus; the tough counterman in the local greasy spoon; the incredibly persistent door-to-door salesman, and the ingenious smarty-pants Elmo, still manage to perplex and baffle Dagwood. And, of course Blondie's adroitness at lifting a tenspot from Dagwood's wallet continues to amuse the reader. The ever present mile-high Dagwood sandwich is always a source of amazement, and the reader will time and again commiserate with Dagwood in his interrupted bath.

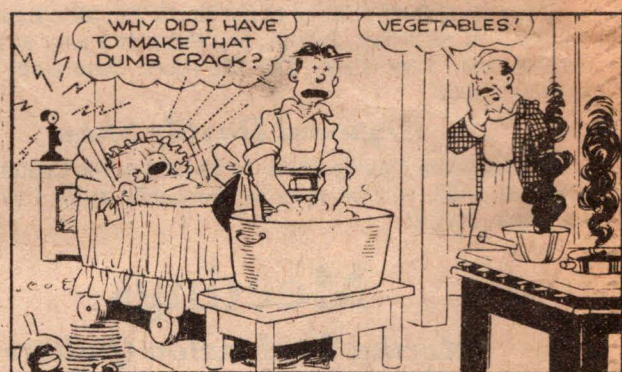
Sometimes there are slip-ups, often funny. Dean says that the heavy mail frequently shows how carefully the readers view the strip. One time, when he needed Dagwood to have the punchline during a bedroom scene, Dean's script called for Dagwood to sleep in the right hand side bed, so that the last balloon would contain Dagwood's dialogue. There was an avalanche of mail asking why was Dagwood sleeping in Blondie's bed? Another reader was irate because Raymond had inadvertently omitted the fish hanging out of the Dagwood sandwich.

Now the world's most popular comic strip, "Blondie" is syndicated by King Features to more than 1,800 newspapers. It is read daily by an estimated 150 million persons in 55 countries and in more than 15 languages.

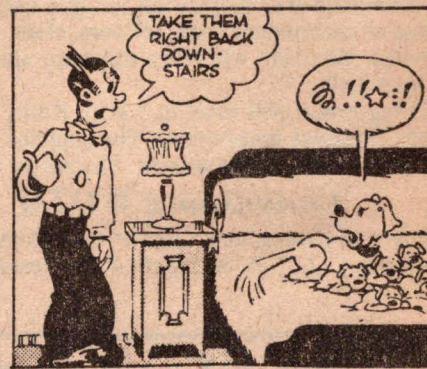
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BLONDIE BOOPADOOP started out as a gold-digging flapper and was not embraced by Dagwood Bumstead's wealthy parents.



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But Dagwood persisted in his pursuit and the couple were finally married on February 17, 1933.



3 He was promptly disinherited and had to go to work. BLONDIE adjusted to her new housewife status surprisingly easily. Dagwood had a tougher time.



4 In sequence, they had a boy, Alexander (called Baby Dumpling in the early years,) a girl, Cookie (named by a reader) and their dog, Daisy, had five pups.

2 Races - 2 Winners



DENNIS GALLOWAY, above right, won the two mile Run For Fun on Sunday at the Mt. Pleasant Township Community Day. Above right, he is biting into an orange section to rinse out his dry mouth and to rebuild his energy level with fruit sugar. His time was 13 minutes 58 seconds for the two miles. He is a track coach at Canan-McMillan High School and has been running for two years. John Gidel, above left, of Upper St. Clair is also biting an orange section after winning the 10 kilometer (6.5 miles) race. He won the same event last year and ran the race this year in 34 minutes 5.6 seconds which is close to 30 seconds less than he took last year on the same course. John is an attorney and has been running for about five years.

John M. Donaldson

John M. Donaldson, 71, of Green Street, Houston, died in his home at 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 3, 1984.

He was born March 18, 1913, in Mount Pleasant Township, a son of John P. and Grace Moore Donaldson.

He was a retired bus driver for Port Authority Transit.

Mr. Donaldson was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Houston and the Canonsburg Kiwanis.

His wife, Ruth Snively Donaldson, died in August 1983.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. James (Linda) Hines of Amity and Mrs. David (Nancy) Lewis, with whom he made his home; two sisters, Mildred Neill of McMurray and Gladys Amos of Phoenix, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

One brother, Tracy Donaldson, is deceased.

V. Ruth Smith

V. Ruth Smith, 70, of Lancaster Pa., and also of Hickory, Pa., died Wednesday, June 11, in the Washington Hospital following a brief illness.

Born August 10, 1915 in Hickory Mt. Pleasant Township, she was the daughter of S.L. Loudy and Mary Elizabeth Chalfant McCalmont.

She was a member of the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. She was the former president of the Church Women's Association and more recently was chairman of the Flower Memorial Committee. She was a member of the Buchanan Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Lancaster, and the Lancaster Iris Club.

Surviving are her husband, M. Maxwell Smith, two aunts, several cousins and nieces and nephews.

One brother, J. Theodore McCalmont, is deceased.

Chautauqua Lake Trip Caps Cowden-Curran Exchange

A wedding trip to Chautauqua Lake, Bemus Point, N.Y., followed the Sept. 8, 1984, exchange of vows between Jane Anne Curran and Gary Mark Cowden. The Rev. Dr. Harvey D. Johnson officiated the 4:30 p.m., double-ring ceremony at the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Thelma Williams was organist. A quartet, comprised of Kathleen Curran, Gerald Caldwell, Diane Caldwell and Dr. Harvey D. Johnson sang.

Parents of the bride are Cornelius and Marjorie Curran of Hickory R.D.1. The bridegroom is the son of Russell and Phyllis Cowden of Prosperity R.D.1.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore gown of embroidered silk organza designed with a scooped neckline and full, elbow-length sleeves. The bouffant skirt flowed into a chapel-length train. Her headpiece, an illusion pouf with ribbon streamers, was made by a friend, Lynne Templeton. She carried a full arm bouquet of freesia, stephanotis, miniature gladioli, baby's breath and tree fern.

Attired in navy blue voile, Cynthia Nusairat of Dayton, Ohio, was her sister's matron of honor. Also in navy blue voile, Colleen Fasnacht of Washington was her cousin's maid of honor. Dressed identically were bridesmaids: Michelle Pintar of Bridgeville, cousin of the bride; Barbara Fryer of Enon Valley, cousin of the bride, and Carma Sprowls of Pittsburgh.

Tim Allison of Prosperity served as best man. Ushers were: Rusty Cowden of Cambridge, Ohio, brother of the bridegroom; Bruce Cowden of Claysville, brother of the bridegroom; Greg Dunn of Prosperity, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; David Curran of Seattle, Wash., brother of the bride.



MRS. COWDEN

A barn tent reception for 270 guests was held at the Hickory home of the bride's parents following the ceremony. The bride and bridegroom were driven to the reception in a horse-drawn surrey. Susan Dunn, sister of the bridegroom, was responsible for the bride's book.

The bride is a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and Kent (Ohio) University. She is employed by an advertising agency as a graphic designer. Her husband is a graduate of McGuffey High School and is a U.S. Army veteran. He is an engineering student at Penn State University.

The couple are at home at 1502 North Ashwicken Court, State College.



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Marquis displays the gingerbread village he created.

Chef Creates Gingerbread Village

By Linda Morton, Staff Writer

HICKORY — A Hickory man who is a chef for a Pittsburgh company believes it is more fulfilling to give than to receive — and he has put his philosophy into action.

Jeff Marquis spent about 86 hours designing and making a gingerbread village. Some of the buildings were sold and the proceeds donated to Children's Hospital.

Marquis, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., last year was leafing through a magazine and saw the directions for making a gingerbread house. He made the house and a fellow worker offered him \$50 for it.

This year he enlarged the gingerbread theme, expanding to include a church, post office, store, barn, and some houses. To complete the old-

fashioned theme of the village, he even created an "outdoor facility" for one of the houses and a wishing well for another.

A train winds its way through the village, the tracks passing through a covered bridge of gingerbread. Sitting atop the church belfry is a cross, and a wreath hangs above the peppermint stick columns of the portico. Wreaths grace the doors of the houses, and pine trees of thick green icing dot the landscape.

Marquis, 25, said that making the cardboard patterns for each building was the most time-consuming part of the project. Laboring over the patterns after work, he estimated he put about six hours into patternmaking.

Patterns completed, he mixed up a recipe of gingerbread cookies, rolling the dough into a large piece and cutting out the components of each

building. Each section was baked and left in the air to dry for a day or two. Marquis then mixed a thick, sugary icing to construct and decorate the buildings.

Each building was put up for bid, and over a two-week period sealed bids were accepted from company employees. Three houses and the church sold for a total of \$130.

Marquis works for a food service company that is contracted to a Pittsburgh chemical company. He oversees a cafeteria that daily serves breakfast and lunch to about 500 people. He is also responsible for the operation of the executive dining rooms at lunchtime.

A 1976 graduate of Fort Cherry High School, Marquis is the son of Charles and Shirley Marquis of Hickory. He and his wife, Dana, have a 15-month-old daughter, Michele.

Lewis P. Angottis Mark 50th

Lewis P. Angotti and Verna Elizabeth Vance Angotti of 9 Oak Circle, Ellsworth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 2.

The couple was honored at a reception and dinner at the Century Inn, Scenery Hill, hosted by their sons and daughters-in-law, Lewis Paul and Grace Angotti of Riverside, Ill. and Rodney and Joyce Angotti of Dekalb, Ill. Eighty relatives and friends attended. David Olson of Washington provided dinner music.



MR. AND MRS. LEWIS ANGOTTI

A life-long resident of Ellsworth, Mr. Angotti was teacher-administrator in the Bentworth School District and its antecedents for 42 years, retiring in 1972. He also served as superintendent of the Mon-Valley

Vo-Tech during the 1971-72 school year.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, Mrs. Angotti taught for 38 years in the public schools in Findlay, Ohio, Cokeburg and Ellsworth, also retiring in

1972.

Since their retirement the Angottis have been active in the Lions Club and other community organizations.

There are seven grandchildren.

Cora I. McCalmont

Cora I. McCalmont, 75, of Canonsburg R.D.2, formerly of Hickory, died in Canonsburg General Hospital at 9:10 a.m. Thursday, September 20, 1984, following an illness of three weeks.

She was born February 1, 1909, in Canonsburg, a daughter of James C. and Cora Cannon Small.

Mrs. McCalmont was a member of the Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church.

Her husband, Allison P. (Hon) McCalmont, died in 1973.

Surviving are two sisters, Mary Gray of Washington and June Jones of Columbus, Ohio; and three brothers, James L. Small of Washington, Burton Small of Canonsburg and Paul Small of Canonsburg R.D.2.

A son, Richard McCalmont, two sisters, Anna Small and Myrta Cowlen, and a brother, Merle Small, are deceased.

Ruth B. Camden

Ruth B. Camden, 73, of Washington R.D.1, died at 11:55 p.m. Wednesday, October 3, 1984, in Washington Hospital.

She was born October 6, 1910, in Old Economy (Ambridge), a daughter of Rudolf and Mary Boss.

Mrs. Camden was a graduate of Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio, and California State College.

She was a teacher at the State School for the Blind in Columbus and at Western State Hospital in Canonsburg. She performed volunteer teaching at the J.F. Kennedy School, Washington.

Mrs. Camden was a member of Immaculate Conception Church of Washington.

Her husband, Richard J. Camden, died in 1975.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen A. Camden of Washington; sons Bruce T. Camden and Philip J. Camden both of Washington, John M. Camden of Austin, Texas, Richard S. Camden of Forest Hills, Md. and Martin J. Camden of Washington; ten grandchildren; and a brother, Eugene Boss of Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

A brother, Rudolf Boss, is deceased.

William M. McCalmont

Word has been received of the death of William M. McCalmont, 85, of 83 Washington Street, Penacook, N.H.

Born March 7, 1899, in Hickory, he was a son of the late William A. and Emma McConnell McCalmont.

He was first a dairy farmer and later a real estate agent.

Mr. McCalmont was a member of the United Church of Penacook, as well as a member of the Masonic Order.

Surviving are his wife, Rebecca Dorsey McCalmont; one daughter, Mrs. James (Ruth) Lukeman of Manchester, N.H., and three grandchildren.

Deceased are one brother, Alvin McCalmont, and two sisters, Eltha White and Janet Laing.

He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Services were held in Penacook September 2. Interment in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

'It's Forever'

Four Super Bowls Later, Bradshaw Officially Retires



NEW YORK (AP) — Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw announced his retirement from professional football Tuesday, saying he was unable to play because of an elbow injury that wouldn't respond to treatment.

"It's not a one-year retirement. It's forever. I regret it, but it's got to be done," said Bradshaw, 35, who led the Steelers to four Super Bowl titles during a 14-year career.

Bradshaw officially ended his playing career in a news conference during which CBS Sports announced he would join the network as an analyst this fall.

"It's a proud moment for me, but a sad one, too," said Bradshaw. "I'm extremely excited about my future because I don't know what it holds. I think athletes get excited about the unknown."

The announcement ended weeks of speculation that Bradshaw would retire because of a severe elbow injury that limited him to one game last season. He said he finally decided to quit when, despite months of rehabilitation, he was unable to

throw without pain during a recent Steelers' camp.

"Terry was a great player and a rare talent. His enthusiasm and confidence were big factors in our success," Steelers' president Dan Rooney said in a prepared statement in Pittsburgh. "We will always think of him as a Steeler. We wish him success with CBS and know he will do well in whatever career he selects."

Bradshaw, whose balding pate was a familiar sight on the Pittsburgh sideline, laughed when he was asked whether he would wear a hairpiece in front of the TV cameras.

"Funny you should mention that," Bradshaw joked. "CBS has a dress code. No cowboy hats, and no hairpieces."

On hand for the announcement were CBS's big football guns — play-by-play man Pat Summerall, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, and Vern Lundquist, who will be paired with Bradshaw in the fall.

Also attending was Rocky Bleier, a former Steeler teammate of Brad-

shaw's and now a Pittsburgh broadcaster.

Bradshaw, a strong-armed product of Louisiana Tech, suffered through a miserable rookie year in 1970. Two seasons later, however, he guided Pittsburgh to its first-ever playoff berth and by 1975 the Steelers were the champions of pro football. With Bradshaw at the helm each time, Pittsburgh repeated in 1976, 1979 and 1980.

"It took a long time, but when we got to the mountaintop, it was glorious," Bradshaw said.

"We had so many great things happen for the city of Pittsburgh, which for so long had been a loser," he said. "It was great to not only play with a great football team, but to play a part in rebuilding the image of the city."

Bradshaw ranks ninth on the all-time list with 212 touchdown passes, 12th in pass attempts with 3,901, 15th in completions with 2,025 and 13th in passing yards, 27,989.

He was particularly productive in the playoffs, passing for 3,833 yards and 30 touchdowns in 19 post-season

games.

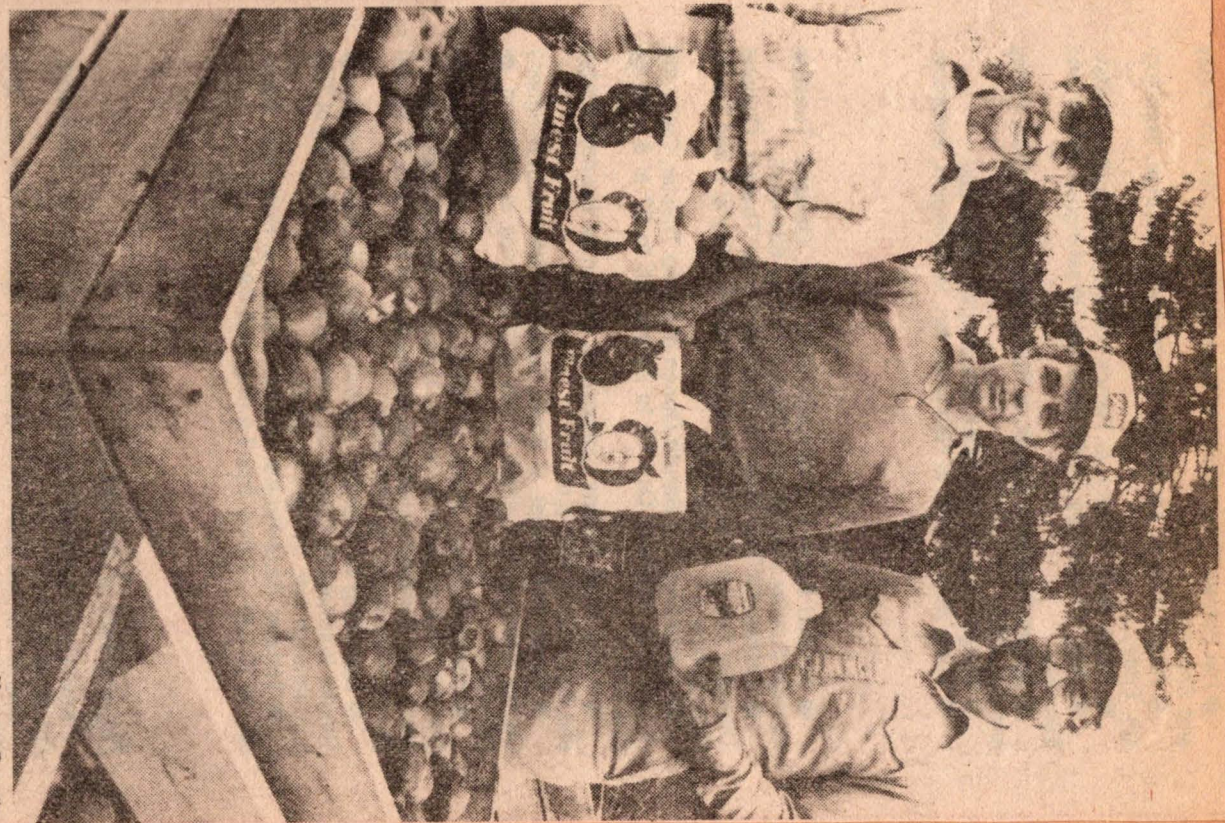
In the four Super Bowls, he completed 49 of 84 passes and threw for nine touchdowns. He holds the Super Bowl career record of 932 passing yards and also established single-game marks by throwing for 318 yards and four touchdowns against Dallas in 1979.

Bradshaw's career soured in 1980 when he suffered a broken thumb, and a broken hand sidelined him for much of 1981.

He passed for 1,768 yards and 17 touchdowns during the strike-shortened 1982 campaign before suffering the elbow injury that eventually ended his career.

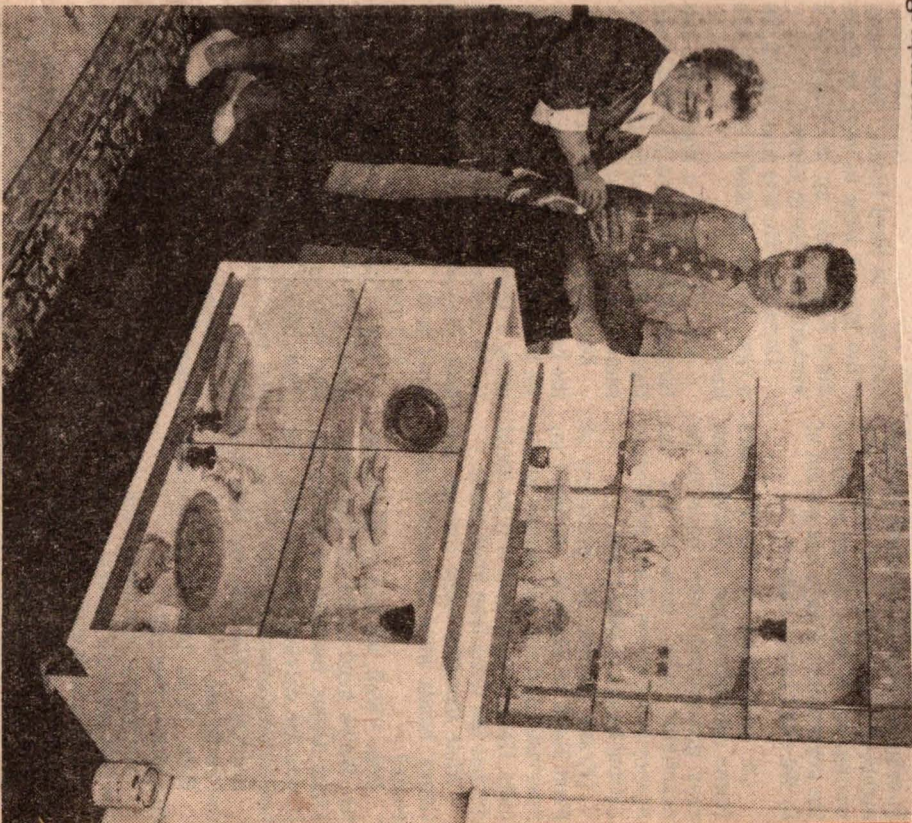
In his final appearance in a Steeler uniform, Bradshaw completed five of eight passes for 77 yards and two touchdowns in a 34-7 romp over the New York Jets. But Bradshaw reinjured his arm and never played again.

Bradshaw had previously worked with CBS as a guest commentator from 1980 through 1982 after the Steelers were eliminated from the playoffs.



Apple Picking Generations

Picking apples is a common thing to do at this time of the year. Three generations of Browns are picking them at Browns Orchards, Hickory. From left, are, Robert M. Brown, grandfather, Robert B. Brown, son, and Randy Brown, grandson.



Duncan All-Class Show

The National Duncan Glass Museum located in LeMoyné House, East Maiden Street, will get all the proceeds from the Ninth Annual Duncan All-Class Show and Sale to be held Saturday and Sunday at Casa Royale, West Chestnut Street, Washington. Pat O'Brien, right, is president of the National Duncan Glass Society, and Mrs. Esther Isminger, is president of Washington Chapter No. 1. The show opens at 11 a.m. Saturday and at noon Sunday.

A Country Quiz

The 18th Annual Country Music Association (CMA) Awards will be presented tonight at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tenn., during a broadcast to be carried live 9:30-11 p.m. on CBS.

Kenny Rogers will host the event, during which the Country Music Association will announce what are widely regarded as the most prestigious honors in the world of country music.

In this year, when pursuits trivial have become the rage, it seems appropriate to mark the coming CMA Awards with a trivia quiz. These questions, having to do with country music firsts, should provide a challenge for country music experts and novices alike.

1. What was the first country music record to sell a million copies?
2. Who was the first female country artist to sell a million copies of a record and what was the record?
3. What was the very first country record to "crossover" to the number-one position on the pop charts?
4. Perhaps no single CMA Award is more highly prized than Entertainer of the Year. Who was the first artist to be named Entertainer of the Year?
5. Who was the first woman elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame?
6. Who was the first female artist to have a number-one record on the country charts and what was the record?
7. Who hosted the first televised CMA Awards broadcast?
8. Who was the first country artist to circle the globe in a single concert tour?
9. When was the rule against using brass instruments on the Grand Old Opry stage first broken and what were the circumstances?
10. Who was the first featured performer ever on the Grand Ole Opry?

ANSWERS

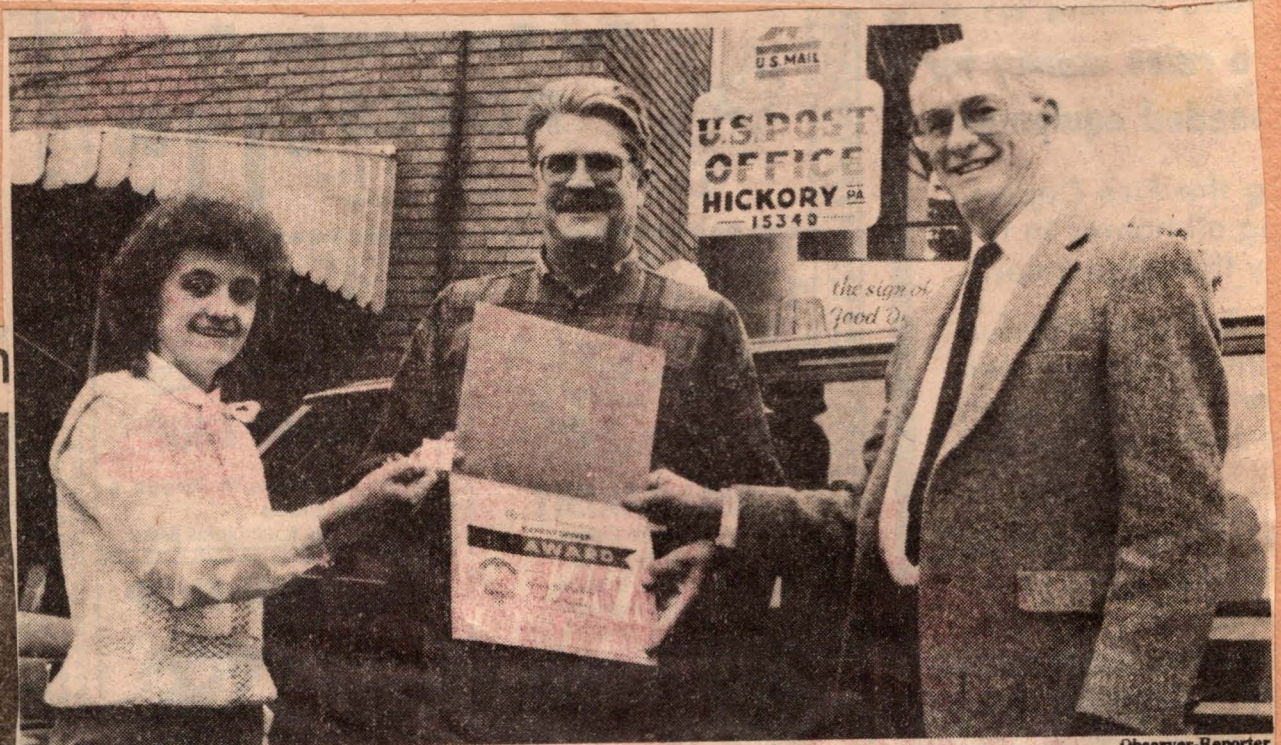
1. "The Prisoner's Song," recorded by Vernon Dalhart in 1924.
2. Patsy Montana did it in 1936 with "I Want to Be a Cowboy's Sweetheart."
3. "Tennessee Waltz," by Patti Page in 1950.
4. Eddy Arnold in 1967.
5. This is a tricky one. Sara and Maybelle Carter were elected in 1970 as part of the Original Carter Family. The first female solo artist to enter the Hall of Fame was Patsy Cline in 1973. Either answer is acceptable.
6. The lady was Kitty Wells, who scored big with "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels," in 1952.
7. Roy Rogers and Dale Evans in 1968.
8. Little Jimmy Dickens, who last year was elected to the Hall of Fame, did it in 1964. He started in Nebraska and travelled west hitting California, Hawaii, the Far East, England and Canada, finally ending up in Minnesota. The tour took 12 weeks.
9. In April 1945. President Roosevelt had just died and the Opry musicians, in an attempt to express their grief, decided to play taps on solo trumpet. The trumpeter was Buddy Herold.
10. Uncle Jimmy Thompson, who claimed to know a thousand fiddle tunes, and said he could fiddle "taters off the vine," played for a full hour on November 8, 1925.



BPW Card Party, Games Night

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In celebration of BPW Week, the Washington Business and Professional Women is sponsoring a card party and games night Saturday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Church cafeteria and gymnasium. Members of the club who have major roles in the event are standing, from left, Debbie O'Dell Seneca, first vice president; Alice Livingston, president; Midge Pacilla, a past president, and seated, Debra Rhone, finance committee member. Finance chairmen are Roanna Sanders and Mary Poznak. Tickets are available from B.P.W. members and at the door.



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Safe driver

A Hickory postman has been awarded a 20-year safe driver award by the National Safety Council for his expert, safe driving. Rural carrier James W. Carlisle, center, has logged over 250,000 miles in two years of delivering mail from the Hickory Post Office. Carlisle is presented his award by Cheryl Miller, clerk, and postmaster Bud Allison.

Guy Montecalvos Mark 35th

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Montecalvo, 130 East Wylie Avenue, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on July 30.

The former Jeannine C. Cline, daughter of the late Charles C. and Minnie B. Cline, and Guy Montecalvo, son of the late James and Fredericka Montecalvo, were married July 30, 1949, at a ceremony in the First Christian Church, Washington, officiated by the Rev. John W. Love.

Mr. Montecalvo is employed by the Jessop Steel Company and Mrs. Montecalvo by Drs. Harkcom and Pareso and Drs. Alberts and Kathpal.

The couple are parents of two children: Guy V., married to the



MR. AND MRS. GUY MONTECALVO

former Marie D. Clark, Th Montecalvos were and Rosemary, wife of honored at a surprise anniversary party given by Edward S. Kusin, all of their children and their spouses at the home of Washington, and there are two grandchildren, James Clark Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Montecalvo and Suzanne Kusin, 85 Leonard Avenue. Marie Montecalvo.

Fair Honors Seven 'Century Farms'

By Phyllis Ross, Staff Writer

Washington County fair officials presented Century Farm Awards to the owners of seven Washington County Farms during opening ceremonies, Sunday.

The farms represent, not only, 200 years of rural life in all areas of the county, some of it when the county was still a Virginia territory, but many of the farms boast of having been involved in actual historical events.

For example, on the James H. Hickman Farm, along the Hills-Hendersonville Road in Cecil Township, a war was fought among the Indian nations. "We don't know too much about it," explained Mrs. Virginia Hickman. "It probably happened before the Hickman family owned the ground but my husband found so many arrowheads while plowing that we started keeping a collection. A man, who came out from Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, said definitely there was a battle here between Indian tribes. He could tell because of the different colored arrowheads. Some were from as far away as North Carolina, he said."

Today, third, fourth and fifth-generation Hickmans live on the 189-acre farm that was purchased in 1881 by James P. Hickman for \$80.25 per acre, where he farmed and raised sheep and beef.

In the 1920's, W.A. and Della Hickman, son and daughter-in-law of J.P., had a dairy farm and serviced a milk route through the Canonsburg area and raised work horses.

The present house was built in 1881 and the barn is all natural wood that has never been painted.

Indians also played a part in the heritage of the Jerome Moore farm, known historically history as the Gayman farm in Marianna.

According to accounts of the life and times of Christian Gayman, who acquired the original 390 acre tract in 1780, "...he was a stranger to the sentiment of fear in times of Indian alarm. He never accompanied the other members of the family to the forest to sleep but slept in the house, alone, choosing rather to take a chance with the Indians than with the rattlesnakes in the woods." Gayman lived to be 103 and was buried on his farm in 1816.

The first Gayman home on "White Oak Level" was a log cabin. The present home was built in 1830 of locally-made bricks. It sits on the present Marianna-Clarksville Road, just on the edge of Marianna, "The



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Geraldine and Jerome Moore display the actual sheepskin deed for their farm, purchased in 1780 in Marianna by her great-great-great-great-grandfather Christian Gayman.

land has been constantly farmed," explained Geraldine Moore, Christian Gayman's great-great-great-great granddaughter, who inhabits the farm now.

"It was rented out at one time, but has always been used as a dairy and cattle farm," she said.

Retired, the Moore's now raise beef cattle. "We have about 40 polled Herefords," she said. "Our son is in the process of restoring the house to its original elegance," she added.

The Robison Dairy Farm was not always that. It was just a general farm, until Clyde's father Roy, bought a herd of 30 Jersey cattle in Eighty Four and walked them home, some 14 miles, said Marie, Clyde's wife. Home is Coal Center R.D.1.

Now 280 acres it was only 123 acres when Hiram Robison and his wife Arabelle, bought it in 1878. The couple raised five children there.

Their grandson Clyde now dairies in partnership with his son, Robert, and family. Bob's children mark the fifth generation of Robisons on the farm.

The Robison home was built in 1778, the first of its style of architecture west of the Allegheny mountains,

according to Clyde. It had already seen a century of life when his grandfather bought it.

Marie tells the story of how a work horse brought the logs for the huge fireplaces in the house directly to their destination. "History tells us they drove the horse and logs through the front door, unhooked the logs at the fireplace, and the horse went out the back door," she said.

A Hopkins family, owned the house originally. "They considered the Wallaces in Ellsworth, about four miles away, their neighbors, and exchanged workers, household items and, of course, good times," Marie continued.

White Gate Farm at Avella R.D.2, is owned by the estate of Mrs. Jane Acheson Donnan Sawyer. The 14 acres has been subdivided from the original property of Galbraith Stewart Jr. It was purchased prior to Sept. 17, 1877, by Stewart whose father, Galbraith Stewart Sr., was one of earliest settlers of West Middletown. According to the late Mrs. Sawyer's husband, George, the Stewarts were, "bankers of type."

Prior to World War I the ground was used for sheep farming. That is

how it gets its name, according to Sawyer, "From a white gate that existed on the sheep pasture. The white gate still stands although the fence is long since gone."

White Gate Road and the farm from which it gets its name are to the right, just past the well-known McKeever Study Building in West Middletown.

In addition to sheep, there was a whiskey still on the property a long time ago, "Evidence," according to Sawyer, "That corn was plentiful at one time."

Unlike most land, the farm passed through the female gender of the family, going from Stewart to his daughter Phebe Stewart, to her daughter Jannie S. Acheson, to her daughters, Elizabeth Acheson Donnan and Phoebe A. Murdock. The Donnan, family used it for a vacation home prior to their deaths. It became the Sawyers in 1973.

The farm of Gaylord and Mildred Shaw has always been a dairy farm owned and operated by a male heir of the Shaw family. Gaylord's great-great-grandfather, Joseph Shaw, came from Ireland, and settled originally in Ohio with his family. In 1837 he moved to Pennsylvania and settled at Washington R.D.1, not far from what is now the county fairgrounds.

The original Shaw log cabin was purchased by Harry Harvey, who tore it down and moved it about one mile up Arden Mines Road where it has been reconstructed and is currently occupied. The farm's original corn crib still exists but the barn burned in 1938.

Ralph's sons Ralph and Paul are in partnership with their father now.

The farm of William H. and Marjorie M. Carson was purchased September 23, 1868 by his great-great grandfather Isaac Carson. Located in Buffalo township, it has been a general farm through five generations of Issac's progeny, Thomas, Samuel W., S. Clyde and now Bill.

A native of eastern Pennsylvania, Isaac and his brother James located the land and on a Virginia Certificate took up the 212-acre tract called "Eagle's Nest" in Buffalo Township, where they raised stock and sheep.

The farm has been subdivided over the years and the original house is on the farm now owned by William Pierson. Although the Carsons are retired, they still raise corn, oats, wheat and barley.

The farm of Leonodos Hopkins at Coal Center R.D.1, was also honored as a Century Farm but information on the tract was not available.

Paul Mansberrys Mark 40th

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Mansberry of Prosperity R.D. 2 will be honored at an open house in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Paula Justice of of Washington R.D. 5.

All friends are invited. The couple have requested that gifts be omitted.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL MANSBERRY

A former Hickory resident, Kenneth Allison, has been assigned to Newark, N.J. Airport as a ticket agent for New York Airlines.



ALLISON to Newark.

After graduating from the Wilma Boyd School in Pittsburgh, he was assigned to LaGuardia Airport in New York City for five weeks' additional training before being permanently assigned

Steve J. Poger

Steve J. Poger, 67, of Canonsburg R.D.2 died Friday, October 12, 1984, while on a fishing trip in Erie.

He was born January 3, 1917, in Canonsburg, a son of Joseph A. and Elizabeth Ducsay Poger.

He was a member of St. Elizabeth Church of Lawrence, the VFW of Lawrence, and the Lawrence Rod and Reel Club.

Mr. Poger was a retired independent carpenter.

Surviving are two brothers, Joseph A. Poger Jr. and John J. Poger, and a sister, Elizabeth H. Poger, all of Lawrence.

A son, Steven B. Poger, is deceased.



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Trinity Class Of 1934

Present at the 50-year reunion of the Trinity High School Class of 1934, held recently at The George Washington were from left: first row, Mabel Schmalz Hartley, Marjorie Harric Hoover, Lillian McClellan, Vera Ferralli Piacenza, Frances Bates Vactor, Eva Porter Boyer, Bertha McCreery Riggs, Eleanor McKahan Sperl, Josephine Rungo, Anna Murphy Marra; second row, Jessie Jackson Martin, Freda Vankirk McCreery, Eloise Bainer Day, Nora Hazlett Walters, Viola Felin Bender, Emily Krulce, Jean Wilson Little, Keith Miller,

Steve Olesky, James Greenawalt, Harry Gillespie, William McCool, Helen Kostka Lesso, Earl Dague; third row, Arthur Prewitt, Jennie Spara Johns, Virginia McClay Gorby, Dwight Higginbotham, Paul Anderson, Edith Moniger Fowler, Michael Novotny, Forrest Clarke, William Toland, Daniel Morford, Harold Livingston, David Conger, Albert Wrubleski, Harry Reese Dagg; fourth row, James Miller, William Ellwood, Kent Bell, Karl Smrekar, Donald Emerick, Homer Shaw, Verner Gayvert, Charles Reichert, Rasel Johnson, John Sweton, John Yauch, James McVay.



Award Presented

1984

Hickory Feed Mill was honored for its outstanding sales and marketing achievement as Master Mix Feed dealer. The store received the Century Club Award at a dealer recognition weekend held by Central Soya Co. in Clymer, N.Y. Holding the award is Warren Bedillion, owner-manager. With him are his wife, Donna, and, at left, Gordon Bierman, North Atlantic Division sales manager, and at right, Merle Alstiel, Eastern regional director of operations.

Louis Bernards Mark 50th.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bernard of McCarrell Road, Hickory, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Mt. Pleasant Township Park, McCarrell Road, Hickory. Friends and relatives are invited to attend, and the couple requests that gifts be omitted.

The former Edith Antonietta, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Steve Antonietta, was married to the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Quirino Bernard, August 18, 1934, at a ceremony in Wellsburg, W.Va.

He is a retired employee of Climax Molybdenum of Langloth. The couple are members of the St. Patrick Church of Canonsburg and the Canonsburg Senior Citizens.



MR. AND MRS. LOUIS BERNARD

They are the parents of F. Kenneth Cox of two children, John Christy Road, Eighty-Louis Bernard, married Four. There are four to the former Priscilla J. grandchildren, Michael Beaumariage, also of and Michelle Bernard McCarrell Road, Hickory, and Eric and Jeffrey Cox.

From Gobblers To Dinner Birds

By Phyllis Ross, Farm Writer

It's the time of year when stores are pushing self-basting, plump-breasted turkeys as the perfect treat for a truly American holiday, Thanksgiving.

Turkey usually is the order of the Thanksgiving day, but not all turkeys are self-basters and not all come already wrapped in plastic, out of the supermarket freezer case.

There are generations of people who may think all turkeys are self-basting.

Members of the Charles Appel family may even have thought that 15 years ago, before they moved to Valentine Farm in Fredericktown.

"We moved to the farm from Upper St. Clair," said Mrs. Loretta Appel. "The first summer went smoothly and then my husband decided to buy Bill Huffman's processing (poultry) equipment. At that time, we didn't have a bird on this place. The following year we decided to go into turkeys. We had never seen a turkey poult in our lives. We started in cold and ordered 4,000 of them.

"Thank goodness our son, Monty,

had just graduated from W.V.U. with a degree in agriculture," she said.

"We had to provide housing, so we put up a humungus barn. We did it all at the same time, all that first year. We've finally got it under control now, but it certainly was not, in the early life of the Valentine Farm turkey," she said.

The Appels, like most meat poultry farmers buy day-old peeps and brood them in a battery brooder, one that resembles a metal dresser with drawers. For the first 10 days they have to maintain a 95-degree, constant temperature.

"At three weeks we debeak them and move them to another closed barn, where they spend the next six weeks. Then we move them to an open barn, one that is completely wire enclosed."

The animals are totally grain fed. "Our feed costs for 4,000 turkeys amount to pretty close to \$50,000," she said.

Strictly a meat operation, the Appels rate of gain ratio is three pounds of feed to make one pound of weight gain. "People just don't realize how much turkeys eat," she said.

"At Thanksgiving, the turkeys weigh anywhere from 10 to 40 pounds. By Christmas they weigh between 14 and 40." The difference in size is because some are started in May, some in June, and some in July.

She doesn't think the turkeys could get much heavier than that. "I imagine they would die. They build up fat and become pretty immobile. Modern breeding has made it so that the toms (male turkeys), can't even breed naturally. Their breast is so wide. All commercial turkeys are bred artificially."

After Christmas the Appels clear out all birds until spring and the barns are completely disinfected. "Our biggest health problem is avian influenza. Our own birds are inoculated but the wild birds are the biggest hindrances of a turkey operation, birds like common pigeons, crows, and robins, because they carry disease. We have our turkeys totally screened in but the wild birds still manage to get in there."

The Appel's processing plant is primarily a private one, but as a favor to 4-H kids and some county farmers, who raise a few fryers, they

open it in the fall and in the spring a couple of times.

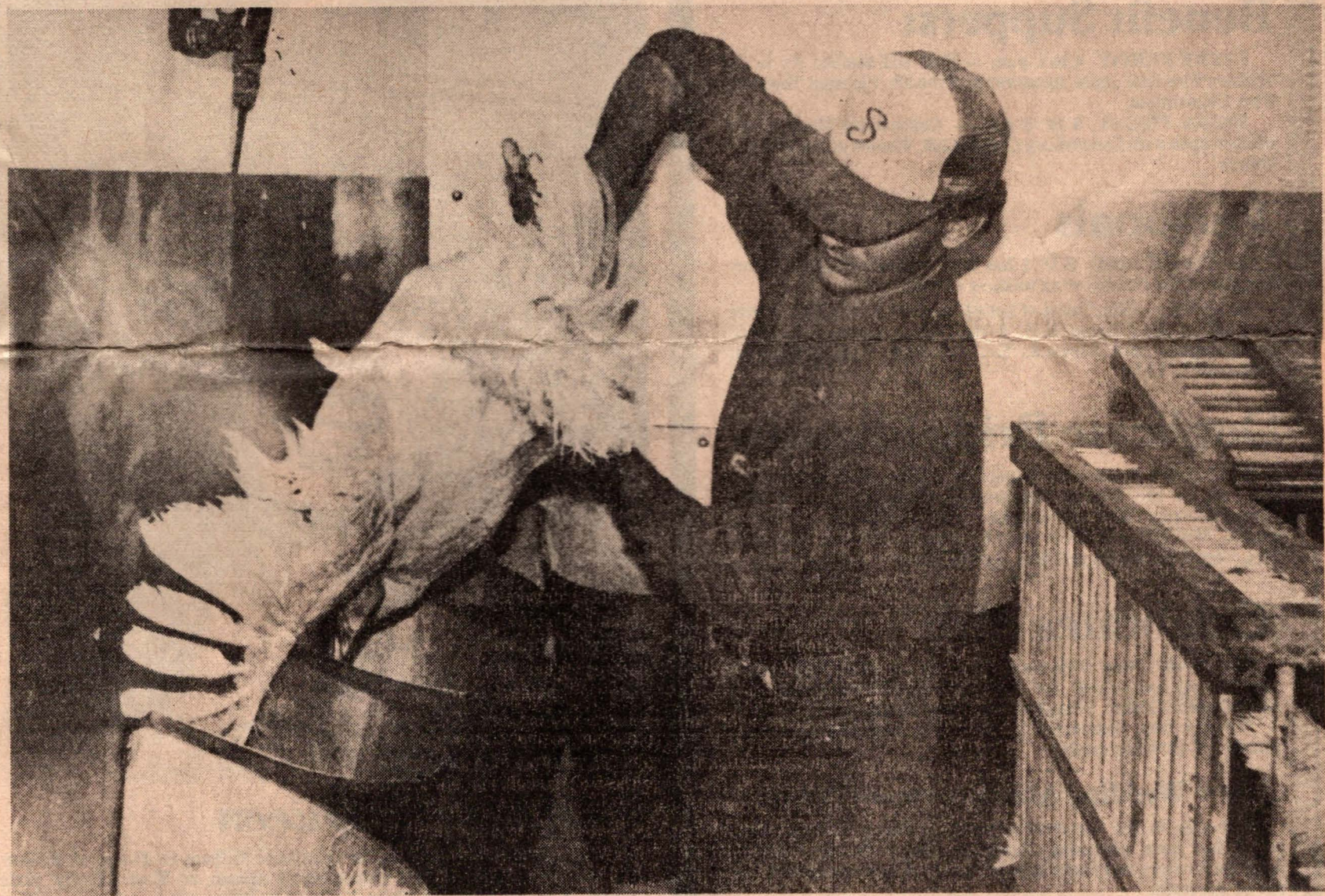
According to Mrs. Appel, most locally raised birds have no preservatives and no additives.

"Because of that our birds are fragile. They have no formaldehyde or any other preservative on the skin as might exist in commercial birds. Nothing is injected into them either, like water, oil, or food color. Therefore they will spoil more quickly.

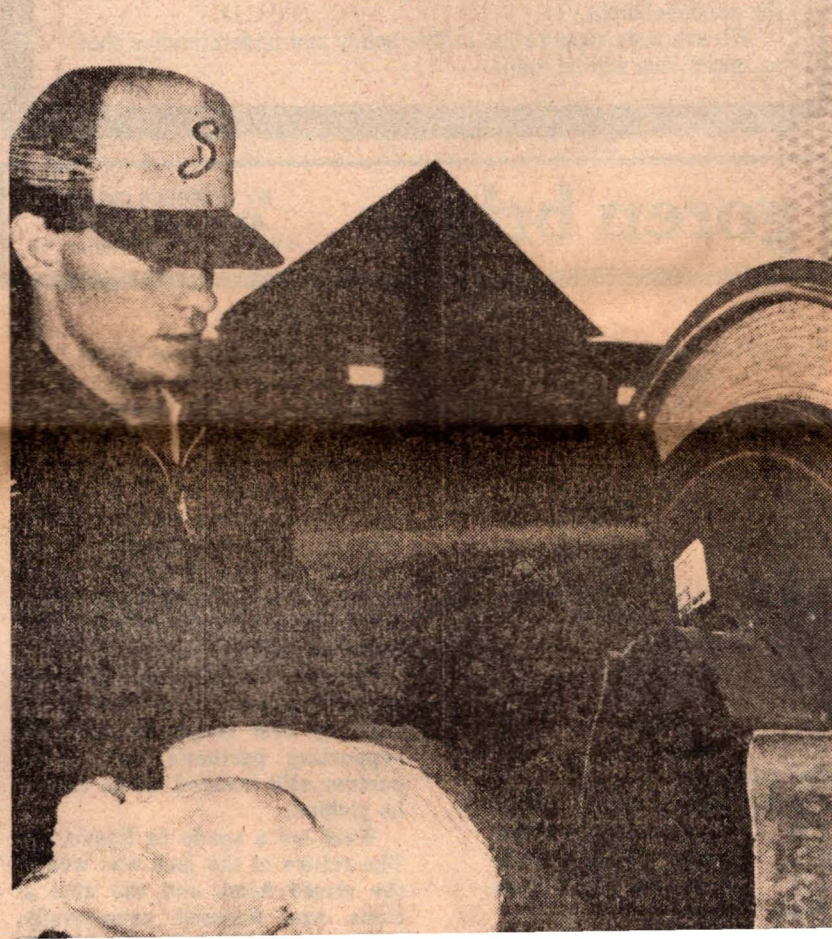
"I would like you to tell your readers what to do with a fresh turkey," she said. "The first thing is, if it is not to be cooked in 48 hours then it should be frozen. When thawing, the bird should be immediately removed from the plastic. Plastic will build up bacteria. I suggest putting it on a cookie pan in the refrigerator and covering it with a damp towel. Once thawed it should be stuffed and roasted immediately."

Mrs. Appel also suggests that if the bird is frozen, it should be thawed in water and not on a counter in the kitchen.

"The reason for the fragile treatment is because it is farm-raised and there are no preservatives," she said.



Processing turkeys for market.



Following Mushwick's presentation, awards were given to:
 V Co-Hill Farm of Scenery Hill R.D.1 for having the high herd with 20 cows producing 21,366 pounds of milk and 813 pounds of butterfat. For that they received the Walker Cowden Memorial Trophy, presented by Dave and Bonnie Cowden in honor of their father, who was secretary of the local DHIA for 33 years.
 The William Wright family of Scenery Hill R.D.1, received the trophy for having the greatest increase in butterfat production in the past twelve months, amounting to 64 pounds, and the largest increase in milk production, amounting to 3,300 pounds from the previous year.
 The other five herds honored for

Paul Preston Day

Paul Preston Day, 69, of 1292 Donnan Avenue, Washington, died suddenly on Wednesday, June 11, 1986.

He was born January 28, 1917, in Washington, the son of Romaine Keeney Day Welsh and Paul H. Day.

Mr. Day was a member of Fairhill Manor Christian Church, The Order of United Commercial Travelers of America, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 776.

He was last employed by United Cerebral Palsy and was a long-time employee of Washington Grocers Association and other grocery businesses in the area.

He was married to the late Florence Patterson Day, and to Edith S. Day, who survives.

He is also survived by a son, David Paul Day of Washington; two daughters, Cheryl Lynn Day of Brockway, and Naomi Lee Stauffer of Rices Landing; one stepdaughter, Betty Joyce Fresa of Exton; two sisters, Mrs. Opal Mollenauer of Washington, and Mrs. Helen Barlow of Washington; one brother, Thomas F. Day of Hawthorne, Calif.; six grandchildren; two stepgranddaughters; a stepgrandson; four nieces and three nephews.

Mr. Day was an organ donor.

A brief memorial service will be held at Fairhill Manor Christian Church, 351 Montgomery Avenue, Washington, at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14. The family requests any memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

Viola Jean Dormo

Viola Jean Dormo, 55, of 120 Smith Street, Bentleyville, died at 8:05 a.m. Saturday, October 13, 1984, in the McMurray Hills Manor, Peters Township.

She was born July 11, 1929, in Hickory, a daughter of Albert Floyd and Sarah Viola Sloop Frye.

On June 2, 1973, she married Paul Dormo, who survives.

Mrs. Dormo was a former resident of the Washington-Hickory area. She had lived in Bentleyville since 1973.

She was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Bentleyville, where she served on the stewardship committee.

Mrs. Dormo was a former legal secretary, having been employed for 23 years by Keller, Yohe & Day of Washington.

She also served as a secretary for the First United Methodist Church of Washington and the First Presbyterian Church of Bentleyville.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are three sisters, Mrs. Kenneth (Elizabeth) Sherwood, Mrs. Mary Rankin and Mrs. Mildred Thelma Marquis, all of Hickory; four brothers, David L. Frye of Westland, William E. Frye of Hickory, Harry Laman Frye of Houston and Leroy S. Frye of Burgettstown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A sister, Mrs. Adeline Sheller, and two brothers, Albert Floyd Frye Jr. and James M. Frye, are deceased.

producing over 700 pounds of butterfat were: Rankin Farm, Burgettstown R.D.2, 20,428 pounds of milk and 741 pounds of butterfat; Misty Lea Farm, Waynesburg R.D.1, 17,800 pounds of milk and 717 pounds of butterfat; John and J.E. Marchezak, Bentleyville R.D.1, 18,993 pounds of milk and 717 pounds of butterfat; Plainfield Farm, Carmichaels R.D.1, 18,258 pounds of milk and 709 pounds of butterfat, and Hamilton Brothers, Avella R.D.2, 19,708 pounds of milk and 704 pounds of butterfat.

Sixteen herds produced over 600 pounds of butterfat. They were: W. Kenneth and W. Rex Smith, Avella R.D.2, 17,316 pounds of milk and 668 pounds of butterfat; Fava Brothers, Scenery Hill R.D.1, 13,854 pounds of milk and 660 pounds of butterfat; Shilling Hill Farm, Washington

R.D.1, 18,120 pounds of milk and 645 pounds of butterfat; H.G. and L.E. Smith, Avella R.D.1, 19,976 pounds of milk and 644 pounds of butterfat; A.J. and James Celestine, Scenery Hill R.D.2, 13,476 pounds of milk and 641 pounds of butterfat.

Topema Farms, Avella R.D.1, 16,807 pounds of milk and 640 pounds of butterfat; John and J.E. Marchezak, Bentleyville R.D.1, 13,621 pounds of milk and 633 pounds of butterfat; Ellen-Dale Farm, McDonald R.D.4, 15,525 pounds of milk and 630 pounds of butterfat; John and Robert Vettorel, Avella R.D.2, 15,759 pounds of milk and 628 pounds of butterfat; Harry R. Fehl and sons, Canonsburg R.D.1, 16,407 pounds of milk and 628 pounds of butterfat and Folly Hollow Farm Inc., 105 Vista Valley Road, Washington, 17,096

pounds of milk and 622 pounds of butterfat.

Morgan Glo Farm, 1160 Morgan Road, Bridgeville, 17,079 pounds of milk and 621 pounds of butterfat; Linn F. Hamilton, Washington R.D.5, 17,799 pounds of milk and 618 pounds of butterfat; Hilltop Acres, Prosperity R.D.1, 17,068 pounds of milk and 617 pounds of butterfat; William G. Dinsmore, McDonald R.D.4, 16,562 pounds of milk and 613 pounds of butterfat, and Millervale Farm, McDonald R.D.4, 16,554 pounds of milk and 602 pounds of butterfat.

The average herd size of 49 cows produced 14,293 pounds of milk and 539 pounds of butterfat.

Elected to three-year terms on the DHIA board of directors were John Grice, The Springhouse, John Vettorel and Don Rush.



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Alisa Fava, center, representing Co-Hill Farms and her family who own the farm at Scenery Hill R.D.1, accepts the Walker Cowden Trophy from his children, Dave Cowden, left, and Bonnie Cowden, right.



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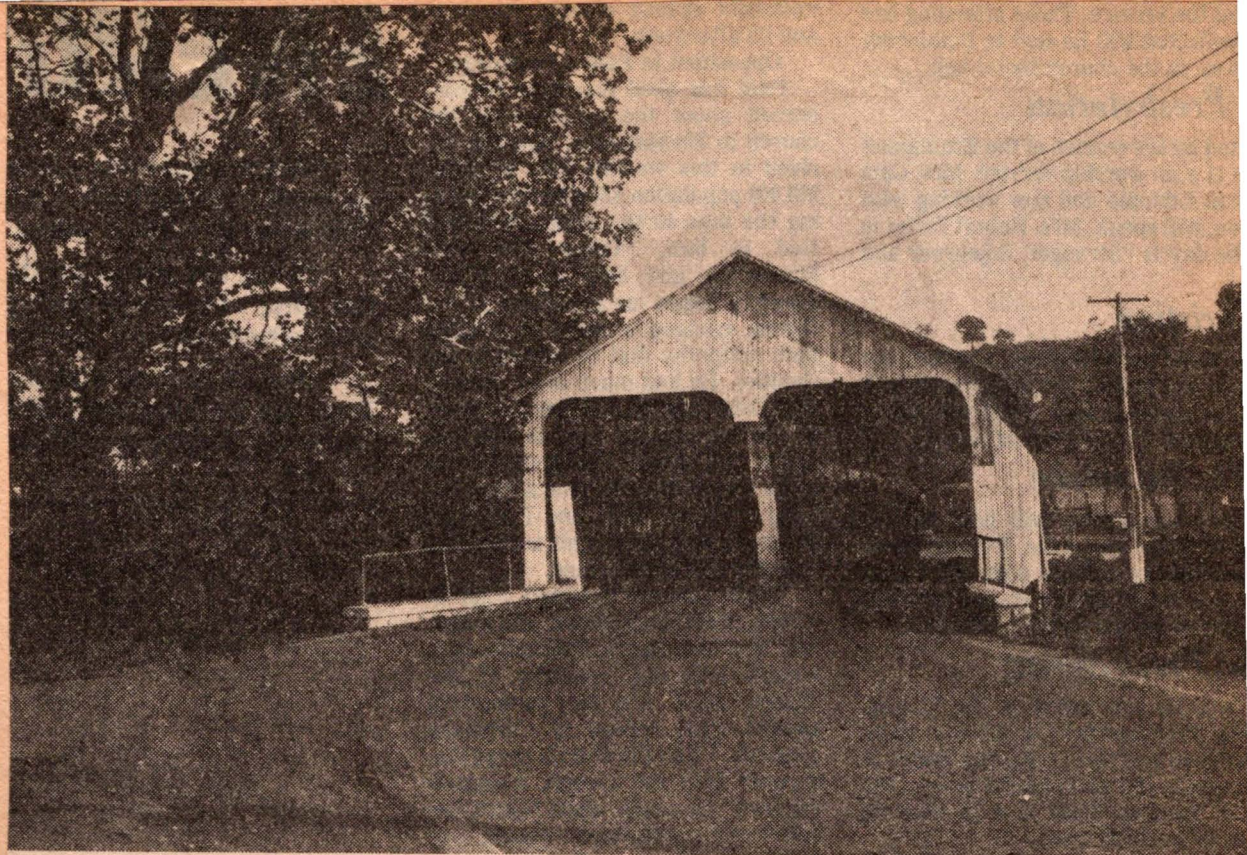
Dave Lash, right, agricultural agent for the Washington County Extension Service, presents a trophy to the William Wright family of Scenery Hill R.D.1 for the greatest increase in milk and butterfat production. From left, are, Nancy, Christina, Michelle and Bill Wright. Son Jim Wright, a student at W.&J., was not available for the picture.



Christmas Luminaries

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The Mt. Pleasant Board of Parks and Recreation assembled luminary kits for the craft sale this weekend at the Mt. Pleasant Fire Hall. The luminaries are lit at dusk on Christmas Eve to light the way for the Christ Child. The luminary kits consist of 12 candles, 12 bags and sand. From left are Bryan Bell, parks and recreation director, Zoe Bilski and Fred Grose. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 1 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There will be refreshments available.



Scene From The Past — Do You Recognize It?

The old double-bridge in Morrisville was razed in 1930 to make way for a new concrete bridge. It was one of a few such bridges in the area.

Mrs. Briggs Marks 100

Elizabeth Mae Durbin Briggs will celebrate her 100th birthday, with the help of family and friends, at an open house Saturday, Nov. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Chartiers Crossroads United Presbyterian Church.

Born, November 27, 1884, she has lived in Washington all her life.

On February 10, 1914, she married Andrew C. Briggs, who died October 18, 1957. Married 43 years, they were the parents of five children: Kenneth Briggs of Washington R.D.1; Dorothy Johnson of Claysville; Ethel Null of Washington R.D.1., with whom she makes her home; Roberta Alrutz of Washington R.D.1; and the late Georgia Powell. There are 14 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. Her only great-great-grandson is deceased.

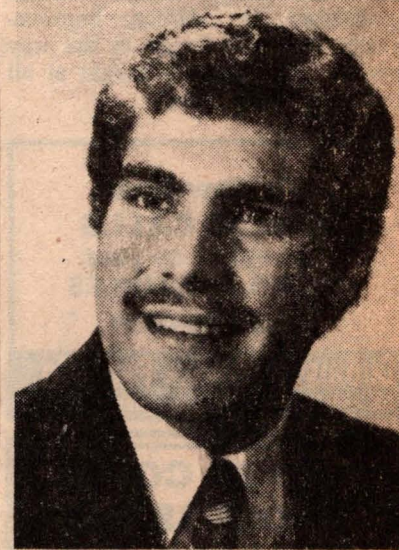
Mrs. Briggs has one living sister Velma Durbin, who makes her home with Wilbert and Betty Poland of Washington R.D.5.

Her family describes her as being in very good health with a "mind as sharp as anything. She still watches television and loves, 'Family Feud.'"

Those wishing to send cards should send them in care of Ethel Null, Box 270, Washington R.D.1.



E.M.D. BRIGGS



REV. PAUL C. RUSCH

New Pastor In McDonald

The congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, McDonald, has issued a call to Rev. Paul C. Rusch, pastor of Elkins Park Presbyterian Church near Philadelphia. Rusch has accepted the call and plans to begin his ministry in McDonald January 1. He succeeds Rev. Edward R. DeLain, who retired in June.

Rev. Rusch was received into the Washington Presbytery Nov. 13 at services in Venice Presbyterian Church.

A native of Washington, Pa., he was 13 years old when his family moved to Camp Hill. He was graduated in 1973 from Cedar Cliff High School and from Washington and Jefferson College in 1977.

He graduated in June 1981 from Princeton Theological Seminary and in November 1981 was called to the Elkins church.

He is a son of Dr. William G. Rusch, a former pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Washington, and now Executive of the Synod of the Trinity of the Presbyterian Church.

Lewis A. Anderson

Lewis A. (Andy) Anderson, 80, of Rex Road, Washington, died at 10 a.m. Monday, April 7, 1986, in the Presbyterian Medical Center, following a one-year illness.

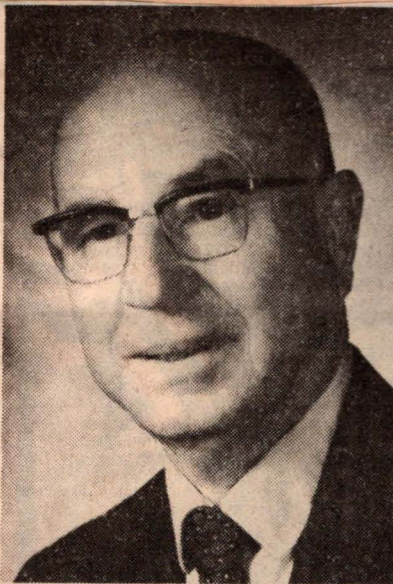
He was born September 28, 1905, in Plum Orchard, W. Va., a son of Hewitt S. and Bertha Anderson Hammack.

He had been associated with the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church for the past 32 years. He was employed as a mileage supervisor for B.F. Goodrich Rubber Co. for 40 years.

Mr. Anderson was a member of Sunset Lodge No. 623 F&AM, and the Valley of Coudersport Consistory. On September 24, 1975, at the Supreme Council in Boston, he received the 33rd degree in Scottish Rite Freemasonry. On February 7, 1931, he married Mattie Julia DuPree, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Franklin (Rosa) Lee Pinkney of Washington; two grandchildren, Robert Lynn Clifford, Jr. of Washington and Mrs. Steven (Rebecca Lee) Alderman of Roanoke, Va., and a great-grandson, Robert Lynn Clifford, III of Washington.

Three brothers, William, Harry, and Roy, and a sister, Grace Elizabeth, are deceased.



DIES — Lewis A. (Andy) Anderson, 80, of Rex Road, Washington died Monday, April 7. He was employed by the B.F. Goodrich Rubber Company, and was a 33rd degree Freemason.

Frank A. McCarrell

Frank Alexander (Eck) McCarrell, 55, of Grandview Avenue, Hickory, died at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 21, 1984, in the Kade Nursing Home, where he had been a patient for the past three years.

He was born December 11, 1928, in Hickory, a son of the late Frank McCarrell and Edna Giffin McCarrell Magee.

Mr. McCarrell was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church and an honorary member of the Hickory Volunteer Fire Department.

He was the last of his immediate family.

Hickory pastor called to Lehigh Presbytery

The Rev. Dr. Harvey O. Johnson came to the Hickory United Presbyterian Church on October 7, 1979.

Effective July 1, 1986, he will be leaving the Hickory Church to serve as Executive Presbyter of the Lehigh Presbytery, Allentown.

Active in Washington Presbytery, he served on the Personnel Committee and was chairman of the Evangelism Committee and the Committee on Ministry. He was also a member of the General Council.

In the Hickory area he was on the Board of Directors of the Agape Ministries, where he served as treasurer; the McDonald Area Food Bank, and was secretary and immediate past president of the McDonald Area Ministerium.

On May 25, 1982 he received his doctorate from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

His wife Toni has been a substitute teacher in the Ft. Cherry and Burgettstown School Districts. She is a past

president of the Fort Cherry Band-aides, has served on the Peace Task Force Committee of the Washington Presbytery and on the Presbyterian Media Mission Board.

The Johnsons have two children; Ed, a member of the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, who will attend Robert Morris College, Pittsburgh, in the fall, and Joette who will be a freshman at Grove City College in September.

The family and friends of the Johnsons are invited to a farewell luncheon at the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, Sunday, June 22, at noon in the fellowship hall.

The reception will also include Scott Davis and his family who will be leaving the Hickory Church in September. Until that time, Pastor Davis will serve the church as temporary supply and moderator.

Rev. Johnson's last Sunday in the pulpit will be Sunday, June 29.



REV. DR. H.O. JOHNSON

A. D. White Marks 90th

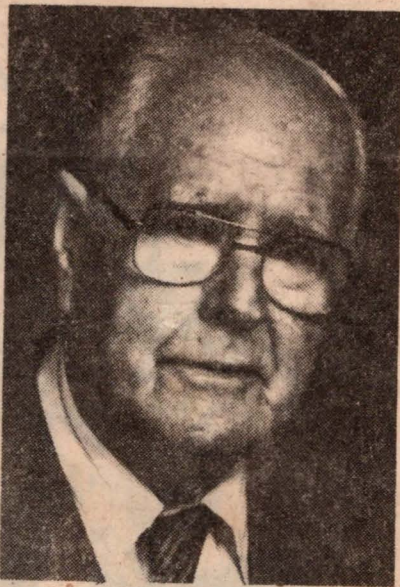
A.D. White of Hickory will celebrate his 90th birthday Saturday, Nov. 10, 2 to 4 p.m., with an open house, hosted by his family, at the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. Friends, neighbors, and former students are invited, and are asked to omit gifts.

He was born November 10, 1894, in Smith Township, a son of the late William G. and Elizabeth Lyle White.

On June 6, 1919, he married Laura A. Cooper, who died September 15, 1984. They had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1979, and they are the parents of ten children: Alvin D. White Jr. of El Paso, Texas; Elizabeth White Banay of Evans City; Albert W. White of Bronxville, N.Y.; Mrs. Tom (Mary) Crozier of Tallahassee, Fla.; John M. White and Richard L. White of Hickory; Robert R. White and Mrs. Harry (Margaret) McCance of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Donald (Marjorie) Smith of Janesville, Wis.; and Willard C. White of Washington.

Mr. White worked in northwestern Washington County Schools, retiring in 1959 as Elementary Supervisor of the Avella Joint District.

Since his retirement, he has trav-



A.D. WHITE

eled extensively, written several books on local history, and pursued many personal interests.

He was honored last summer at the 200th anniversary celebration of the Lyle Family of Washington County for his 50 years of service as the family historian.



Associated Press

Richard McDonald, founder of McDonald's

50 Billionth Burger Eaten By Founder

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's celebrated a McMilestone on Tuesday, flipping a Quarter Pounder onto a grill at a swank New York hotel and designating it the 50 billionth burger sold by the global fast-food empire.

"This has got to be the most important hamburger ever cooked," McDonald's USA President Edward H. Rensi said during a slick multimedia presentation.

A drum roll resounded as Rensi donned an apron, walked onstage and placed the meat patty on the grill. As the burger sizzled, video cameras projected close-ups onto a giant screen and the McDonald's All-American High School Band played renditions of the company's theme song.

Rensi presented the finished burger — now a Quarter Pounder with Cheese — to Dick McDonald, 76, who started the first McDonald's restaurant in 1948 with his brother, Mac, in San Bernadino, Calif. Then all the assembled guests adjourned to another ballroom at the Grand Hyatt Hotel for Big Macs and champagne.

"My mother used to worry about me because I was in 'that crazy hamburger business,'" said McDonald, who sold franchising rights to the late Ray Kroc in 1954.

Originally an American

phenomenon, McDonald's now has restaurants in 34 countries from Malaysia to El Salvador, including one on the Champs Elysee.

The company's 8,000 restaurants serve an estimated 17 million customers a day, boosting systemwide sales to more than \$8.6 billion in 1983.

Rensi said the burger he cooked was "symbolic of the 50 billionth hamburger, which somebody ate in New York City today."

McDonald's claimed it had calculated the number of hamburgers sold with a formula that includes the number of cases of meat ordered, the number of burgers made per pound of meat, and the ratio of sandwiches to sales volume, said Rensi.

It also said it was able to use marketing statistics to determine that the 50 billionth burger would be eaten about noon Tuesday "on the East Coast, in New York City."

Using the same formula, along with projected growth and planned restaurant openings, the company predicted its burger sales would reach 100 billion by May 13, 1993.

Fossils that are 250 million years old reveal that early relatives of the present-day dragonfly had a 28-in wingspan.

Margaret E. Patterson

Margaret E. Patterson, 90, of Ridge Avenue, Canonsburg, died unexpectedly Thursday, November 22, 1984, in Breese Nursing Home, Claysville.

She was born July 23, 1894, in Mt. Pleasant Township, the daughter of William E. and Susan Annie Leach McIlvaine.

She was a member of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church, the Canonsburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Canonsburg Hospital Twig.

Her husband, J. Ralph Patterson, died in July, 1971.

Surviving are one nephew, Robert B. McIlvaine of Canonsburg, and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

A twin sister, Martha McIlvaine, and two brothers, Robert Lawrence and Elmer McIlvaine, are deceased.

Gladys M. Cowden

Gladys M. Cowden, 91, of Hickory, died at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10, 1984, in Washington Hospital.

She was born September 11, 1892, in Mt. Pleasant Township near Hickory, a daughter of James A. and Anna Farrar McCalmont.

Mrs. Cowden graduated from Washington High School, attended California Normal College and was employed as a teacher.

On December 27, 1916, she married J. Ard Cowden, who died March 20, 1974.

She was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, the Women's Association of the church and was a former member of the Mt. Pleasant Township Farm Women's Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Grace) Wert of Muncy and Mrs. Mary Jane Dunkle of Zephyrhills, Fla.; three sons, Joseph A. Cowden Jr. of Hickory and J. Clair Cowden and Thomas W. Cowden, both of McDonald; 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Martha Ealy of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are a son, John M. Cowden, a daughter, Martha Jean Cowden who died in infancy, two grandchildren, John J. Cowden and Priscilla Ann Cowden, a great-grandson, Thomas Sean Farrar, two sisters, Mrs. Wilda Reed and Mary McCalmont, and two brothers, Robert S. and J.C. McCalmont.

The Lyles Come Home

3,000 Descendants Of Robert Lyle, Sr. Invited To Hickory

The population of the little village of Hickory will expand by at least 650 this weekend when the Lyles return home.

The assembling of members of one of the earliest families to settle in Washington County, will be held Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28, at the Hickory Fire Hall and Hickory Community Park.

Although the clan gets together at least once every five years, this year is special because it will mark the 200th anniversary of the first appearance of Lyles in Washington County.

Over 3,000 letters of notification have been sent to members of the family throughout the United States and some 500 reservations had been received by Monday.

These people are all descendants of Robert Lyle, Sr. (1698-1765), who came from Northern Ireland to Northampton County, Pa., in 1741. He married Mary Gilleland and they were the parents of five sons and five daughters.

Three of the sons, John, Robert and Aaron, with their wives and four children came to Washington County in June 1784, and settled on the land where the former Meadowbrook Golf Course was built near Hickory.

The brothers were considered to be good judges of land as to quality and location because the farms they chose were equal to any in the county or the state.

Eventually the three brothers owned adjoining farms in Mt. Pleasant Township, but Aaron Lyle purchased and moved to a farm in Cross Creek Township.

Experienced hunters and fighters, the Lyle brothers were welcomed to the community and immediately became part of it. At that time, the countryside was only sparsely settled and hostile Indians and wild animals abounded.



A large portion of the land was in native forest and the roads were bridle paths or mere openings through the timber, sometimes large enough for the passage of a wagon. Grist mills were scarce and saw mills even more scarce. The spinning wheel and the hand loom furnished the principal part of the clothing for the family. Common salt was a luxury that was transported over the mountains from the east.

John Lyle lived on the land the family settled until his death on April 17, 1826. He was known as Captain John Lyle, having served in the Revolutionary War, as did all of his four brothers and at least four of his brothers-in-law, the husbands of his sisters.

Robert Lyle purchased the farm lying just north of Mt. Prospect (Hickory), and both the church and the old graveyard there are on a corner of the Robert Lyle farm.

Aaron Lyle, in addition to being a

farmer and land-owner, was a statesman and served as a county commissioner for Washington County and also in the Pennsylvania legislature and as a Representative in the United States Congress from 1809-1816. He died on his farm in Cross Creek Township on September 24, 1825.

The Lyle family soon affiliated with the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church which Aaron Lyle served as a trustee and Robert Lyle as a ruling elder.

Soon after the three brothers settled here they were followed to Washington County by their mother, Mrs. Mary Gilleland Lyle McFerran, and by their younger brother, David Lyle. They also settled on a farm near Hickory but David Lyle died unmarried in 1791. The mother died in 1792.

The mother and sons, John, Aaron and David, are all buried in the Cross Creek cemetery, but Robert Lyle and his wife are buried in the Mt. Pros-

pect cemetery on a corner of his home farm.

One brother, Moses Lyle, remained in New Brunswick, N.J., and never came to Washington County.

The families of four Lyle sisters, Mary Moore, Elizabeth Gaston, Sarah Kerr and Jane Miller, also migrated to Western Pennsylvania, but after a short sojourn in the county moved north into Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer counties where many of their descendants still live. The fifth sister, Rosannah Galbraith, migrated to Roane County, Tenn., where many of her descendants can still be found.

The 1984 reunion will truly include the whole family because the descendants of the three brothers who migrated here in 1784, the descendants of Moses Lyle, who remained in New Jersey, the descendants of the four sisters who moved north in Pennsylvania and those of Rosannah Lyle Galbraith, will gather to recollect and reminisce about family members.

The present reunion will begin with a reservation dinner at the Hickory fire hall Friday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. This will be followed Saturday, by a 10 a.m. registration at the fire hall and a basket lunch for those who wish to bring provisions for it. However, a prepared lunch will be provided at the fire hall by the Mt. Pleasant Fire Association Auxiliary for those who find it inconvenient to bring their own food. A general meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Then the group will move to the Mt. Pleasant Community Park for games, visiting and other activities arranged by the committee. Souvenirs of the reunion will be available for purchase along with books on Mt. Pleasant Township and adjoining areas.

Officers of the Lyle clan who are planning the reunion are: William A. Phillips, Morgan, president; James H. Simpson Jr., Bethel Park, vice-

president; Roberta S. Novich, Hickory, secretary; Lee A. Robinson, M. Donald, treasurer; Paul E. Kau Pittsburgh, historian; and Alvin White, Hickory, past historian.

The last Lyle genealogy was compiled by A.D. White in 1964. The late one, due for publication in 1985, being compiled by Kaup, who estimates there are more than 1,500 Lyles, including spouses, living over the world.

According to Kaup, members of the clan inhabit Canada, Saudi Arabia, New Zealand, Australia, England and Switzerland. "We even have one who is the president of a Bible College in Africa," he said. There are no Lyle descendants living in South America, "but two relatives who were born in Lima, Peru will attend the reunion."

Previous reunions of the Lyle were held: June 1884 at the old Lyle Home Farm in Mt. Pleasant Township to observe the 100th anniversary on June 16, 1909, 25 years later at the same farm, when the second reunion was held (about 500 persons attended each of these two reunions); June 2, 1928, at Cross Creek Church; June 1, 1934; June 16, 1939; July 30, 1941, Washington Park; July 30, 1955, August 6, 1960, Mt. Prospect Church; July 31, 1965, August 1, 1970; August 1, 1975; and July 26, 1980, all four at the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church.

The 1984 reunion will be the 13th general gathering of the clan.

Those Lyles, who made permanent homes in Washington County, cleared their farms and remained upon the land at least through the second or third generations of the family. John Lyle's family remained on his land longer than any of the others, and his "Hollywood Farm," as it was known from the patent name, was in the Lyle name and family until about 24 years ago when it was sold to the M. Ree Welch family, which still owns it.



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Hickory High School Class Of 1924

Members of the Hickory High School Class of 1924 met for their 60-year reunion July 28, at the Holiday Inn. Attending from left were: first row, Nova Morgan Marquis, Bernice Bell Beaumariage, Helen Davidson Lyke, Ruth Hensel Mumaw, Margaret Campbell Scott, Margaret Conner Patterson; second row, Mabel Ryburn Edgar, Charles Clair Berryhill, James Alvan Marquis, Marthetta McCarrell, Elizabeth Coleman Mitchell, Esther Cowden Wesner.

Paul L. Moore

Paul L. (Chub) Moore, 74, of Canonsburg R.D.1, died at 10 a.m. Friday, January 4, 1985, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born October 10, 1910, in Washington County, a son of James and Gertrude Bedillion Moore.

He was a member of the First Christian Church, where he was a former deacon and a member of the Loyal Mens Class of the church.

Mr. Moore was a member of BPOE Lodge No. 776 and the Arms Club, both of Washington.

He attended Trinity High School.

He was the owner-operator of Moore's Radiator Repair Shop in Washington.

On October 12, 1937, in Frederick, Md., he married Waunita Wendell, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, G. Robert Moore of Washington and John W. Moore of Bloomington, Ind.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Schmalz of Dolton, Ill., and Mrs. Harold L. (Olive) Call of El Segunda, Calif., and three grandchildren.

One son, Paul (Eddie) Moore, three brothers and a sister, Pearl Johnston, are deceased.



DIES — Paul L. (Chub) Moore of Canonsburg R.D.1, owner-operator of Moore's Radiator Repair Shop in Washington, died Friday, January 4, 1985. He was 74.

Mr. Perry B. Liggett And His Descendants In 1923



ONE SUMMER DAY in 1923, descendants of Mr. Perry B. Liggett (center) and his late wife, Rachel Vance Liggett, gathered at a farm situated one mile toward Claysville from West Alexander on the "Old Road" below the railroad track. Perry's son, Ray Liggett ran the

farm on shares for owner John W. Yoder of Scenery Hill. His father, Mr. Perry Liggett, was a horse trader who lived outside of West Middletown. We are grateful to Ashley Liggett who shared this moment of history with us. Mr.

Perry Liggett died in 1928 and his grandson, Ashley, one of the tall boys in the back row, said his family had moved 14 times in areas all over Washington County before settling on their own farm outside of Scenery Hill.



Madden's 'The Last
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Local Businessman Murdered

By Barbara S. Miller, Staff Writer

The president of Eighty Four Packing Inc. was shot to death Monday night in the parking lot of a tavern less than a mile from the business he had operated since 1977. State police said they have no suspects.

Robert D. Dickinson, 46, of 1183 Montclair Drive, Chartiers Township, was pronounced dead in the parking lot of the Somerset Inn by Washington County Coroner Farrell Jackson at 11:20 p.m. The coroner ruled the death a homicide.

Police said they believe Dickinson was unlocking the door of his small pickup truck, parked near the inn's entrance along Route 136, at 10:10 p.m. when the shot was fired.

The keys were found on the ground and Dickinson's body was lying beside the truck.

After an autopsy was performed Tuesday morning at Washington Hospital, Jackson said Dickinson's death was caused by a single gunshot wound of the head.

Jackson said, according to findings by Dr. Ernest Abernathy, pathologist and chief deputy coroner, Dickinson was struck by a high velocity bullet "from some distance, not close up."

The coroner said there were no signs of a struggle, but that the bullet caused "massive trauma."

He would not identify the type of gun used but said police "have a lead on it."

Jackson said Dickinson left the business shortly after 6 p.m. He frequented the Somerset Inn, and police said he had been there for several hours Monday night.

"He had a number of friends in there," said state police Cpl. Joseph Hammond.

Hammond said he didn't think Dickinson was at the inn with "any specific person or persons" and was apparently not involved in any incident at the inn that would lead to a shooting.

Hammond said the shot was reportedly not heard inside the Somerset Inn, but was first reported from a nearby business. Several Eighty Four residents said they thought the noise

was a car backfiring.

A man identified by the coroner as Robert Jones of Eighty Four R.D.2 drove into the Somerset Inn parking lot shortly after the shooting and saw the body.

Police went to the inn and talked to patrons until about 2 a.m., but said they still had more interviews to conduct Tuesday.

Hammond said police have tentatively ruled out robbery as a motive for the shooting, but he advanced no alternative motive.

Eighty Four Packing has been in business since 1930. Dickinson operated the business with Jon Kolb, former offensive tackle for the Pittsburgh Steelers who is now a defensive

line coach for the team, until 1984.

Kolb did not return a telephone call to the Observer-Reporter, and according to Steeler spokesman John Eavenson, Kolb turned down several requests for interviews Tuesday.

Last year, Dickinson purchased Kolb's interest in the business. The company was reorganized last year with Dickinson as president, his son, Gary, as vice president and his wife, Sandy, as secretary-treasurer. Both survive.

Dickinson was well-known to 4-H and Future Farmers of America organizations in the area.

"He was a strong supporter of the livestock and 4-H programs in the county," said Edward J. Woods,

Washington County agricultural extension agent. "I never knew him to turn anyone down."

Dickinson helped the clubs by judging animals and meat, buying livestock at the county fair, telling youngsters about raising livestock and offering the 4-H'ers discounts on food for fundraisers.

The company won a first place award at Penn State University for its dried-cured bacon. Dickinson was a member of the Pennsylvania Meat Processors and the Eighty Four Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his wife and son, two daughters, Darla Martin and Robin Dickinson, a grandson, two brothers and two sisters survive.



ROBERT DICKINSON

Death Of Good Friend, Neighbor Shocks Village

By Byron Smialek, Staff Writer

EIGHTY FOUR — This is a town — a wide spot in the road, really — that from the looks of it, is a virtual stranger to tragedy and violence. At least not the kind that struck Monday night when a well known and well liked businessman, Bob Dickinson, was shot and killed outside the settlement's only tavern.

The 46-year-old Dickinson owned and operated a meat packing house on Route 136, less than a mile from where he died in the parking lot outside the Somerset Inn.

More than 13 years ago, in a house

a short distance from the spot where Dickinson was slain, an elderly Eighty Four resident was killed by her housekeeper. Her body placed in a freezer and later burned on a trash dump in West Finley Township.

The housekeeper, Viola Williams, was convicted of the 1971 murder of Myrtle Amos and is serving a life sentence.

Dickinson was struck in the head by a single shot from a high-powered rifle and was pronounced dead at the scene. The shooting occurred shortly after 10 p.m. and Dickinson's body was discovered a short time later.

The cashier at an all-night filling

station across Route 519 from the Somerset Inn said she heard the fatal shot, but at the time did not know that what she heard was the sharp report of a high-powered weapon doing its work.

"A customer had just pulled into the station when I heard the sound," said the cashier at the Kwik Fill station who asked that her name not be used. "I thought his car backfired when he pulled onto the lot and he thought he had run over a pop bottle.

"He got out of his car and looked at the tires thinking that he'd either blown a tire or cut one when he ran over the bottle.

"There was another man at the pumps and I remembered afterward that he looked over in the direction of the Somerset when we heard the sound.

"I didn't think anything about it after that until a customer came running over here from the Open Pantry and said that somebody was lying in the parking lot across the street. Then everybody came out of the Somerset and then pretty soon I found out there was a shooting."

Less than a half hour later, after red-lighted state police cars and a screaming ambulance arrived on the scene, she learned the identity of the

victim and his fate.

"After we found out who it was, I thought to myself that if I had known that it was gunshot that I'd heard, maybe Bob would still be alive," she said. "Maybe he would have lived if we could have gotten him some help earlier. But I understand that no matter what anybody would have done, he would have died."

At the Open Pantry Food Mart, diagonally across the intersection of Route 519 and Route 136 from the Inn, the owner of the convenience store refused to discuss the shooting.

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Rec Of

David Audley Miller

David Audley Miller, 54, of Hickory, died in his home at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 1985, following an illness of a year and a half.

Born September 30, 1930, in Washington, he was a son of Roberta Jane Malone Miller of Hickory and the late David Freeman Miller.

He was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Miller had been a self-employed furnace mechanic.

He served in Korea with the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of Skinner-Brun VFW Post 7218 of Bulger.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are one son, David Wayne Miller of Washington; one daughter, Mrs. Charles D. (Debra Ann) Browell of Graysville; one brother, Donald D. Miller of Hickory; and three grandchildren, Suzanne, Michelle, and Holly Browell, all of Graysville.

Esther E. Zimmer

Esther E. Zimmer, 87, of Washington, died at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 1985, following an illness of one and half years.

She was born July 9, 1898, in East St. Louis, Ill., the daughter of Frank and Mary Macguire.

She belonged to the United Methodist Church of Plum Boro.

Mrs. Zimmer lived in Washington for three years.

Surviving are three sons, Richard E. Zimmer of Washington with whom she made her home, James Zimmer of Beaver and Robert Zimmer of Athens, Tenn.; one daughter, Mary Louise Waugamann of Plum Boro; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Deceased is one son, Herman F. who died in 1970.

Services and interment will take place Monday, February 25, in Pittsburgh.

Eugene E. Wolf

Eugene E. Wolf, 80, of Ingram died Friday, March 15, 1985, in St. Clair Memorial Hospital, Upper Saint Clair.

He was born April 3, 1904, in Rodach, Germany.

Mr. Wolf was life member of the Teutonia Mannerchoir of Pittsburgh.

His wife, Margaret Freese Wolf, died in January 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Esther Wallace of Lorain, Ohio, and Shirley Briggs of Hickory; five grandchildren, Leslie and Ken Wallace and Eugene, Eric and Tammy Briggs; and one brother, Willy Wolf of Germany.

Ava Ruedell Anderson

Ava Ruedell Anderson, 63, of Dundee R.D.1, Ohio, formerly of Washington County, died in her home Tuesday, November 27, 1984, following a brief illness.

She was born June 30, 1921, near Morgantown, W.Va., a daughter of Mrs. Martha DeHaven Hayes of Pittsburgh and the late Virgil A. Hayes. She attended Peniel Holiness Church in Beach City, Ohio.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband of 46 years, Charles F. Anderson; two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Judith Ann) White of Wilmot, Ohio, and Mrs. Richard (Linda A.) Clough of Cumming, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Harry (Ileana) Ellery of Pittsburgh and Mrs. Joseph (Jean) Santa Maria of Johnstown; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A brother and a sister are deceased.

Take An Angel And You'll Make Someone Happy

The United Way of Central Washington County is conducting an Angel Tree program to distribute Christmas gifts to needy people.

Christmas trees are set up at various locations, decorated with paper angels on which United Way agencies have printed the first name, age, sex and circumstances of needy children and adults in the area.

People who wish to donate a Christmas gift may take an angel from the tree, buy and wrap a gift and place it under the tree by Monday, Dec. 17. United Way agencies will distribute the gifts.

Trees are located at Millcraft Center, the Observer Publishing Co., Immaculate Conception Church, Washington and Canonsburg hospitals, First National Bank's main office, Jessop Steel Co., Washington Federal Savings and Loan, Washington Steel Corp. and Kitt Energy Corp.



Decorating an Angel Tree are, from left, Janet Abernathy, Robert Cumberledge, Lois Phillips and the Rev. Raymond F. Jones. Mrs. Abernathy and Jones are co-chairmen of the United Way's Angel Tree committee. The other two are in charge of the tree at Millcraft Center.

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Ben F. Millers Mark 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Miller of Prosperity R.D. 1 will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Oct. 19.

The former Edith B. McCalmont, daughter of the late Robert and Alice McCalmont, and her husband, son of the late Frank and Sarah Miller, were married October 18, 1934, in Washington with the Rev. John W. Love officiating.

The Millers are members of the Grove United Presbyterian Church.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Miller was employed by Weirton Steel.

The couple are the parents of five children: Barbara, wife of William McCullough of Washington; Richard, married to the former Mary Erdely



MR. AND MRS. BEN MILLER

of Girard; Marilyn, wife of John Lindley of Prosperity; Eleanor, wife of Roger Whalon of Jacksonville, N.C., and Dolores Collins of Prosperity.

There are 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller will be honored at a family dinner at the Mansion House.



Eagle Scout Award

Bruce R. Yeager Jr., 17, received the Eagle Scout award. He is a senior at Linsley High School, Wheeling, W.Va., and is the son of Marie and Hal Smith of 378 Lynnwood Road, Eighty Four, and Bruce R. Yeager of 95 Lintel Drive, McMurray. A Boy Scout must complete 80 hours of a community service project and earn 21 merit badges to earn the award, the highest honor a Boy Scout can receive. His project was volunteering at the Canonsburg and Washington-Greene County food banks. He is a member of Troop No. 320, the Golden Eagles, sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church in McMurray. From the left are James Gemmill, scoutmaster, Marie Smith, Bruce Yeager Jr. and Bruce Yeager.

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Hickory PTA Installs

Recently installed Hickory Elementary PTA officers for the 1984-85 school year are: seated from left, Linda Armstrong, president, and Debbie Dornan, vice president; standing from left, Elsie Temple, secretary, and Martha Bell, treasurer.

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Dorothy C. Danley

Word has been received that Dorothy C. Danley, 64, of Warsaw, N.Y., died Saturday, July 7, 1984, in Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N.Y. after a two-year illness.

She was born November 16, 1919, in Hickory, a daughter of Charles H. and Jeannetta Reed Coleman.

Mrs. Danley had lived in Warsaw since 1953 and was a member of the Warsaw United Church and the church's Women's Guild. She also was a member of the Warsaw Centennial Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

She was twice married. Her first husband, Eugene Ross, is deceased. On October 22, 1949, she married W. Edwin Danley of Claysville, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Gary (Charla Gene Ross) Johnson of Shaker Heights, Ohio, Mrs. William (Karen Ann Ross) Romack of Muncie, Ind., and Mrs. Robert (Jeannetta Danley) Williams of Murray, Ky.; one son, William E. Danley II of Rochester, N.Y.; one sister, Mrs. Bryan C. (Elizabeth) Mitchell of Washington; two brothers, A. Clarke Coleman and Harry S. Coleman, both of Washington; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, in the Weeks Funeral Home in Warsaw, with burial in the Warsaw Cemetery.

TAKING A CHANCE

Ricky Skaggs Sticks With 'Mom And Dad' Tunes

By Joe Edwards, AP Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country-bluegrass singer Ricky Skaggs figures he risked his career to prove that he could popularize his style of music that reprises the sound of Roy Acuff and Bill Monroe two generations ago.

In three years as a recording artist for CBS Records, Skaggs has been acclaimed as the best traditional country performer to emerge in years.

He has three Gold albums and eight No. 1 singles, including "Uncle Pen" which last October became the first bluegrass tune recorded by a solo artist to be No. 1 on the country charts.

And success has come with what Skaggs calls "morally good songs — nothing satanic or drug-oriented."

"I base a song on whether I could sing it for my mom and dad," he said. "I don't mean to be self-righteous. I just don't like to hear those songs. The morality of my music is part of my appeal."

Reflecting on his quick-starting career that earned him male vocalist of the year from the Country Music Association in 1982, when he was just 27, Skaggs admits he's been "a chance-taker."

"Three years ago, we all took a big chance when no one else was having success with country and bluegrass music," the former Kentucky mountain boy said. "I figured it would go, and (I) put it on the line and was willing to starve if I had to. CBS took a risk (too)."

"I guess it may have proven a point: that country and bluegrass music can sell records. 'Uncle Pen' was a big shot in the arm for this style of music. That's something. If you have talent and play this kind of music, you should 'go for it.'"

"I'm not sure I'm a trailblazer. But to be able to have some success and preserve that music and bring it up front...the music deserves to be heard. The music is good; people aren't buying it just to save the music, but because they like it."

Skaggs, blessed with a pure tenor and dazzling musicianship, still embraces the moral and religious principles he learned as a youngster along Brushy Creek deep in Appalachia.

A teetotaler, he is a spokesman for MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). He played in nightclubs during his first year on tour, but avoids them now because the gospel tunes he does don't fit in: "It's hard to sing gospel with beer bottles clanging and everyone raising Cain."

Skaggs refuses to sign autographs on women's anatomies (a frequent request from eager admirers on tour) and has been known to return money to concert promoters when attendance fell short of expectations.

"About a month ago, I felt a cloud over my head — a bad spirit — all because of my work," he said in a recent interview. "I couldn't read my Bible and keep my prayer life up. Those are real problems for a young Christian."

"I got it in my mind to get rid of that cloud. I'm staying in 'the word' more and not thinking of me so much."

Skaggs, from Louisa, Ky., learned to play the mandolin at age 5. He dropped out of high school in 1971, in order to play music for money. At the time, he lacked just a credit in English to earn his diploma.

He played in Emmylou Harris' band before striking out on a solo career that now includes performances on the Grand Ole Opry.

His best known singles include "Heartbroke," "Crying My Heart Out Over You," "I Don't Care," "Honey (Open That Door)" and "Highway 40 Blues."

Skaggs has been asked to mark another career milestone — the music score for an upcoming movie called "Square Dance."

"I'm excited about it," he said. "It will be a first for me and lots of fun."

Skaggs credits timing and his relative youthfulness with helping to popularize his style of music — a sound that had been fading under the onslaught of "modern" country music.

"I took ideas from people like Roy Acuff and Bill Monroe and a lot of the fundamentals of their music and built on it. Some people tell me it's 'my' music, but it ain't," Skaggs said.

Acuff, 81, is known as "the king of country music." Monroe, 72, pioneered the bluegrass sound. Skaggs believes their music has never really gone out of style.



Country group Sawyer Brown performs at Bassetown '84



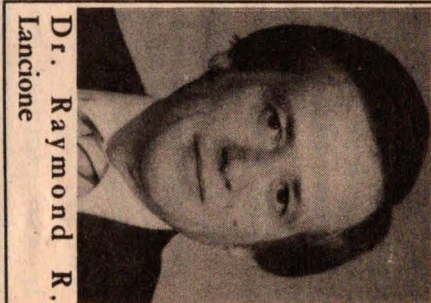
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Dentist Awarded Fellowship

At a recent meeting of the American College of Dentists in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Raymond R. Lancione of Moon Township was awarded Fellowship in the College.

The American College of Dentists was organized in 1920 and enjoys a position of considerable honor and high regard for its many contributions to the profession. It recognizes by invitation to Fellowship those who have contributed to the advancement of the profession through their qualities of excellence and leadership.

Dr. Lancione is the Immediate Past President of the Dental Society of Western Pennsylvania and was honored at a testimonial dinner at the Monroeville Marriott on



Dr. Raymond R. Lancione

October 4, for his outstanding service as the Society's president. He has served the profession in various capacities and most recently has been appointed to a position on the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Therapeutics. Dr. Lancione maintains a dental practice in McDonald, Pa.

Hickory Benefit Tuesday



The Hickory Women's Club will sponsor a salad luncheon and style show Tuesday, March 12, 11:30 a.m., at the Hickory Fire Hall. Chairman of the event is Jeanine Miles, with Louise Boone, kitchen chairman; and Forda White, dining room chairman. Some of those participating are, from left: front row, Peg Ware, model; Gen Russell, ticket chairman, model; and back row, Jeanine Miles, chairman; and Kathy Steele, model. Tickets may not be purchased at the door, but are available by calling Gen Russell, ticket chairman, at 356-2375.

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Area Man Drives In 'Cannonball II'

PITTSBURGH — Jon Draper, a Houston, Pa., businessman, successfully completed the grueling 8,500-mile One Lap of America Cannonball Run, relying on experience gained in last year's Cannonball.

Draper and co-driver Don Eakin of Burgettstown, driving a 6-cylinder Jeep Cherokee Chief, left Detroit at 2 p.m. March 1, returning two minutes ahead of schedule on Saturday, March 9.

Their Jeep covered this cross-country timed event at an average 54.5 miles an hour, and averaged 17.7 miles per gallon.

"Our Cherokee ran like a charm, with only a minor leak in the power steering pump," said Draper.

Unfortunately, Eakin made the acquaintance of the Smokies in Minnesota and Oregon. According to Eakin, the Minnesota ticket was deserved, but the one in Oregon was harassment.

Corwin AMC/Jeep/Renault in Hickory supplied the vehicle, and the Western Pennsylvania AMC/Jeep/Renault Dealers supplied sponsorship money.

They ran through a major snow storm, and an icy blizzard in Montana. "We had no trouble at all, even driving through 150 miles of solid sleet, ice and snow," according to Don Eakin.

The 1985 One Lap of America Cannonball Run is the second annual. It was designed to circumnavigate the continental United States in seven driving days. All passenger cars and vans with a maximum of two axles were eligible. It is a sanctioned event of the Sports Club of America.

Prize money in excess of \$2,500 was awarded. The Jon Draper and Eakin team finished in the top third among 80 contestants, but out of the money. This was the second Cannonball for both men. They are already planning for the 1986 run.



J. T. Maloney, American Motors Pittsburgh Zone Manager (left) welcomes back driver Jon Draper (seated) and co-driver Don Eakin from the second annual One Lap of America Cannonball Run, 1985.

Frank McKinney

Frank McKinney, 93, of Williamsport Road, Forward Township, died Saturday, January 18, 1985, in Monongahela Hospital.

He was born September 18, 1892, in Forward Township, a son of Wallace and Adaletta Pierce McKinney.

Mr. McKinney was a retired dairy farmer.

He belonged to Round Hill Presbyterian Church. He was a former member of Elizabeth-Forward School Board. He also was a member of the Lions Club of Elizabeth; Pennsylvania Grange 1668 of Forward Township; Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge 714 of Wilson; Syria Temple; and the Holstein Association of Pennsylvania.

Mr. McKinney was on the board of directors of Round Hill Cemetery and was a past president of the Allegheny County Agriculture Extension.

His wife, Marie Kelly McKinney, is deceased.

Surviving are several cousins.

E. J. Schmidts Celebrate 25th

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Schmidt of McDonald R.D.4 celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, Saturday, April 20, with a surprise party given in Hickory.

The former Nancy Carolyn Cowden, daughter of Thelma Cowden of McDonald R.D.4 and the late J. Lawrence Cowden; and Edward John Schmidt Sr., son of Grace Chome of McDonald and the late Edward Schmidt and stepson of the late A.J. Chome, were married April 23, 1960, in Oakdale, Ill. with the Rev. H. Walter White officiating.

The couple are the parents of four children; twins, Edward J. Schmidt Jr. at home and Kim Spencer of Southview; Temmy Schmidt of McDonald R.D.4 and



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD J. SCHMIDT SR.

Debbie Schmidt at home. There is one granddaughter, Kara Anne Spencer. Mr. Schmidt is employed by Hankison Corp., Arden. His wife is employed by the Medicine Shoppe, Jefferson Avenue, Washington.

Harvest Time

Harvesting a field of oats the way it was done 50 years ago was recently undertaken by members and friends of the Bob Mooney family. Bob Mooney Jr. and Jody Ross, had purchased a 1937 McCormick-Deering thresher and decided to test it out using a 1936 tractor. The F30 Farmall tractor was once used by Mooney's grandfather, Jesse L. Pitcock, and the men had restored it. They tested the farming equipment on a field of oats located on the John Christopher farm along Laurel Run, south of Waynesburg. The family gathered after dinner for several evenings to clear Christopher's field. Helping the two men with the harvest were Bob and Virginia Mooney, Helen Mooney, Guy Hoskins and his son, Fuzz, and Phil Seybold.

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Harry Bells Celebrate 50th

Fame and Harry Bell of North Main Street, Washington, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 9, with a family gathering at the home of their daughter, Darla Hess, Washington R.D.1.

The former Fame Iseman and Harry Arthur Bell were married June 9, 1935, in the parsonage of the First Christian Church of Washington by the late Rev. John W. Love.

They are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Nancy) Hoy of Washington R.D.4 and Mrs. Frank (Darla) Hess of Washington R.D.1. There are seven grandchildren, Mark Hoy and Jacqueline Hoy, both of Washington R.D.4; Brian Hoy of Donnan Avenue, Wash-



MR. AND MRS. HARRY BELL

ington; Keith Hoy of Eighty Four; Holly Hoy Kearns of Avella; Lori Hess Packey of Meadow Lands and Chad Hess of Washington R.D.1, and eight great-grand-children. One grand-daughter, Lisa Hess, is deceased. Mr. Bell is retired from C.S. Bell and Sons, 245 Donnan Avenue, Washington.

Caldwells Celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Timmons Caldwell of West Alexander R.D. 2 celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 24, with a buffet dinner for 100 guests at the West Alexander Presbyterian Church Social Room. A short play commemorating their life and accomplishments was given by their grandchildren.

The former Anna Stricko of Avella and Mr. Caldwell were married March 5, 1935. They are the parents of eight children: Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell Ohr of Greensburg; James Bruce Caldwell of Bethany, W.Va.; Miriam Caldwell of Washington; Mrs. Marjorie Caldwell Nichols of Wheeling, W.Va.; Mrs. Rachel Caldwell Matta of McDonald; Robert Stephen Caldwell



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of West Alexander; Mrs. Ruth Caldwell Rogers of Avella; and Mrs. Kathleen Caldwell Hillbery of McDonald. There are 17 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have been lifetime farmers. For the past 36 years, they have occupied the farm where they are presently retired.

Fred W. Kohring

Fred W. Kohring, 35, of Canonsburg R.D.2 died at his home Monday, June 3, 1985.

He was born February 23, 1950, in Canonsburg, a son of Fred C. and Angeline Freno Kohring, both of Houston.

He was employed at Mellon Bank of Washington.

Mr. Kohring was a member of the Classic Chevy Club of Pittsburgh.

He was a graduate of Chartiers-Houston High School, attended Evangel College in Springfield, Mo., and Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

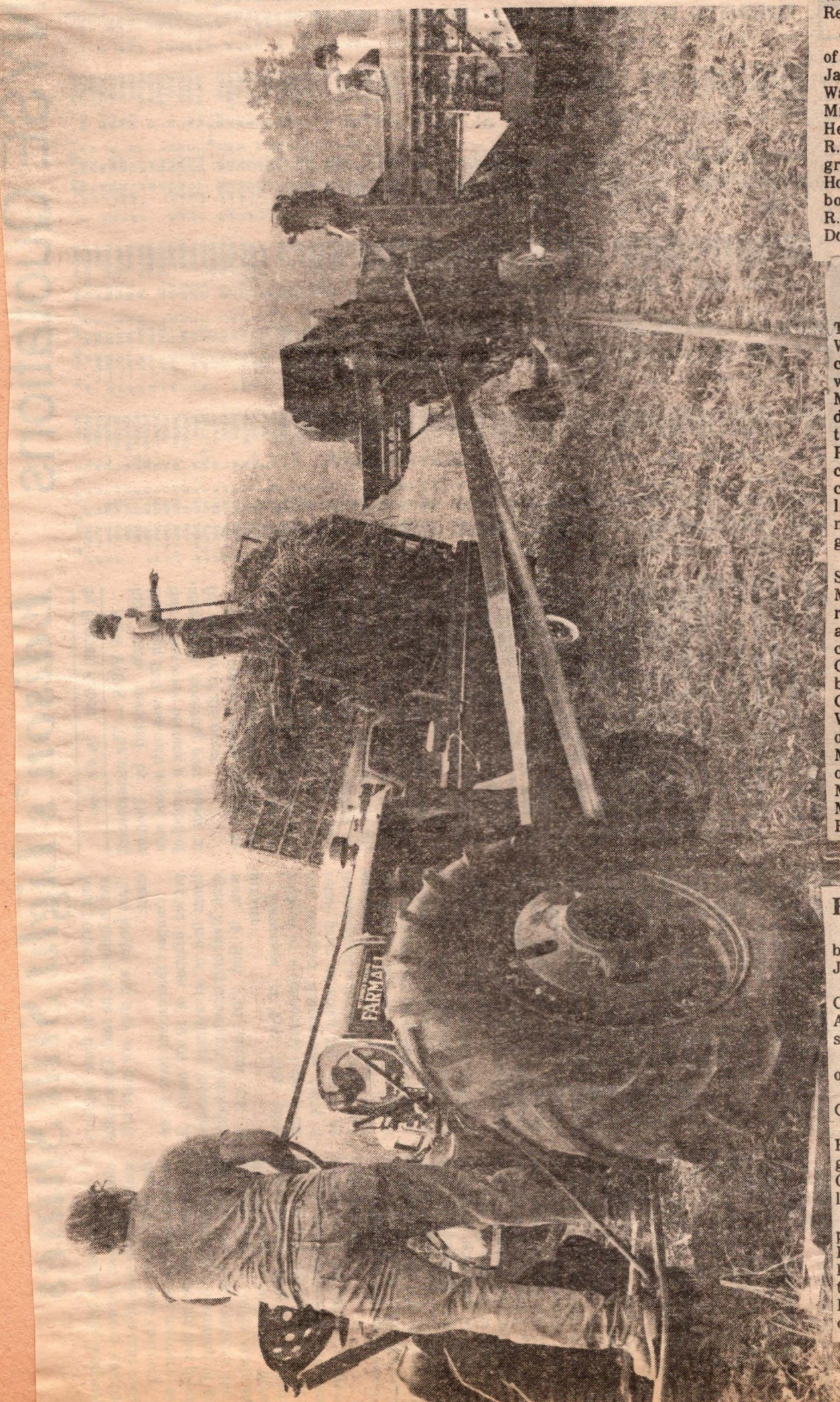
Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his wife, Elizabeth Brown Kohring; one daughter, Katharine Elizabeth Kohring; and two brothers, Karl E. Kohring of Essex, Mass., and Robert J. Kohring of Houston.

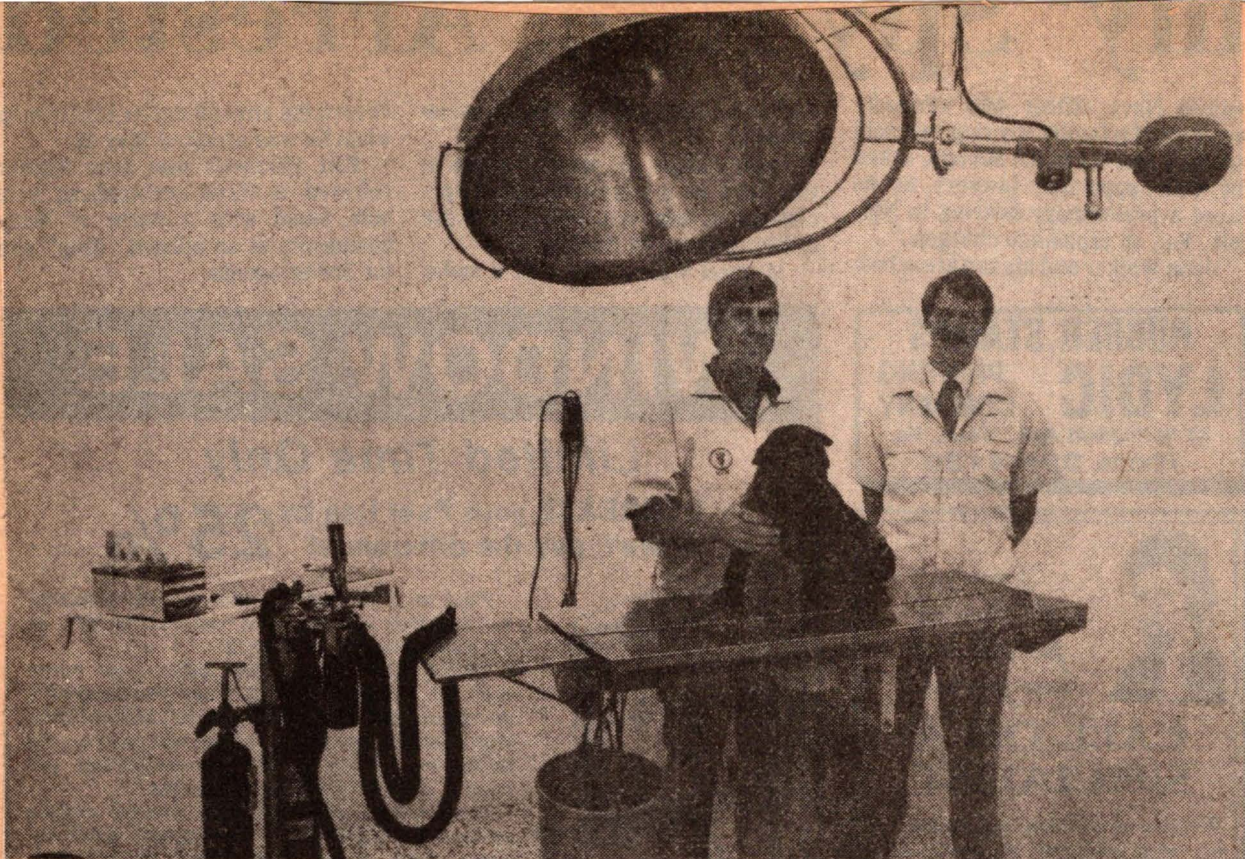
Joshua E. Hoffman

Joshua Edward Hoffman, infant son of Chester and Christi Phillips Hoffman of Hickory R.D.1, died May 20, 1985, in Washington Hospital.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his maternal grandparents James and Sheila Phillips of Hickory; his paternal grandparents, Chester and Bonnie Hoffman of McDonald; maternal great-grandparents, Robert S. and Gertrude Phillips of Hickory; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be private, and are being handled by the William E. Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Houston.





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New Animal Hospital

Drs. John C. Hansell and Wesley E. Parry have started Hickory Dickory Doc Animal Hospital one mile east of Hickory on Route 50. The facility is a full-service hospital for large and small animals which includes an extensive radiology department, modern operating area for small animals, and electro-cardiographic equipment tied to a special cardiologist in New York City for immediate consultation. Emergencies are covered on the premises.



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Hickory PTA Officers

The Hickory Elementary School Parent Teacher Association officers for 1985-86 are from left Betty Ullom, president; Sandy Cridge, vice president; Elsie Temple, secretary; and Trish Goodwin, treasurer.

Fosters Celebrate 56th

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Foster of Canton Township, Washington R.D. 3, quietly celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Saturday, April 27. They were married April 27, 1929.

The couple are the parents of three sons, Richard Foster of Washington R.D. 3, Eugene Foster at home; and Jay Foster Jr. of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.. They have six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mrs. Foster, the former Marie

Martin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Martin, is a retired teacher from the Logpile-Trinity Area.

Her husband is a retired dairy farmer and son of Nancy Foster of Wolfdale and the late Clark Foster.

Hilda M. Scott

Hilda Marie Liggett Scott, 89, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of McDonald, died Thursday, May 9, 1985, in Bradenton.

She was born July 28, 1895, in West Middletown, daughter of Raymond and Emma Pakle Liggett. She was a member of Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown.

Her husband, Archie D. Scott, died May 21, 1967.

Surviving are three sons, Raymond Hogue, George R. Hogue of San Antonio, Texas, and William Hogue of Minnesota; three daughters, Rose Marie Moore of Waynesburg, Patricia Mack of Bradenton and Jenny Gema of Pittsburgh; two stepsons, Gerald Scott of McDonald and James Scott of Carlisle; four stepdaughters, Marie Gresh of Imperial, Virginia McGraw of Northglenn, Colo., Jay Smith and Gladys Snider of McDonald; five brothers, six sisters, 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 22 step-grandchildren and 22 step-great-grandchildren.

Four stepchildren, Robert Scott, Archie Scott, Mary Tucker and LaVern Pascoe, are deceased.

Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 13, in Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown.

Martha M. Ely

Martha M. Ely, 82, of Washington R.D.7, died Sunday, April 28, 1985, in the Breese Rest Home following an illness of one and one-half years.

She was born June 22, 1902, in Washington, a daughter of James A. and Anna Farrar McCalmont.

She was a member of East Buffalo Presbyterian Church, where she was a former member of the missionary society. She was a 60-year member of Buffalo Grange 1523, and a member of the Washington Hospital Auxiliary, who was recognized in 1963 for outstanding volunteer service.

She was the last of her immediate family.

On October 14, 1920, she married Lawrence C. Ely, who died July 15, 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Edgar (Lucille) Sweany of Fredericktown R.D.1; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Mary McCalmont, Gladys Cowden and Wilda Reed; two brothers, Robert and James McCalmont; a grandson, Larry Ely; and a great-grandson, Steven Amos, are deceased.

Jewel C. Hinerman

Jewel C. Hinerman, 90, of 302 Main Street, Claysville, died unexpectedly at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, 1985, at his residence.

He was born September 13, 1894, in Marshall County, W.Va., a son of Samuel H. and Nancy J. Masters Hinerman.

He was a member of the Mount Prospect United Presbyterian Church of Hickory and was an elder of the church.

Mr. Hinerman had been a farmer for his entire life in the Claysville and Hickory areas.

On October 25, 1916, in Washington, he married Ida Pearl Edgar, who died December 7, 1966.

Surviving are two sons, Melvin R. Hinerman of Claysville and Robert J. Hinerman of Hickory; one daughter, Mrs. Howard (Virginia) Ferrell of Claysville; one brother, Sheridan Hinerman of Montana, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A daughter, a sister and four brothers are deceased.



Hickory Class Of '51

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Hickory High School class of 1951 held its reunion. Attending were, from left, front row, Dolorès Vincenti Hoag, Doris Jean Campbell Cowden, Barbara Caldwell Fasnacht, Ruth Dunbar Lee, Juanita Haught Gregg, Peggy Davis Horne and Elsie Cowden (teacher); and second row, David Brown, James

Carlisle, Julius Finley, Tom Zemaitis, John Gema, Betty Snedeker Sethman, Tom Cowden, Helena Baughman McElhaney, Wallace Haynes, Louise Druga Sell, James Forney, Bill Piazza, Dr. Robert Loughry (teacher) and Gus Sefzik Jr.



Hickory Class Of '50

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The Hickory High School class of 1950 held its reunion. Attending were, from left, front row, Lois Anne Carter Risser, Bessie Washington Macon, Melda Cave McDonald, Elsie Cowden (teacher), Rose Marie Pollana Taylor,

Evelyn Partozati Bish and Mary Stiffler Herror; and second row, Phil Hainaut, George Zemaitis, Robert L. Simpson, Robert Punola, Charles Marquis, Curtis McDaid, Rowena Retzer Bedillion, Richard Smith, James White, Charles Sethman, Henry Cole and Dr. Robert Loughry (teacher).



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Chartiers Class Of '45

Chartiers Township class of 1945 held its reunion at the Lone Pine Golf Club. Those attending were, from left, row one, Lucille Politan Tomsic; Patricia Carroll Schweinebraten, Jean McCurry Roach, Becky Barrows Wilson, Jean West Mullins, Marilyn Dodd Hastings and Helen Michkevic Oelschlager;

second row, Robert Hamilton, Edith Potts Riggs, Florence Note Pollock, Roy Naser, George Schweinebraten, Howard Morgan, Jess Caldwell, Joan Palette Marasco, Doris Paxton Riggle, Marie Cramer Plunkett, Bettie Woods McElhaney; and third row, William Peacock, Harry McIlvaine and Clarence Myers.



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Fire Queen Candidates

These girls are among the contestants for the title of Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Company Fire Queen. The winner will be crowned June 29 at the third annual fire queen ball. From left are Patti Alrutz, Cindy Sutherland, Debbie Schmidt and Amy Simpson. Other candidates, who were not present for the picture, are Rana Moore, Michele Tustin, Renee Gubitti and Chanda Cook.

Joseph Kovalcik

Joseph Kovalcik, 65, of Avella R.D.2, died at 6:12 p.m. Sunday, June 9, 1985, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born February 12, 1920, in Hopewell Township, son of the late Andrew and Barbara Balog Kovalcik.

On July 14, 1956, he married Jean Wilhelm, who survives.

Mr. Kovalcik was a life-long Avella resident.

He retired in February, after 20 years as a mechanic from Sutherlands Lumber Company, Burgettstown. He also worked as a farmer.

Mr. Kovalcik was Lutheran.

He was a member of the Syria Temple of Pittsburgh, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Glasgow Lodge 485 F&AM of Shippingport. He also was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 205, Follansbee, W.Va., for 24 years, Fraternal Order of Eagles of Canonsburg and Washington County Farmers Association.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Jean, are one son, Rick Kovalcik of Avella R.D.2; one brother, Steve Kovalcik of Washington; three sisters, Mrs. Andrew (Mary) Zimmerman of Hickory, Mrs. Robert C. (Elizabeth) Butterfield of Georgetown and Mrs. Antonio (Helen) Piacenza of Washington, and several nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Andrew, George and John Kovalcik, and one sister, Anna Lacko, are deceased.

Brady Carter Honored At Retirement Party

Brady Carter of R.D.2, Burgettstown, was honored at a retirement party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Carter of near Eldersville March 3.

About 40 people attended the buffet dinner which included ham and turkey. A delicious cake was baked by Polly Skarupa of Cherry Valley.

The dinner was arranged by Mr. Carter's wife, Katie; his son and daughter-in-law, James and Debbie Carter; his daughter, Janet Kuzyck and husband, John of Connellsville, Pa. Among those present were four grandchildren: Greg and Michael Kuzyck, Brady and Vance Carter; a brother-in-law and sister, Al and Hazel Yeager and family of Cross Creek; a brother, Kenny Carter and family of Washington. Mr. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Connor Brady Carter of Canonsburg were unable to be present.

Mr. Carter retired recently as a truck driver for more than nine and one half years with Tri-State Oil of Paris. Prior to his employment with Tri-State he worked as a driver for Chemical in the Paris area. He has operated heavy equipment independently and plans to continue with this work.

Carter presently enjoys hunting and fishing and being outdoors.

One of his retirement gifts was a bird feeder which will add to his enjoyment of bird watching. Another gift was a cordless telephone which will permit his having a phone in the garage as he works with his equipment.

Brady Carter was born on a farm near Avella, now the site of the Avella Sportsmen's Club. He is a veteran of World War II and a member of the Burlang Club. He is in good health and hopes to enjoy his retirement.

Marian Carter

Bob Prince, Voice Of Pirates, Dead

PITTSBURGH — It was the day the music died for Pirate baseball.

Bob Prince, who became a legend to a legion of fans for generations, died Monday 5:35 p.m. in Presbyterian University Hospital from complications following cancer surgery. He was 68.

Prince was the voice of the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1952 to 1975 and the unabashed supporter of a team that floundered and fostered throughout memorable and mediocre years.

But most of all he was the spirit of baseball in western Pennsylvania. Prince was an idol for youths who hung onto his words; a cackling comedian for those who wailed about his style but never changed the dial; the eyes and ears for shut-ins.

He was The Gunner, bearing babushka power and the mystical spell of a mythological Green Weenie. "Bob was controversial, no doubt



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about it, but in a very good sort of way," Pirate general manager Joe L. Brown, who like Prince fashioned a comeback at the request of the team this spring, said Monday night. "People said they loved him or hated him, but you know, people never stopped listening to him."

And that made Brown's, and Westinghouse Broadcasting's decision to fire Prince so mind boggling. If the people never stopped listening, why did the Pirates and their flagship station (KDKA Radio) stop the music themselves?

"There's no doubt about it now, 10 years later after it's all said and done. It was a mistake. A terrible, colossal mistake," Brown said as he watched the Pirates fall behind quickly at Three Rivers Stadium en route to a 6-1 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Pirates would try to rectify that mistake with a special day and a three-inning stint on the radio for Prince. But the cancer had reduced his voice and body to a mere shell of his swaggering style.

Tributes and memories began pouring forth moments after Prince's death was announced. Lanny Frattare, who began his major league broadcasting career as Price's protege and has tried to fill his large shoes as his successor, was visibly upset when he took a break between innings of the lopsided game.

Despite the events of the day, Frattare went to work, he said, "As

Bob would have wanted it to be.

"Bob was and always will be the voice of the Pirates," he said. "That's why I never used that title. Believe me, this has been a very difficult night."

The stories of Prince's on- and off-the-air escapades have become classic tales during rain delays and road trips. There was his challenge to former Pirate pitcher Bobby Shantz to a swinning race at the Chase Hotel in St. Louis. And a dangerous dive he accomplished there on a dare.

And there was the infamous "can of corn" non-catch by Pirate center fielder Matty Alou that drove the Pirates out of the 1966 National League pennant race.

"I was pitching that game against the (Chicago) Cubs and Matty Alou hit a ball and Bob was yelling 'it's over because the catch is a can of corn.' Well, the ball was dropped and they went on to win. He got a bunch of cans sent to him at the station. That's the way he was, though, people re-

lated to him. They warmed up to Bob," Steve Blass, the hero of the Pirates' 1971 World Series victory, the last Prince would call, said in a telephone interview.

And there was another side to Prince the listening audience never knew, according to Brown.

"His warmth. His interest in people. His compassion for people. That was the Bob Prince, as people who knew him well, will remember him," Brown said. "The general public will remember him for his colorful style and professional attitude. But the people close to him know that Bob took care of a lot of people. People who weren't as fortunate as he or many of his listeners were. His founding and his work with the Allegheny Valley School (for severely retarded children) is a testimony to that."

Following his 1975 dismissal, a parade was held here to support Prince and his partner Nellie King which drew a crowd of approximately 20,000. But the show of strength never

worked. And in his place, a series of highly skilled but stereotyped professionals (Milo Hamilton, Dave Martin, and now Frattare) have tried to occupy Prince's seat behind the microphone.

And in the meantime, Prince tried his hand at Penguin hockey, Carnegie-Mellon University football, ABC-TV's Baseball Game of the Week, and Pirate cablecasts with Blass and Willie Stargell. But it was never the same.

And now, the music has died.

"You're never prepared for something like this," Blass said. "I'm going to miss him an awful lot. He is going to leave a void in Pittsburgh. Regardless of who's behind the mike you'll still think of Bob Prince up there. He represented Pirate baseball."

Memorial services will be held Sunday, 7 p.m., at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2040 Washington Road, Upper St. Clair.

Prince Will Be Missed

Compiled from local and wire reports

He was the voice of the Pittsburgh Pirates for nearly three decades and one of baseball's best known play-by-play broadcasters.

In western Pennsylvania, there was no better known announcer than Bob Prince.

Monday, after a battle with cancer and other complications, he died at the age of 68.

Nicknamed "The Gunner" for his rapid-fire delivery, he was a Pittsburgh landmark renowned for his colorful colloquialisms, his loud sports jackets and his support of the home team.

"To many, Bob Prince was more than just the voice of the Pirates. He was the Pirates," Joe L. Brown, the Pirates' interim general manager said before the game Monday at Three Rivers Stadium. "There is no doubt he was one of the great sports announcers of all time."

Prince, who was fired in 1975 amid controversy, rejoined the team's broadcast team only last month, four weeks after undergoing extensive surgery to remove cancerous growths from his mouth.

"You've given me back the only thing I love in the world, besides my family," Prince said April 18 at news conference announcing his rehiring.

He was honored on "Bob Prince Night" at Three Rivers Stadium on May 3, but was able to take part in only three game broadcasts because of health problems.

"We were fairly encouraged as of Sunday," said Chris Cross, a KDKA talk-show host and programming executive. "He was starting to look better again. But he took a very bad turn for the worse at 4 a.m. and his wife was at his side beginning at 5 a.m."

In his honor, a moment of silence was held for 30 seconds at the home of the Pirates' general manager, Joe L. Brown, and his wife, Nellie, at 2040 Washington Road, Upper St. Clair. Brown said he was "in a very good sort of way" about Prince's death. Prince was an idol for youths who hung onto his words; a cackling comedian for those who wailed about his style but never changed the dial; the eyes and ears for shut-ins. He was The Gunner, bearing babushka power and the mystical spell of a mythological Green Weenie. "Bob was controversial, no doubt

The raspy-voiced Prince became the team's principal announcer four years later and, with the help of a 50,000-watt signal that enabled KDKA to reach 38 states at night, quickly became one of the nation's most listened to baseball broadcasters.

He once attributed his success to a gift for gab. "Whatever you call it — glib or whatever — I was born with it," Prince once said.

As an announcer, Prince often ignored the action on the field, or only casually mentioned it, in order to spin stories and tell anecdotes. It was his story-telling that led KDKA executives, with the approval of the Pirates, to unexpectedly oust Prince and broadcast partner Nellie King on Oct. 28, 1975.

An impromptu parade through downtown Pittsburgh several days later attracted 20,000 Prince fans, and Stargell was among those who pleaded for his return.

"Bob Prince being fired? It's like the U.S. Steel Building falling down," Stargell said.

Prince, who often called himself "a Pittsburgh guy," joined the Houston Astros' broadcast team in 1976 and was the first play-by-play announcer when ABC-TV debuted Monday Night Baseball that year. But he seemed out of his element when he couldn't root for the Pirates and returned to Pittsburgh at the end of the season to launch a free-lance career.

He worked for Iron City Beer, for whom he did commercials during Pirates' games, and several radio stations from 1977-84. He returned to KDKA-TV in late 1982 as a three-times-a-week sports commentator and was the announcer on Pirates' Home Sports Entertainment cablecasts in 1982 and 1983.



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Associated Press

Ward's Phasing Out Sales By Catalog

CHICAGO (AP) — Montgomery Ward & Co. customers have shopped by catalog for 113 years, but the nation's sixth-largest retailer said Friday it's losing money with catalog sales and will phase them out by the end of 1986.

"The catalog business has lost money since 1980 and has shown no promise of change," Bernard F. Brennan, president and chief executive officer said at a news conference. He said catalog operations had lost \$50 million a year over the past five years.

Montgomery Ward, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mobil Corp. since 1976, posted \$53 million in earnings on \$6.5 billion in sales in 1984, Brennan said. It took in \$1.2 billion in revenue in 1984 from catalog operations.

"Montgomery Ward will begin winding down catalog operations immediately," Brennan said. "We expect to be completely out of this business by the end of 1986."

The company this year is publishing 20 different catalogs, with its main catalog going to about 5 million customers. The company will issue a final catalog in December, preceded by promotion catalogs for the holidays and liquidation sales, Brennan said.

Montgomery-Ward will reduce its work force of 78,000 employees by about 5,000, including administrative staff, he said. Employees, who will

receive severance pay based on seniority, were told of the plans previously.

Speaking for rival Sears, Roebuck & Co., spokesman William I. Bass said, "We're sorry to see a respected competitor leave the catalog business."

Henry A. Johnson, president and chief executive officer of catalog retailer Spiegel Inc., said, "I'm sad that a great American institution is gone. ... but in this day and age, bigness no longer insures survival."

Montgomery Ward & Co. was founded in 1872 in a livery stable loft by Aaron Montgomery Ward and his partner, George R. Thorne, with \$2,400 in capital and a single-sheet catalog listing a few dry-goods items.

It was the first U.S. mail-order house to sell general merchandise, preceding Sears, Roebuck & Co. by 14 years.

When Ward died in 1913, annual sales for his business had risen to \$40 million.

Today, Montgomery Ward has 319 retail stores, 200 company-owned catalog stores, 1,270 catalog sales agencies, 36 distribution facilities, 35 liquidation centers, 140 company-owned product services centers and four major parts distribution centers, officials said.

"What's held us back, ironically, is that catalog started 113 years ago," Brennan said at the news conference.

Mobil officials said last month



An 1875 Montgomery Ward catalog cover shows the retailer's first home in Chicago, where Montgomery Ward, pictured at left, founded the retail giant.

they planned to end their nine-year involvement in retailing by disposing of Montgomery Ward. Mobil said it would prepare the subsidiary for independence by reshaping its main retail, credit and insurance operations into a smaller, more concentrated business.

In New York, Mobil Chairman Rawleigh Warner Jr. said Friday: "The phasing out of Ward's catalog operations is a bold and important step forward. This action eliminates an unprofitable operation, substan-

tially improves Ward's financial picture, and enables Wards to accelerate development of its strategy to become a highly competitive, value-driven speciality retailer."

Brennan also announced that for the first time in many years, Ward's will open new retail facilities and will reorganize its retail operations into seven specialties: home furnishing, appliance, electronic, automotive, apparel, recreation-and-leisure and home care.

A prototype store containing all

seven specialties will open Aug. 15 in Annapolis, Md., he said.

Specialty stores — offering merchandise in one or more of the seven specialties — will first be tested in St. Charles, Ill.; Lubbock, Texas; and Chico, Calif., Brennan said.

After Annapolis, locations of stores where all seven specialties will be housed under one roof include Lombard, Ill., and Torrance, Calif., he said.

Montgomery Ward has 8.3 million active credit customers.

Kenneth Smiths Mark 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith of Avella R.D. 2 will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, June 30, 2 to 5 p.m., at the Hickory United Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

The former Evelyn Berry, daughter of the late Arleigh and Lillie Berry of Burgettstown; and Mr. Smith, son of the late Leonard and Elsie Smith of Avella, were married June 29, 1935, at the Methodist Church of Wellsburg, W.Va., with the Rev. Billingsly officiating.

The couple are the parents of two children, Mrs. John (Arlene) Elliott of Matheson, Ill., and Rex Smith of Avella. Another son, Ronald



MR. AND MRS. KENNETH SMITH

Kenneth, died at age 4½. There are seven grandchildren, Deborah, Cynthia, and John El-

Scotts Celebrating Golden

Winson and Wilma McClellan Scott of West Finley will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 22, beginning at 2 p.m., with an open house at the Enon Baptist Church of West Finley.

The couple were married September 21, 1935, in Wellsburg, W.Va., with the Rev. William J. Frayer officiating.

They have three children: Duane Scott, and his wife, Faye Huffman Scott of Hickory; Mrs. Jerome (Heien) Dittman of Maryland; and Roger Scott, and his wife, Sandy Ankrom Scott, of Amity. Their grandchildren are: Kevin and Sharon Scott of Hickory; Mark, Rebecca, and Matthew Ditt-



MR. AND MRS. WINSON SCOTT

man of Maryland; and Jody, Bryan, and Eric Scott of Amity. All friends of the family are invited to attend the open house.

Orndoffs Celebrate 35 Years

Mr. and Mrs. William Orndoff of Washington celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary, Sunday, Sept. 22, with a surprise party at the South Strabane Fire Hall, hosted by their children.

The former Virginia Larkin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Larkin and the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Orndoff Sr. were married August 26, 1950, by the late Rev. George Morgan.

The couple are the parents of three children, Judy Boone and Robert Orndoff, both of Washington, and David Lee Orndoff, who is stationed at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. There are two grandchildren,



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM ORNDOFF

Carrie Ann Orndoff and Michelle Orndoff. He is employed by South Strabane Township. His wife is a former employee of RCA and Humbert Lane Health Care Center.



The 117-year-old Mount Pleasant United Presbyterian Church

Observer-Reporter

Church Constructed In 1868 Will Be Razed This Summer

HICKORY — A piece of Washington County history is going to be torn down this summer because of the ravages of time.

The 117-year-old Mount Pleasant United Presbyterian Church has been slated for removal before school starts in August after an architect contracted by the congregation determined the building to be unsafe and it was determined local historical groups did not have the funds needed to restore the building.

"Once it was determined the building should be torn down, we wanted to act as quickly as possible. We do not want there to be any danger of a child being injured," said the Rev. Harvey O. Johnson, pastor of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

"The beams in the building have sunk and there is a real danger the roof may cave-in," he said.

He added once the congregation received the report of the structural defects and what was needed, other alternatives were researched before recommending the historical building be torn down.

The report said in order to make the building safe, substantial excavating would need to be done.

"The building has no basement. Therefore we would have to execute a major excavation under the building to construct a footer and place supports. It was estimated to cost more than \$100,000. The congregation could not afford the cost," Johnson said.

He added the congregation had looked into the possibility of donating the building to a historical society.

"But with the structural defects of the building, no group had enough money to begin the restoration," he said.

The congregation voted to go ahead with the recommendation to tear down the building at the beginning of June and was granted permission by the Washington Presbytery June 22.

"The congregation felt it would be more respectful to remove the building rather than sell the building to someone who may use it as a garage or something," Johnson said.

The Mount Pleasant church has been used for the past 17 years as an office building for the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

The Mount Prospect and Mount Pleasant congregations merged in the late 60's, 10 years after the Presbyterian and United Presbyterian churches merged in 1958.

In 1968, the combined congregation alternated worship services between the two churches until later that year it was decided to use the Mount Prospect Church for worship services and Sunday school and the Mount Pleasant Church for offices.

The Mount Pleasant United Presbyterian congregation celebrated its 170th anniversary in 1965, 20 years

ington.

He came to the district in 1784 to meet with settlers who had settled on land that was granted to Washington for his service in the French and Indian War.

He listed in his diary 13 settlers who appear as leaders in the earliest records of the Mount Pleasant congregation. He related in his diary he was to meet with the settlers on a Sunday, but he postponed the meeting to Monday because the settlers seemed to be a very religious people.

Washington swore when declaring he would regain possession of his lands and one of the settlers, Squire Reed (an original member of the Mount Pleasant congregation) slapped a fine on him. Washington paid the fine and apologized.

After he listening to their hardships and religious principles, which had brought them together as a "Society of Sederers" (seceders), he agreed to sell them the land at 25 shillings per acre.

The present Mount Pleasant Church was built in 1868 and first used by the congregation in 1869. The first pastor was the Rev. W.A. McConnell.

The first two houses of worship had been tents, which were replaced by a log structure in 1803 followed by a brick structure in 1834 which lasted until 1868.

The name of Mount Pleasant, for the congregation and the township, is believed to have been derived from the fact the Presbyterian congregations traditionally looked for a pleas-

ant grove to build their churches on and that spot was one of the highest points in the county.

According to historical records, the area had been referred to as both Hickory Tavern and Mount Pleasant prior to 1797. The township was formed in 1806.

The congregation received its first pulpit Bible in 1881 from N.J. Higger, a converted Jew, who sold books and studied Latin under Dr. McConnell. The Bible was still in use in 1965 when the congregation celebrated its 170th anniversary.

The Hickory United Presbyterian congregation will hold a memorial service at 2 p.m. Sunday on the front lawn of the Mount Pleasant building.

The Rev. Low Swartz, who had been a member of the congregation, the Rev. Ron Oglesbee, who served as the first pastor of the merged congregations in 1968, the Rev. Walter White, the husband of a former member of the Mount Pleasant congregation, and the Rev. Jack Adams, moderator of the Washington Presbytery, will attend the service.

Alice Elizabeth Moore

Alice Elizabeth Moore, 79, of Hickory, died at 8 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 1985, in the Washington County Health Care Center.

She was born February 9, 1906, in Gladden, a daughter of James and Salina Hennon Ayres.

Her husband, Verner M. Moore, died in 1982.

Mrs. Moore was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are four sons, Richard V. Moore of Joffre, Eugene W. Moore of Garden Grove, Calif., Ralph E. Moore of Weirton, W.Va., and James T. Moore of Hickory; five daughters, Mrs. Robert (Helen) Strike and Mrs. Norma V. Conklin, both of Washington, Mrs. Walter (Irene) Carter of McDonald, Mrs. Paul (Ruth) Pakisz of Slovan and Mrs. Bernard (Nancy) Vizyak of Joffre; one sister, Mrs. Raymond (Thelma) Martin of Canonsburg, 26 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A grandson, Brian Keith Ludwin, is deceased.

Cancun Honeymoon After Briggs—Slosky Exchange

A wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, followed the July 6, 1985, exchange of vows between Patty Lynn Slosky and Eugene Briggs in the Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church of Washington. The Rev. Rand Edwards officiated the 4:30 p.m., double-ring ceremony, with Ruth Lowry, organist; and Kenneth Tuma, soloist.

Parents of the bride are Edward and Loretta Slosky of McElree Road, Washington. The bridegroom is the son of Kay and Shirley Briggs of Dire Drive, Hickory.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, wore a gown of white chiffon fashioned with a bateau neckline; embroidered, sequined, lace bodice; petal sleeves; and a flounced, natural waistline; the skirt was floor-length and straight. Her wreath of silk roses and baby's breath held a fingertip veil of illusion. She carried a silk cascade of white and blue roses, lilies of the valley, English ivy, and baby's breath, with satin streamers.

Leigh Ann Hegedus of Bel Air, Md., cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Attendants were Beth Ann Hegedus of Bel Air, Md., cousin of the bride; Carol Weinstock of Washington; and Tammy Briggs of Hickory, sister of the bridegroom. All members of the bridal party wore light blue gowns.

Eric Briggs of Hickory served as best man for his brother. Ushers were Jeff Slosky of Margate City, N.J., brother of the bride; Tom Briggs, cousin of the bridegroom; Joe Phillis, and Scott McCracken, all of Hickory.

After the ceremony, a reception for 200 guests was held at the Hickory Fire Hall, with the Mt. Pleasant Township Fire Department Women's Auxiliary serving. Gail Briggs, aunt of the bridegroom, made the wedding cake as a gift; and Tia Baumgardner and Kristen Keys, cousins of the bride, were in charge of the bride's book.

The new Mrs. Briggs is a graduate of Trinity High School and Washington and Jefferson College. She is employed as a teacher by the Berlin Brothers Valley School District. Her husband, a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and West Liberty State College, is employed as area manager of West Virginia University.

After their honeymoon, the couple is at home in Washington.



MRS. BRIGGS



SCOTT DAVIS

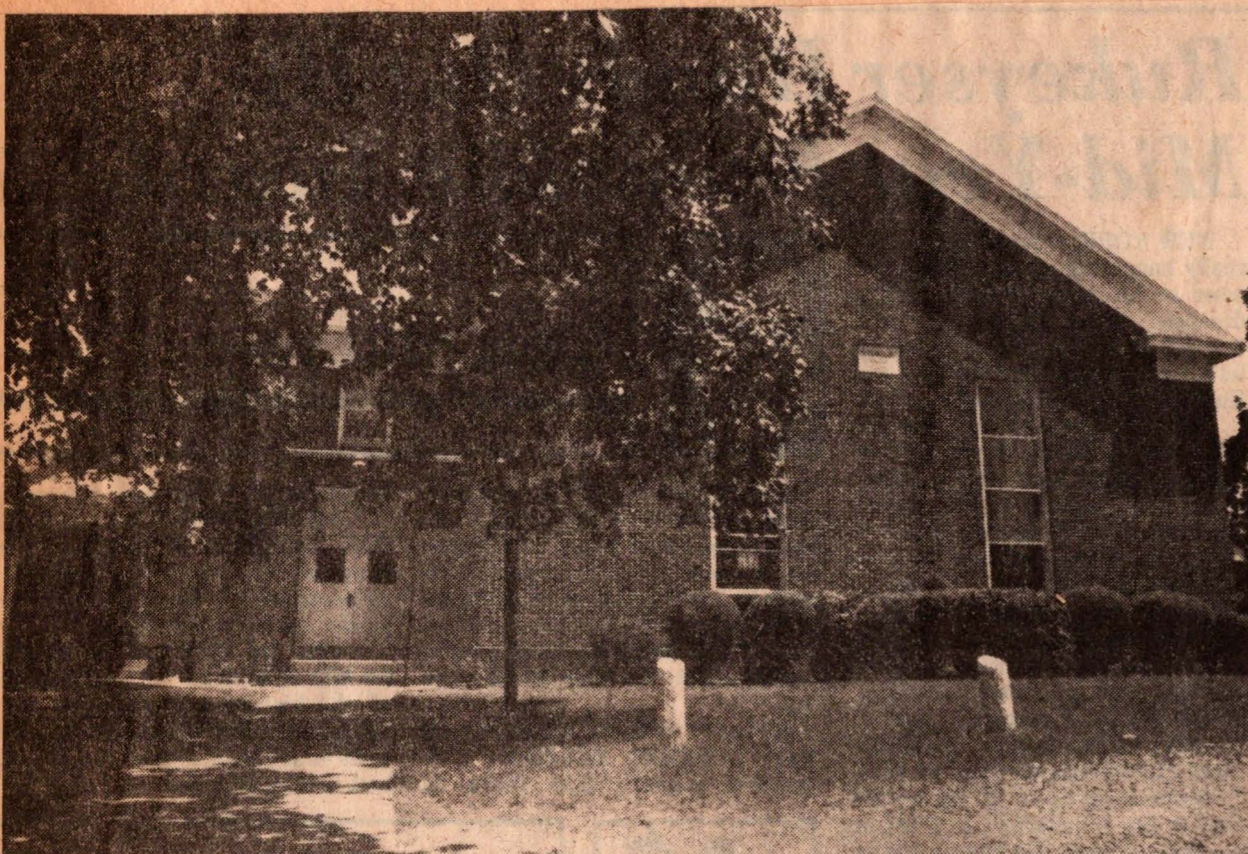
Davis Called As Assistant Pastor

After serving one year as pastor intern, Scott Davis has been called as an assistant pastor of Hickory Presbyterian Church. He will be ordained and installed in the church on Friday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. by a commission from Washington Presbytery.

Davis has served Young Life Campaign, the First Presbyterian Church South Hamilton, Mass., and the Overseas Missions Practicum in Egypt. He will continue his work with young adults and youth in addition to other duties at the church.

He is a graduate of Virginia Tech and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Mass. Davis, his wife, Lynn, and son live on McCarrell Rd, Hickory.

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The exterior of the Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown

Grove U.P. Congregation To Celebrate 175th Anniversary

The 175th anniversary of the organization of the congregation of the Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown, will be celebrated at the church on Sunday, July 7, at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The formal organization of the church took place in 1810. Two elders, Thomas Fullerton and James Welch, assumed the responsibility of obtaining ministers for each service.

The congregation has had but two buildings. The first was erected in 1818 and stood just east of the present structure. The present building was raised in 1859. During the early 1900's major exterior and interior changes were made in the second building. In 1966 a study was added and in 1972 the sanctuary was renovated to its present design. In 1977 the large Sabbath School room was converted into three individual classrooms on the first

floor with a large classroom on the second floor.

The 10:30 a.m. service will be conducted by Paul Gilbert, pastor of Grove United Presbyterian; assisted by Rev. David Wallace, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Wheaton, Minn., and former pastor of Grove; and Rev. James Farrer, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown and former member of the Grove congregation. Holy Communion will be observed.

The 2 p.m. service will be held following dinner which will include the recognition of 50 year and over members. A quilted wall hanging, made by women of the congregation to commemorate the anniversary, will be presented to the congregation. The project was sponsored by the Women's Association and the design, a variation of the

stained glass window technique, was created by Carol Narigon. A permanent record of the names of the committee members and those who helped has been sewn to the back of the wall hanging.

Rev. Andrew Gerhart, former pastor of Grove and presently pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, W. Va., will bring the message, "Making Memories."

Special music will be part of both services which will include an anthem written by Dr. Leland Merrill Miller, Pastor Emeritus, now retired and living in Ft. Myers, Fla.

Other events include a balloon launch, an anniversary cake to be served following the afternoon service and a time for fellowship.

An invitation is extended to friends and former members of the congregation to attend the celebration.

Hazen Sumney

Hazen Murphy (Doc) Sumney, 88, of Eighty Four R.D.1, North Strabane Township, died Thursday, July 11, 1985, in the Breese Rest Home, Claysville R.D.1.

Born November 23, 1896, in Nottingham Township, he was a son of James and Lillian Dague Sumney.

Mr. Sumney retired in 1981 after having worked as a blacksmith for 66 years, of which 61 years were spent in Wylandville. In his later years he was well known for his outstanding ability to repair farm equipment.

He was a 1913 graduate of Linden High School in North Strabane Township.

Mr. Sumney was a veteran of World War I who served in the U.S. Navy.

He was a 50-year member of American Legion Post 175 and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 927 of Washington.

In 1972 he was honored as "Man of The Year," sponsored by the North Strabane-Eighty Four Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a member.

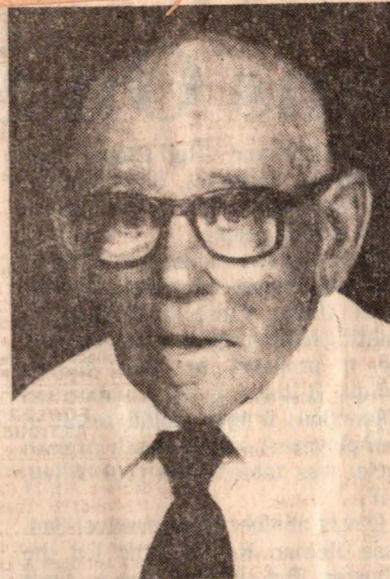
He was a member of the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church of Eighty Four R.D.2 and served as trustee for several years.

Mr. Sumney was a member of Elks Lodge 776 and also Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 687 of Washington. He also was a charter member of the Donegal Hunting Club.

Surviving are one son, Harold Sumney of Washington R.D.3; three daughters, Mrs. William (Janyce Eilene) Earl of Blissfield, Mich., Mrs. Faye Williams of Munhall and Mrs. Anna Mae Gump of Finleyville; 17 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

His wife, Jean Viola Rennie Sumney, died June 22, 1968. Also, one son, James Sumney; one daughter, Mrs. Dora Jean Taylor; two brothers, Charles Sumney and Wilson D. Sumney; and two sisters, Edna Sumney and Mrs. Pearl M. Barr, are deceased.

Mr. Sumney was the last surviving member of his immediate family.



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John C. Dinsmore

John Cameron Dinsmore, 88, of McDonald R.D.4, died Tuesday, June 11, 1985, in the Kade Nursing Home, Washington, following a lengthy illness.

Born March 27, 1897, in South Fayette Township, he was a son of William McClay and Elizabeth Slater Dinsmore.

He had been a farmer all of his life. Mr. Dinsmore was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

On May 20, 1920, he married Ethel Lanir, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. James (Bettie) Dallmeyer of McDonald; one son, William Glenn Dinsmore of Hickory, 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Elsie J. Clarke, three sisters, Mrs. Walter (Margaret) Glass, Mrs. Robert (Alice) Morgan and Martha Dinsmore, and two brothers, Calvin and Robert Dinsmore, are deceased.

He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Carters Celebrate 55th

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin D. Carter of McDonald R.D.4 celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Saturday, June 22, at a surprise party given by their children in the home of their son, McCarrell Carter, and a family dinner at the Red Bull Inn, Sunday.

The former Ellen McCarrell, daughter of the late T.L. and Estella Taggart McCarrell; and her husband, son of the late Robert Lee and Annie Small Carter of Hickory were married June 24, 1930, in the bride's home by the Rev. Marshall D. Berryhill, retired pastor of the Greenville Presbyterian Church.

In attendance at the party were three who attended the wedding, Jay McCarrell, brother of Mrs. Carter, who was ring bearer at the wedding; Lois Brown, sister of Mrs. Carter, who was pianist at the wedding, and Bernice Beaumariage.

Carter is a dairy



MR. AND MRS. CARTER

farmer and Mrs. Carter is a retired school culture teacher at Fort Cherry High School and members of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

The Carters are the parents of four children: Mrs. Jay (Lois Anne) Lancaster; Donald and Ronald Carter, both of McDonald R.D.4, married to the former Bertha Lou Corwin of McDonald R.D.4; Lee and Maryellen Drake of San Francisco, Calif.

Bad News Travels Fast, And Far

Crimes of rape, murder, child molestation, etc., occur so frequently in Los Angeles and other metropolitan areas that residents of Washington County probably only read and talk about the most heinous, such as the Hillside Strangler and the Manson Family. Those of us who live in the big cities do become a bit jaded where crime is concerned, but we are not insensitive to the crimes which touch the lives of the folks 'back home.'

The recent murder of three East Washington widows was announced on the evening news in Los Angeles. Probably no one I knew, I thought. Our local paper carried the story the next day, and within a few days, I received the Observer-Reporter's detailed account. Then I realized that I did know who two of the ladies were, and I also knew two other former Washington area residents who would be shocked and saddened by the grim news.

Hilda Horner McCreight taught home economics at Hickory High School when I was a student there in the early 1940s. During the week she lived in the home of a classmate and good friend, Patricia Edmunds Newman, now living in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. I knew Pat would be distressed to hear that Miss Horner's mother had been a victim of such violence.

Anyone raised in the Washington area, knew the Warrick name well. It was synonymous with flowers. Donald Caldwell, another Hickory High alumnus, now an interior floral designer in Beverly Hills, California, said he got his start working at Warrick's. We talked about our mutual feelings of sympathy for the people who were painfully affected by the incident.

And we recalled the disappearance and fiery death several years ago of his aunt, Myrtle Amos, whose trusted companion was later convicted of the crime. At the moment (4 p.m. EDT), the housekeeper filed a missing person report with Washington police, Mrs. Amos' brother and sister-in-law, John and Helen Caldwell, were having lunch at my home in Woodland Hills, Cal.

Shock waves of dastardly crimes committed in "little" Washington reverberate across the continent, and the hearts of people hundreds of miles away reach out to the bereaved. This letter is to let them know that we too are sorry.

7-24-85 Evelyn Phillips Borden,
Woodland Hills, Cal.

Thelma Cowden is 90

Thelma Cowden's 90th birthday on Friday, Sept. 19, will be celebrated both Friday and Saturday by friends and relatives in her home in Mt. Pleasant Township where she has resided since 1922. She lives with her son, Joseph Jr., and her companion, Margaret Watkins of Washington.

Mrs. Cowden is a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church and the Mt. Pleasant Township Society of Farm Women.

Mrs. Cowden was born near Primrose September 19, 1896, a daughter of William E. and Martha Edith Ayres Rumbaugh.

She worked for Pennsylvania Railroad in offices in McDonald and Pittsburgh.

June 12, 1918, she married Joseph Lawrence Cowden at a ceremony in the Venice United Presbyterian Church. He died in 1964.

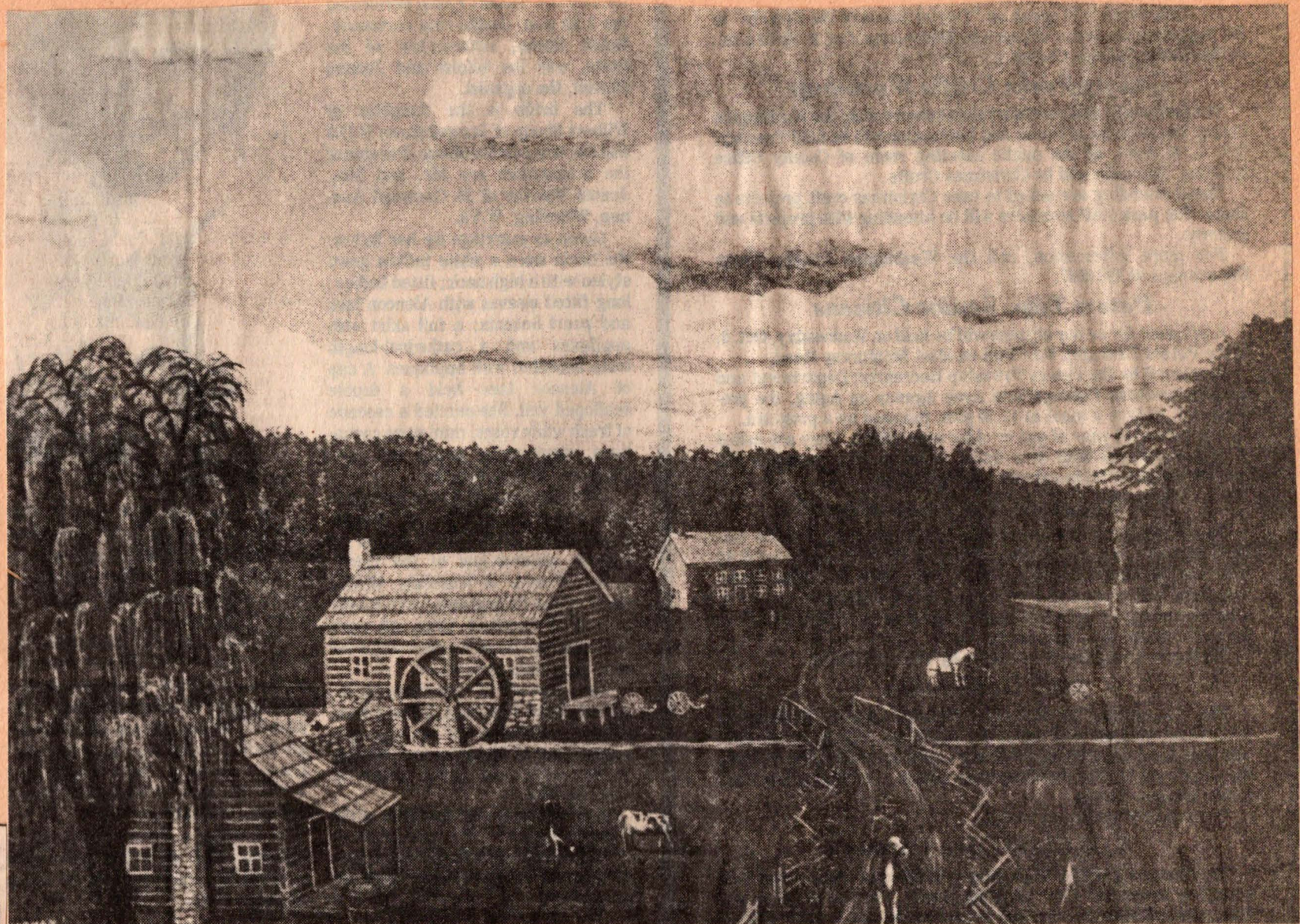
They are parents of nine children: Ila Snyder, Weirton, W.Va.; Alvin, Mt. Pleasant Township; Joseph L. Jr., at home; William Erwin, Washington R.D. 1; Lois King, Allison Plan, Houston; Belva White, New



THELMA COWDEN

Florence; Evelyn Athey, Hickory; Russell, Prosperity, and Nancy Schmidt, Mt. Pleasant Twp.

There are 27 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.



HOW IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

One Artist's Conception Of Old Arden Mill

It is said a picture is worth a thousand words. In Washington, there is evidence of that truth.

A local artist has preserved the Old Arden Milling Company for the future generations of Washington County in a painting that measures six and a half by four and a half feet.

Norman Faber of 1152 Allison Avenue, Washington, had only local history and word of mouth to go by in creating the painting of what the Arden Milling Company, Chartiers Township, looked like when it was built. The company was housed in a log structure that was destroyed by fire at an unknown date.

The first owner of the mill was believed to have been Godfrey Cooke, who owned and operated it along with his son, John. During their supervision of the mill (between the late

1700s to the early 1800s), it was called a custom and merchants mill.

The painting depicts the mill and its immediate surroundings. According to Babe Durbin Popats of Washington, who was told about the painting by its creator, "One can almost hear the water as it came over the spillway, that set the waterwheel in motion, which in turn set the gear mechanism in motion, turning the well-worn stone wheels, which ground corn into meal. You can almost picture the miller and his son with their hair powdered with the white dust this operation must have kicked up."

She believes that there were probably many children delighted as they rode atop the sacks of corn and other grain on the way to the old mill. She sees them accompanying their fathers or uncles.

"Any child, now or then, would have longed to get down to the Chartiers Creek, where this old mill was situated, to wade or swim or just to skip rocks on the water. For few were the choices they had for amusement in that long ago time," Popats said.

Popats said, "Perhaps the children did a little fishing while the grownups gathered inside the mill to do the grinding and to exchange the latest news of the town. I imagine many a mother in that era was at her wits end when her children returned home, a mixture of dust, wet clothes, and smelly fish."

Although the full-color painting shows autumn leaves, upon closer viewing, one can imagine all four seasons. "The lazy hot days when the children could go fishing, or just wade

in the cool water, and in winter with its own marshmallow world...with children and adults alike ice skating on the frozen grand Old Chartiers. Mr. Faber decided to show the painting in the fall when the season shows off all the beautiful shades and hues of color that no other season can," Popat said.

The sights and smells of the Old Arden Milling Company have all been silenced. Gone is the spillway, the paddle wheel, the moss-covered rocks, and the Cooke family.

Mr. Faber's painting returns them to life in his painting.

This story was researched and compiled by Babe Durbin Popats, who was the first to hear of Mr. Faber's intention to paint the mill. He asked her to write a story about it and gave it to her as a gift.



East Washington Class Of 1945

Observer-Reporter

The East Washington Class of 1945 held its 40-year class reunion at the Club Internationale. Attending were, front row, from left: Judson Wiley III, Peggy Dunlap Smith, Andy

Knestrick (teacher), Martha Anderson Liebenow, and David Wayne. Ssecond row: Richard R. Cameron, Henry Chalfant, William Stewart, John F. Scott, James Dykstra, Kenneth Hackney, and Douglas McCrow.



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Hickory Community Day

Brandon Carpy, 4, watches Catherine Buchanon, a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church Quilters, working on a quilt. Helen White is in the background. Demonstrations of various other crafts, including making cornhusk dolls, were part of the entertainment at the Third Annual Hickory Community Day held Sunday in Mount Pleasant Township Park. The group Breakthrough, a song-and-sign entertainment troupe, performed. The event, which also hosted the second annual reunion for those graduating from Hickory High School, closed with a square dance in the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department hall.

GORDON CONWELL SEMINARY

Karl Evan Kohring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Kohring of Houston, was recently graduated from the Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Mass. with a master of the arts degree in theological studies and specialization in New Testament interpretation.

He is a 1975 graduate of Chartiers-Houston High School. While at Gordon Conwell, he was graduated magna cum laude and was nominated by the faculty to Phi Alpha Chi scholastic honor society.

He plans to continue his doctoral studies in the New Testament by teaching it.

COMPLETES FELLOWSHIP

Michael J. Kibelbek, M.D., son of Michael W. Kibelbek of Woodcliff Drive, Washington, and the late Marjorie P. Kibelbek, has completed a fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology and pediatric critical care medicine at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

A graduate of Trinity High School, West Virginia University, and Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, he took residencies in pediatric and anesthesiology at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Kibelbek has accepted a staff position in the Department of Anesthesia and Pediatric Intensive Care unit of the Geisinger Medical Center of Danville.

He is married to Melanie Harter, formerly of Greensburg. They have three sons, Nathan, Jonas, and Andrew.



K. Kohring



Dr. Kibelbek



Hickory High School Class Of 1945

Observer-Reporter

The Hickory High School Class of 1945 held its 40-year reunion at the Club Internationale. Attending were, from left: front row, Wayne Cowden, John White, William Dinsmore, Abram (Bud) Stamy. Second row: Margaret Ulanich Barrett, Helen Kress Lavrich, Elaine Reedy Caldwell, Audrey Retzic Stover, William Cowden, Martha White Beard, Elsie Cowden

(teacher), Vera Fullerton Miller. Third row: Harold Waychoff, John Engel, Kenneth Carter, Robert Lowry, Barbara Schofield Stewart, Georgianne Bentram Hammond, Nancy Engel Ackroyd, John Markish, Harry Fehl, William Farnier and Edward Elias.

Charles A. Martin

Charles A. (Cap) Martin, 61, of 330 Dewey Avenue, Washington, was dead on arrival at Washington Hospital at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, October 27, 1985.

Born April 30, 1924, in Washington, he was a son of J. Wylie and Bertha Stewart Martin of Washington.

Mr. Martin was a Protestant.

A lifelong resident of Washington, he was a well-known painting contractor in Washington for the past 40 years.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Coast Guard in the Pacific Theater.

He was a member of Local 327 International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades.

On February 5, 1948, in Washington, he married Sarah Jane Meyer, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his parents and wife, are one daughter, Mrs. Daniel W. (Joan) Brownlee of Washington; three sons, Fred W. Martin of Hollywood, Fla., and William C. and Charles E. Martin, both of Washington; one brother, Edwin L. Martin of Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Lawrence (Isabelle) Reeves of Washington and Shirley A. Martin of New Orleans, La., and nine grandchildren.

Deceased are one brother, Kenneth, and one sister, Mary Lou Navoy.

PROMOTED

Duane J. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cole, Hickory R.D.1, has recently been promoted to the rank of E-4 at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., where he is an acting sergeant. He graduated with honors from basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He is a 1982 graduate of Fort Cherry High School.



DIES. — Washington painting contractor Charles (Cap) Martin, 61, died Sunday in Washington Hospital.

Eugene Tucci

Eugene (Geno) Tucci, 82, of 240 Center Avenue, Burgettstown, died Wednesday, August 21, 1985, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born May 20, 1903, in Monongahela, son of Francesco and Gemma Nesi Tucci.

Mr. Tucci had a Dodge dealership in Slovan for 41 years and had been president and partner of the former Gradison Auto Bus Co.

He was a charter member and past president of the Italian Lodge of Slovan, charter member of the Slovan Volunteer Fire Department, and a former Burgettstown Borough Councilman.

He was a past president of the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce and was a past president and member for 38 years of the Lions Club of Burgettstown. In 1983 he was honored as the Burgettstown area's citizen of the year.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine Balbo Tucci; two sons, Lee Tucci of Bethlehem and Robert Tucci of Puchheim, West Germany; a daughter, Roxanne Davidson of Chevy Chase, Md.; a sister, Emma Filippini of Tulsa, Okla.; and eight grandchildren.

Greggs Celebrate 25 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Gregg of Iola Avenue, Washington, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a surprise party, Saturday, Oct. 19, given by their children.

The former Barbara Swiantek, daughter of Ted and Marie Swiantek of Washington, and Richard Gregg, son of the late James and Olive Gregg, were married October 22, 1960, at St. Hilary Roman Catholic Church, Washington.

Mr. Gregg was employed by Suburban Lines Bus Co. for 20 years. Since 1983 he has been employed by Coen Oil Co. of Washington.

The couple are the parents of two children; Richard Blair Gregg of Lawrenceburg, Ind.,



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD J. GREGG

who is employed by home, employed by the ComAir at the Greater Redevelopment Authority of Cincinnati Airport, and city of the County of Denise Ann Gregg, at Washington.

H. Lester Lee

H. Lester Lee, 85, of Cross Creek, died Thursday, August 29, 1985, in Washington Hospital.

He was born June 17, 1900, in Cross Creek Township, a son of Harry S. and Tamer Rea Lee.

He was a retired employee of Climax Molybdenum.

Mr. Lee was a member and an elder of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. He also was a member of the Cross Creek Village Grange, the Cross Creek Cemetery Board, Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454 F&AM Burgettstown, the Pennsylvania Consistory, and the IOOF of Eldersville.

Mary Beaumariage

Mary Bell Beaumariage, 82, Hickory, died Wednesday, January 1986, in Canonsburg General Hospital. Born December 13, 1903, in Cross Creek Township, she was a daughter of Robert F. and Lina Mitchell Bell.

In 1922, Mrs. Beaumariage graduated from Hickory High School and in 1927, she graduated from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio.

She taught in both the Mt. Pleasant Township and Canon-McMillan school districts.

Mrs. Beaumariage was a member of the Pennsylvania State Retired Teachers Association, the National Retired Teachers Association, the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and the Venice Presbyterian Church.

In addition, she attended the Christian Reformed Church of Washington. Her husband, Alexander C. Beaumariage, died August 30, 1966.

Surviving are two daughters, Marjorie Kay Beaumariage at home and Mrs. John L. (Priscilla) Bernard of Hickory; two sisters, Bernice Beaumariage of Hickory and Volena Lighizer of Summerfield, Fla.; one brother, Denny N. Bell of Rog River, Ore.; and two grandchildren, Michelle and Michael Bernard of Hickory.

Deceased is one sister, Roberta

Mabel I. Maze

Mabel Irene Maze, 68, of Moccasin Road, Washington, died at 3:55 p.m. Monday, September 15, 1986, in Presbyterian Medical Center, following a 3½ month illness.

She was born July 5, 1918, in West Finley, a daughter of John F. and Lydia Tanner Post.

Mrs. Maze worked a number of years as a cook with several Washington restaurants, having worked primarily at the Washington bus station.

She was married to John (Jack) Stoner, who died January 25, 1984. On November 30, 1985, she married George J. Maze, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons: Charles Ackley of Washington and Ronald Ackley and Ernest Ackley, both of Brocktown; four daughters: Mrs. Homer F. (Bernice) Miller of Waynesburg, Elsie Ackley of Lagonda, Mrs. Michael (Beverly) Diederio of Canonsburg and Mrs. Edd (Mary) Antill of Washington; one sister, Marguerite St. Myers of Crown Point, Ind.; 22 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two sons, John (Bud) Ackley Jr. and Clifford Edward Ackley; two brothers, William and James Post, and three sisters: Susan Nobel, Wilda Chedester and Elizabeth.

For a number of years, he served as president of the Tri-State Historical Steam Engine Association.

On January 25, 1921, he married Florence I. Lee, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Harry L. of Washington and James C. of Los Angeles, Calif.; four daughters, Lois Cowden of Washington, Jean Russe of Los Angeles; Ann Sullivan and Mary Gresser both of Wooster, Ohio; one brother, Charles R. of Washington, Ohio, 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

His twin brother, H. Montford Lee, one grandson, Kenneth Cowden, and his stepmother, Mabelle Lee, are deceased.

William Arthur Phillips

William Arthur Phillips, 56, of 118 Central Street, Morgan, died Thursday, August 8, 1985, at the Presbyterian-University Hospital, Pittsburgh, following a long illness.

He was born April 20, 1929, in Woodrow, a son of Janet White Phillips and the late David M. Phillips.

Mr. Phillips was an elder in the Gladden United Presbyterian Church, and a port authority bus driver for 23 years. During the last six years, he was a transit operations coordinator for the Port Authority. He was a member of SNPJ Lodge No. 6, the VFW of Cuddy, an auctioneer, and member of the Washington Toastmasters.

In July, 1950, he married Edna Ann Wagner Phillips, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Dianne Jenkins of Venice; three sons, John R. Phillips of Hunting Ridge, Kenneth A. Phillips, at home, and Ronald J. Phillips of Glendale; one sister, Evelyn Borden of Woodland Hills, Calif.; and one brother, Joseph Phillips of Washington; three grandchildren.

PHILLIPS — Friends of William Arthur Phillips of Central Street, Morgan, who died Thursday, August 8, 1985, will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., at the S.B. Fryer Funeral Home, 729 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. Thomas Robinson, pastor of the Gladden United Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hickory. The family suggests that contributions be made to the Gladden United Presbyterian Church Building Fund.

Robert Lee Adamson

Robert Lee Adamson, 75, of Rea, died at 5:59 a.m. Monday, September 16, 1985, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

He was born November 22, 1909, in Hopewell Township, the son of Ernest and Lorena Reed Adamson.

A charter member and past president of the Washington County Planning Commission, he was the director of the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District. He was a past president and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Association of Soil and Water Conservation Directors Inc. and a commission member of the State Conservation Commission.

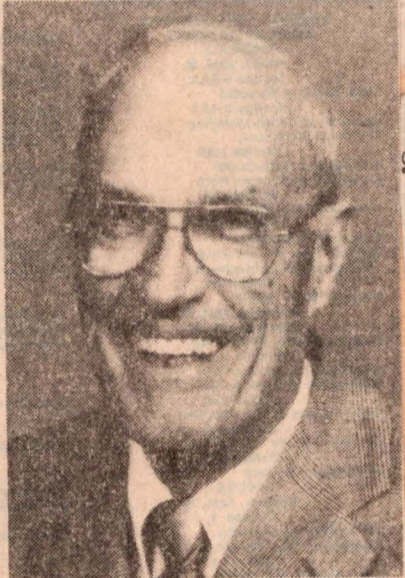
Mr. Adamson served two and one half terms as a Cross Creek Township Supervisor.

Having resided since 1919 on his farm in Rea, he was a foreman for the Pennsylvania Department of Highways from 1931 to 1939. He worked as a farmer until 1950 when he became the manager and treasurer of the Hickory Telephone Company.

He was a lifelong member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, where he served as trustee and chairman of the congregation. He was a member and past master of the Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454 F&AM of Burgettstown. He was a 32nd degree member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh and Syria Temple AAOMS of Pittsburgh.

On October 4, 1938, he married Martha Barbour, formerly of Houston, who survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Catherine) Mancuso of Rockville, Md.; two sons, James Adamson of Oakdale and Grier Adamson of Rea; three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



DIES — Robert Lee Adamson, 75, of Rea died Monday, September 16, 1985. A former Cross Creek Township Supervisor, he was a charter member and president of the Washington County Planning Commission.



Wiese

Airman Michael J. Wiese, son of Herman M. and Judy A. Wiese, Canonsburg, is remaining at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, after completing basic training. He will receive specialized training in the medical field. He is a 1984 graduate of Westerville South High School, Ohio.

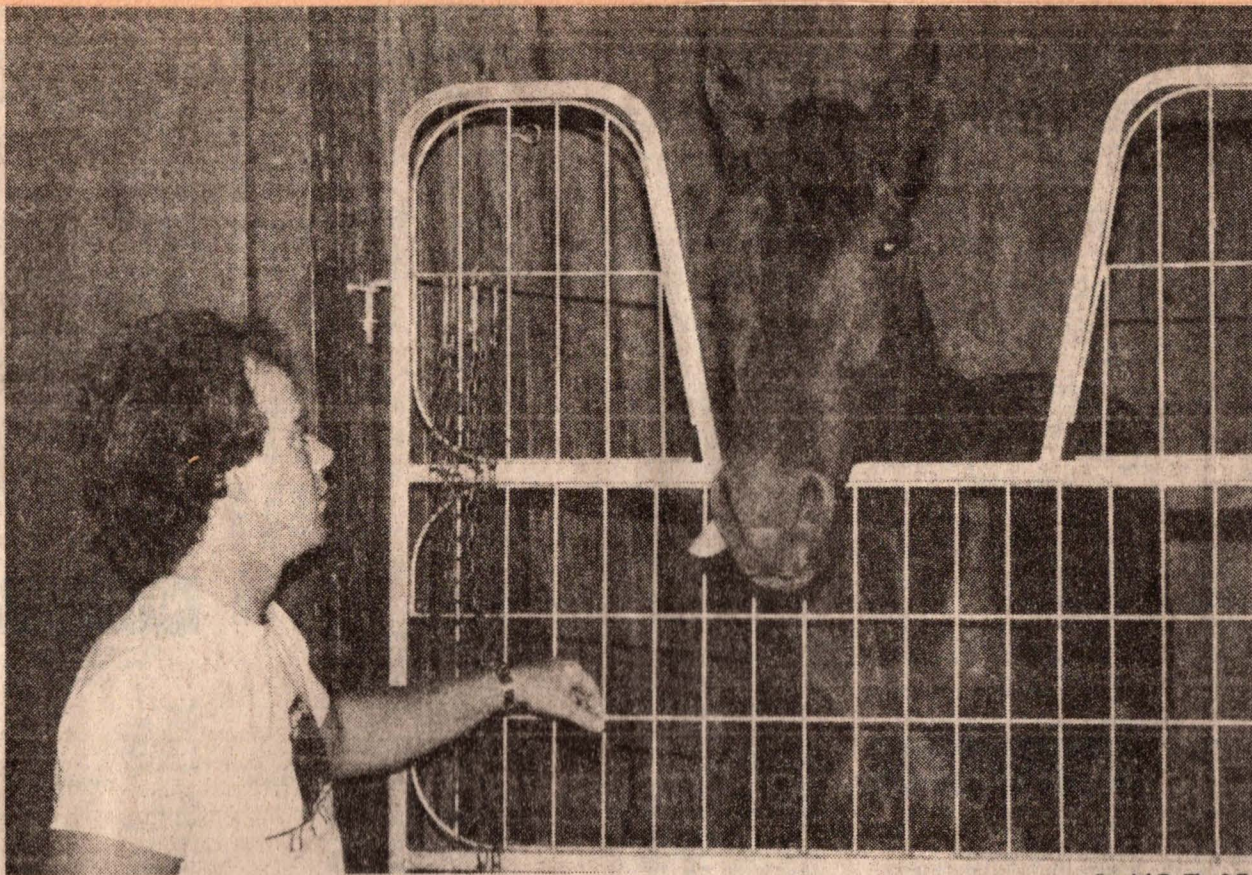
Charters-Houston High School Class Of 1960

The Charters-Houston High School Class of 1960 held its 25-year reunion at the Casa Royale Hotel, Washington. Attending were, first row, from left: Bill Shaffer, Dr. George Cholak, Clark Roth, Jim Turk, Joyce Zupancic Messer, Joan Douglas Olschock, Carol Rozane Davis, Noreen Carroll Ruse, Jerome Cortese, Paul Henderson, Sam Williams. Second row: Doris Finney Supra, Mary Lil Harrower Davis, Sandy Scarcell, Ken Alderson, Vince Macioszek, Linda Mountford Day, Linda Johnston McCartney, Carole Rouse Shook, Janice Minor Anderson, Sandy Davis Lucciola, John Camden, Richard Katreeb, Carol Vulcano Payne. Third row: Al Nagy, Patti Seik Nagy, Jim Craig, Chuck Cushey, George Wright, Paul Setto, Ettore Grabowski, Adrienne Rodsky Guelker, Mary Ann Unicek Bartos, Vickie Oliverio Arnone, Bette Rossell Spicer, Joyce Ruffner Karpv, Fourth row: Warren Dermoshok, Ron Engott, Mary Livolsi Boroch, Karen Spiller Bailis, Mary Ann Stewart, Carol Congie, Anita Dumbauskas Moser, Barbara Oliver Headley, Judy Marra Zubert, Donna Charrriere Di Nardo, Ruth Reynard Pilgun, Dolores Altieri Tagliiferi, Sam Lucciola. Awards were

presented to Bill Shaffer, first reservation; Linda Day, 25th reservation; Mary Ann Bartos, traveled the farthest; Jim Turk, youngest child; Joan Olschock, oldest grandchild; Al Nagy, most gray hair; Paul Henderson, funniest reply. Serving on the committee were Donna Dinardo, Jim Craig, Warren Dermoshok, Anita Moser, Donna Scott, Mary Lil Davis and Al and Patti Nagy.



Richard Davis says Barberry Spur is not only talented but friendly despite the habit of sticking out his tongue.



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Rising Star

Davis' Barberry Spur A Late Blooming Colt

By John Barker, O-R Sports Staff

MEADOW LANDS — Considering the regularity of unfulfilled dreams in the business of harness racing, the Davis family should count their blessings.

It's not every day a long-legged and frisky two-year-old colt wins you \$678,750 in less than two minutes.

But that's what has happened to Roy D. Davis of Pittsburgh and Barberry Farms, who co-own the sport's newest phenom, Barberry Spur.

"It's a little hard to believe how everything has happened but since he started winning, he's been stunning," said Richard Davis, Roy's son and the colt's unofficial public relations man.

And stunning may be an understatement. The colt shocked the harness racing world, even though he's a son of Niatross.

The story is amazing.

"My dad and Dick Stillings were at the Harrisburg Yearlings Sale a couple years ago when a Niatross crop of horses was being sold," David said. "The average price for the horses was about \$80,000 with some going a lot higher. Well, my dad and Dick thought the prices would be too high.

"They bid for a couple early but didn't get them. The auctioneer must have liked them or something because he made a comment he would sell them one before it was over. When Barberry came up, he acted like he was in a hurry and when they put in a bid for \$40,000, he slammed down the hammer and he was sold to my dad and Barberry Farms.

"I think he did us a favor."

Indeed he did because after a very slow start, Barberry Spur, which regularly lives in the Stillings Stable at The Meadows, has become the top two-year-old colt in the country.

Driven by Bill O'Donnell, he's won five of his last six races, including the inaugural \$1,357,500 Governor's Cup last Friday night at Garden State Park in 1:54.1, which was a track record.

The race, in which Barberry Spur had the No. 12 post position, was the richest race in the country in 1985.

"It's been a long road and we wondered if he'd ever do anything. Well, he's finally come into his own," said Davis, who thinks Barberry Spur started slow because he was born so late in the season. Most colts and fillies are foaled in February, but Barberry Spur came in June.

"He was born late and he was just a baby compared to the other colts," Davis said. "When he was up on the block he looked small to average, nothing special. But now you should see him. He's huge. Barberry's super large.

"He stands 16½ hands high and the average is about 15. His hobble, it's 61 inches while the average is about 53. . . that's like a size-15 shoe. And he's still a two-year-old."

The Davises, who own and operate Royal Travel in Meadow Lands, are excited about Barberry Spur, which has won them more than \$800,000 so far. This Friday night the colt is entered in the Breeders' Crown at Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland.

A win in the Breeders' Crown, which will be televised live on ESPN and simulcast to The Meadows, would solidify Barberry Spur's bid to be named the top two-year-old colt pacer of the

year.

Just last week he was named United States Trotting Association Harness Horse of the Month for October.

And while it is still nearly a year away, Barberry Spur appears to be a favorite for the Adios Pace at The Meadows next August. He is also in line to enter the prestigious Meadowlands Pace in New Jersey and other three-year-old races next year.

Barberry Spur, which is a brother to Gunslinger Spur, Avalanche, and Uncut Jade, three other well-known products of Niatross which are owned by Roy Davis, has now won seven of 17 starts.

He was 11th in the \$1.3 Woodrow Wilson Aug. 16; fourth in a \$30,000 race Aug. 23 and eighth by a distance in the \$600,000 Sheppard Final Aug. 31.

Then he started to roll finishing first in a \$78,500 race Sept. 14; first in a \$27,905 race Sept. 19; first in a \$4,000 race at The Meadows Oct. 4; second in a \$29,565 stake race Oct. 11; first in a \$25,000 Governor's Cup elimination Oct. 18; then he won the Governor's Cup Oct. 25.

Barberry Spur will be driven by O'Donnell in the Breeders' Crown while Stillings will drive Uncut Jade.

"He's a friendly horse. I'm not kidding you," Davis said. "I know people have been saying he drinks beer and everything but he loves attention more than anything. He's goofy. He'll hold his tongue upside down when he looks at you and he'll eat anything. I guess it figures he's different.

"He's something special."

74-Year Member Honored

Lady Hogue Rebekah Lodge 102 honored a 74-year member.

The 94-year-old member was recognized during a gathering at the West Washington Methodist Church.

Participating were, from left: Betty Corbin, noble grand; Betty Lou Gordon, granddaughter of the honoree; Elizabeth Bates, 94, who has been a member of the lodge for 74 years; Edith Plance, Mrs. Bates' daughter; and Ethel Bell, vice noble grand.

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Surrey Donated To Local Museum

By Jim Moore, Staff Writer

WAYNESBURG — Carolyn Milliron of Waynesburg has donated a three-seat surrey to the Greene County Historical Society and it will eventually be on permanent display at the county museum.

The surrey apparently has not been used for decades and has been housed in an old shed along "Memory Lane" on Route 88 in Franklin Township.

Despite a leaking roof on the storage shed which allowed some water damage, the surrey is in remarkably good condition. Traces of the blue and green paint and yellow pinstripes can still be seen on the sides.

There are three seats, two of them removable and reversible and a hinged tailgate allows for the hauling of lumber or other supplies.

The surrey was owned by Thomas H. and Harriet Inghram who lived in the large brick home along Memory Lane. The home has been known locally as the Allison Home for several years.

Mrs. Milliron, who was born in the home and raised by the Inghram family, said she vividly recalls the family taking its Sunday rides in the surrey which was driven by a black man named "Kirby."

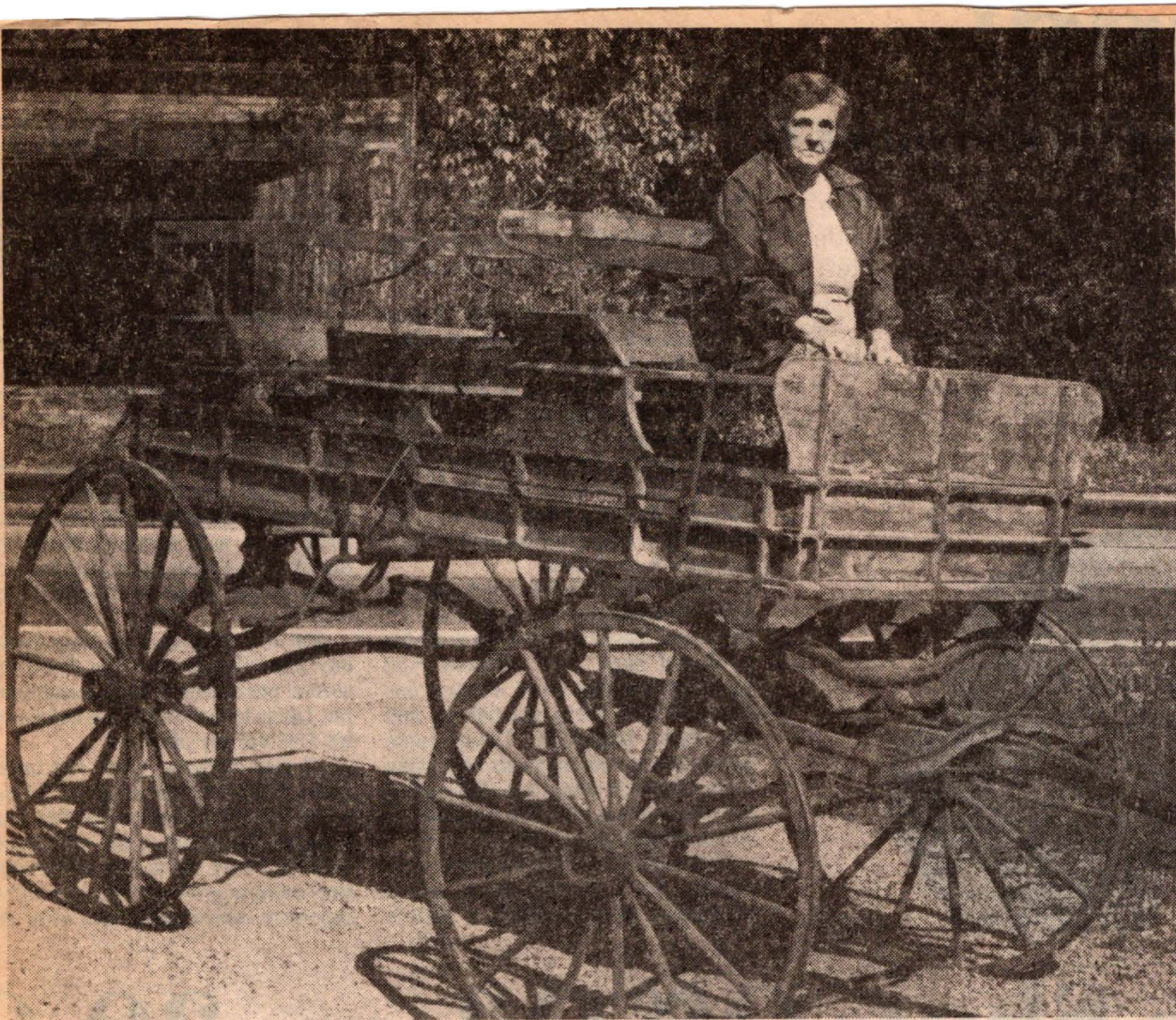
"I think the last time it was used was in a huge parade in Waynesburg. The surrey was hitched to horses owned by the late Charles Orndorff. I think Mary Rinehart, Josephine Denney and Ollie Coffroth rode in the surrey," Mrs. Milliron said. She believes the parade was in the 1930s.

She also recalls an antique dealer from Mackinac Island, Mich., making a special trip to Waynesburg in an effort to purchase the surrey. He returned home empty-handed because no one would set a price.

"I personally think the surrey should remain in Greene County and that's why I am glad to donate it to the historical society," Mrs. Milliron said.

Research in the library at the local museum resulted in Alvah Headlee finding an old catalog from Myers Carriage Co. in Franklin. A picture in the catalog indicating item No. 385, a full platform, three-seat wagon, is probably the exact model owned by the Inghram family. There is no date on the catalog but the surrey was believed to have been constructed in the late 1800s.

Farley Toothman, president of the historical society, is now looking for volunteers with the knowledge and skill to refinish the wagon.



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Carolyn Milliron of Waynesburg in the surrey she donated to the county historical society.

What do you do if you're the plant manager and the company you work for goes out of business?

Well, if you are Bob Stolfer, you do what comes naturally. After Tri-State Engineering Co. folds, you dust off your mother's best recipe, a ground chicken patty, and go back into the family restaurant business.

Stolfer's "Original Chickenburger" is making a comeback on the culinary scene in Washington after a 15-year absence. You can now get them 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the coffee shop on the lower lobby of the Millcraft Center.

The original Chickenburger shack on Waynesburg Road (Route 19 south of Washington) opened in 1952, years before fast food was invented. On the menu were Chickenburgers, French fries, soft drinks and homemade pies and cakes. That's it.

In the early days, a stop at Stolfer's was a date night ritual for a great many young couples. Other drive-in restaurants refined the concept and grew into large chain operations, but only at Stolfer's could you get a Chickenburger. The late Anna Stolfer closed the shack for good in 1970, victim of I-79 South which had opened in 1967, and the fact that the Stolfer brothers, John, Jim and Bob, had other jobs.

When Tri-State closed in 1981, Bob found other manufacturing work, but decided that he didn't want to work for somebody else. In January of this year, he and his wife, Shirley, took over the coffee shop and started making Chickenburgers, as well as a full breakfast menu and a complete luncheon menu.

"We had a 60-acre farm and raised chickens," Bob said, "and my mother came up with the Chickenburger recipe as another outlet for chicken." He declined to reveal the recipe, other

Chester W. Corwin Sr.

Chester W. Corwin Sr., 73, of Hickory died at 8:19 a.m. Saturday, November 9, 1985, in Washington Hospital.

He was born November 20, 1911, in Pittsburgh, a son of Charles Arthur and Bertha Murphy Corwin.

Mr. Corwin was the founder and general manager of Corwin Jeep AMC Renault of Hickory.

He was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church. He also was a member of the Pennsylvania Automobile Dealers Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Surviving are his wife, Kathryn VaLelle Corwin; one daughter, Mrs. Mac (Sis) Carter of Hickory; two sons, Chester W. (Bo) and James V. Corwin, both of Hickory; one sister, Mrs. Catherine Shine of Osage, W.Va.; three brothers, Clayton and Paul Corwin, both of Morgantown, W.Va., and Tom Corwin of Fairmont, W.Va., and five grandchildren.

Two brothers, Charles Arthur Jr. and John C. Corwin, are deceased.



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Tutie's Corner

The McDonald Trinity United Presbyterian Church Bazaar, which will be held Friday, will feature Mildred 'Tutie' Descuter Williamson of Hickory. Mrs. Williamson, who is retired and a widow, sews girls' dresses, robes, nightgowns, aprons and brunch coats and doll clothes for the bazaar, donating all of the materials. She has been working since September on this year's bazaar and will take orders for items at the bazaar. Mrs. Williamson, a self-taught seamstress, sews clothes for the annual bazaar or family and friends. The bazaar will feature craft and gift items and a luncheon.

than to say it contained ground chicken and about a half dozen spices.

"Some of the kids who work in this building never ate a Chickenburger before," Bob said. "We're trying to educate a new generation of eaters."

Maris

Home Run King Dies

HOUSTON (AP) — Home run slugger Roger Maris, who lost a two-year battle against cancer, wanted to leave a legacy greater than the record he gave to major league baseball, a former teammate said.

Maris, who hit 61 home runs in 1961, surpassing Babe Ruth's single-season record of 60 but earning only an asterisk in the record book, died Saturday at M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute. He was 51.

Maris had been undergoing treatment since Nov. 20 for lymphoma, a cancer that attacks the body's lymph system.

"He tried to do something for the rest of the world and got involved in some experimental cancer research," former New York Yankees' teammate Tony Kubek, a baseball television analyst, said in the Dominican Republic. "He tried to leave a legacy. . . Perhaps the research they did on Roger with his consent will save some lives."

At the family's request, doctors refused to discuss Maris' treatment.

Maris learned he had cancer in November 1983 when he visited a doctor about a nagging sinus problem. At the time, the doctor said the disease had gone undetected for five years.

For a while last year, the disease was said to be in remission, but Maris became ill again this fall. Last week, during baseball's winter meetings at San Diego, a blood-platelet was set up to collect blood for

Yogi Berra, another former Yankees teammate, tried to visit the ailing Maris in the hospital Friday, but was told the one-time outfielder was too ill.

"It tore me up not to be able to talk to him one last time," said Berra, now a coach with the Houston Astros. "I wanted to see him so badly."

Maris blasted his way into baseball history in 1961 by doing what many fans hoped would never be done — surpassing the 60 home runs hit by Ruth in 1927.

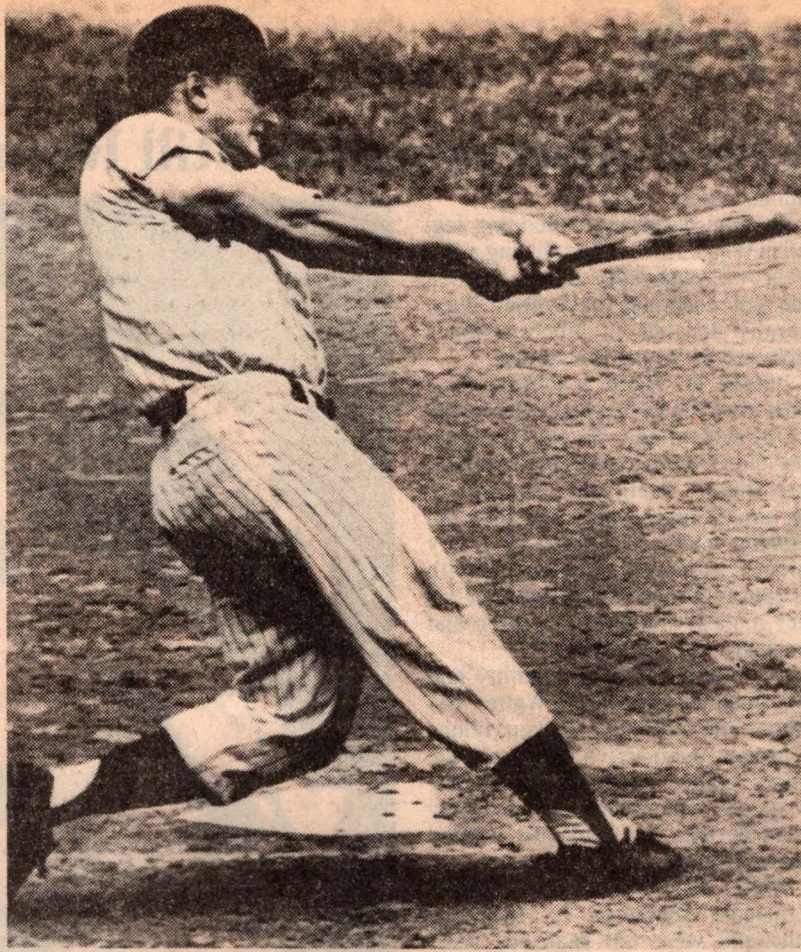
Born Sept. 10, 1934, at Hibbing, Minn., Maris began his major league career with the Cleveland Indians in 1957 and was traded to the Kansas City Athletics in 1958. Following the 1959 season, he was traded to the Yankees.

The left-handed hitter distinguished himself as a slugger early in his career, and later became part of the "M&M" combination with Yankees' teammate Mickey Mantle.

In 1961, after a poor spring training in which he hit only one home run, Maris started the regular season slowly. He did not hit a home run until the 11th game.

During the first three weeks of June, however, he hit 15 home runs, raising his season's total to 27 by the end of the month. By then, some observers thought he could reach Ruth's hallowed mark.

As Maris continued hitting home runs, then baseball Commissioner Ford Frick ruled that if Ruth's re-



Associated Press

Roger Maris hitting his record-setting home run.

cord was tied or broken, it would have to be done in 154 games — the number the AL played in 1927 — rather than in 162 games, the number the AL then played.

Maris, a private and quiet person, found his home-run quest filled with obstacles. He received much hate mail from fans who said that they did not want Ruth's record

broken. If it had to be, they wanted Mantle to do it.

As Maris drew closer to Ruth's mark, he faced personal vendettas from writers and was besieged by media attention. His hair even started to fall out.

Maris hit his 60th and 61st homers in the final week of the season — after passing the 154-game mark.

Charleroi Dedicates New Building

of \$145,000. The Building Committee, chaired by Mr. Richard Gass, worked on the project for over a year prior to the Ground Breaking.



The Dedictory Address was given by the Rev. Dwight French, Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Pennsylvania, who challenged the congregation to a faithful ministry in the building addition and to "not worry about the mortgage." In the absence of the builder, Rev. Brownlee, pastor, passed the keys to the building on to Mr. Gass, who, in turn passed the keys on to Mr. James Henderson, Chairman of the General Board, who accepted them and the new building on behalf of the congregation.

Following the formal dedication, members and friends enjoyed a dinner served by the ladies of the church.

Pictured (left to right): Richard Gass, Rev. John Brownlee, Rev. Dwight French, and James Henderson.

4,000 sq. foot addition designed by McDonald Associates and built by the Hofmeister Construction Co. of Monongahela. The cost of the building was approximately \$190,000 with a mor-

October 13, 1985. The dedication was held to coincide with the 95th Anniversary of the Church's founding in October 1890. The ground was broken on November 18, 1984 for the

The congregation of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Walnut Ridge Road, Charleroi, dedicated their newly completed Fellowship Hall/Kitchen/Classroom complex on

Ivan's 80th A Special Day

Calif. Six living grandchildren, one deceased and one great-grandchild complete the family.

Sargent was first married to the former Ruth Yoders, now deceased.

He was born Sept. 22, 1905, in Washington, Pa. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1929 and began teaching math and coaching tennis and track teams that year at Washington High School.

In 1960 Sargent began to teach math at Union Area High School. He also was advisor to the yearbook staff, Future Teachers of America and the National Honor Society. Before coming to Union, Sargent was also a master of math at Shadyside Academy and was superintendent of schools for

children Ivan Jr. of Greenville, N.Y. and Charlotte Wood of Chesterland, Ohio; and Mrs. Sargent's son Donald Mahon of Lompoc,



Ivan Sargent

Ivan J. Sargent's 80th birthday was observed in grand style, thanks to hours of work and planning by his wife Thelma.

A family dinner for 51 people was in the fellowship rooms of First Christian Church, New Castle, Pa. There was also a reception for 175 at the church. During that event, the Rev. John Lyons presented a memory book to Mr. Sargent filled with letters of commendation and recognition from those with whom he had worked throughout his career as teacher, administrator and volunteer.

Mr. Sargent married the former Thelma A. Mahon June 23, 1972. They reside at 811 N. Mercer St., New Castle, where he has lived since moving to this area in 1960. Their family includes his

John W. Watson

John W. Watson, 75, of Hickory, died at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 27, 1985, in Allegheny General Hospital of Pittsburgh, following a four-month illness.

He was born October 23, 1910, in California, a son of James and Margaret Woolridge Watson.

Mr. Watson was a retired coalminer. He was last employed at Pittsburgh Coal at the Westland Mines.

He was a member of the Fairhill Manor Christian Church and the UMW.

On November 23, 1937, he married Maxine Stewart, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife are one son, John E. Watson of Hickory; one daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Maxine) Farabee of Amity; one brother, Willard Watson of Hutchison, W.Va.; one sister, Mrs. John (Mabel) Carpenter of Upland, Calif., ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Deceased are one grandchild, Michael Wayne Hoffman, and two brothers, James and Alvin Watson.

Old Jeeps Are Fondly Remembered

MAYBE IT'S FITTING that old Clarence Corwin isn't around any more to see what's going to happen to the Jeep. Clarence died last November at the age of 73. The so-called civilian Jeep died last month. It was 40 years young.

American Motors halted production of the CJ-7 on Jan. 28. An all-new vehicle in the traditional Jeep image — taut, nimble, rugged, go anywhere and fun to drive — will be introduced to the public sometime this Spring. The designation CJ is dead; they'll call the new Jeep a "Wrangler."

"We've come full cycle now," said Bo Corwin, who along with his brother, Jim, operates the auto dealership in Hickory that their father founded in May 1946, selling civilianized Jeeps to returning veterans who had spent the entire World War II learning to know and love those rugged little vehicles. "Maybe it's appropriate that the Jeep CJ is gone now that Dad is gone. He sold them all, but he never got to see the YJ (code name for Wrangler)."

Like so many Coca-Cola purists last year, some Jeep dealers and a good many CJ owners overreacted when AMC officials announced that the famed CJ was going out of production in favor of the slicker, wider, and cushier new Wrangler model. For a time they even circulated petitions which were to be forwarded to AMC in

the hope of convincing the corporate honchos to save the CJ (civilian Jeep). What worked for Coca-Cola didn't for Jeep fans. There will be no "Classic CJ."

"Maybe at first we reacted the same way, with emotion," Jim Corwin said the other day. "But even without seeing the Wrangler, we're convinced that they are changing the vehicle for the best. AMC is changing it to meet today's market. Jeeps were sold primarily as a second car, even a toy to some people, but the new strategy is to put the Wrangler into the mainstream of the domestic car market."

"What the dealers were concerned with most, I guess, is that they were going to take the CJ out of production and give us something we didn't really want. We were afraid that we were going to have a wimp on our hands. I don't think anybody thinks that anymore."

"No matter what they call it, Wrangler or whatever, it's still going to look like a Jeep and it's still going to be as tough as a Jeep. It'll be the Wrangler, but you could call it the eighth update of the CJ."

The United States Army contracted in 1939 with the old Bantam Car Co. of Butler, Pa., to manufacture a 4-wheel-drive utility vehicle for use on modern battlefields. Before World War II began, Willys took over the production of the Jeep. Among the



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things that returning GI's brought with them at the end of the war were memories of battle and undaunted love for the Jeep.

The vehicle that the late Clarence Corwin offered for sale in 1946 bore striking resemblance to the battlefield-tested Jeeps, except that the civilian model was even tougher than the military version. "If we put a pile of military Jeep parts on the desk next to a pile of CJ parts and asked you to pick out which was which, you'd be wrong," Bo said. "Military Jeeps were made to be disposable; CJ's were built to last."

Those first CJ's sold in Hickory cost only \$1,312 stripped. You had to pay extra for such creature comforts as canvas top, heater, oil filter. A radio? Are you kidding? Why, you put a radio in a Jeep and the first thing you know, people will want to put doors on it and a top. Pretty soon, young people will love it and... well, you know, everybody will know how much fun they are to drive.

There are still four brand-new CJ-7s left on Corwin's lot, the last of

the breed to carry the CJ initials. A stripped-down model — no doors, no top, and certainly no radio — will set you back a tidy \$7,725. While they last, you can expect to spend in the neighborhood of \$10,000 for a CJ-7 with doors and a hardtop and other civilized accoutrements.

"In the heyday of the CJ's in the middle '70s, we were selling 30 or 40 of them a month," Jim Corwin said. "Bo and I thought we were hot-stuff car salesmen. But when he started out, Dad was selling that many every month back in the 40s. We don't know how he did it all himself, but he did."

So what will the new Wranglers be like? Well, they'll look a lot like the CJ's, except that they'll be wider (and therefore a lot less tipsy), and they'll probably come from the factory with doors. They'll ride better than the old CJ's, too, but they'll still go where almost no other vehicle can take you, but you probably already guessed that.

Too bad about old Clarence, though. He'd probably like the new ones, too.

Ross Briggses Mark 25th

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Briggs of Houston celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Friday, Nov. 29, at a surprise family dinner at the Ramada Inn of Washington.

The former Gail Ranegar, daughter of William and Margaret Ranegar of Houston; and Ross G. Briggs, son of the late Griff and Edith Briggs of Hickory, were united in marriage on December 2, 1960, at the First Christian Church of Canonsburg. The Rev. Peter Macko officiated.

They are the parents of one son, Rich Briggs, a student of Bethany (W.Va.) College.



MR. AND MRS. ROSS G. BRIGGS

Mr. Briggs is an employee of the General Roofing Company of Bridgeville. His wife is employed by the Hickory Feed Mill.



Agent Retires

Edward Anderson, who has operated the bus terminal in Washington for nearly 17 years, retired Dec. 31. Anderson took over in 1969 as ticket and freight agent when it appeared Suburban Lines would close the terminal, then located on East Beau Street near Main. The terminal was later moved to South Main Street and relocated to East Chestnut Street several years ago. Anderson, who said he will go into private chauffeuring, started in the bus business with Suburban in 1962. The new franchise has been granted by Greyhound to Barbara Sasfai of Vaneal Road.

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Ida Culley Ahrens

Ida Culley Ahrens, 88, of McDonald R.D.4, died Friday, November 22, 1985, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. John (Elva) Bell of Washington R.D.1.

Mrs. Ahrens was born January 1, 1897, in Bavington.

She was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving, in addition to her daughter, are one son, Henry Ahrens of Avella R.D.2; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are her husband, Elden Ahrens, who died in 1979, and one son, Leonard Ahrens.



A tornado struck western Washington County and southeastern Greene County? The twister hit at dusk on June 23, 1944, killing 23 and injuring scores of others. One of the hardest hit areas was Camp Buffalo, where 70 boys were having dinner in the mess hall. Miraculously, none of the boys was injured. Wilbur

S. Baird, then general secretary of the YMCA, gave the order for the youths to evacuate the building and fall to the ground. His quick thinking probably saved many lives. Here, an unidentified youth surveys the wreckage of the mess hall.



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Hickory old timers banquet

Hickory Lions Club held its annual old timers banquet Tuesday which honors members of the club who are more than 65 years old. From left are Jim Rhone, vice president; A.D. White, 91, a local historian; Dr. A.G. Hoop, 90, and Fred Kaste, president. This year's banquet was held at White's Country Kitchen, Hickory.

Margaret Woodford

Margaret S. Woodford, 73, of Glasgow, Scotland, formerly of Hickory, died Tuesday, December 31, 1985, at 6:25 a.m. in Strathclyde Hospital in Motherwell, Scotland, following a lengthy illness. She had lived in Scotland the past two years.

She was born January 1, 1912, in High Blantyre, Scotland, daughter of Matthew and Georgina Maxwell Speirs.

Mrs. Woodford was a former member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Her husband, Robert Woodford, died in 1983.

She was Hickory correspondent for The Observer for a number of years until November 1978.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Janet Gray of Blantyre; one sister, Mrs. Agnes Mackenzie of High Blantyre, Scotland, and four grandsons.

One daughter, Georgina, is deceased.

Services were held in Blantyre Old Parish Church, January 6. Officiating was the Rev. Peter O. Price who had served in the Royal Navy and who was a chaplain for Queen Elizabeth when she was at sea.

A memorial service will be held in Hickory United Presbyterian Church Tuesday, January 28, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Harvey O. Johnson officiating. The cremated remains will be interred in Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

Finally! It's A peachy summer

By Phyllis K. Ross, Food Editor

The peaches are coming! The peaches are coming!

For the first time in four years the peach trees in the orchards in western Pennsylvania are producing a real honest to goodness fruit that looks, tastes and is — a peach.

James McClelland of Whitehall Orchards, Canonsburg, said this is the first time in four years he has had peaches on his trees. "I've not got more than 100 trees left," he said. "It's been about four years since we've had enough peaches to sell. First, disease started to hit them, then the cold weather and the freezing up. It's been a whole series of things. None of them good for peaches.

"The public is buying them like crazy. We should have them for quite awhile. We have a few trees of each variety. Mostly we pick yellow freestones. There should be just a few half-bushels every other day or so for probably a month.

Audrey Wagers of Wagers Orchards, Washington, agrees. "People are calling like crazy wanting bushels and bushels. We're not taking orders yet, but people can call and we'll put them on the waiting list."

She agrees the most popular local peaches are the yellow freestones and semi-clings. "In our area, the Red Haven is used an awful lot. It is a yellow freestone that people like to can or freeze.

"The best thing about local peaches is they taste like peaches. They have a taste of their own," Mrs. Wagers said.

"West coast and southern shippers have to pick them so green in order to ship them safely that the fruit doesn't have a chance to tree ripen and develop flavor. We have an advantage because we can pick the fruit at the peak ripened stage. That way the peaches get more color and have more flavor. They also have fuzz. Usually we don't have to hydrochill them so they'll have their fuzz on them. Peaches have to be pretty hard to run through the washers. So lots of times we bring them in and put them out for sale with their fuzz on. You'll hear people laugh because they have forgotten about the peach fuzz," she said.

Also selling home-grown peaches in this area are Simmons Market and Trax Market, both in Peters Township. These four are the only commercial orchard-farm markets that have their own peach trees and sell their

fruit.

Most have given up.

"Peaches are so tough to grow in this part of the country, really anywhere," said McClelland. "So many diseases hit them, things like canker and borers. It's just not profitable to grow peaches in western Pennsylvania anymore.

There are things we could use to prevent the peach decline but the dogooders won't let us use them. Technology has come a long way in peaches and everything else," he said. "But we have to be sure it won't hurt anybody."

According to McClelland, peaches are wholesaling at \$20 a bushel. In Pittsburgh at the produce yards, three-quarter bushels are going for \$15 to \$18 a bushel. "That's a ridiculous figure, but growers can get it because we haven't had any local peaches for so many years," he said.



Debbie Wagers enjoys a peach

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Edna Phillips Foster

Edna Viola Phillips Foster, 95, of 755 McKinley Avenue, Washington, formerly of 850 Beech Street, Washington, and Hickory died Thursday, April 11, 1985, at 1 a.m. at the Presbyterian Medical Center.

She was born December 5, 1889, in Woodrow, a daughter of William M. and Agnes Flanegin Phillips.

Mrs. Foster was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, where she was a member of the Worthwhile Bible Class. She was a homemaker.

On January 15, 1913, in Canonsburg, she married Clyde M. Foster, who died June 4, 1928.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Harold (Betty) Kifer of Washington, and several cousins.

FOSTER — Friends of Edna Viola Phillips Foster of 755 McKinley Avenue, Washington, who died Thursday, April 11, 1985, will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Platt and Barnhill Funeral Home, 420 Locust Avenue, Washington, where services will be held Saturday, April 13, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Harvey O. Johnson officiating. Interment in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. For those who would consider memorials, the family suggests contributions to the Hickory United Presbyterian Church or the Presbyterian Home, Platt and Barnhill Funeral Directors, Inc.



Cultural arts festival

Sixth grade students at the Hickory Elementary School held a Cultural arts festival Friday where they made and served ethnic foods. Costumed students, (top left) from left to right, Missy Phillips, France, Leigh Mihalich Italy, and Doug Everett, Scotland, welcome guests while Carrie Donaldson, Jennifer Booth and Brian Ciammacichell, (bottom left) seated from left, make perogies. Watching are Hilary Moczynski and Chrissy Baroato. Meanwhile, visitors (right) are served at the German food booth.

O-R photos by Stan Diamond

Arthur C. Lawton

Arthur Cameron Lawton, 79, of Union Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio, formerly of Washington County, died Tuesday, April 29, 1986, in Ohio Valley Hospital, Steubenville.

He was born April 15, 1907, in Cooperstown, a son of William Cameron and Mabel Daugherty Lawton.

Mr. Lawton was a retired employee of the B.F. Goodrich Co. in Steubenville. He was a member of the United Church of Christ, the Sunset Club, the Buckeye Club, the American Association of Retired Persons and the Ham Radio Operators Association, all of Steubenville. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army.

His wife, Mabel McGugin Lawton, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Mary Jane) Bohon of Waco, Texas, and Mrs. Leslie (Joanne) Rosenberg of Marblehead, Mass.; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 2, in the McClave-Chandler-Mills Funeral Home, Steubenville. Burial will follow at the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Cemetery, Hickory.

Anna H. Fowler Is 92

Mrs. Anna Holmes Fowler will celebrate her 92nd birthday with an open house from 1 to 7 p.m., Saturday, in the home of her son Bill, Rea.

Born on Valentine Day, February, 14, 1894, in the family home at Rea, she is the daughter of the late William and Emma Neely Holmes. That home is now occupied by her daughter, Anna Milvet. She is the last living member of her immediate family.

On October 2, 1911, she married N. Worthy Fowler of Point Pleasant, W.Va., who is deceased. The couple were the parents of 13 children of whom nine are living. They are:

Mary Kivy of Avella R.D.1; Albert Fowler of Rea; Ruth Stolkovich of Aliquippa; Anna Milvet of Rea; Elsie Buchanan of Bethany, W.Va.; Edna Pepe of Follansbee, W.Va.; twins, Emma Starinsky and Martha Collins, both of Avella; and Harry (Bill) Fowler of Rea.

Two sons, Jack Fowler and Baby Fowler, and two daughters, Edythe Fisher and Retha Mae Fowler, are deceased. There are 37 grand-



ANNA H. FOWLER

children, 77 great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

Still active, she attends church when the weather permits.

The family asks that gifts be omitted.

Alrutz — McCracken

Mr. and Mrs. Clair McCracken of Hickory announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Elaine McCracken, to Kenneth G. Alrutz, son of Mrs. Dorothy Alrutz of McDonald R.D. 4 and the late Donald Alrutz.

The bride-elect is a 1980 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and a 1985 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. She is employed as a physical therapist by Washington Hospital.

Her fiancé, also a 1980 graduate of Fort Cherry, is employed by Agway Inc., Eighty Four.

An Oct., 1986, wedding is planned.

Clair McCracken



Susan E. McCracken

Paul S. Cramer

Paul S. Cramer, 87, of the Presbyterian Medical Center, Washington, formerly of McClane Farm Road, Washington, died Tuesday, February 4, 1986, in Washington Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born July 25, 1898, in Grove City, son of the late Thomas and Estella Speer Cramer.

Mr. Cramer was a retired employee of West Penn Power Company, where he had worked as a draftsman and line inspector. He was a member of the Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church, where he had been an elder and a Sunday school superintendent. He was a member of the Canonsburg Toastmaster Club and a 4-H Leader.

His wife, Emma Hotz Cramer, died in 1973.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. John (Marie) Plunkett of Cecil Township, Mrs. Edward (Dorothy) Leisman and Mrs. Wray (Carol) Stewart, both of Canonsburg; one brother, Orrie Cramer of Bradenton, Fla.; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, Calvin and James Cramer; and a son and daughter who died in infancy.

Patrick O'Donnell

Patrick O'Donnell, 50, of Hickory R.D.1, died unexpectedly at 4:48 a.m. Tuesday, August 5, 1986, in Washington Hospital.

He was born January 30, 1936, in Detroit, Mich., a son of the late Patrick O'Donnell and Cleo Randolph Brown of Washington.

He was a member of St. Hilary Church of Washington, American Legion Post 902 of Houston, and VFW Post 191 of Canonsburg.

He was a self-employed home contractor, and a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Delma (Bunny) Hollenbach O'Donnell; two daughters, Mrs. Bradley (Karen) Gavazzi of Mapleton, Ga., and Mrs. John (Colleen) Campbell of Midway; a son, Brian Keith O'Donnell at home; three grandchildren, Johnna Leigh Campbell, Matthew Joel Campbell, and Lindsey Cara Gavazzi; six brothers, Michael O'Donnell of Washington, Joseph Scott O'Donnell of Blacksville, W.Va., Norman O'Donnell of Waynesburg, Roy O'Donnell of St. Petersburg, Fla., Walter O'Donnell of Canonsburg and William O'Donnell of Claysville; five sisters, Mrs. George (Flora Ann) Chase of Washington, Mrs. Ted (Betty Jo) Weiland of Amity, Mrs. James (Trudi) King of Washington, Mrs. Howard (Pearl) Kirby of Millville, W.Va., and Mrs. James (Ellen) Little of Washington.

His first wife, Anna Mae Shekerko, died in February 1974. A son, Patrick Shawn O'Donnell, is also deceased.

Hickory postmaster honored for service

HICKORY — The Hickory postmaster is the 1986 recipient of the U.S. Postal Service Eastern Region Community Service Award.

Willard K. (Bud) Allison Jr. was selected because of his 31 years of community volunteerism. Nominated by the Pittsburgh Division, he was chosen as the award winner from 27 nominees from New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

A 34-year Postal Service veteran, he began his career as a postal clerk. Allison has been postmaster at Hickory since 1962.

Allison is a charter member of the Hickory Lions Club and served as its president in 1958. He has been involved in the Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department and is an elder in the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Area community leaders supported Allison's nomination in letters to the Pittsburgh Division.

"When the church needed leadership, the people naturally turned to their trusted friend, Bud," said the Rev. Harvey O. Johnson, pastor of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Another supporter, Richard L. White, president of the Washington Federal Savings & Loan Association concurred with Johnson.

"He has expressed a lifelong commitment to our area," White said.



WILLARD K. ALLISON JR.

Anna V. Lantz

Anna V. Lantz, 96, of Wheeling, W.Va., formerly of Waynesburg, died at 8:20 a.m. Saturday, December 28, 1985, in the Weirton Geriatric Center, Weirton, W.Va.

She was born November 18, 1889, in Springhill Township, a daughter of the late David K. and Sarah Miller Phillips.

She lived most of her life in the New Freeport and Waynesburg areas, before moving to Wheeling in 1981.

She was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church in Wheeling. She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Waynesburg and of the church's Worthwhile Bible class.

She had been a volunteer for the Greene County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and had worked several years at The Cherry Door.

Her husband, Lot L. Lantz, died in 1920.

She is survived by a son, J. Russell Lantz of Wheeling; a daughter, Mrs. George (Dorothy) Connor of Mt. Lebanon; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased, in addition to her husband, are a grandson, Ernest Lantz; eight brothers, Ellsworth, George, Bentley, Perry, Luther, John, Thomas and Jessie Phillips; and three sisters, Eddie Rice, Mary Rice and Grace Rice. She was the last of her immediate family.



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New pumper

Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Co. recently purchased a 1985 Seagrave engine with a 1,000-gallon water tank and the capability to pump 1,500 gallons per minute. Made in Clinton-Wis., the truck has an 8V 92 Detroit Diesel engine, 1,000-gallon water tank, five-inch hose and a 1,000-gallon-per-minute Apollo gun. The truck which cost \$150,000 was purchased in part

with a 2 percent loan of \$50,000 from the state Emergency Management Agency. With the new truck are, from left, Lee Robinson, chief; Mickey Maga, assistant chief, and Larry Robinson, assistant chief. To help finance the cost of the truck, the fire company is having a chicken and biscuit dinner from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the fire hall on Route 50 in Hickory.

Jack Pritts, president of Canonsburg Milling Co., attended Manna Pro Corp.'s 1985 Conquest Awards Program held in London, England, in March.

The program is a year-long, nationwide competition among Manna Pro dealers that awards points for tonnage sold, with the leading producers and their wives



PRITTS winning a trip to London for the annual banquet and ceremonies that are the highlight of a seven-day tour.

Pritts wife, Donna, also attended the program.

Millcraft Products signs agreement

PITTSBURGH — Mannesmann Demag Wean Co., a partnership be-

of 1899 Duss St., Ambridge, was Burgettstown Magistrate Thomas charged with burglary, theft, corruption of

15-year-old juvenile, whose name is being withheld due to his age, will be charged, at a later date, with the same charges, except that of corruption.

The two were arrested after breaking into the office of Dr. Glenn R. Roberts, 2 Main St., and Ruth's Bar, 16 Main St., and stealing several items sometime between 2 and 4 a.m. Friday.

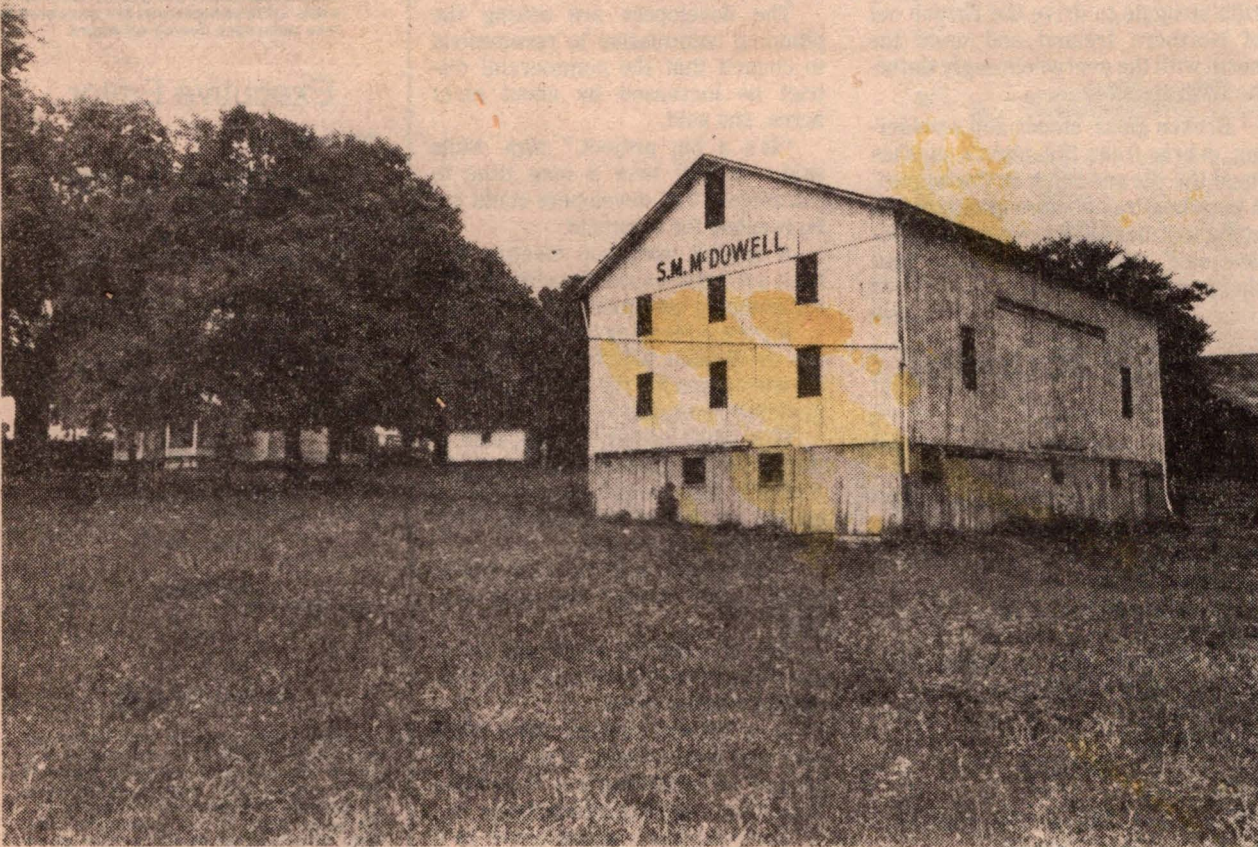
The accused entered both businesses by breaking a

totaling \$200, were ta-

The owner of the bar, several bottles of whiskey, of snacks, koshered pickles and totaling \$100, were stolen from his

Police said they were able to apprehend through investigative leads and the discovery of the stolen items in a parked car about one-half mile from the crime scene. The two were taken into police custody at 10:30 a.m. Friday and were interviewed at the police barracks before being taken to the magistrate.

Police said Jones was released on 10 percent of \$5,000 bond and the juvenile was placed in the custody of his mother.



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The McDowell Farm in Peters Township has been sold.

124-year-old McDowell Farm sold

Developers plan to use property for a residential community

By Linda M. Ritzer, Staff Writer

McMURRAY — The 124-year-old McDowell Farm, the last along Route 19 in Peters Township, has been sold to developers who want to use it for a residential community and commercial project.

The farm sits next to the Donaldson's Crossroad Shopping Center, which was built on land that was once part of the farm. It was owned by Sam McDowell, 91, who has raised sheep

there for over 50 years, and had originally been purchased by his grandfather, Hugh McDowell, in 1862.

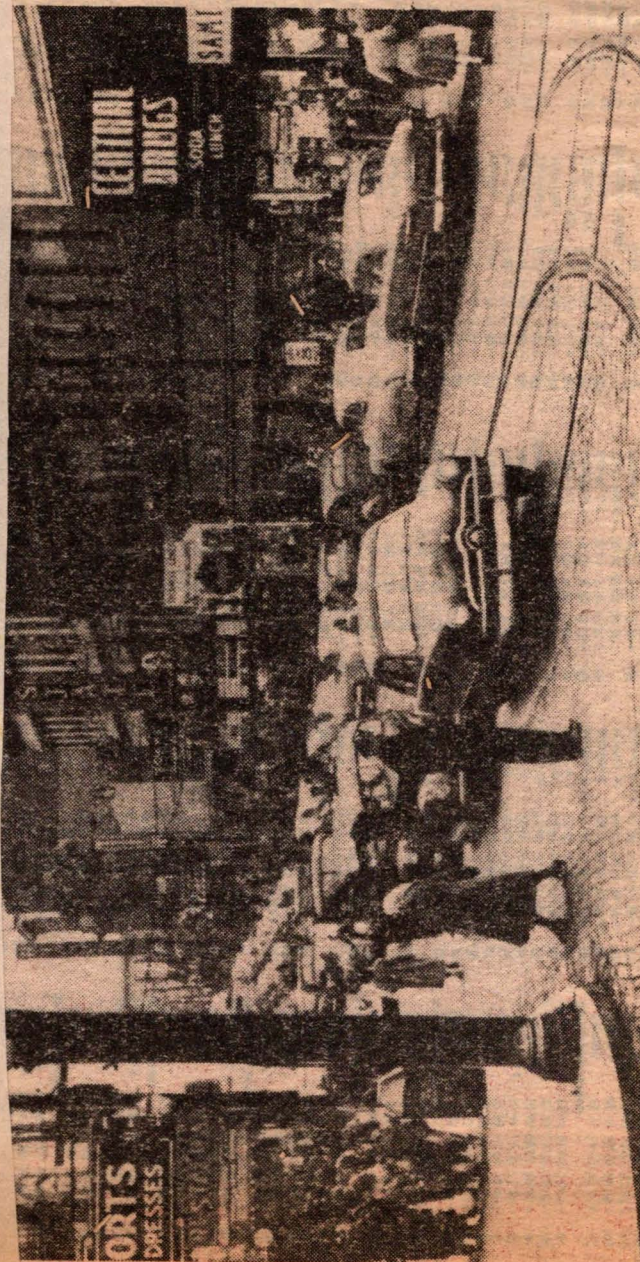
According to Dorothy Mills, Peters Township Planning Director, part of the 82-acre farm has been sold, and the remainder is under an article of agreement with the developers, REDM Corp. and Eddy Homes.

The farm has been popular with several generations of children who have watched McDowell's black-faced sheep romp in the pasture.

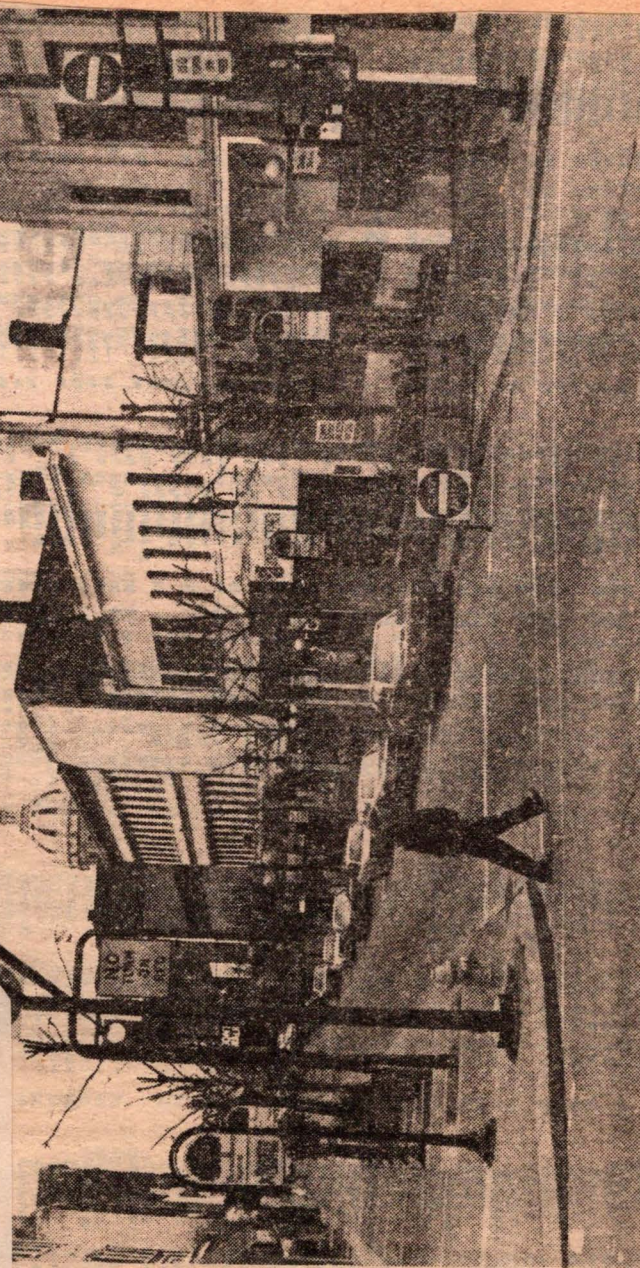
While McDowell once had as many as 150 sheep, his niece said that the farm now has only seven sheep. She did not know what would be done with the last animals once development begins.

The developers have met with the township planning commission several times already to explain their plans for the land. Mrs. Mills said that the part of the farm that fronts on Route 19 is zoned commercial, while

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At left is a view of the intersection of Main and Chestnut streets as it appeared just before Christmas, 1952. Note the heavy traffic in both directions, which required the presence of a traffic patrolman, in this instance Kenneth Miller; the streetcar tracks, and proliferation of



At right is photo of same corner, showing that downtown Washington has undergone a dramatic change in 34 years. (Old photo courtesy of Al Wrubleski of Washington).

Rudy Vallee, star crooner of '20s and '30s, dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Crooner Rudy Vallee, hailed by President Reagan as an American institution, died while watching the Statue of Liberty celebration on television, and his publicist said Friday that was a "happy way for him to go."

Vallee, who died Thursday night at age 84, had been ill with throat cancer and had suffered a slight stroke while in the hospital.

Vallee, idolized in the 1920s and '30s as the first star crooner in a string that ran from Bing Crosby to Frank Sinatra to Elvis Presley with his wife, Eleanor, at their Hollywood home when he died.

"Rudy was watching the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty and he remarked, 'I wish we could be there; you know how I love a party.' Then he took a big breath, and he died," Mrs. Vallee said.

"He was a dedicated patriot who interrupted his career to serve in the U.S. Coast Guard, and it was appropriate that Rudy's last moments were spent watching the illumination of the Statue of Liberty," Reagan said in a statement issued by his spokesman, Larry Speakes, in White Plains, N.Y., where the White House staff has its headquarters during the 100th anniversary celebration of the Statue of Liberty in New York City.

Jane Russell, who starred with Vallee in the 1955 musical film "Gentlemen Marry Brunettes" said he was active and alert in recent years, and displayed what she called "a fabulous memory."

"He knew all kinds of people and remembered them and remembered incidents about them," Miss Russell said. "He was like a walking encyclopedia."

Miss Russell said she and her husband, John Calvin Peoples, frequently played tennis with the Vallees on their private tennis court and that he loved to throw parties, often singing songs from the

1920s and '30s.

Actress Dorothy Lamour said she heard about Vallee's death on television while watching the Liberty celebration.

"I was thinking back to when I was very young and he was very good to me, I got a few tears in my eyes," she said.

"He was very instrumental in any success I might have been in the business," she said. "I was in New York working at the Stork Club, and he came over and introduced me for my show."

"He was very patriotic and to be watching the Liberty weekend on television and the Statue of Liberty was probably a happy thing for him," publicist Chris Harris said. "It was a happy way for him to go."

Vallee was hospitalized in February for treatment of throat cancer shortly after recording the song "Junior Movie Star," Harris said. It has yet to be released.

A Mass was scheduled for Saturday at St. Charles Roman Catholic Church in North Hollywood, Mrs. Vallee said. Vallee will be buried privately in Westbrook, Maine, where his parents are buried.

A baritone with a nasal voice, Vallee burst onto the music scene in the Jazz Age of the 1920s. In the 1930s, he was one of radio's biggest draws, and he went on to star in movies and on Broadway.

"I never had much of a voice," he once said, "and it was all in my nose. But I think one reason for the success was that I was the first articulate singer — people could understand the words as I sang. And at least I had pitch."

Comedian and producer Ken Murray, a friend of more than 50 years, said Vallee predicted the

demise of his own singing style in 1931.

"I said to him, 'Rudy I'm so glad for your success,' and he said 'Well I'll tell you one thing, we're all through now. They'll be no more Gene Austin, no more Nick Lucas and no more Rudy Vallee. Bing Crosby has come along, and he sings like a man.'"

He was born Hubert Prior Vallee on July 28, 1901, in Island Pond, Vt., and grew up in Maine. He took a year's leave from Yale in 1924 to play at the Savoy Hotel in London, where he found the song that became his theme — "My Time is Your Time."

Fame came in 1928, when his band, the Yale Collegians, signed on at the Heigh-Ho Club in New York City. He used a megaphone to project his voice over the noise of the patrons. His greeting, "Heigh-ho, everybody!" became another trademark.

Vallee and his band were soon broadcasting as many as 25 shows a week on three stations. It was Prohibition, the flapper era, and audiences lionized the Ivy League lifestyle.

His hits included "Springtime in the Rockies," the University of Maine's "Stein Song" and Yale's "Whiffenpoof Song."

His "I'm Just a Vagabond Lover" led to his screen debut in "The Vagabond Lover" in 1929, and other crooner roles followed, including parts in "Gold Diggers in Paris" and "Too Many Blondes."

Vallee won new fame in the 1960s in the Broadway musical "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying." He repeated his role in the movie.

Vallee married four times — to Leonie Cauchois in 1928, a union annulled the same year; to Fay Webb, 1931-36; and to actress Jane Greer, 1943-44. He married Eleanor Norris in 1949. He had no children.



Associated Press

Rudy Vallee croons into megaphone in 1966 to record "Winchester Cathedral."

Pamela Milliken, Earl Miller wed

Pamela Ann Milliken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Milliken of 155 Crago Avenue, Waynesburg, and Dr. Earl Miller of Allentown, were united in marriage on Saturday, June 28, in the First United Methodist Church in Waynesburg.

The double-ring ceremony was held at 5:30 p.m. with the Rev. David Holste and the Rev. Margo Friend officiating.

Robert Scott was the organist with Natalie Snarr as soloist and Kim Moyer as flutist.

The bride's gown was French taffeta, full-length with a mutton sleeve bodice which was fitted and overlaid with French lace and seed pearls. The high neckline was of French lace and seed pearls. The veil was a wreath of French silk flowers and seed pearls.

There was a full-length chapel train which busseled with buttons. Her jewelry included pearl earrings from the bride's mother to take care of the something borrowed tradition.



MRS. MILLER

For something new, the bride carried a white lace handkerchief from Lois Wright, a friend of the bride's family, and for something borrowed, she

wore a diamond heart ring from the matron of honor.

Mrs. Karen Bogucki served as matron of honor and Dr. Lenard Cohen of Johnstown was the best man.

Ushers were Robert Carmen, Hank Groff, Richard Sheager and Paul Goode.

Karyn Moyer was the flowergirl.

A reception for more than 100 guests was held in the Holiday Inn Meadowlands. Guests were from Ohio, Florida, West Virginia, North Carolina and New Jersey.

The bride, a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, is employed as a teacher and coordinator of the gifted program in the North-western Lehigh School District.

Her husband received his doctorate from Temple University and is director of special education in the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple will make their home in Kutztown.

Conkles celebrate 40th

Mr. and Mrs. Mack (Lois) Conkle of Scenery Hill R.D. 1 celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 21 with a dinner at the Mansion House given by their children.

They were married June 21, 1946, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Scenery Hill, with the Rev. Beherns officiating.

Mr. Conkle is the son of the late Homer and Hazel Conkle. Mrs. Conkle is the daughter of Zelma Elliott and the late Donald P. Elliott.

They have four children: Edward of Washington R.D. 8; Robert of Scenery Hill R.D. 1; Kenneth, also of Scenery Hill R.D. 1; and Barbara Shackelford of Louis-



MR. AND MRS. MACK CONKLE

ville, Ky.

There are nine grand-children.

Mr. Conkle was employed by Drakenfeld until his retirement.

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Washington once had its own theater district

By Terry Hazlett, Entertainment Editor

The razzle, dazzle and glitter of Broadway once was an everyday event in Washington, which, prior to the Great Depression, boasted about a dozen theaters and movie houses.

At the turn of the century, Washington had just one theater, the Lyric, built at the present site of Bassetown Square. It opened Oct. 5, 1889 with the operetta, "The Highwayman," but later featured mostly traveling vaudeville and stage shows.

The city welcomed its second theater in 1909. The Airdome, on North Franklin Street near Chestnut Street, was an open air house, but an overhead wire screen was installed to accommodate a canvas if it rained. Vaudeville and stage shows were often presented during this theater's short lifespan. Shortly before its demise, the Airdome turned to boxing matches.

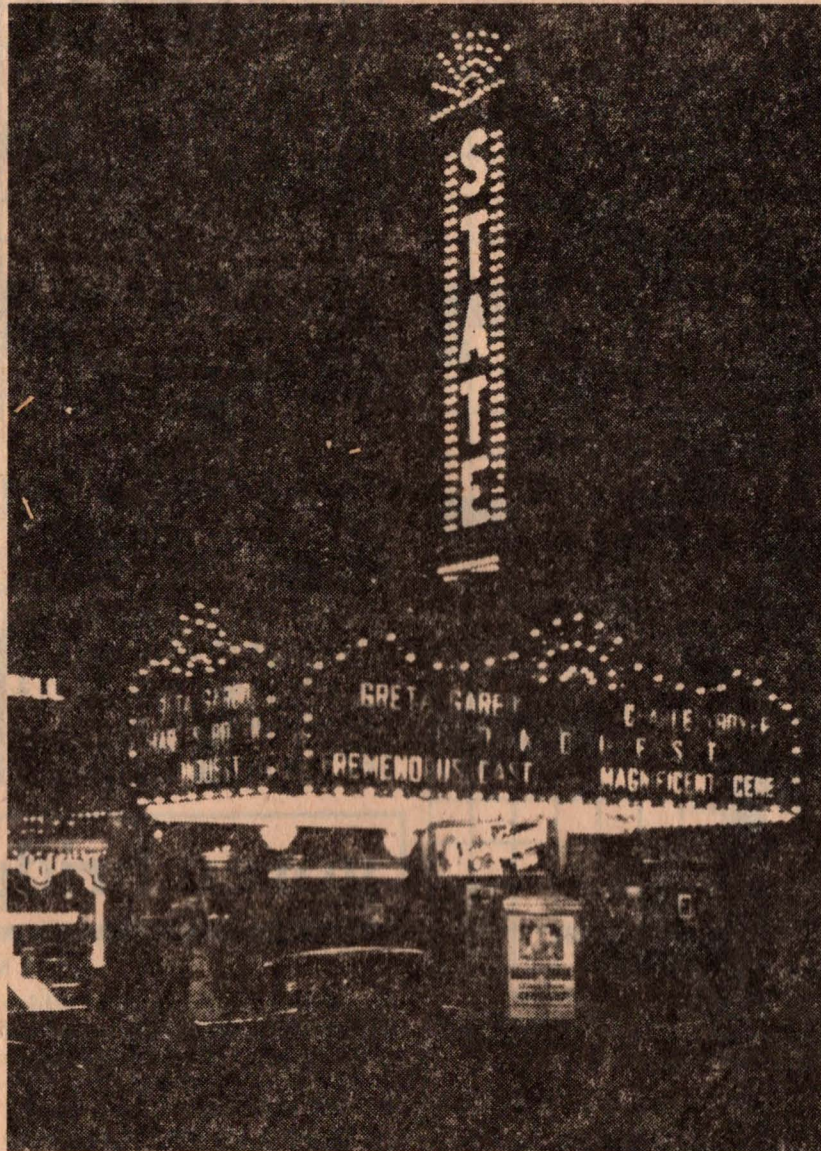
About the same time the Airdome opened, another theater sprang up, the Casino. This theater, which took over the John A. Best Department Store, featured honky tonk girls and vaudeville.

The budding theater scene suffered two near-fatal blows in the next decade. In 1911, the Lyric, then known as the Nixon & Zimmerman Theater, was damaged by a fire, and it remained dark for several years. Four years later, the Casino was gutted by fire. Eventually, the Nixon reopened as The Globe, and the remodeled Casino became The Palace — Washington's first legitimate movie theater.

In 1922, the Capitol Theater joined the Globe and Palace theaters in the city. It was built on North Main Street, and opened Feb. 22 with "The Sheik." Although it specialized in movies, stage plays and vaudeville acts were also brought in.

While the Globe, Palace and Capitol were Washington's major theaters, there were many other "nickelodeons," including The Grand Nickelodeon, Mr. Fisher's Movie, the Royal Theater and the Regent Theater. There was even a nickelodeon in a room on South Main Street that didn't have a formal name.

At that time, Washington theatergoers had a choice of an even dozen theaters for nighttime entertainment in the downtown area. Mr. Fisher's Movie was on East Chestnut Street, the Royal Theater was on West Chestnut Street, and the Bijou was next door. Farther up the street was the Star Theater, and even farther up Chestnut was the Alvin Theater, Washington's first theater with an orchestra. There was also the Rex on Chestnut and the Regent at Main and



The State Theater in 1937. Marquee advertises "Conquest" with Greta Garbo and Charles Boyer, and adds "tremendous cast" and "magnificent scenes."

over the site of the Old Strand Theater, which had previously been known as the Arcadian theater.

When the depression hit, most of the theaters boarded up. The few still open included the Court, the Capitol (gutted by fire in 1931), and the Globe, which became the Washington Theater. Eventually the Capitol reopened with a new name, the State Theater.

Popular entertainers visited the area, too, including Will Rogers and Houdini.

The late Everett Seal, a projectionist at three city theaters, noted in a 1973 interview with the Observer-Reporter that:

"Ladies were always dominant at the matinee, which was the most-attended performance of the day...the evening shows did best when westerns or war movies were shown.

"The worst crowds we had came after Washington and Jefferson football games. Everybody came to the

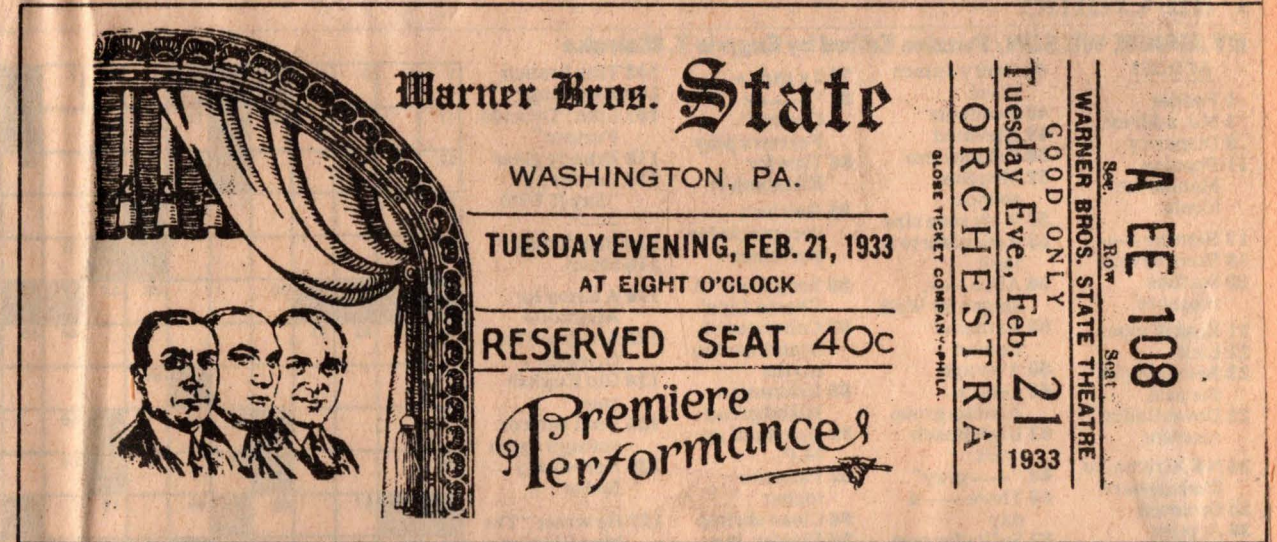
ton four theaters. Washington supported four theaters, throughout the '40s, but the beginning of the end came in 1952, when the Court Theater closed.

Seven years later, The Washington Theater closed with Lana Turner's "Imitation Of Life." The State Theater hung on another year, until May 30, 1960. Its last feature was "Mountain Road."

While Washington was losing its downtown theaters, area moviegoers had new options - drive-in theaters. The Route 19 Drive-In opened in 1948, boasting 600 in-car speakers, and the first in-car heaters in the tri-state area. Two years later, Mt. Lebanon Drive-In opened with 515 speakers featuring "individual volume control." On June 4, 1958, the drive-in added a second screen.

Meanwhile, downtown Washington had but one theater, the Basie.

The entertainment scene brightened when the Washington Theater



Ticket for event at State Theater featuring Fred Waring & Pennsylvanians

at the Penn was "The Godfather," which played for seven weeks in 1972. It was one of the theater's last shows. The Penn closed at 11:48 p.m. April 24, 1973 with "Soylent Green" - the last movie of Edward G. Robinson.

That left Washington with just one theater, the then-new Midtown Theater.

The Midtown prospered at first, but as the Mall Twin and Jerry Lewis (later Cinema 19) theaters opened

outside the downtown area, attendance at the Midtown dwindled.

Today, the Midtown marquee says 'For Sale.' Oldtimers, though, will remember a once-frequent notice instead. "Sold out."

Roy C. Aulds celebrate 35th

Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Auld of 61 Barre Wood Drive, Washington, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on June 29 with an open house at their home, given by their children and their children's spouses.

The former Alice Rossi, daughter of the late Angelo and Iva Rossi of Hickory; and Mr. Auld, son of Myrtle S. Auld of Washington and the late William Auld, were married June 25, 1951, in Wellsburg, W.Va. The Rev. Ronald S. Wilson officiated.

They are the parents of: Harry and Donna Lukich, Thomas and Michael Brad, Christopher and Sherry Auld, all of Washington and R. Edward and Debra Auld of



MR. AND MRS. ROY C. AULD

Jacksonville, Fla. Their grandchildren are Thomas, Heather, Shawn, Lisa, Chad, Brad, Christopher and Ryan.

The couple are members of the First United

Presbyterian Church of Washington. They have resided in Washington County for over 30 years.

Mr. Auld is employed by Jessop Steel Company, where he has worked for 31 years.

Louise Ranegar

Louise Ranegar, 78, of 335 Taylor Avenue, Washington, died at 1 a.m. Wednesday, September 17, 1986, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

She was born February 8, 1908, in Westland, daughter of Paul and Minnie Sampson Marrbella. She was Catholic.

She was married September 8, 1930, to Charles Ranegar, who survives. They recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sons, Charles Jr. and Lloyd Ranegar, and one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Nancy) Gratz, all of Washington; one brother, John Marrbella of Solon, Ohio; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, Dan Marrbella, is deceased.

A fire on the Henry Raab farm destroyed a large barn and killed several horses and calves. It was the second fire at the farm recently. The earlier blaze destroyed the Raab home and two barns. 1936

There have been two other mysterious fires in the Hickory area in recent weeks.



The southwest corner of West Wheeling and South Main streets looked like this? The picture was taken in the mid-1930s, and the possible effects of the Great Depression were being felt as the building at the corner and the one adjacent to it on South Main were vacant. The corner building for many years later housed Seaman's jewelry store. Other businesses identifiable

along Wheeling were the Washington Exchange, a bakery; Washington Business College, which had been in the Iron Building over Richman's clothing store; Lehigh Packing Co., the Blue Goose Tea Room, and Union Central Life, an insurance firm. Note the parking pattern on Wheeling and the absence of parking meters.



A.A.R.P. Chapter 1354 elects

Washington Chapter 1354, American Association of Retired Persons installed officers at a meeting at Citizens Library. From left are Betty Kifer, assistant secretary; Cora Keister, secretary; Billie Dinsmore, assistant treasurer; Lois Hewitt,

first vice president; Walton Voigt, president; James Redd, second vice president, and Marjorie DePoe, treasurer. The installing officer was Mrs. Mildred Shannon, assistant state director. The chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at Citizens Library.

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Hardware in 1920s

This is how the George B. Sprowls Hardware and environs on Main Street in Claysville appeared in the 1920s. The old-fashioned gas stoves and Farmall tractor date the picture. The hardware was founded in 1891, and the fourth generation of the Sprowls family is now involved in its management. (Photo courtesy of Della Sprowls Vance).

Wilson F. Marquis

Wilson F. Marquis, 72, of Greenville, died Monday, April 1, 1985, shortly after being admitted to Greenville Hospital.

He was born March 4, 1913, in Rea, the son of Charles M. and Bessie Jeffrey Marquis.

Before retiring in 1978, Mr. Marquis was a self-employed plumbing and heating contractor for 40 years.

On September 22, 1937, he married Florence E. McMunigle, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Joseph P. Marquis of Cayucos, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. John (Mary) Sherwood of Prompton; three brothers, Raymond Marquis of Hickory, Roy Marquis of Greensboro and Kenneth Marquis of Cottonwood, Ariz; four sisters, Margaret Chapman of Prosperity, Mary Bresnan and Ruth Marley, both of Clearwater, Fla., and Jean Mohr of Greenville; and six grandchildren.

A son, Wilson F. Marquis Jr., and a brother, Russell Marquis, are deceased.

Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Greenville.

Lee Reynolds

Lee Reynolds, 67, of Burgettstown R.D.2, died at 4:50 p.m. Friday, October 10, 1986, in the Weirton (W.Va.) Medical Center.

Born March 16, 1919, in Joffre, he was a son of George W. and Margaret Moore Reynolds.

Mr. Reynolds lived all of his life in the Burgettstown area.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed by J&L Steel.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of the Langeloth Community Church.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Vettori Reynolds; three sons, Garry of Atlasburg, John of Burgettstown and George at home; one daughter, Anita, at home; two sisters, Faye Noah of Burgettstown and Leona McBee of Langeloth; one brother, Robert of Pittsburgh, and five grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, Samuel and George.

Florida Sinkhole Reveals Archaeological Gold Mine

MIAMI (AP) — A sinkhole just outside the city is revealing one of the richest archaeological sites in North America, providing evidence that humans lived here 10,000 years ago in a cool climate they shared with Ice Age animals, scientists said Tuesday.

Bones and other evidence show that long before the Ice Age glaciers melted, creating the Everglades and Biscayne Bay by raising the sea level, early humans who possessed tools such as scrapers and knives lived in what is now southern Dade County, archaeologists said.

"This site is unique because there are so many different finds concentrated in one place — humans, their tools, and over 50 species of animals, many of them extinct," said Dade County archaeologist Bob Carr.

"Nobody would ever think we'd find something like this right in our own backyard," he said.

Carr said the sinkhole, which is 20 feet by 15 feet and 7 feet deep, has been around for at least 100,000 years. At one time or another, it was used as base for humans as well as den for carnivores, he said.

The Cutler fossil site, so called because it's in an area named after one of Dade County's pioneering families, is "maybe the most important archaeological dig in the Eastern United States," Carr said.

"I think every expert who has come to see this site would agree that this is the most exciting thing they've ever seen," said University of Miami archaeologist Mark Duda.

The human remains are twice as old as any previously found in this part of the country, researchers said.

And they show that the early inhabitants lived in close contact with dozens of animals never before found this far south in North America, including mammoths, bison,

lions, giant sloths, short-faced bears, forest peccary, wolves as big as Shetland ponies and some 50 other species, scientists said.

"Only a handful of dry sites in all of North America have produced human remains in direct association with extinct animals of the Ice Age; more precisely, 10,000 years ago or the tail end of the Pleistocene sub-period," Carr said.

Experts say the site, now within a mile of Biscayne Bay, may have been in a dry savannah with the Atlantic Ocean miles away. There were no wet Everglades, only extensive grasslands, and the climate was drier and colder with light snowfalls common, the experts said.

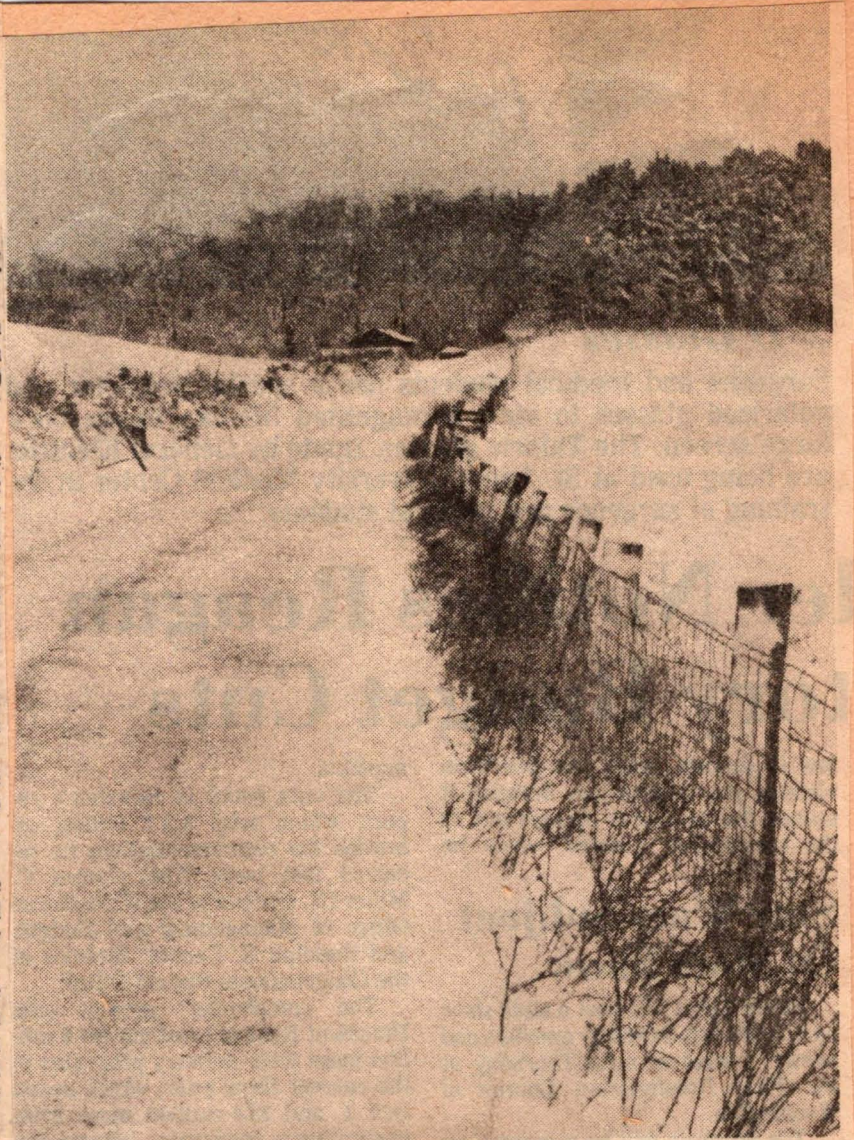
Among the finds from the limestone pit are what experts think is the oldest hearth in eastern North America, human teeth and bones, and charred animal remains from cooked meals.

Archaeologists working on the dig, about the size of a living room, so far have unearthed and labeled more than 40,000 bone fragments and tools.

Analysis of the bone fragments will help explain the movement of North America's early inhabitants and also prove that humans and animals lived in close quarters, said Carr.

The site was discovered in 1979 by a group of Dade County men who climbed into a collapsed cave and discovered large animal teeth strewn on the surface. They showed their discoveries to Carr.

The sinkhole is on the 380-acre estate of the late James Deering, an industrialist who built the Vizcaya mansion on Biscayne Bay. Although J. Deering Danielson and his sister, Marion Danielson Campbell, had sold part of their land to the county, the site is on property they retained.



Students in



George A. Hoop III



Michael J. Bernard

DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE

George A. Hoop III, son of George A. Hoop Jr. of Hickory, and Ethel E. Hoop of Pompano Beach, Fla., graduated magna cum laude and was awarded a doctor of dental surgery degree by the dental school at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

In addition, he was elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the national honorary dental fraternity, and also received the Mosby Book Award.

He is a graduate of Pine Crest School of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and received a bachelor of arts degree from Emory University.

Dr. Hoop is the fifth dentist in his family in three generations. His grandfather, Dr. George A. Hoop of Hickory is a retired dentist. His uncle, Dr. Darwin D. Hoop, conducts his dental practice in Washington. Two deceased great-uncles, Dr. E. Paul Hoop and Dr. T.J. Hoop were also dentists.

Dr. Hoop is continuing his dental studies at Emory specializing in periodontia.

ARCHITECTURE DEGREE

Michael J. Bernard, son of Priscilla J. and John L. Bernard of Hickory received a bachelor of science in architecture from Pennsylv-

nia State University at University Park.

He was employed part-time during his last year and full-time this summer with John C. Haas Associates AIA Architects in State College and has accepted a permanent position with the Pittsburgh design group: IKM SGE Incorporated - Architects/Engineers/Interior Designers.

He is a graduate of Fort Cherry High School where he graduated salutatorian.



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and country views of Monday's unexpected snowfall. The top photo is of Munce Ridge and the bottom photo was taken from Beau Street looking north on Main Street.

Old Washington 'Y' was unique place

By Paul Shearn

The Washington YMCA was a major recreational center for those of us who grew up during the 1930s and 1940s. The Y had served the same function for a couple of generations prior to ours, and continues to do so today.

Those who experienced the YMCA in the period that I did had an exposure to a unique building that had to be seen to be believed. Built in the very early 1900s on West Chestnut Street, the Y building stood where Millcraft Center is today. I understand that in its first years, the main lobby was directly off Chestnut Street, but by the time I first joined, three storetooms had been built on the ground level, and you entered the Y by going into a door between a shoe store and Pete Paradise's confectionery and climbing a long flight of steps to the second floor.

Once there, you saw on your left a large room which contained ping-pong and billiard tables and similar recreational equipment. It was in an area which was over the third ground-level store, one which sold working clothes and was called, appropriately enough, the "Workingman's Store."

Participating in activities in the YMCA physical department was, literally, an up-and-down affair. After you had made the initial climb to the main lobby, you were faced with another door, controlled by an electric lock from the office, which allowed you entrance to the gym and swimming areas. Once through that door, you went down a flight of steps to the gymnasium level. To reach the locker rooms and pool, down you went again to the next level.

After several years as a member, I began to work at the Y as a part-time helper in the office and physical department. This continued through my four years at W&J College and led to a full-time position in the Physical Department after I graduated.

You'd sit in the tiny Physical Department office, just outside the entrance to the gym floor, and listen to what sounded like an impending storm. Rumbles and crashes upstairs indicated that a class of eager youngsters was gathering in front of the electric door, waiting for the moment when it would be opened and the stampede to the locker room began. When you get some 30 or 40 10-year-olds, all anxious to get to the pool or gym, thundering down two flights of wooden steps and shouting excitedly to each other, you have Noise with a capital N!

The fact that those long flights of steps managed to withstand generations of such abuse speaks well for the builders.



This is a view of the Washington YMCA in the 1920s.

Things were more sedate in the later hours of the day when older members would come down the steps for a swim or workout in a small gym on the locker-room level that had originally been designed to hold a couple of bowling lanes, but had been converted into a workout gymnasium. Here the boxers, weightlifters and wrestlers would use the equipment and attend classes led by men like Doc Harris, Joe Elias, Gus Mancuso and many more. Boxing champion Sammy Angott regularly worked out in the "Little Gym," as it was known.

Basketball players today wouldn't believe the old YMCA court. It was tiny! The foul circles from the two baskets left just enough room between them for a center circle. The 10-second lines were the opposite foul

lines. The whole playing area couldn't have been more than 50 or 55 feet long. Compounding the problem was an oval balcony around the court which effectively kept anything from happening in the corners of the floor, as far as basketball was concerned. One of my major projects as physical director after World War II was to accomplish a rebuilding of the gym which, while it didn't lengthen it, at least squared the corners of the balcony and opened up the entire playing area for use.

And it was used! There were men's basketball leagues playing several nights a week, boys (under 18) leagues a couple of other nights, a YMCA varsity team which played other YMCAs and independent teams from the area, as well as volleyball

competition and gymnastic work. Scheduling use of the gym floor was a full-time job.

In its final years, the old Y building was showing the effects of the long, hard use. The new building at the corner of Franklin and Beau streets was a welcome home for the many activities which the Y provides.

With much better facilities, the YMCA now offers recreational opportunities the old Y could not. But the memories of the many steps, the hours in the small swimming pool, the "Little Gym," or the tiny main gym, are cherished ones for many of us.

Paul Shearn is a former Observer-Reporter sports editor and retired in 1985 as public information director for Washington and Jefferson College.

Edwin Andrews mark 25th

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Andrews of 26 McVehil Drive, Washington, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The former Nancy Carroll, daughter of Evelyn Carroll and the late Ralph Carroll; and Mr. Andrew, son of Nora Andrew and the late Albert Andrew, were married November 11, 1961, in Washington.

The couple toured the New England states, a gift from their children, Scott and Sonja Andrew, both at home.

Mr. Andrew is personnel director of California University of Pennsylvania. His wife is part-time teller at First National



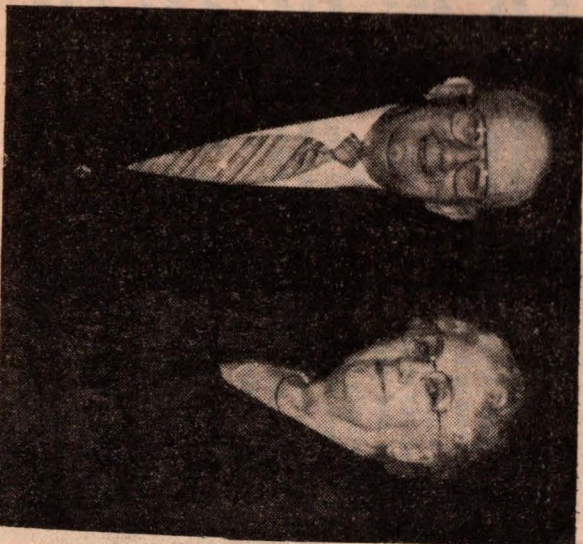
MR. AND MRS. EDWIN L. ANDREW
Bank and Trust, Washington.

J. L. Cookes celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. J. Leroy (Cookie) Cooke of Cross Creek recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a visit to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Peter Sencevicky of Sussex, N.J. where they toured the Statue of Liberty, Liberty State Park and several New York City attractions.

They were married on October 25, 1936, in a ceremony at the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church officiated by the late Rev. R.D. Kaufman.

Mr. Cooke is retired from Pittsburgh Port Authority having driven bus for Blue Ridge Bus Lines, Community Tran-



MR. AND MRS. J. LEROY COOKE
sit and Central Cab of Waynesburg.

Andrew C. Mack Jr.

The Rev. Andrew C. Mack Jr., 49, of 275 North Avenue, Washington, died at 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 24, 1986, in Allegheny General Hospital. He had been ill since August.

He was born November 16, 1937, in Washington, a son of Mary Rose Marra Mack of Parma Heights, Ohio, and the late Andrew C. Mack Sr.

He was a graduate of Trinity High School Class of 1955. He had formerly been employed by Jessop Steel Co. Rev. Mack was the pastor of New Beginnings Church in Midland, Pa. He was an evangelist, and did mission work in Haiti and Jamaica. He was a member of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Association, the Ministry of Compassion, the Independent Assemblies of God, and Women's Aglow.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are two sons, Robert Charles Mack Sr. and Samuel L. Mack Sr., both of Washington; a daughter, Valerie Lynn Mack of Washington; a sister, Mrs. Richard (Marilyn) Bell Muncie of Parma Heights, Ohio; and four grandchildren.



Old bus line

The Antonioli & Battocchi Bus Line operated in the Washington area for about four years in the early 1920s. The line primarily carried women from the Arden area back and forth from the old Hazel Atlas No. 2 glass plant on South Main

Street. This picture was taken in 1920 along South Main Street. The man outside the Model T is Ettore Antonioli, one of the owners. The picture was submitted by his son, James, of Washington.

Margaret Lydick

Margaret Isabelle Lydick, 87, of Arch Street, Washington, died at 8:40 a.m. Thursday, December 18, 1986, in Washington Hospital after a lingering illness.

She was born August 10, 1900, in Hickory, a daughter of David C. and Sarah Vogle Miller.

She was a former member of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church and attended Fourth United Presbyterian Church, Washington, as long as her health permitted.

Mrs. Lydick attended the Hickory schools, graduated from Hickory High School and Canonsburg Normal School and taught in the Imperial and Atlasburg schools.

She was married June 15, 1921, to Charles Percy Lydick, who died June 6, 1957.

Surviving are three children, Allen R. Lydick of Panama Beach, Fla., P. Miller Lydick and Mrs. John (Jean) Hanas, both of Washington; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Deceased are the following brothers and sisters: Bessie Caldwell, Leila Booth, Elizabeth Close, Florence Miller, Esther Wilson, Martha, David F., William B., Everett and Robert Miller, and an infant sister.

LYDICK — Friends of Margaret Isabelle Lydick of Arch Street, Washington, who died Thursday, December 18, 1986, will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the William G. Neal Funeral Home Ltd., 925 Allison Avenue, Washington. Services will be held Saturday, December 20, at the convenience of the family with the Rev. Roy R. Wilson officiating. Burial in Washington Cemetery.

Margaret V. Ranegar

Margaret V. Ranegar, 71, of Crawford Street, Houston, died unexpectedly at 12:14 a.m. Monday, February 17, 1986, in Washington Hospital.

She was born March 20, 1914, in Rea, daughter of the late Joseph T. and Agnes M. Sims Holmes.

Mrs. Ranegar had worked in the dietary department at Western Center, Canonsburg. She had been a member of the First Christian Church of Canonsburg for 50 years. She was active in the Meals on Wheels program for the last nine years; and was chairman of Meals on Wheels at the First Christian Church. She was a past deaconess of the church and had served on its cabinet.

Her husband, William E. Ranegar, survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Warren (Donna) Bedillion of Rea, Mrs. Ross (Gail) Briggs of Houston and Mrs. Richard (Shebbie) Tonsetic of Canonsburg; one son, William Ranegar Jr. of Castle Shannon; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

One sister, Francie, died at infancy; and two brothers, Harry W. Holmes and Kenneth J. Holmes, are deceased.

Mary Linn

Mary Margaret Hamilton Linn, 89, of 1086 Magnolia Drive, Washington, died Saturday, November 22, 1986, in Washington Hospital.

She was born September 28, 1897, in Hopewell Township, daughter of Alexander and Urania Belle Taggart Hamilton.

Mrs. Linn attended Hopewell Township schools and was a graduate of Washington Female Seminary, Class of 1918.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Washington, the Missionary Association of the church and the Sarah Aiken Bible Class.

Her other memberships included past president of the Martha Washington Garden Club; Lincoln Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 112; Daughters of the American Revolution; Current Events Club of Washington; Symphony South; Child Welfare Association; founder and for 35 years the leader of Daugherty 4-H Club; served on the board of the Washington County Agricultural Extension Office for many years; and Friends of the Library.

She was married October 11, 1922, in Brush Run to Lloyd D. Linn, who died January 11, 1949.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Jan (Mary Lee) West of Haarlem, The Netherlands, currently of Washington, D.C., and Urania Belle Linn of Franklin; one brother, James Hamilton of Washington R.D.3; and three grandchildren, Thomas Linn, James Linn and Lloyd Daugherty Linn III.

Deceased are two sons, Lloyd Linn Jr. and William Linn, who died in infancy.

Helen Lyke

Helen Rebecca Davidson Lyke, 81, of Greenhill Drive, Washington, died Wednesday, October 29, 1986, in the Presbyterian Medical Center.

She was born September 18, 1905, in Rea, Hopewell Township, a daughter of Isaac McKinley and Ella Mary Smiley Davidson.

She was a member of the Church of the Covenant.

Mrs. Lyke attended Buffalo High School, graduated from Hickory Vocational High School in 1924, and attended Clarion and Indiana normal schools. She taught in the Cross Creek Township schools for five years.

She was a life member of the Washington Chapter No. 409, Order of Eastern Star, and a member of Bethesda Shrine No. 25, White Shrine of Jerusalem.

She was married August 11, 1928, in Midway to William Edward Lyke, who died January 19, 1978.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. James R. (Mary Lou) Henderson, Wilma Ann McClay and Mrs. Ricahrd L. (Carolyn Kathleen) McVay, all of Washington; five grandsons, Mark Edward and Randy Lee McVay, James William Henderson, David Richard and Jeffrey Scott McClay; two great-grandsons; and one brother, Calvin Davidson.

Deceased are four sisters, Mrs. Edna Nixon, Mrs. Ida Stoute, Mrs. Florence Lowry and Mae Davidson; and three brothers, Leonard, Willard and Homer Davidson.

Susan McCracken becomes the bride of Kenneth Alrutz

Hickory United Presbyterian Church of Hickory was the setting for the October 18, 1986, ceremony that united in marriage Susan Elaine McCracken and Kenneth George Alrutz. The Rev. Paul Rusch officiated the 4:30 p.m., double-ring ceremony. Organist was Beth Koraido with soloists Ron and Cindy Frye.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair McCracken of Hickory R.D. 1. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Alrutz of McDonald R.D. 4, and the late Donald F. Alrutz.

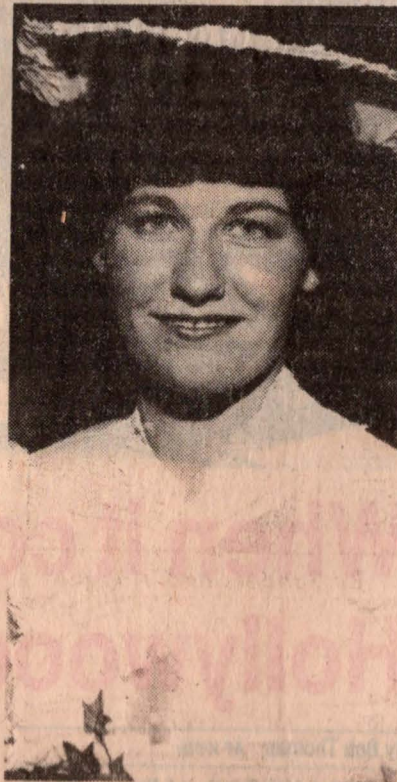
Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of white charmeuse designed with a high neckline; leg-o-mutton sleeves accented with Venise lace and pearls; and a molded bodice also accented with Venise lace and pearls. The basque waistline held a gathered skirt accented with silk floss embroidery and a wire ruffle at the hemline that extended into a semi-cathedral train. Her headpiece, a dome hat accented with Alencon lace, pearls and sequins, was turned up in the back and held a pouff of illusion and a fingertip-split veil.

She carried a bouquet of white roses, stephanotis and ivy with a satin and lace bow and ribbon cascading from the center. She also wore a diamond necklace, a gift from the bridegroom.

Matron of honor was Kelly Liggett of Hickory. Attendants were Patti Ann Alrutz of McDonald, sister of the bridegroom; Rosie Bedillion of McDonald; and Gerri Grzybek of Pittsburgh. All girls wore tea-length royal blue satin and lace gowns.

Serving as best man was Alan Clayton of Washington. Ushers were Don Alrutz of McDonald, brother of the bridegroom; Matt McCracken of Hickory, brother of the bride; and Doug Johnston of Marianna.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Mt. Pleasant



MRS. ALRUTZ

Township social hall in Hickory for 300 guests. Renee Baldwin of New Castle, cousin of the bride, was in charge of the guest book. She also distributed balloons after the wedding for a balloon release. All bouquets, floral arrangements and church decorations were made by Don Baldwin of New Castle, uncle of the bride.

The new Mrs. Alrutz is a 1980 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and a 1985 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. She is employed as a physical therapist at The Washington Hospital. Her husband is also a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and a 1981 graduate of the School of Computer Technology in Pittsburgh. He is employed by Agway Inc., in Eighty Four.

After a wedding trip to Orlando and St. Petersburg, Fla., they are residing in Hickory.

Woman makes career as tour escort

By Christie Haney, Staff Writer

WAYNESBURG — When Sara Reynolds of Khedive attended a 4-H meeting in Washington, D.C., in 1969 she never dreamed she would be logging between 50,000 to 60,000 miles traveling around the United States every year.

Mrs. Reynolds, the mother of five children and grandmother to 11, said it was just a chance encounter with John McNelly, owner of the Central Cab Company in Waynesburg, that ultimately led to her being hired as a tour escort for his company's bus tours.

"The business began with two touring buses and I took my first group to Niagara Falls for three days in the fall of 1969," she reminisced.

The planned tours now number 49 and Mrs. Reynolds is on the road for about 35 of those trips.

"This job is never the same," she said. "Every trip has a different set of people and a different set of problems. Fortunately I don't get ruffled very easily."

She said she has had to take people to the hospital, but has been lucky nothing very serious has happened.

Mrs. Reynolds said after 16 years of running bus tours the company knows which motels and restaurants will give them the best service. At this point she said there are usually not too many surprises. "We feel we have enough leverage now so if we are mistreated we can call the corporate headquarters and the matter will quickly be remedied."

Jack McNelly, co-owner with his father, said he started out working as a junior high school mathematics teacher. "My father had started in this business with school buses. After several years of trying special kinds of tours and being successful, he bought the first new coach bus in 1972."

"Cultural trips, elegant tours, charter groups or sporting events — we try anything as long as enough people want to go," said Mrs. Reynolds.

She said people have met, married and honeymooned with them.

Mrs. Reynolds said when they close the bus doors and she starts down the aisle to greet the passengers she can usually tell if they are going to have a good time.

She said her children cannot believe the vast number of friends she has made from one end of the country to the other. "I have met so many wonderful people."

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younger I never took any trips." She said her husband still won't travel. "But he lets me go because he knows I'm a blabbermouth at heart," she said.

Her ultimate goal she said was to do for people what they wouldn't otherwise plan for themselves. "It's very rewarding to have these trips mapped out and see how much enjoyment people receive from their holiday."

Jack McNelly said the best marketing and advertising for them is done by customers who have been on the trips. "It's amazing how much 'word-of-mouth' can do. We have people who take anywhere from six to 10 trips a year with us."

Mrs. Reynolds said her favorite trip is a 25-day tour of the United States. The last trip to the west coast was three years ago. "This is a wonderful trip and we take the northern route out west and move down through San Francisco and onto Los Angeles. Our last major tour stop on the way home is the Gateway Arch in St. Louis," she said.

Almost 40 percent of the people traveling today are husbands and wives Mrs. Reynolds said. "Even five

years ago most of the bus was filled with older women but we are noticing a younger group of travelers."

The tours have become more diverse also and Mrs. Reynolds said they have something for just about anyone. The schedule for 1987 includes trips to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, Florida, Nashville, New York City, Atlantic City, and what is becoming a favorite for many people, a mystery tour!

"We now feature three mystery tours during the year and sell out every one. It is for the adventurous and we put a lot of planning into making it different and unusual."

The McNelly's have buses that are contracted to several local colleges and to West Virginia University. McNelly said the company makes over 200 trips a year including the bus tours, but most of the trips are connected with the colleges. "It takes eight buses just to transport the marching band at the university."

McNelly said if a major sporting event occurs the company will quickly put together charter buses. His biggest thrill was taking 21 buses to the Gator Bowl in 1982 when West Virginia University played Florida

State. "It was something for me to see all our buses lined up outside the stadium," he said.

Bus lines are disappearing in America, especially those which have serviced small rural towns.

However, McNelly said the bus tour business is very strong. "People like to have all the planning done for them and not have to hassle with their cars when they go to a strange city."

Mrs. Reynolds said they have several women who work as part-time tour escorts and the company employs 29 bus drivers. "We have to have employees who like people and can bend and flow with the tide. We might have a group going to a Sunday school convention and the next day a boisterous rowdy group off to see a Steeler football game," she smiled. "You have to be flexible."

She added their main duty at all times was the passenger's comfort.

"I can't do much about someone losing money gambling in Atlantic City," she pointed out, "but I can listen and give them my sympathy. I guess that's my strongest point."

All-American Farmers



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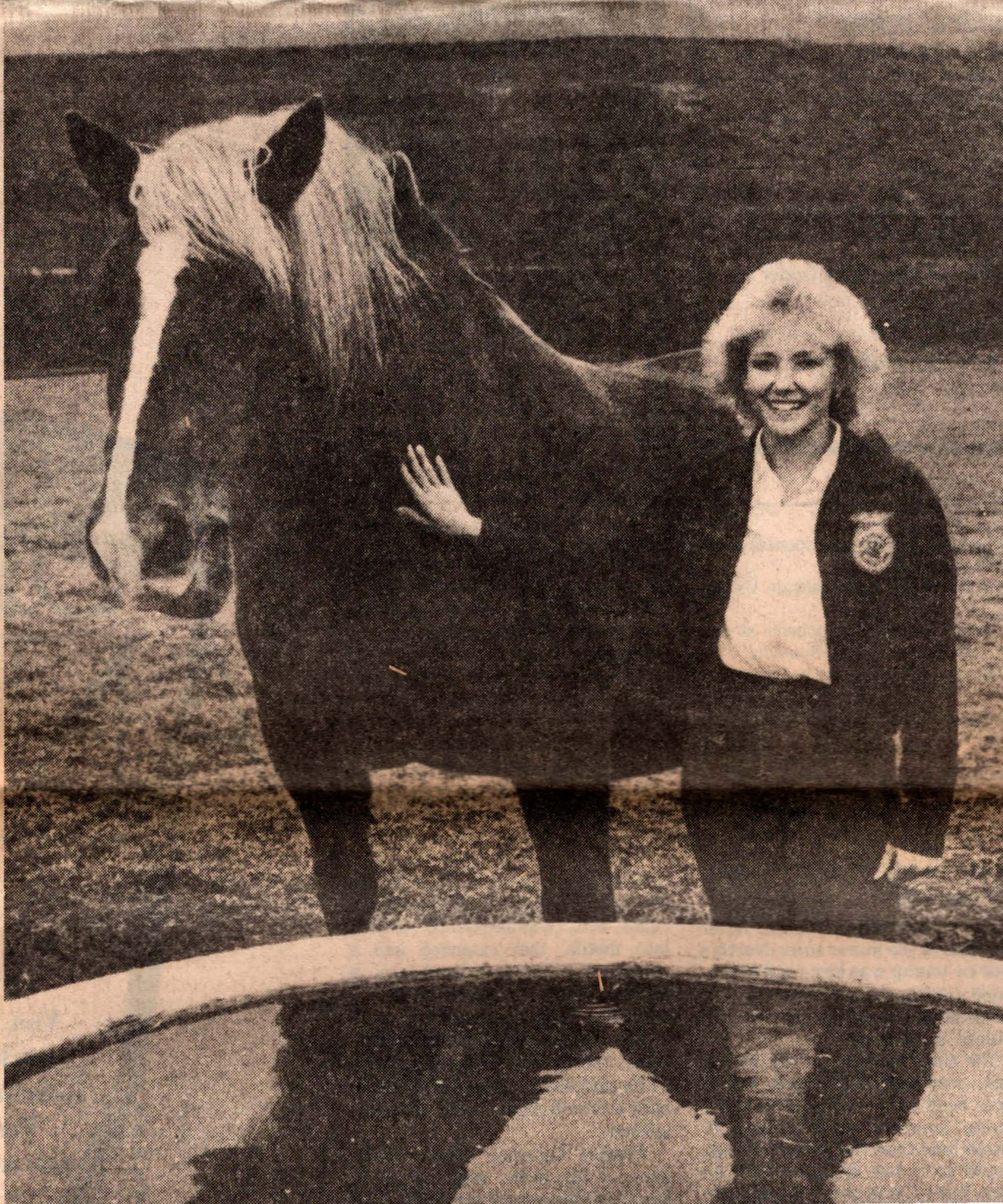
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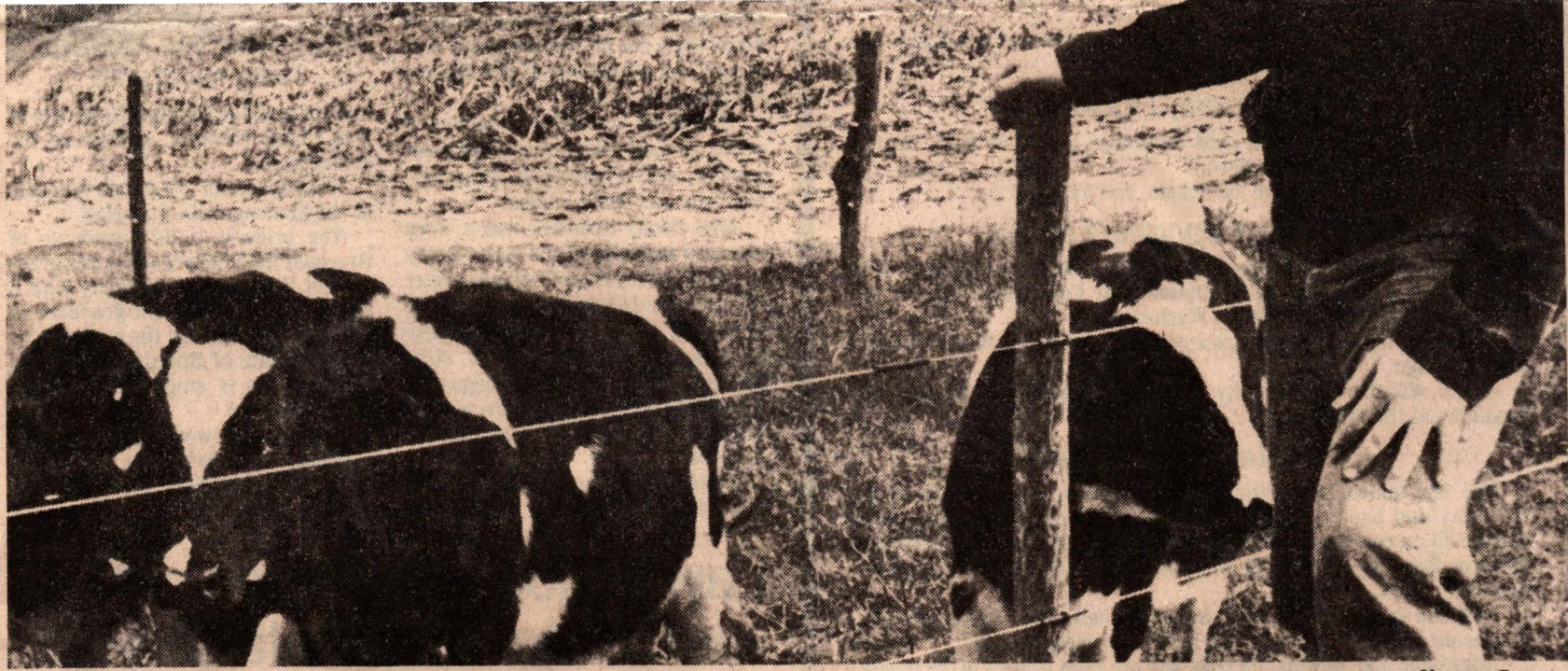
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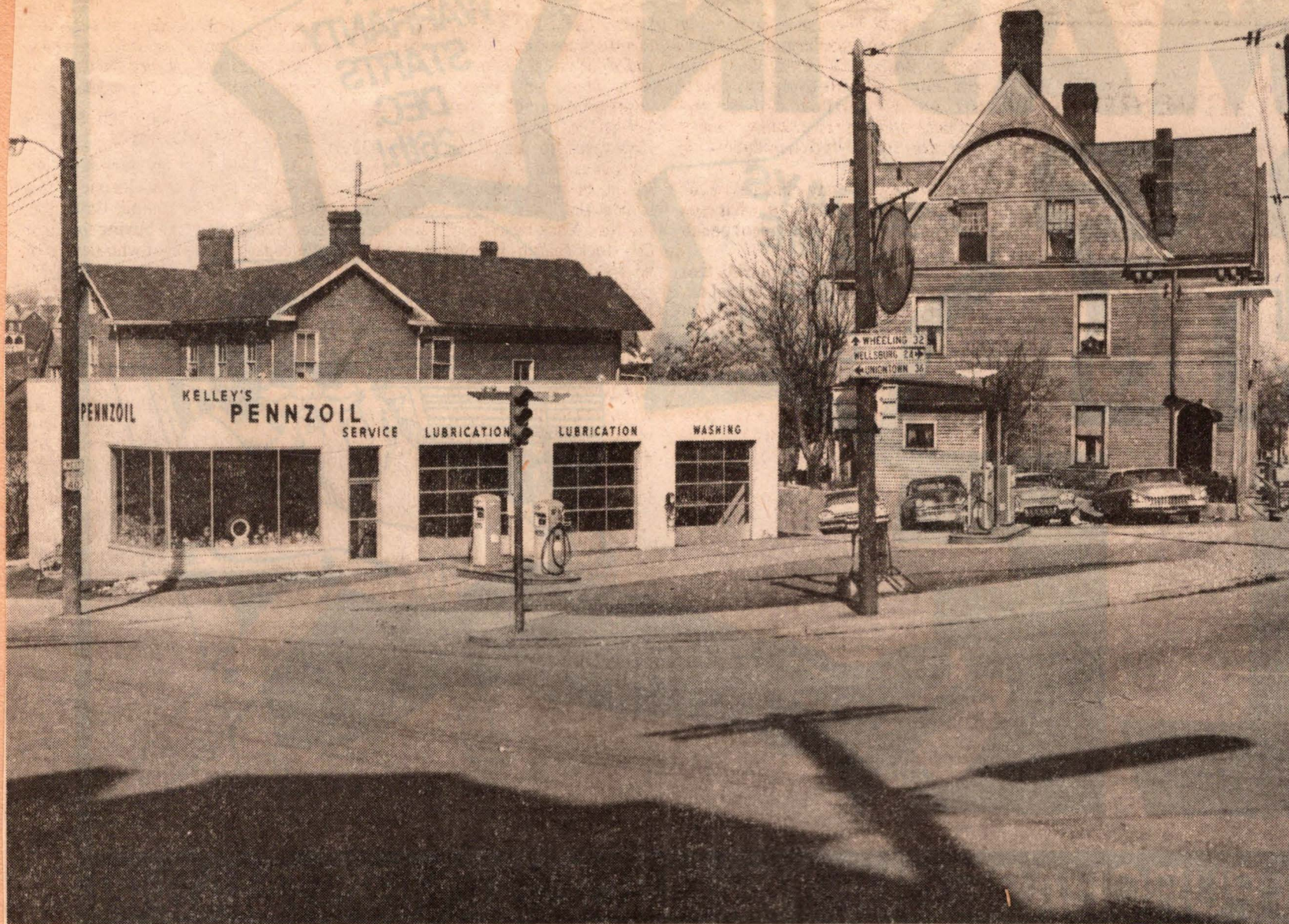
When contacted, teacher Lee Carter was thrilled with the news. "We haven't had an American Farmer for several years. The last one was Lindy Morrison McDonald in 1977. There have been others in the county, however. I know Avella FFA has had at least three and McGuffey FFA has had several in past years."

"The students are who the ones who have done the work. They earned it. There is always reason to be proud when young people are honored for the good things they do," he said.



Laurie Duran leads her Belgian draft horse, Cindy, to water.

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Where's the post office?

This is the corner of Jefferson Avenue and West Chestnut Street in Washington in the early 1960s. The Washington Post Office, long a familiar landmark at the corner, had not yet been

built. The service station, owned by Merle B. Kelley, and houses and businesses along Jefferson to Hall Avenue and Chestnut to Washington Street were razed as part of the R-98 redevelopment project in the late 1960s.

Frankie N. Nelson and Joseph B. Kehn Jr. remarry

The children and parents of Joseph B. Kehn Jr. and Frankie N. Nelson announce their remarriage. The bride and bridegroom were married the first time for 15 years and had four children: Debra Kehn, Joyn Kehn Dallopiazza, William Joseph Kehn and Jody K. Kehn. They were remarried February 21, 1987, in their home by the Rev. Charles Bails.

The bride is the daughter of Jacob and Iris Nelson of Washington. The bridegroom is the son of Sadie M. Kehn of Pavia, formerly of Hickory, and the late Joseph B. Kehn Sr.

Given in marriage by her father, Jacob E. Nelson, the bride wore an orchid suit.

In pink, Jody K. Kehn of Hickory was maid of honor for her parents.

Serving as best man for his father was William Joseph Kehn, son of the bride and bridegroom.

The new Mrs. Kehn is a graduate of Washington High School, and her husband is a graduate of Hickory



MR. AND MRS. KEHN
High School.
They are making their home in Hickory.

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Roberta Jane Miller

Roberta Jane Miller, 83, of Hickory, died at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 1987, in her home following a lingering illness.

She was born March 4, 1904, in Donegal Township, daughter of Milton and Agnes Sleep Malone.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church where she was a member of the Worthwhile Daughters Sunday School Class.

She was formerly employed by the Hickory Telephone Co. as a chief telephone operator.

Mrs. Miller had been very active with the Hickory Fire Department Auxiliary as long as her health permitted. She was also a member of the auxiliary of the Washington County Rural Letter Carriers Association where she had served as an officer and in many other capacities.

On October 5, 1929, she was united in marriage to David Freeman Miller, who died October 15, 1974.

Surviving are a son, Donald D. Miller of Hickory, and three grandchildren, Mrs. Dwayne (Debra) Browell of Graysville, and David W. Miller and Donald D. Miller II, both of Hickory.

Deceased is a son, David Audley Miller, and two sisters, Ethel Malon and Martha McCalmont.



Felicia Beeson

Borden — Beeson

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Felicia Beeson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin O. Beeson of Canoga Park, Calif., to Richard S. Borden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Borden of Woodland Hills, Calif.

The bride-elect is employed as a billing supervisor for Oxy-Med in Chatsworth, Calif., and is the granddaughter of Mrs. D.M. Phillips of Washington.

Her fiancé is a senior account executive with The Hamm Group, a Westlake Village (Calif.) public relations, advertising firm.

They are both graduates of El Camino Real High School in Woodland Hills and attended California State University in Northridge, Calif., from which he attained a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1983.

They are planning to be married 10:30 a.m., May 2, 1987, in the rose garden at Orcutt Ranch, 23600 Roscoe Boulevard, Canoga Park, Calif.

Matthew Liggett

Matthew B. (Ted) Liggett, 85, of 2370 Cornelia Street, Washington, died Wednesday, April 1, 1987, in Washington Hospital.

He was born October 1, 1901, in Hopewell Township near West Middletown, a son of Elmer E. and Iola Craft Liggett. He was a member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Liggett worked as a carpenter from 1922 until his retirement in 1981 at the age of 80. He had a hobby of repairing and making stringed musical instruments.

He was married August 15, 1931, to Marie Waugaman, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Elmer E., Washington; two daughters, Judy, wife of Joseph McLinden, Nuevo, Calif., and Nancy Alexander, Long Beach, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Brattian, Alexandria, Va.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Four brothers and two sisters are deceased.

Robin Thompson, Jeffrey Weaver wed

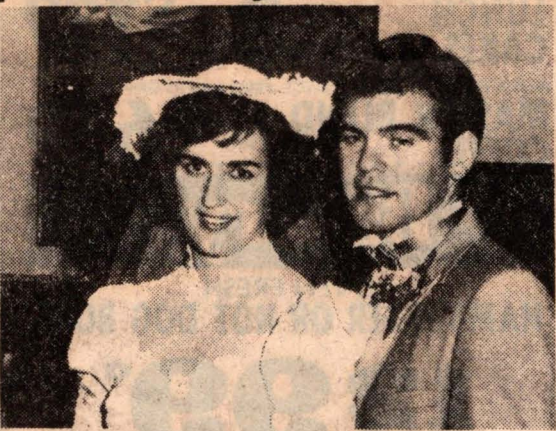
WAYNESBURG — Robin Anne Thompson and Jeffrey Lance Weaver were united in marriage on Dec. 20, 1986, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Waynesburg.

The Rev. Ronald Evans performed the 1:30 p.m. double-ring ceremony. Kathy Kern was pianist and Jamie Horton, the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Catherine Thompson of Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas. The groom is the son of Lance and Loretta Weaver, 1425 Sixth Street, Waynesburg.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of ivory taffeta designed with a high collar of Alencon lace and pearls, illusion yoke, Renaissance sleeves of taffeta, English netting and Alencon lace enhanced with pearls and sequins and a fitted bodice.

The Basque waistline of Alencon lace held a softly-gathered skirt with the front skirt ac-



MR. AND MRS. WEAVER

centered with Alencon lace motifs hemmed in Alencon lace. The back skirt featured shirring at the hips and two taffeta roses at the back waist, and extended into a semi-cathedral, scalloped train.

Catherine Thompson, mother of the bride, served as matron of honor and the best man was Lance Weaver, father of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception for 65 guests was held in the church's social hall.

The new Mrs. Weaver

is a graduate of Oregon State and Baylor universities. She is a physical therapist and a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Her husband, a graduate of Washington and Jefferson and the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, is a doctor of optometry and a captain in the U.S. Army. Both are stationed at the USA MEDDAC, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Following a wedding trip to Stowe, Vt., the couple is residing in St. Robert, Mo.

Artie M. Barbe

Artie M. Barbe, 100, of Star Nursing Home, Morristown, Ohio, formerly of Taylorstown and Hickory, died Friday, March 6, 1987, in Barnesville (Ohio) Hospital.

She was born January 30, 1887, in Greene County, a daughter of Jesse R. and Rebecca J. Adamson Eagon.

On October 19, 1912, she married Elijah C. Barbe of Bethesda, Ohio, who died in 1953.

The Barbés spent their entire married life near Morristown, Ohio, until Mr. Barbe's death.

She was a member of the Morristown Christian Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Elizabeth Temple of Hickory; one son, Carl Barbe of Morristown, Ohio; five grandsons; two great-grandsons; seven great-granddaughters; one foster great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the last of her immediate family.

Deceased are four brothers and six sisters.

The band is donating the proceeds of Sunday's concert to the Bob Wills Museum in Fort Worth.

Playboys to take their final bow

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Original Texas Playboys are to perform their last concert Sunday, honoring a retirement pact they made when they reunited.

The group, which includes four men who joined the Texas Playboys in the mid-1930s, was formed by the legendary Bob Wills.

The band, which played such western hits as "Mama Don't Allow No Lowdown Fiddlin' Round Here" and "Little Liza Jane," was broken up by World War II, but Wills continued to perform with a group.

In 1973, he pulled together musicians including some of the early Playboys to record an album in Dallas. He went into a coma during the sessions and died in 1975, but the album, "For the Last Time," created demand for the band to perform live.

Wills' widow, Betty, brought the group together again, said band leader Leon McAuliffe of Claremore, Okla. He said the musicians agreed to limit their dates to about 20 a year and to retire if any of the five had to leave the band, which occurred when pianist Al Stricklin died in October.

Polens celebrate 40th

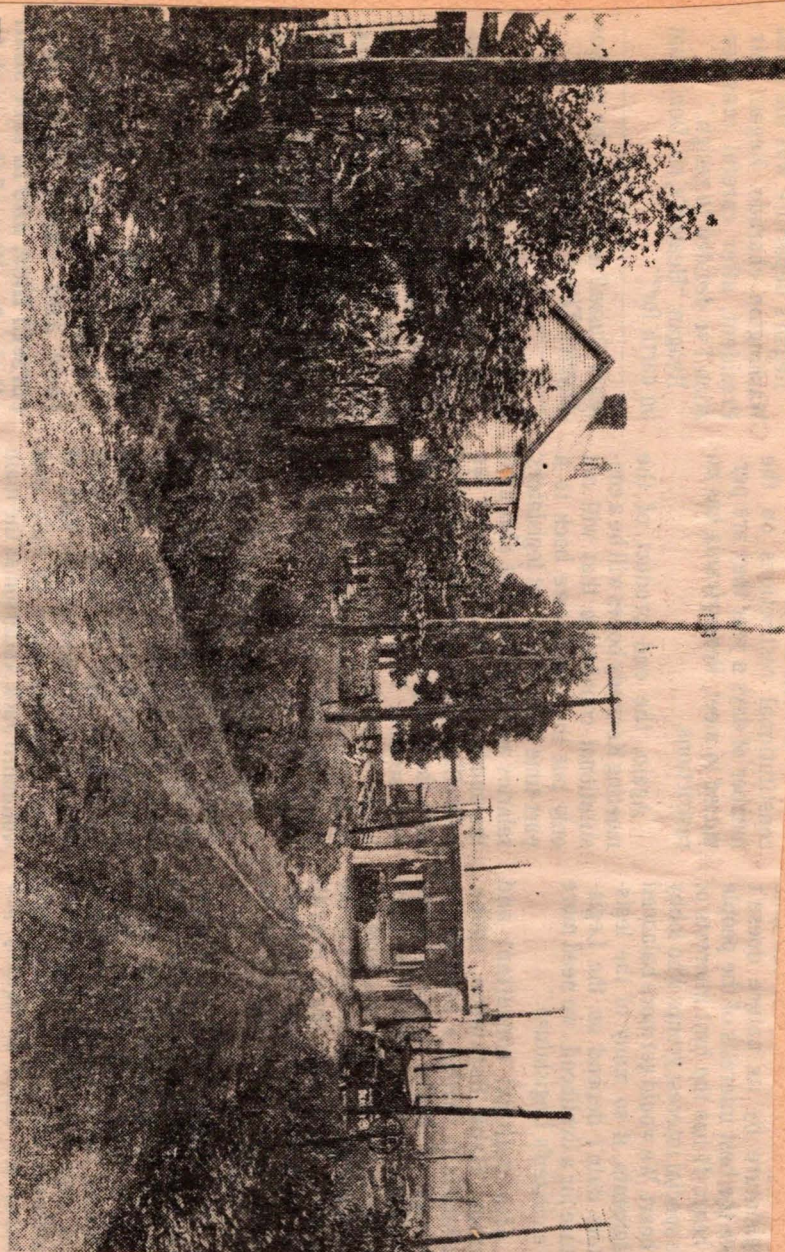
Melvin and Jane Polen of Avella celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a buffet dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yuhas of Avella.

Mr. and Mrs. Polen were married on December 14, 1946, by the Rev. William Blake Hindman in the Presbyterian Church of Uniontown. Mr. Polen is the son of the late Floyd and Lucille Polen. His wife is the daughter of the late Arrel and May Marsh.

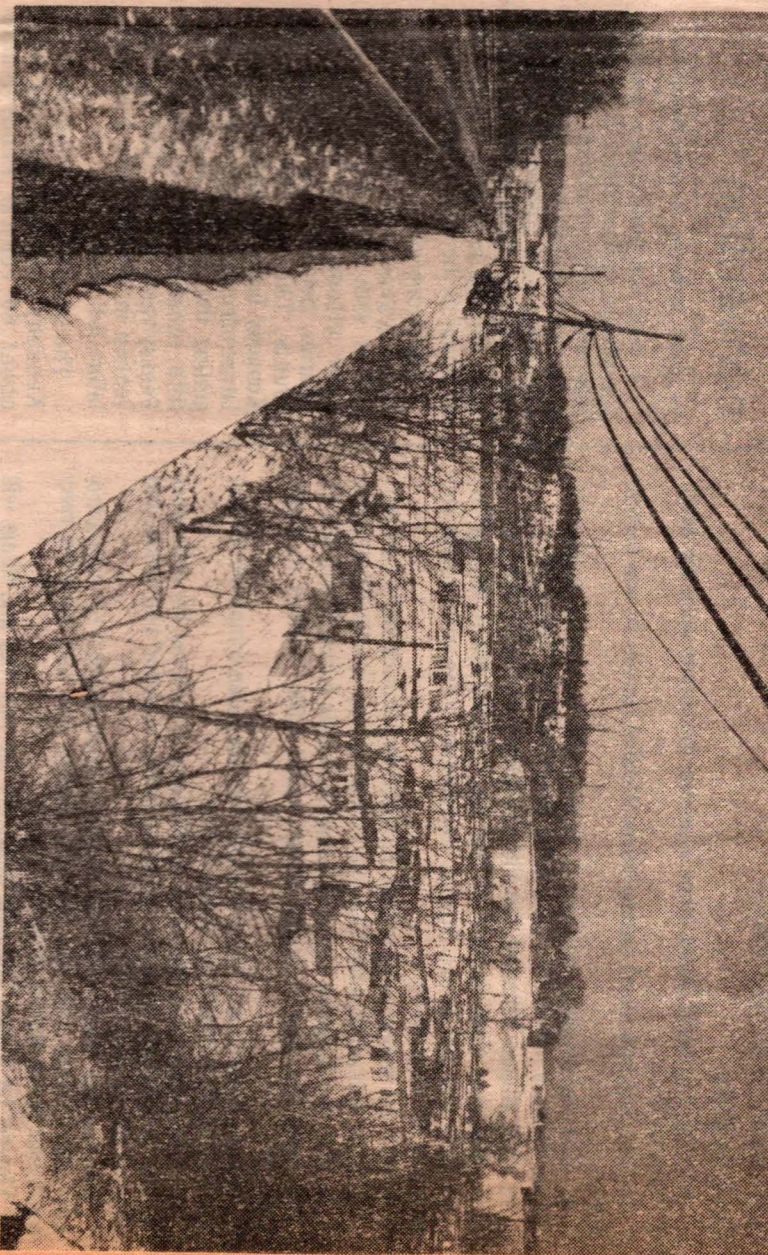
They are the parents of three children: Mrs. Robert (Marcie) Bish of Midway; Mrs. Joseph (Billie Jean) Yuhas of Avella; and Cliff Polen of Washington. One daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Patty) Grabski, is deceased.

There are seven grandchildren: Barb, Bev and Brenda Grabski of Aliquippa; Denise and Stacey Bish of Midway; and Lisa and Joey Yuhas of Avella.

Two views of Henderson Avenue
This represents two views of Henderson Avenue looking north, one in 1929 and the other a month



ago. As can be seen in the older photo, the road, also known as Route 18 north, was unpaved and work had just begun on construction of the bridge.

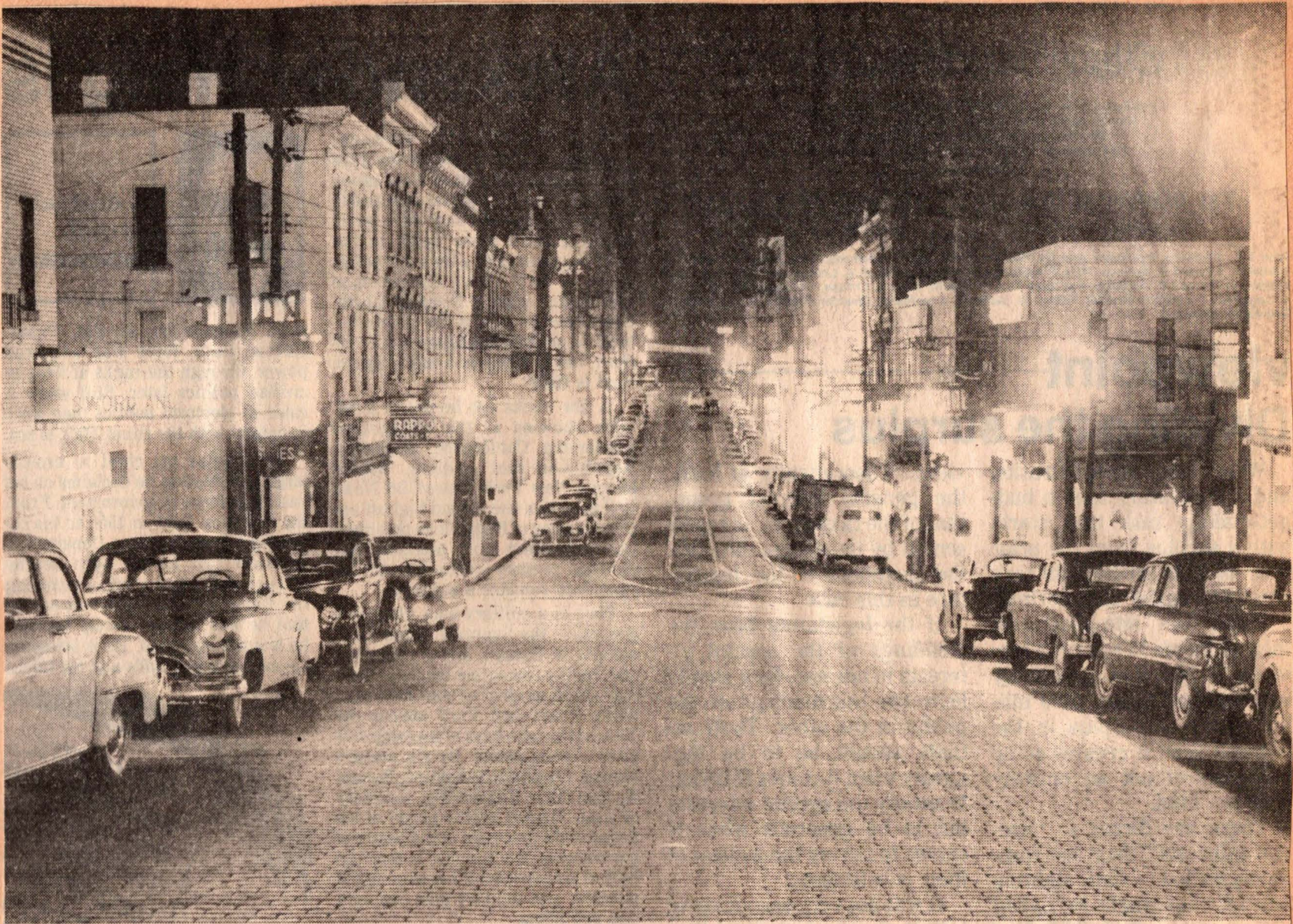




The only covered bridge among the 26 existing in Washington County that is visible from Interstate Route 70 as it passes through the area is the Wright Covered Bridge in Somerset Township. Crossing the North Fork of Pigeon Creek, the bridge is approximately a mile west of the Kammerer exit from the interstate and can be reached by using Legislative Route 62052 (the parallel road along the north side of the interstate). The bridge itself is a hundred feet south of Route 70 where a rural road crosses the interstate.

Of Kingpost truss design, the Wright Bridge is 26 feet long and 13 feet, four inches wide. It is among the 35 covered bridges in Washington and Greene counties in southwestern Pennsylvania that in 1979 were entered into the National Register of Historic Places. They are maintained through the efforts of the boards of commissioners of the two counties. The bridges are the principal attraction for the Annual Covered Bridge Festival held during the third weekend in September.

The chief reason to cover the bridges was to protect the wooden floors. They have in times past served as "kissing bridges" for young people courting in their buggies. For those less amorous, they also provided protection whenever there was a sudden storm. It was quite common in days gone by for merchants to place their advertisements for their wares on the inside of the bridges. It is said that, when sleighs and sleds were used in winter, it often was necessary to shovel snow inside the bridge so sleighs would glide through.



Downtown, early 1950s

Downtown Washington is all aglow in this nocturnal photograph taken sometime in the early 1950s. It was probably a Saturday night when stores stayed open until 9 p.m. Later,

extended shopping hours were observed on Friday night. Photo was taken just north of Chestnut Street on North Main Street. Most of the stores identifiable in the picture are gone. Note also the trolley tracks were still in place.

Elizabeth Cowden

Elizabeth (Betty) Cowden, 75, of Burgetstown R.D.2, died Sunday, May 10, 1987, in her home. She was born December 10, 1911, in Canonsburg, daughter of William F. and Eva Johnston Boyle.

Mrs. Cowden was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Fireside Club and the Worthwhile Daughters Sunday school class of the church. She also was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Township Farm Women's Club and Cross-Creek Village Grange.

She was a graduate of Canonsburg High School and attended Canonsburg School of Nursing.

A licensed practical nurse, she worked in both the Canonsburg and Washington hospitals. Mrs. Cowden was past-president of the local Licensed Practical Nurse Association.

On March 10, 1934, she married Clair V. Cowden Sr., who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Carol) Caldwell of Hickory and Anita J. Cowden of Birmingham, Ala.; three sons, William Guy Cowden and C. Van Cowden Jr., both of Burgetstown R.D.2, and Jerome L. Cowden of Pittsburgh; 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. One sister, Hazel B. Maurer, and one grandson, Bradley Caldwell, are deceased.

To Walter and Joan Urbanic Braunlin of Houston, Texas, in Northwest Medical Center, on November 27, 1987, a daughter, Megan Christina. Maternal grandparents are John and Mary Urbanic of Linden Road, Canonsburg.

'Rocky Top' ⁸⁷ composer dies

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Boudleaux Bryant, who with his wife wrote the early rock hit "Bye Bye Love" and the bluegrass standard "Rocky Top," has died of cancer at the age of 67.

Bryant entered Knoxville's Baptist hospital Thursday morning and died about 7:30 p.m.

He and his wife, Felice, 61, were inducted last year into the prestigious National Songwriters Hall of Fame. Together, they wrote more than 1,500 songs, including "Wake Up Little Susie," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," "Raining in My Heart," "Love Hurts," "Devoted To You," and "Come Live With Me."

Out of 27 songs they wrote for the Everly Brothers, 12 became hits. Their works also were recorded by stars ranging from the Grateful Dead to the Carter Family.

The Bryants composed "Rocky Top" in the 1960s. After it was recorded by the Osborne Brothers, the song became one of the most-performed songs in the history of bluegrass music. It was voted one of several state songs in 1982 and provided the name for the Gallinburg motel run by the Bryants, the Rocky Top Village Inn.

Guitarist-producer Chet Atkins, called Bryant one of the most intelligent and talented people he had ever known.

The couple started writing songs together when Bryant set his wife's poetry to music.



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Coffee Day winners

Warren E. Lemley Jr., president of the local Easter Seal Society, presents awards to the 1987 Coffee Day winners. From left are Dolores Stein of American Truck Stop in Bentleyville, first place; Donna Steffan of Jolynn's Country Kitchen in Taylorstown, second, and "Patches" of White's Country Kitchen in Hickory, third. The annual event raised nearly \$4,000 for the local Easter Seal Society.

First Christian Church has a new minister

Dr. John B. Ledford will be formerly installed as the new pastor of the First Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church, East Beau Street, Washington at 4 p.m. Sunday in the church sanctuary.

He comes to Washington from a pastorate in Paris, Ky., a town he describes as a suburb of Lexington, in the heart of horse country.

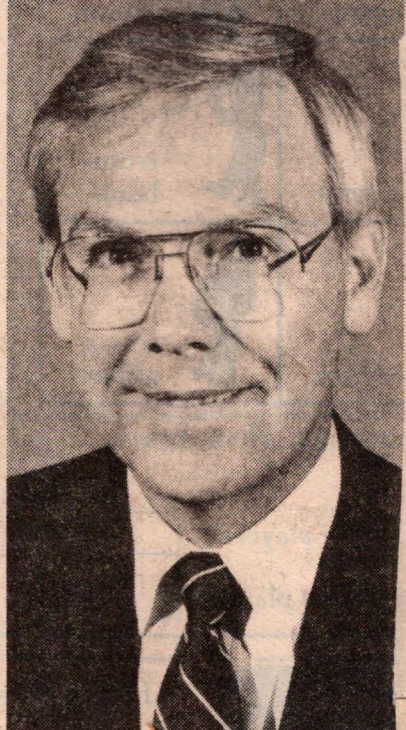
A graduate with a master of divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary, he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Pittsburgh Theological seminary.

While serving as head pastor of the First Christian Church of Paris, Ky., he taught part-time in the area of practical ministry at the Lexington Seminary.

While serving the local church, he will be group chaplain for the 308 Engineer Group, Pittsburgh, USAR.

He describes both the local church and his former pastorate as "historic churches of our denomination, historically connected through the founders of the denomination, both of whom were ordained Presbyterian ministers."

The Paris, Ky. congregation was established in 1827 and located just seven miles from Barton Stone's church. Stone and Alexander Campbell, of Washington were founders of the Christian (Disciples of Christ) church, originally called the



Dr. John B. Ledford
Campbellites.

He and his wife Carolyn are the parents of two children, Jeff and Lisa, who will be in the 11th and ninth grade, respectively, at Washington High School.

Prior to the Kentuly pastorate he served the First Christian Church in West Palm Beach, Fla and was a chaplain in the United States army, stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C., Fort Ord, Calif. and the Republic of South Korea.

S. Paul Ritchey

S. Paul Ritchey, 90, of Avella R.D.2 died at 5:45 p.m. Monday, February 27, 1989, in Curry Memorial Home, Waynesburg. He had been ill since suffering a fall Sept. 17, 1988.

Born November 24, 1898, in Hopewell Township, he was the son of Samuel Taggart and Mary McMunn Ritchey.

Mr. Ritchey was a member of Grove United Presbyterian Church and had been a self-employed farmer for many years in Washington County. He was later a life insurance agent with Union Central Life Insurance Co. and a past master of Cross Creek Grange 954.

In 1958, he moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where he resided until 1982. He then returned to the West Middletown area.

On May 29, 1918, he married Mary C. Lytle, who died January 26, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Raymond (Marilou) Kimble of Waynesburg; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and a nephew.

A daughter, Betty Patterson; and a brother, Wallace M. Ritchey, are deceased.

George A. Wolf

George Arthur Wolf, 82, of 80 McClay Road, Washington, died at 11:55 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 1987, in Washington Hospital.

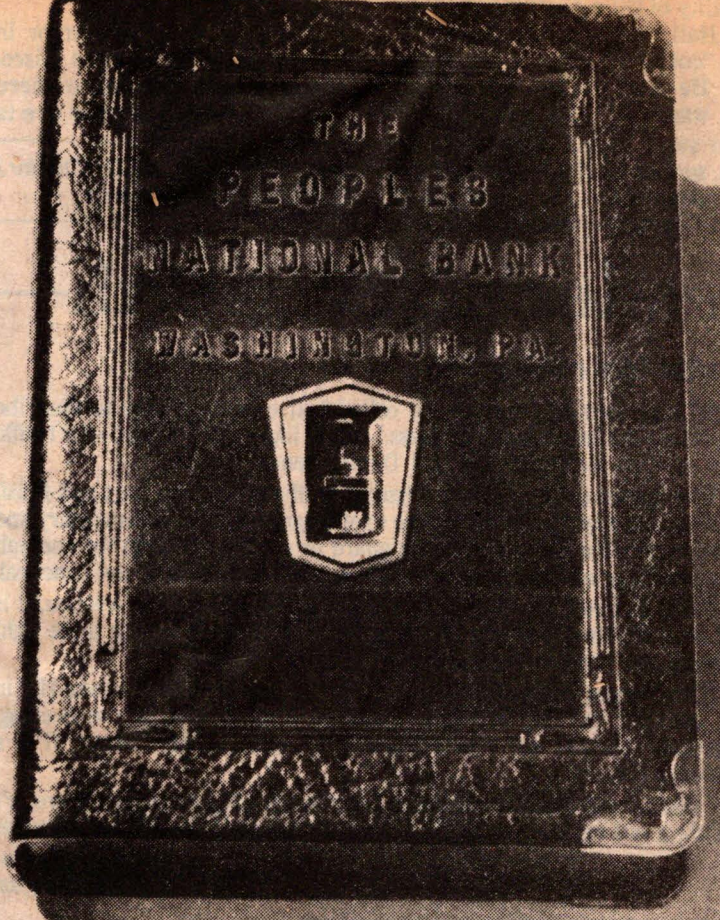
He was born January 30, 1905, in Canton Township, a son of George A. and Margaret Arthur Wolf. He was an active member and former elder in Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown.

Mr. Wolf retired in 1970 after 30 years with the National Annealing Box Co. He was a 1925 graduate of East Washington High School and a 1927 graduate of Duff's Iron City Business College.

He was married June 29, 1938, to Sara Denny, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, G. Marvin Wolf of Washington; one daughter, Sarah Janice Wolf at home; and four grandchildren, Stacey, Amy, Kristin and Craig Wolf, all of Washington.

A son, Raymond Arthur Wolf, died in infancy.



Real savings book

Most people think of a savings book as one in which records of deposits and withdrawals are recorded. This book, issued by the old Peoples National Bank of Washington, is a real savings book with a slot on the front for depositing coins. The book is owned by Helen Kapsi of Washington.

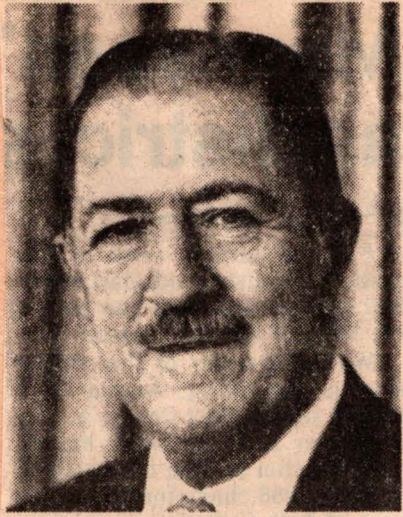


Built in 1870 over Tom's Run in Gilmore Township in Greene County, the Pine Bank Covered Bridge is now preserved at Meadowcroft Village three miles west of Avella in the northwestern corner of Washington County where it was moved in 1961 by Albert and Delvin Miller. It was the first structure put in place when the Miller brothers conceived the idea of an old village to preserve the things which were known to them in their youth and to their ancestors, but were rapidly disappearing from the modern scene.

The 30-foot-long Pine Bank Bridge was scheduled to be destroyed to make room for a modern highway bridge, but instead it was dismantled and restored over a ravine at Meadowcroft Village. Of Kingpost truss construction, the main long timbers as seen from underneath are hewed on all four sides. The main vertical timber is anchored to the bottom timbers with blacksmith-made iron plates.

Meadowcroft Village is located on a scenic portion of the Miller farm first occupied in 1795 by George Miller, the great-great-grandfather of Albert and Delvin. The original patent for the land was a Virginia land grant. When the Miller log house and the Miller school were moved from other locations on the farm to the site near the covered bridge, the three structures became the nucleus around which has been built the village complex which now contains some 14 structures, many of which contain permanent exhibits.

The site is constantly under new development and is being operated as a non-profit corporation by the Meadowcroft Foundation.



DIES — William B. Stout, 81, of Washington, community activist and founder of Atlas Railroad Construction Co., died Sunday.

William B. Stout

Community activist and founder of the Atlas Railroad Construction Co., William B. Stout, 81, of 10 Wilmont Avenue, Washington, died at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, October 25, 1987, in Washington Hospital, following a lingering illness.

He was born September 16, 1906, in East Finley Township, a son of Thomas B. and Grace Barnhart Stout.

Prior to moving to Washington in 1975, he had resided in Somerset Township near Bentleyville for 26 years.

Mr. Stout was a member of the First Christian Church of Washington and a former member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bentleyville.

He attended elementary school in East Finley Township and graduated from West Liberty State College in West Virginia in 1927. He completed his post-graduate work at California State Teachers College.

For 16 years, he served as principal and taught in the Washington County school system.

In 1952, he founded Atlas Railroad Construction Co. and led its development into one of the largest specialty construction firms in the nation. At the time of his death, he was serving as chairman of the board emeritus of Stout Inc.

Mr. Stout was active in the community, public and political affairs in Washington County.

He served as a Somerset Township school board director, chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Bentleyville-Ellsworth Joint School Board and was elected the first president of the Board of the Bentworth School District.

He served as a Democratic committeeman in Somerset Township, and in 1967 was elected to represent Washington-Greene County at the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention where he was a leading advocate of judicial reform in the Commonwealth.

From 1971 to 1979, he served on the Pennsylvania Transportation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Stout was active in the Washington County Council on Alcoholism and was instrumental in the creation of the Stout School, named in his honor.

He was the founder of Serenity Farms, Inc., a therapeutic, residential community located near Hickory.

Charles L. Minor

Charles L. Minor, 69, of Jefferson Avenue, Washington, died unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack at 10:30 p.m. Friday, December 11, 1987.

He was born May 25, 1918, in Spraggs, a son of Albert R. and Mary Jane Sneith Minor.

Mr. Minor was the maintenance superintendent for Suburban Lines Inc., from where he retired in 1982. He was one of the company's founders.

Prior to that, he worked for Greyhound Bus Lines for 22 years. He retired from that company in 1964.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in Company G, 18th Infantry Regiment.

He supported World Changers, Youth for Christ and Paralyzed Veterans.

On December 14, 1940, he married Lucille E. Snodgrass, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Ronald R. Minor Sr. of Monroeville; four daughters, Mrs. John (Jacqueline D.) Elmore, Mrs. Carl M. (Roberta C.) Danley and Kristina L. Petritis, all of Washington, and Mrs. Nicholas A. (Kimberly S.) Cecchini of Avella; one brother, Marion Minor of Carmichaels; two sisters, Harriett (Betty) Leppard of Waynesburg and Alice Cummins of Wana, W.Va.; 13 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are one infant brother, Raymond, and several stepbrothers and stepsisters.

In recognition for his work in these fields, he was named Man of the Year in 1983 by Washington County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Mr. Stout was involved in the formation of the first Hospice Group in Washington County.

He was past president of the Washington Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Rotary Club.

Mr. Stout served as past president of the George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and in 1984, received the state Distinguished Service Award.

He was a member of Beallsville Lodge 237 F&AM, Uniontown Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite Consistory of Valley of Pittsburgh and the Syria Temple.

Mr. Stout was an avid sports fan and played in the Washington County Baseball League in his youth.

On December 27, 1930, in Pittsburgh, he married Mary V. Watkins, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are five sons, Thomas Philip Stout of Washington R.D.2, Sen. J. Barry Stout of Bentleyville, William M. Stout of Eighty Four R.D.1, David Gary Stout and James A. Stout, both of Peachtree City, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. James (Jane) Rupert and Mrs. Gregory (Cynthia) Marsteller, both of Washington; four sisters, Mrs. Martha Darrow of Ontario, Mrs. Dorothy Babson of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Calore Wonsettler of Greensburg and Mrs. John (Mary) Dunham of Washington; one brother, T. Norman Stout of Claysville; 21 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

One sister, Pearl Stout, is deceased.

Wilson's celebrate 40 years

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Wilson Jr. of Hickory R.D.1 will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house in the home of their daughter, Sandra Fry of Ashmore Road, Washington R.D.5, on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mr. Wilson, son of the late Robert and Edna Wilson of Washington, and Mrs. Wilson, daughter of the late Lee and Virginia Moore, were married in the bride's home November 10, 1947, by the Rev. Richard Sutton.

The couple has two daughters, Rebecca, wife of the Rev. Walter Jaworski of Ingham, Queensland, Australia, and Sandra, wife of Dean



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Fry.

There are six grandchildren, Benjamin, Amy and Seth Jaworski of Australia, and Timothy,

Jonathan and Nathan Fry of Washington.

Friends and family are invited to attend the celebration, but it is requested that gifts be omitted.

Riggses celebrating 61st

Francis T. and Thelma U. Riggs of 251 Crest Avenue, Washington, will observe their 61st wedding anniversary Sept. 22.

Mr. Riggs is the son of the late William D. Riggs of Independence Township. Mrs. Riggs is the daughter of the late Lantz and Maude Ullom.

They were married September 22, 1926, in the home of the bride's parents on North Franklin Street.

They are the parents of two children: Carla J. Riggs and Kyle D. Riggs, both of Washington.



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Mr. Riggs was a salesman of cemetery memorials for 46 years. Mrs. Riggs is a former employee of Caldwell's Store.

Heckman - Walker

Donna Walker and Randy Heckman were united in marriage September 5, 1987, in a ceremony at Amity United Methodist Church. The Rev. Chuck Vanorsdale performed the 3:30 p.m. double-ring ceremony. Cindy Glaum was the organist with Cheryl Cole, soloist.

The bride is a daughter of Walter and Joyce Walker of Washington. Parents of the bridegroom are Earl and Eileen Heckman of Amity.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Shelly Moore of Washington was maid of honor with Kathy Church of Amity, sister of the bridegroom, and Chrisie Lutwart of Washington as attendants. Kelly Heckman was flower girl.

Gary Heckman of Eighty Four served as his brother's best man. Dan Heckman of Amity and Larry Heckman of Hickory, both brothers of the bridegroom, were ushers. Ring bearer was Justin Heckman.

A reception for 100 guests followed at the Amity Fire Hall. Robynne Heckman was in charge of



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the bride's book. Assisting in serving were: Fern Tennant, Louise Mankey, Robynne Heckman, Jane Heckman, Loretta Heckman, and Barb Matthews.

The new Mrs. Heckman is a graduate of Trinity High School and Penn Commercial Business College. She is employed as a cashier at Foodland. Her husband, also a graduate of Trinity, is a produce clerk at Foodland.

After a wedding trip to Va., they are residing in Amity.

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Red Cross, nurses meet

The Washington Red Cross and the Visiting Nurses Association held a luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Washington to plan for the home health aides training program being held in August. From left are Anne Hoge, executive director of the Red Cross; Nancy Crouthamel, executive director of the Visiting Nurses Association; Sandy Sabot of Transitional Educational Consultants, and Sheila Phillips of V.N.A.

Albert Clutter

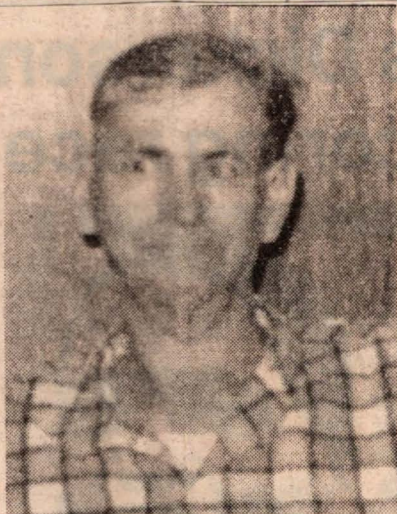
Albert Clutter, 73, of West Wylie Avenue, Washington, formerly of Springhill Township, Greene County, died at 7 a.m. Monday, October 26, 1987, in Washington Hospital. He had been ill since February.

He was born October 31, 1913, in Springhill Township, a son of Clarence Everett and Hanna Staley Clutter.

Mr. Clutter was a chewing gum vendor on Main Street, Washington, in front of the G.C. Murphy Co. store for 48 years.

Surviving are three brothers, Clarence Clutter of Aleppo, and Arthur Clutter and Thomas E. Clutter, both of Washington, and three sisters, Mrs. Russell (Virginia) Riggs of West Alexander, Mabel Anderson of Cameron, W.Va., and Nellie Sampson of Barberton, Ohio.

Deceased are two brothers, William Clutter and Walter Clutter, and three sisters, Alice Cogley, Naoma Ruth Clutter and Eleanor Jane Clutter.



DIES — Albert Clutter, 73, of West Wylie Avenue, Washington, formerly of Springhill Township, Greene County, died Monday.

Donaldson McCalmont

Donaldson M. McCalmont, 85, of McDonald R.D.4, died Wednesday, November 11, 1987, in Washington Hospital.

He was born January 1, 1902, in Hickory, a son of Samuel A. and Elizabeth McCarrell McCalmont.

For 40 years, Mr. McCalmont was a self-employed milk hauler, retiring in 1964.

He was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, Mt. Prospect Cemetery Association and Indian Springs Rod and Gun Club.

On May 9, 1929, he married Martha Malone, who died March 3, 1960.

Surviving are one son, Donald B. McCalmont of Hickory; one daughter, Mrs. James C. (Lucille) Miller of McDonald R.D.4; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three brothers and three sisters.

Thelma Cowden

Thelma Cowden, 90, of McDonald R.D.4, died at 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 1987, in Presbyterian Medical Center in Washington, following an illness of one month.

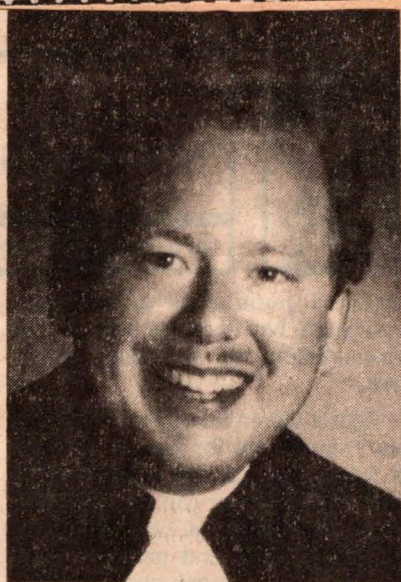
She was born September 19, 1896, in Primrose, Mt. Pleasant Township, a daughter of William E. and Martha E. Ayres Rumbaugh.

Mrs. Cowden was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church, the Hickory Women's Association, and the Farm Women's Society.

Her husband, Joseph Lawrence Cowden, died August 2, 1964.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Ila) Snyder of Weirton, W.Va., Mrs. Jesse (Lois) King of Houston, Mrs. H. Walter (Belva) White of New Florence, Mrs. James B. (Evelyn) Athey of Hickory and Mrs. Edward (Nancy) Schmidt of McDonald R.D.4; four sons, Alvin R. Cowden of McDonald R.D.4, Joseph L. Cowden Jr. of McDonald R.D.4, with whom she made her home, William E. Cowden of Washington and Russell L. Cowden of Prosperity; one foster son, George (Bud) Schurr of Houston; one sister, Mrs. Thompson (Mina) Cowden of Wellsburg Pike, W.Va., 27 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Five brothers are deceased.



THE REV. STUART BROBERG

Hickory Presbyterian

The Rev. Stuart D. Broberg has been called to pastor the congregation of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Broberg began his service in the Hickory area July 1, but will be formally installed as pastor in a Service of Installation this Sunday at 7 p.m.

John A. Rodgers, vice moderator of the Washington Presbytery will preside at the Installation Service and the Rev. Dr. Morgan Roberts, pastor of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, will deliver the sermon.

The Rev. Broberg is a native of Washington County, growing up in Peters Township where he still has extensive family.

He is the son of Harry R. and Jonnie Broberg of McMurray. He was a member of the Peters Creek United Presbyterian Church and is a graduate of Peters Township High School.

A graduate of Dickinson College, Carlisle, he attended the Dickinson School of Law and is a graduate of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

He is presently a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Broberg comes to the local congregation from the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Mich., where he served as associate pastor.

Previously he served as Student Assistant Minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield, N.J.

Following the Service of Installation a reception will be held in the fellowship hall at the church.

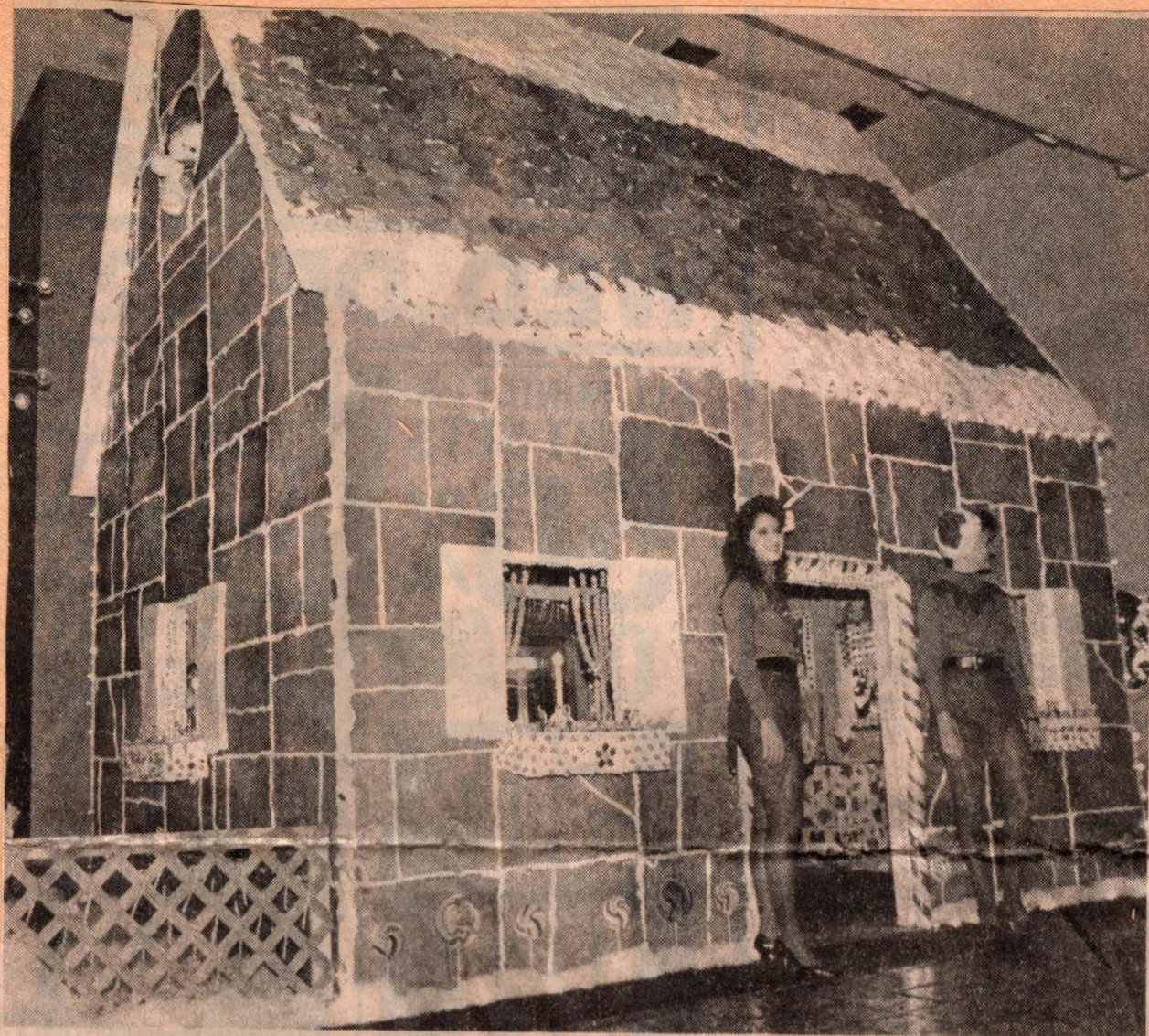
STEWART In loving memory of Wray Stewart who passed away one year ago today, March 23, 1987.
 We know life's never measured by how many years we live, But by the kindly things we do and the happiness we give. Your life touched so many in such a special way. We're thankful for the memories to help us meet each day.
 SADLY MISSED AND LOVINGLY REMEMBERED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Aug. 23, 1937

One-room schools are fast disappearing from the area landscape.

It was announced that 11 more of the buildings will be closed for the fall term, leaving only 85 in Washington County.

Schools definitely ticketed for closing are Neely, Greenwood and the high school in Blaine Township; Knob in East Pike Run Township; Farrar in Hopewell Township; Pollock in Union Township; Davidson, Harmony, Liberty and Maple Glen in West Finley Township, and Peoples in West Pike Run Township.



Terri Purk of Moon Township, left, and Vanessa Reinhardt of South Hills give size perspective to the gingerbread house.

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Home 'sweet' home

Hotel staff builds life-size house of gingerbread

By Melanie R. Mars, Staff Writer

Hansel and Gretel never had it so good.

The holiday spirit touched members of the Meadowlands Holiday Inn staff, who transformed the hotel's lobby into a page from a Grimm Brothers fairy tale.

A life-size gingerbread house, complete with gumdrop curtains, lollipop flowers, white chocolate shutters and a cookie roof was created by the staff in its spare time.

The 18-foot-high house, which is 15 feet by 10 feet in diameter, was the brainchild of executive chef Gary Zito.

But it belongs to the whole staff, which labored more than 400 hours: two days rolling dough for the cookies; three days baking three-pound solid gingerbread bricks; and "painting" the ceiling with melted pure chocolate.

In all, the house is made of 244 pounds of light and dark chocolate, 1,200 pounds of icing, 200 pounds of assorted candies, 800 pounds of gingerbread and 400 pounds of cookies.

As the staff members began to see their fantasy transformed into reality, little extras were added to delight visitors. Chocolate chips fill each of the two flower boxes, which produce candy canes, chocolate kiss flowers and old-fashioned ribbon candy.

Inside the door, which is framed by thick candy cane sticks, is a Christmas tree with presents and a table and chair. Perched on a chocolate loft are antique dolls, a rocking chair, a cradle and stuffed animals.

All of the materials used for the house were produced at the hotel, except for the candy, according to Satish Jethani, general manager.

Holiday Inn personnel have been in contact with the publishers of the Guinness Book of World Records and plan to submit the

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Happy birthday!

A birthday celebration was held at the Presbyterian Medical Center for Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughn Bricker who celebrated her 90th birthday Oct. 21.

She is the daughter of the late William and Margaret Linn Snyder.

Mrs. Bricker was born, raised and still resides in Amwell Township and has been a member of the First Christian Church of Washington for the past 75 years.

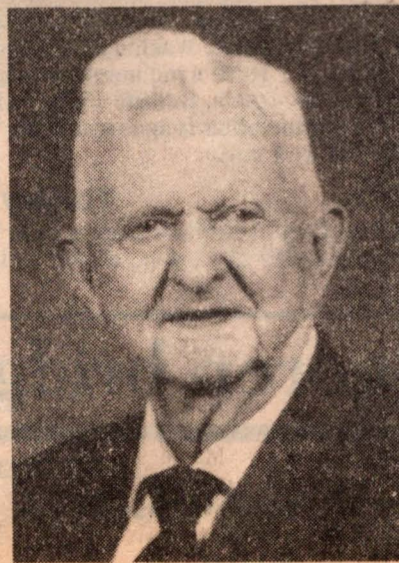
She attended the first Chamber's School in Amwell and graduated from Washington Business College in 1916.

Mrs. Bricker and her husband, the late L.M. Bricker, were married February 3, 1923, and are the parents of three children: Mrs. D. Reed Farabee (Margaret) of Amity, Keith B. Bricker and L. Park Bricker, both of Washington.

There are five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Norval B. Coen marked his 90th birthday at Fairhill Manor Church Sunday. He was married to Rosa Heidelmeier, who died in 1982. Their children are William of Okeechobee, Fla.; Mrs. Fred (Margaret) Moore of Washington; Mrs. James (Dorothy) Hallam of Taylorstown and Mrs. Duane (Patricia) Pryor of Lagonda. Mr. Coen has 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Mr. Coen, who operated a Ford garage in Pine Bank for several years, retired from Jessop Steel in 1971.



Geraldine Hartley

Geraldine (Pat) Hartley, 70, of 490 Franklin Farms Road, Washington, died at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday, October 28, 1987, in her home. She had been seriously ill since May.

She was born April 6, 1917, in Greene County, a daughter of Hal and Elizabeth Cole Patterson.

Mrs. Hartley was a registered nurse, who had graduated from Washington Hospital in 1938 and received her bachelor's degree from the University of California.

She was one of the first school nurses in Washington County, who traveled daily to several outlying schools. Mrs. Hartley ended her school nursing career in the Peters Township School District.

She also spent several years with the Washington County TB Association.

Mrs. Hartley was a member of the First Christian Church where she was a member of the choir and the Two and Two Sunday school class. In addition, she served as a deaconess and was a member and past president of the C.W.F.

In May 1939, she married W.A. (Bill) Hartley, who survives.

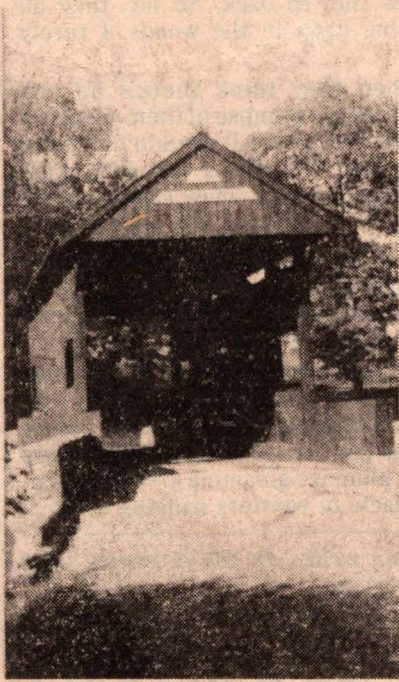
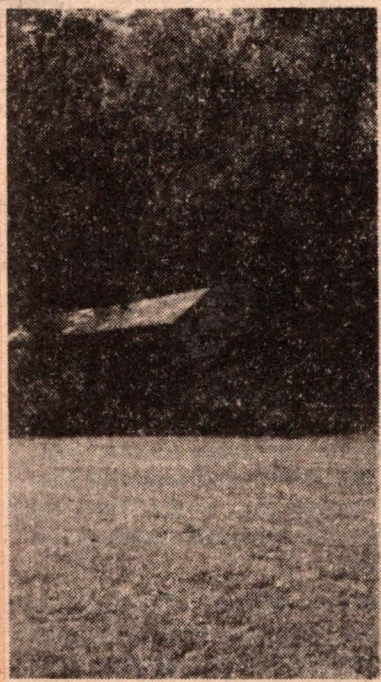
Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sons, Richard Hartley of Las Vegas, Nev., and Robert Hartley of Harrisburg; two brothers, William A. Patterson of Waynesburg and Arthur L. Patterson of Jollytown, one granddaughter, two grandsons, several nieces and nephews.

necessary documents for having the house considered for the book, Jethani said.

On Monday, Dec. 14, the gingerbread house will be open to the public. Children may have their picture taken with Santa Claus. Adults may buy a gingerbread brick and have their name inscribed on the brick in icing for \$50.

Proceeds from the photos and brick sales will be donated to Children's Hospital.

The house will be on display at Meadowlands Holiday Inn through New Year's Eve.



The Henry Bridge, left, and the Ebenezer Church Bridge are among the most familiar of the 35 covered bridges in Washington and Greene counties, since they are in the much-used Mingo Creek County Park just north of State Route 136 between Kammerer and Ginger Hill. Well-marked signs lead the interested public to Legislative Route 62032 which runs along Mingo Creek through the park.

Spanning Mingo Creek, the Henry Bridge was built in 1881 and is 36 feet long and 12, four inches wide. It is of Queenpost truss design. Relocated in 1977 from its original site in Fallowfield Township, the Ebenezer Church Bridge also is of Queenpost truss design and is 32 feet in length and is 15 feet wide.

These bridges, and others in two counties, are the site of the annual Covered Bridge Festival, always held the third weekend of September. Regardless of the weather, the area around the bridges comes alive with craft displays, all kinds of entertainment and foods associated with an earlier time, when the pace of life was somewhat slower.

In 1805 the first covered bridge was constructed over the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia and the design soon became popular with the early settlers and rural inhabitants of southwestern Pennsylvania, where more than 300 were erected in Washington and Greene counties.

Cole - Krenn

Terri Lynn Krenn and Duane John Cole were united in marriage Saturday, December 5, 1987, in the Calvary United Presbyterian Church in McDonald. The 11:30 a.m. double-ring ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Donald B. Patchel with Donna Klimas of McDonald, organist, and Shirl Jean Boynes of Sturgeon, soloist. A duet was sung by Henry Cole Jr. and Carla Ann Krenn, both of McDonald. The acolyte and scripture reading was given by Ryan Cole of Hickory R.D. 1, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride is the daughter of Norman and Shirl Krenn of McDonald. The bridegroom is the son of Henry and Judy Cole of Hickory R.D. 1.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

The matron of honor Susie Incerpi of Pawtucket, R.I. Maid of honor was Carla Krenn of McDonald, sister of the bride. Attendants were Kelly Meehan and Lori Masquelier, both of McDonald. Erin Boynes of Sturgeon, and Stephanie Wuebbles, of McDonald, both cousins of the bride, were flower girls.

Serving as best man for his brother was Henry Cole Jr. of McDonald. Ushers were Alfred Incerpi of Pawtucket, R.I., Bill Wells of McDonald and Matthew Carlisle of Hickory R.D. 1. Jarrod Krenn of McDonald, cousin and



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godson of the bride, was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Norwood Party House in Bridgeville with Angela Armstrong of Hickory R.D. 1 in charge of the bride's book.

The new Mrs. Cole is a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and Waynesburg College. She completed her clinical year at the Washington Hospital in 1987 and is employed by Washington Clinical Laboratory in Washington. Her husband is a graduate of the same high school and is a sergeant with the U.S. Army as an explosive ordnance disposal technician stationed at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Following a honeymoon to the Winter Festival at Sea World in Aurora, Ohio, the couple are residing in Annville.



Hickory class of 1938

Observer Reporter

The Hickory class of 1938 held its 49-year reunion at the Village Green Golf Course on Saturday, Oct. 24. Those attending were from left front row: Grace Struth Tornabene, Betty Paxton Cowden, Betty Allen Minter, Bette Robinson Green, Frances Huber Spanogians and Josephine Patnesky Bedner.

Second row: John Liggett, Rolland Griffith, Edwin Miller, Angelina Rossi King, Margaret Bates McAdoo, Elva Ahrns Bell, Maynard C. Rea, Thomas Kraeer and Ralph Sickles. Third row: Jay McCarrell, George Schurr, Willard McAllister, Elmer DuCarme, Dave Frye, Charles Armstrong and Bill Lee.



**Hickory
Class of '47**

The Hickory High School Class of 1947 held its 40-year reunion Aug. 15 at The George Washington. Those attending were, from left, front row: Robert Brown, Harry Carroll, Donald Campbell, Samuel Findling, Frank Mrenak. Second row: Ruth Clark Weaver, Doris Cowden McGraw, Dorothy Cowden Murray, Mary Lou Walters Hardy, Rita Vickers Frank, Rose Barton Mustain, Ruth Atchison Kiselow, Jeannette Todd Lustick, Lillian Salansky Blaskovich, Floyd Gilbert. Third row: Darwin Hoop, Jay Walker, Donna Nagode Zalaznik, Leila Bedillion White, Betty Jean Marquis Bigelow, Marjorie Henderson Corona, Fred Holmes, Marcellus Speranza, Ronald Bedillion.

Outstanding citizens named

David "Chris" Williams Sr. and his wife, Thelma, were presented with the Mt. Pleasant Township Outstanding Citizenship award over the weekend.

The couple received a plaque Saturday night at the Hickory Apple Festival square dance.

A Mt. Pleasant Township couple are chosen each year to receive the community award at the annual Apple Festival.

The honor began as the Apple Festival King and Queen, but it was changed to reflect the residents' appreciation for those who contribute to the community.

Williams, who is the bank director of the Union National Bank in McDonald, is on the advisory board for the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society and is a senior judge of the American Horse Show Association.

His love of horses caused him to build a ring and hold his own horse show in 1950.

Proceeds from the show, which became an annual event, went towards purchasing a fire truck for the local fire department.

In 1946, Williams joined the Burgettstown Lions Club. Shortly after he joined, he decided to form a chapter in Hickory, which he did in 1955.

Over the years, he has served as the tax assessor, secretary-treasurer, zoning officer and planning commission chairman of Mt. Pleasant Township.

In 1945, Williams and Tom Berry went to Harrisburg and formed the state Auctioneers Association. Williams and nine other stockholders bought the Hickory Auction in 1949. He became the sole owner in 1956. The auction was sold in 1970.

Williams and his wife, who have been Hickory residents for 39 years, were married on Nov. 28, 1935.

His wife, Thelma, is involved in



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the PTA and women's auxiliary of the fire department. In addition, she has helped her husband in his efforts throughout the years.

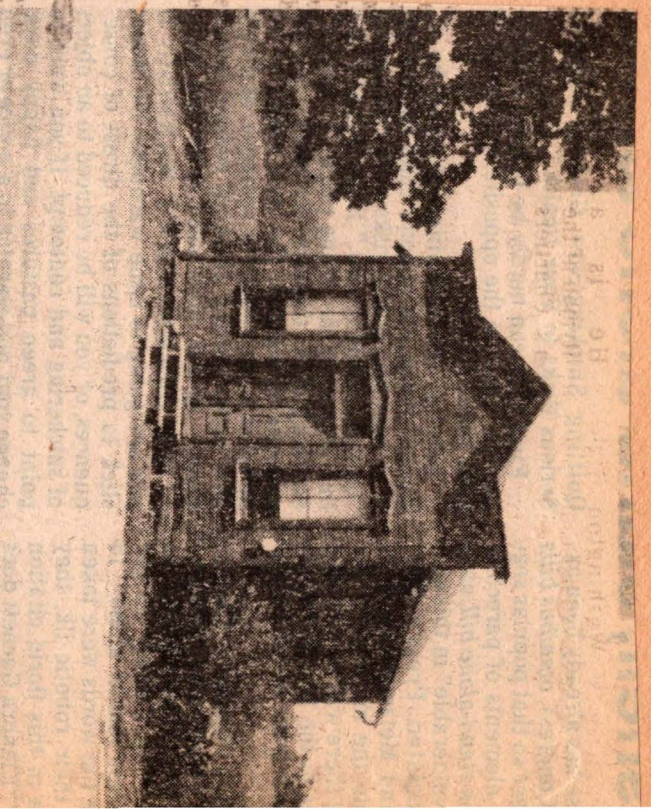
The couple have two children, Joy Froebe of Rea and David Williams Jr. of Upper St. Clair, and four grandchildren.

Hardly of the monumental proportions or the historical significance that usually marks a "landmark" is this little building which was used for many years as a tin shop in West Middletown, along State Route 844, Alfred (Al) and Wilfred Liggett.

These twin brothers of small stature, lived at the foot of Thompson Hill Road with their sisters. During the time they worked in the tin shop they could be seen each morning walking up the hill, but they were never together. One would always walk ahead of the other. After Wilfred's death, Al continued to work in the tin shop and did other jobs throughout the community as long as he was able to do so.

Records indicate the property was owned by Mrs. Cotton in 1856. The 1861 map of the Borough of West Middletown shows that it was the site of a blacksmith shop. Still later, indications are that the property was owned by James Thompson and it is probable that he erected the building which is being preserved as one of the landmarks of the town. A more recent owner of the property was George Morrow, while currently it is the possession of Karl and Grace Weidt Jr., Avella R. D. 2.

Like the nearby one-room McKeever Study Library, the little Liggett Brothers tin shop ranks among the most diminutive of the landmarks which dot the landscape of southwestern Pennsylvania.



Wayne L. Cowden of McDonald marked his 35-year employment anniversary with West Penn Power Co. this month.



He is substations foreman at the firm's Charters division headquarters near Washington.

Cowden started as a laborer at Washington in 1952 and became an electrician in 1954. He was based at Bethel Park, McDonald, and Bridgeville while progressing as an electrician, attaining the top series position in 1958. He advanced to crew leader at Bridgeville in 1964, moving to Washington in 1969. He was promoted to operating foreman in 1972, and to substations foreman in 1985.

He and his wife, Jean, have three sons and three grandchildren.

Florence M. Knapp

Florence May Knapp, 91, of Hickory, died Wednesday, September 30, 1987, in Washington Hospital.

She was born May 19, 1896, in New York City, a daughter of Washington I. and Mary Stewart Slater.

She was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church and a homemaker.

Prior to moving to Hickory a year ago, she resided in Manhasset, Garden City and West Hampton Beach, all on Long Island; she also resided in Phoenix, Ariz.; Pasadena, Calif.; Williamsburg, Va.; Trinidad, British West Indies, and St. Petersburg, Fla. She owned and operated the Woolwheel Shoppe in Manhasset.

On June 27, 1922, in Raleigh, N.C., she married Vernon Knapp, who died in October 1984.

Surviving are a son, Robert V. Knapp of Westbury, Long Island, N.Y.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Mary-Jane) White of Hickory, with whom she made her home; a brother, Schuyler Slater of Exmore, Va.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Four brothers are deceased.

Almeda D. Shephard

Almeda D. Shephard, 76, of 130 Castle Drive, Bethel Park, died Monday, September 21, 1987, in Washington Hospital.

She was born on March 31, 1911, in Braddock, a daughter of Carl and Olga Broberg.

She was a member of the Shawnee Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are her husband, Lowry A. Shephard; one son, L. Alan Shephard of Hickory; one daughter, Lorrene A. Bowen of McDonald R.D.4; one sister, Martha Stevick of Wilkinsburg; two brothers, Rudy Broberg and Harry Broberg, both of Peters Township; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

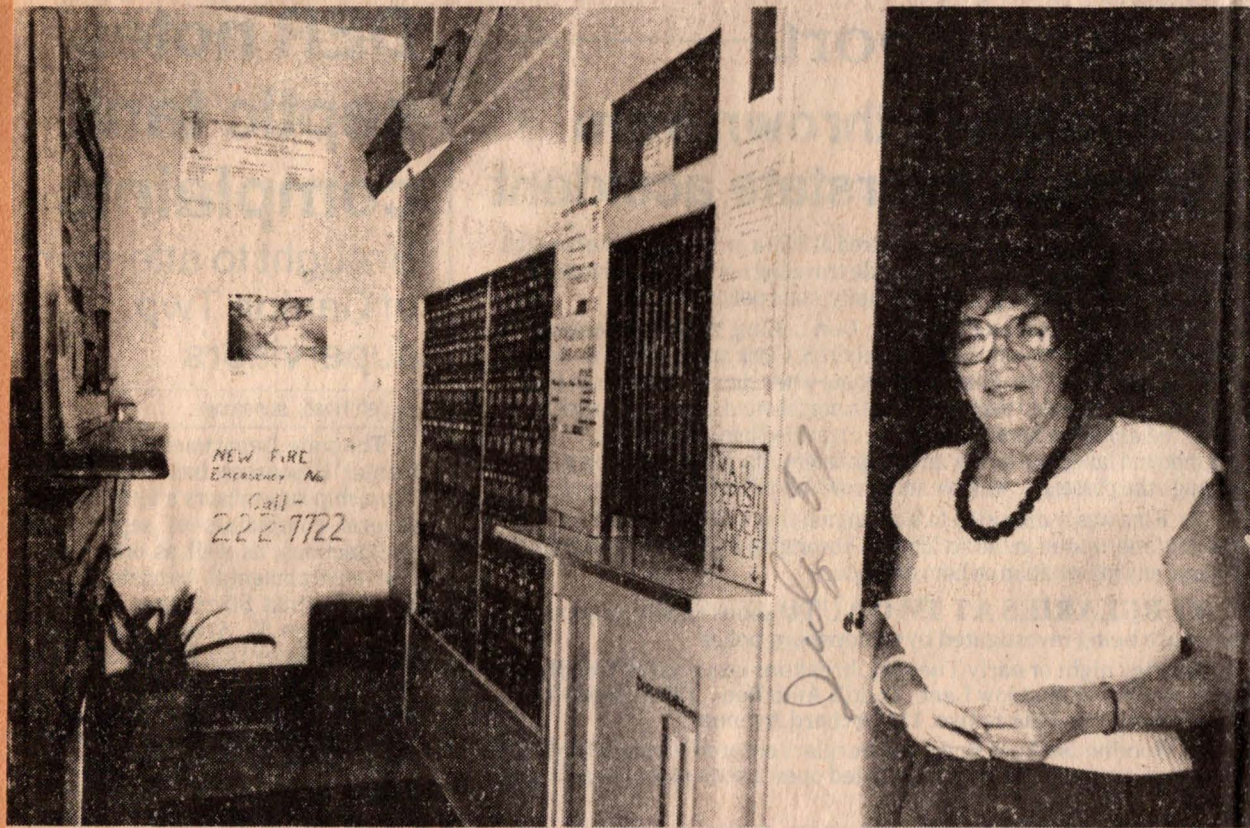
Hickory Class of '37

These members of the Hickory High School class of 1937 attended the class's 50-year reunion held at Club Internationale in Washington. From left are: front row, Ila Cowden Snyder, Martha Grubis Antonilli, Maxwell Griffith, Gladys England Griffith, Edward B. Stewart, Lillian Toth

Patnesky, James Kress, Kathryn McKnight Carter and Ethel Morgan Tuttle; second row, Jay Allison, Dorothy Williams Orrick, Edward P. Novak, Ruth Smith McNelly, Clarice Pollack Maderia, Magdalene Mocek Magliocco, Clara Babiarz Skrabski, Hazel Tuttle O'Donnell, Walter Cowden, Pauline Mazza Arvay, Freda Walker Ziegler, Grover Muncie and Olive Paul Dalton.



Change on the horizon for West Middletown residents



Marjorie King has been postmaster for 31 years.

Observer-Reporter

Postal service looking for new place to house post office

By Melanie Mars, Staff Writer

WEST MIDDLETOWN - A change is on the horizon for the sleepy hamlet of West Middletown, where the march of time long ago slowed to a shuffle.

For the past 31 years, the borough's 215 residents walked to the post office, which has been located in the home of the postmaster Marjorie P. King on Main Street, to get their daily mail.

But the U.S. Postal Service has announced it is looking for a new place within the borough to house the post office. "We do need a little more space," Mrs. King said. "There isn't any storage space and it is a little inconvenient to have the office in a private home."

In addition, the Postal Service would like some parking spaces available for a new office and of course larger rooms.

The current post office is one of the last of its kind in the area. "I think there are only two or three in the Washington and Greene County area that are located in a private residence," said Bill Zaken, manager of the Communications Division of the U.S. Postal Service. "The home offices are located in primarily rural areas. We are trying to phase them

out."

The actual number of post offices located in private homes is not known, according to Zaken. "It usually comes to our attention when a new postmaster is appointed and we look up the lease," he said. "Those postmasters who had the office in their homes receive a small maintenance fee for the space."

Along with their letters from loved ones, bills and magazines, Mrs. King has shared in the triumphs and tribulations of West Middletown residents throughout the years.

"Every one knows each other," she said. "Invariably you end up hearing their troubles and they hear mine."

Old-fashioned combination locks protect the post office boxes that Mrs. King purchased from the postmaster before her, who had purchased them from the prior postmaster.

"It's funny every one knows their combination locks but they always come in and ask me for their mail," she said. "I can remember when most of them were so young they couldn't even see over the counter. Now they send their children down to the post office. It almost makes me think it is

time for me to get going."

Over the past 31 years, the post office like the rest of the borough has undergone few changes.

When Mrs. King took over the position, the cost of a first class letter was three cents. "Our mail was delivered by Kurt McGaffey," she said. "It got here at 10:30 a.m. Now it is delivered by a star route driver and it arrives at 6:30 a.m."

The post office has been located in private homes since the first postmaster was appointed on Aug. 9, 1802. "It used to be that when you took the post, you provided the post office," she said.

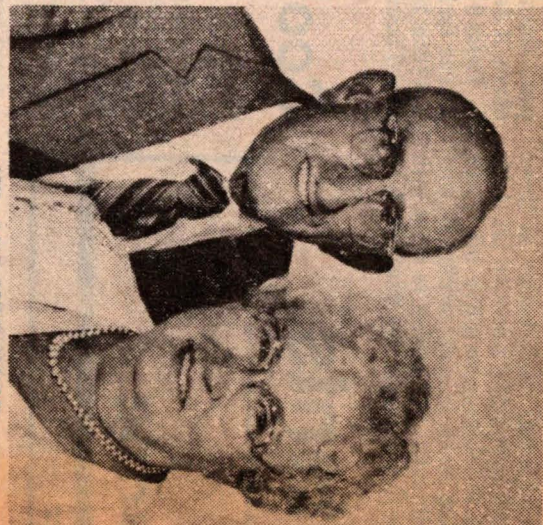
In the past 185 years, West Middletown Borough has had 20 postmasters. "Some of those people were postmaster twice but there was a few years in between their terms," she said.

The U.S. Postal Service is accepting offers for a new post office in the borough until Aug. 31, but Mrs. King is not so sure a space will be found.

"It is hard to say what will happen," she said.

"There aren't too many places available in the borough and there aren't any vacant lots where they could build one."

Knoxes celebrate 45th



MR. AND MRS. KNOX

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd V. Knox of 15 White Street, Washington, will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary Monday, Aug. 3. They were married August 3, 1942, in Fayette City by the Rev. E.J. Knepsield, pastor of the Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, in the home of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Willard Burnside. Mr. Knox is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur S. Knox of Grindstone.

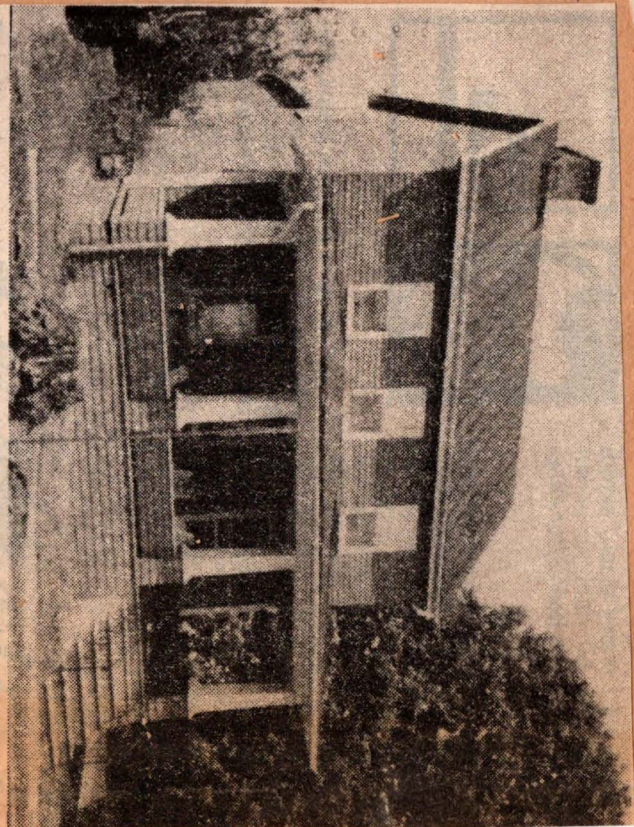
They are the parents of four children: Gerald Knox of Warren; Mrs. Douglas (Marilyn) Ward of Washington; Mrs. John (Linda) Morgan of Canonsburg; and the Rev. Daniel Knox of Washington. They have nine grandchildren.

Mr. Knox formerly worked as a mechanic for Blue Ridge Bus Company of Washington, Gradsion Bus Com-

pany of Burgetstown and is retired from Suburban Bus Company of Washington. In his retirement, he continues to drive school bus for G&C.

They are members of the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church and the Buffalo Grange.

Mr. Knox is also member of the Mason Lodge, the American Legion and the National Rifle Association. Mrs. Knox is member of The Washington Hospital Auxiliary and the Martha Paul Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.



Despite its somewhat modern appearance, this home along Route 844 in West Middletown is a classic example of the practice of covering up homes made of logs. Built in 1811, it is currently occupied by Jay and Lela Keenan.

During a remodeling of the structure in 1981, a massive stone fireplace was uncovered, along with logs 14 inches in diameter. Stretching through two rooms, the fireplace has a stone exposure in the living room and a traditional modern opening in the dining room which is adjacent.

The structure stands on the site of the home of Thomas Lane, an early resident who operated a livery stable at the rear of the premises. Maps of the Borough of West Middletown in the years 1856, 1861 and 1876 show the property under Mr. Lane's name. One of his descendants, Ed Lane, was a member of Col. Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

Another resident of the home was John Dodds, who lived there with his wife, Sarah, and their children, Thomas, James, John William, Margaret, Mary and Agnes. A flat boat operator on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, Mr. Dodds is said to have walked home from New Orleans some 23 times. At one time also, Mrs. Florence Bushfield conducted the post office for the community from the old house.



Hickory class reunions

The last five graduating classes of Hickory High School recently held a reunion at the George Washington Hotel. Members of the classes of 1955 through 1959 attending included: first row, from left, Harold Snyder, Charles Wilson, Rayman Kargle, John Lukanski, Samuel White, Van Cowden, Betty Hinerman Doak, Diane McAnany Hinerman, Patricia Sulkowski Ramacker, Marion Antonioli, and Donald Bailey. Second row, Eleanor Herriott Wilson, Patricia Kerekes Rapacuk, Jane Doumont Phillis, Rose Ann Gurosko Zanolli, Anna Mae Yanosky Sedlak, Margaret Buchanan White, Mary Jane Allshouse Stewart, Ruth Ann Simpson Easton, Sally Carpenter Magnelli, Thelma Taylor Fonte, Karen Fehl Duchess, and Marilyn Mullen Spiotta. Third row, William Zemaitis, Sheila Garry Phillips, Libby Szaller Yuhas, Carole Carter Main, Darlene McHugh Ellsworth, Bertha Lou Corwin Carter, Priscilla Beaumariage Bernard, Lois

Jean Tustin Bedillion, Rosalie Antonioli Passieu, Betty Coufman Mele, Joy Williams Froebe, Delores Engel Closser, Barbara Nagy Wurtzer, Nancy Beaumariage Pryor, Dorothy Ihnat Russell, Loretta Reed Kendall, Gladys Fullum Raineri, Leonard Lowe, and Julius Antonioli. Fourth row, Richard Wallace, John Kutchman, William Miller, Gerald Sulanowski, Richard White, Mac Carter, Robert Perenic, David Johnston, David Raineri, Mary Jo McDowell Williams, Janet Pollana Bressanelli, Dorothy Kaste Mills, Judy Adams Monsour, William Reynolds and Tom Alrutz. Fifth row, Richard Schmac, William Tustin, John Paul Havel, Richard Campbell, Walter Pryor, James Torboli Jr., Richard Pascoe, David Gordon, John Chizmar, Wayne Jeffrey, George White, Ruth Ann Bell Carter, Paul Chizmar, Eugene McHugh, William Ullom, Charles Russell and Charles Bowen. Missing from the photo are Barbara Duke Purdy, Lance Ashbrook, Rex Smith and Georgenia Hopkinson Ostermeyer.

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Apple Festival

On Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd, the town of Hickory will once again be alive with excitement. The Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., will be sponsoring its Fifth Annual Apple Festival.

Some of the attractions this year will include antique vehicles, arrow-head displays, butter churning, corn meal grinding, corn shelling, shingle splitting, small gas engines and steam engines.

During the morning hours of the festival, a pancake, egg and sausage breakfast will be served at the Hickory Fire Hall.

There will be other food booth ready to serve you after that featuring homemade bean soup, bread and apple butter (made right before your eyes!), cider from Brown's Orchard, homemade apple pies and other apple delights. There will also be a special chicken barbeque held.

There will be llamas and other exotic animals on display this year, and also a farm animal petting zoo and pony rides for the children.

A fringed carriage drawn by a beautiful Clydesdale from The Dangle Lane Farms will be available to take you on a wonderful ride through the Hickory countryside.

Bluegrass and old-time country music will be provided by Blue Wave. On Saturday, a square dance will be held at the Hickory Fire Hall from 8 p.m. until midnight, featuring Charlie Monticello and the Mountain Express. Also during the dance, the Outstanding Citizen Award will be presented.

everything from 6-inch animals of the Maine woods to life-sized Indians and Revolutionary War figures. Chuck's Small Engine in McDonald, a Poulan chain saw dealer, is co-sponsoring his visit.

Corn husk dolls from Marion Sweger's "Colonial Life" and "Famous American Women" series will be on display. She will take the time to explain how the dolls are made and tell stories about the people whose lives have been the inspiration of many of her creations.

A craft show and craft-making demonstrations will be held both days. Demonstrators also include calligraphers, jewelry makers, quilt makers, spinners, weavers, wood-carvers and others.

For the entertainment and delight of the children, Dapper the Clown and his friends, Clipper and Rainbow, will create balloon animals, paint faces and perform magic.

Also featured at the Festival will be the Independent Mountain Men of Pennsylvania. They will hold a demonstration and display of muzzle loaders (which if you weren't around back then, were firearms used in the area from approximately 1740 to 1840), also knife throwing and their primitive camping.

Bob Taylor will present his snake show (thank goodness they are behind glass!), featuring foreign and domestic snakes. He also has a wide variety of lizards and turtles.

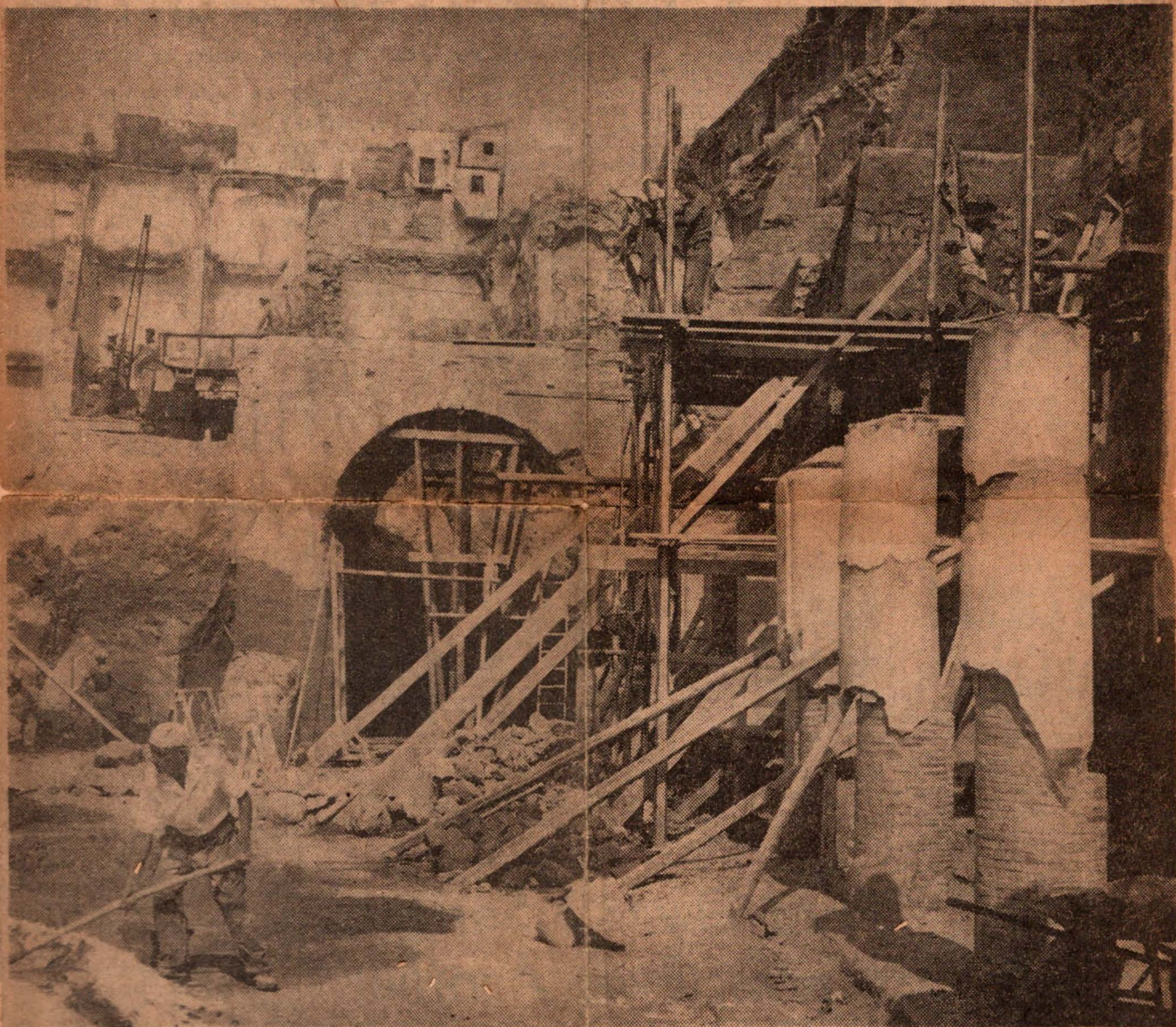
On Sunday, October 2nd, weather permitting, the I.C. Golder Lager hot air balloon will float into the Festival.

There will be free



Making apple butter at the Hickory Apple Festival.

Old Roman Town Uncovered After 1882 Years



Buried for 1882 years, the ancient Roman town of Herculaneum comes to light again as archaeologists uncover the columned forum and archway that was the city center. Like nearby Pompeii, Herculaneum was destroyed when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D. Most of the old town is

covered by the modern city of Resina, making the excavation a nearly impossible task.

The ancient ruins now share the scene with modern ruins, created when the archaeologists tore down a slum section of Resina to reach the entombed city.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Hank Williams' grandson rocks his country roots

Q: Is Shelton Hank Williams III, son of Hank Williams Jr., going to follow in his father's and grandfather's musical footsteps?

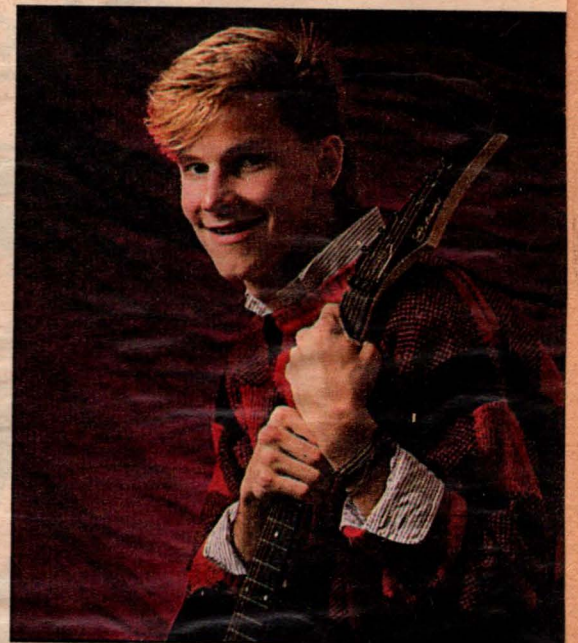
— Ron Myers, Balch Springs, Texas

A: Not exactly. Although he'd settle for a country music career, "I wouldn't mind being the next Jimmy Page," says Shelton, 16, who would rather follow the Led Zeppelin rocker.

Hank Jr., country music's entertainer of the year, says his son shows talent on drums and guitar. Shelton is the drummer in an unnamed band that bangs out tunes in the basement. "I'd rather play guitar but the guy who plays guitar is better than I am. We're probably going to play for the prom and maybe the school assembly in January."

Shelton recently backed up his dad at a Nashville concert. Hank Jr. encourages Shelton, who lives with his mom in Franklin, Tenn., to concentrate on school before starting a musical career.

By the way, Shelton isn't "the third." Hank Williams Jr.'s real name is Randall Hank Williams, and the original Hank Williams really was named Hiram Hank Williams. Hank Jr. one day announced to his mom he wanted to be called Hank Jr.



"I look more like my grandfather. I'm tall and I have his Adam's apple. And Minnie Pearl says I act just like him."

— Shelton Hank Williams

Lillian McKahan Hallam

Lillian McKahan Hallam, 81, of Washington, died at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 24, 1988, in Washington Hospital.

She was born July 9, 1907, in South Strabane Township, a daughter of Robert O. and Winona Miller McKahan.

She was a member of Laboratory Presbyterian Church, where she was a former deacon.

She attended Laboratory School and graduated in 1926 from Trinity High School. In 1928 she graduated from California Normal School.

She was a teacher in the South Strabane School District for 43 years. She taught at Manifold School and was principal at Laboratory School.

Mrs. Hallam belonged to the Washington County, Pennsylvania and National teachers associations.

She is survived by her husband, Martin R. Hallam of Washington R.D.2; and one sister, Gladys L. McKahan of Washington R.D.2.

Esther Elizabeth Kraeer

Esther Elizabeth Kraeer, 85, of Avella R.D.2, formerly of Cross Creek, died Saturday, December 24, 1988, in Canonsburg General Hospital following a two-year illness.

She was born August 13, 1903, in Venice, a daughter of William Vance and Sarah Williamson Carter.

She was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Washington, and was formerly a member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church.

On September 7, 1921, she married Thomas McBurney Kraeer, who died March 19, 1975.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mike (Esther A.) Krajacic of Avella R.D.2; a half-brother, Joseph N. Carter of Hickory; three half-sisters, Blanche Mayfield of Indiana, and Annetta McCullough and Hazel Cook, both of Houston; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a son, Samuel McBurney Kraeer, who died December 20, 1979; two brothers, Brady and Everett Carter; and three sisters, Mae McCombs, Dessie Thompson and Alice Bell.



DIES — Jane Lowry Litman, 60, of Washington R.D.3, died Thursday, September 1, 1988. She was a member of the Washington County Fair Board of Directors.

Jane Lowry Litman

Jane Lowry Litman, 60, of Washington R.D.3, a member of the Washington County Fair board, died at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, September 1, 1988, in Washington County Health Center, following a four-month illness.

She was born August 12, 1928, in Washington, a daughter of Lawrence W. and Florence Davidson Lowry.

She was the first woman elected to the Washington County Fair Board of Directors of which she served the past nine years. A member of the Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown, she taught children's Sunday school and was active with the Vacation Bible School. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Society.

With the Class of 1946, she graduated from Hickory High School. For the past 20 years, she drove School Bus No. 7 for Mable C. Cowden and the Fort Cherry School District. She was a Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement supervisor (milk tester) for a total of 15 years.

She was a member of the Buffalo Homemakers and was on the auxiliary board for the Washington County Homemakers. In 1982, she received the honorary Keystone Farmer award and the honorary Chapter Farmer award in 1979.

Surviving are three sons, Larry Litman of Washington R.D.3, Donald Litman and William Litman, both of Avella R.D.2; one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Sarah) Dille of Prosperity R.D.1; five grandchildren, Michael Litman, Matthew Litman, Ren Litman, Laramie Dille and Joel Dille; also a twin sister, Mrs. George (Ann) Litman of Claysville R.D.3; two brothers, William Lowry of Avella R.D.2 and Robert Lowry of Washington R.D.3; several nieces and nephews.

William Rex Miller

William Rex Miller, 46, of Dania, Fla., formerly of Hickory, died Tuesday, January 10, 1989, in Hollywood (Fla.) Medical Center.

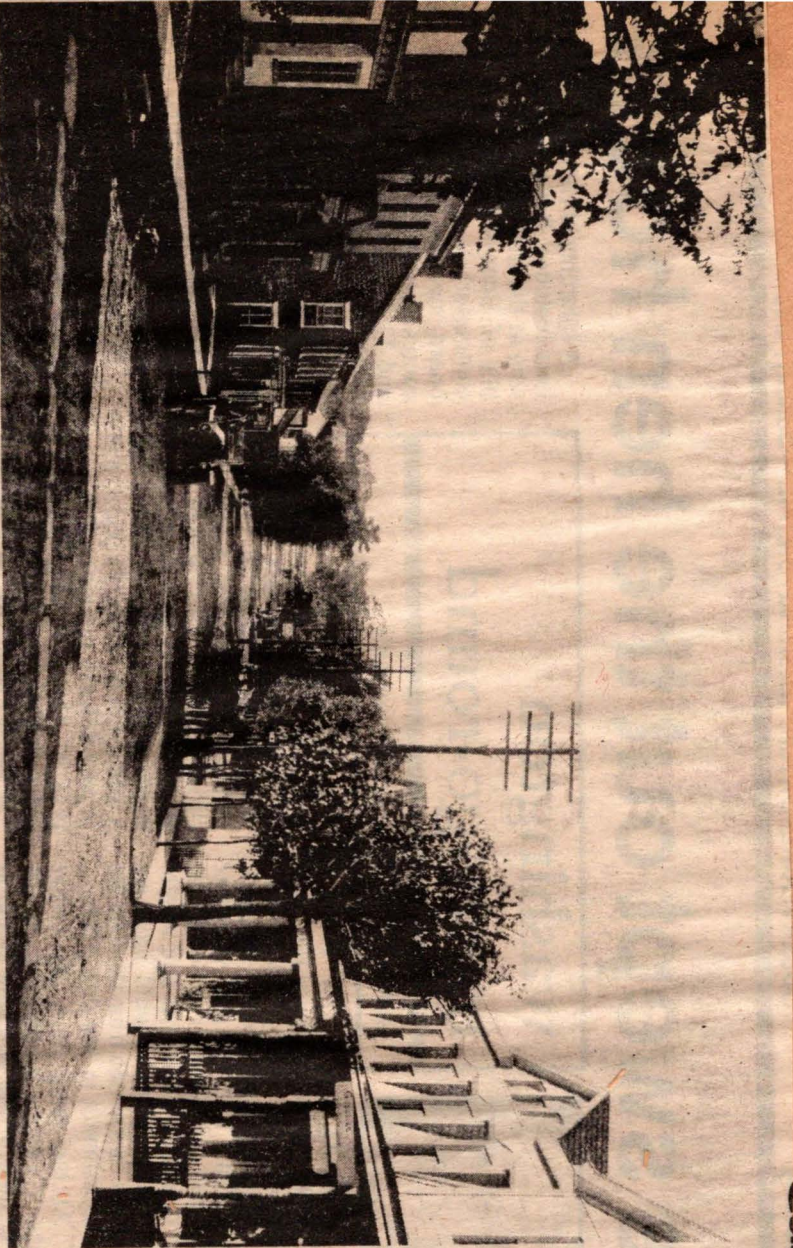
He was born January 6, 1943, in Washington, a son of Martha Powelson Miller of Bellmead Apartments, Washington, and the late William C. Miller.

Surviving are a son, Dennis Schurr of Hopedale, Ohio; and a brother, John C. Miller of Prosperity.

Services will be private.

A couple of Main Streets

These are views of a couple of Main Streets in Washington County in the early part of the 20th century. At left is Main Street in Scenery Hill, and at right, the "main drag" of Claysville



Q: What famous actors now in show business have been married only once?

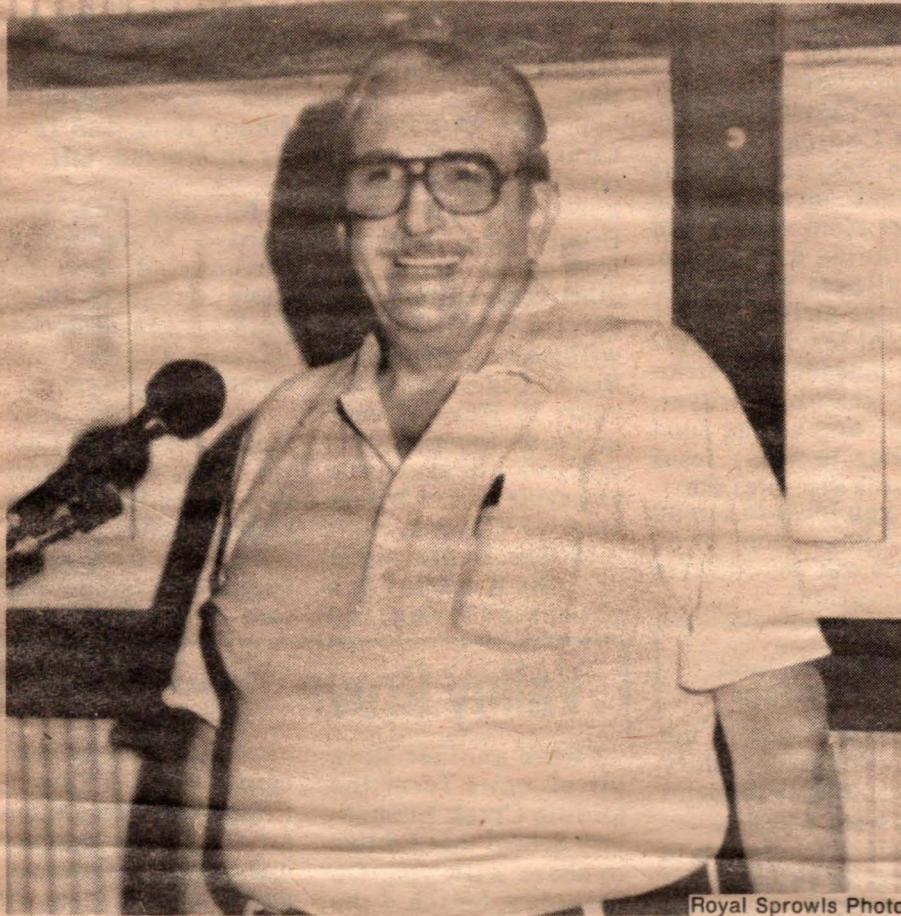
— Phoebe Sherman, Gillette, Wyo.

A: We dug deep, and came up with just a handful. That's not surprising, says Robert Stack, 69, who has been married to wife Rosemarie for 32 years. Too often, says the host of NBC's *Unsolved Mysteries*, people "go into marriage with the idea that it is all sweetness and moonlight and ego and showing off. You need somebody who still thinks you're a jim-dandy even when your show hasn't been picked up."

Other long-running Hollywood marriages, where both have been married only once:

- ▶ Bob and Delores Hope since 1934.
- ▶ Danny and Rose Marie Thomas since 1936.
- ▶ Lloyd and Dorothy Bridges since 1938.
- ▶ Robert and Dorothy Mitchum since 1940.
- ▶ Sid and Florence Caesar since 1943.
- ▶ Ricardo and Georgiana Montalban since 1944.
- ▶ Paula Prentiss and Richard Benjamin since 1960.
- ▶ Bill and Camille Cosby since 1964.

Claysville Mourns Passing Of Recorder Owner Buck Jones



Buck

Royal Sprowls Photo

He loved life. He loved Washington County. He loved snapping pictures of just about everything. Most of all, he loved every one he met.

William Carter (Buck) Jones, 71, died Tuesday, February 14, 1989, following a lingering illness.

He was born on April 25, 1917 in Brattleboro, VT the oldest son of Glenham and Ruth Carter Jones.

He graduated from Brattleboro High School in 1936. He also graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1940 after earning a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering.

He was employed in the sales division of Union Carbide

and Carbon Chemical Corp. until he retired in 1969. While employed with the company, he was based in Pittsburgh, Chicago and Cincinnati before coming to Washington.

At the time of his death, he was the owner/publisher of the *Weekly Recorder* in Claysville.

He was a member of the Claysville Masonic Lodge; the Cincinnati Shrine and the Claysville Lions Club, where he was the chapter's first president and the current vice-president.

He was a former member of the Pittsburgh Press Club and the Loveland Kiwanis Club.

On April 29, 1988, Buck was named

Citizen of the Year by Buffalo Grange #1523.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Henry Jones; a son, Charles Owen Jones of Indianapolis, IN and a daughter, Edith Jones Rosen of Stormville, NY.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, US Air Corp. Captain Varillus Owen Jones and Glenham Jones, Jr.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Dana Jones at the Ferrell Funeral Home, Claysville on Friday, February 17 at 11:00 a.m. Entombment will be in Homewood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Hugh W. Paxton

Hugh W. Paxton, 71, of Port Charlotte, Fla., formerly of Chartiers Township, died Sunday, January 29, 1989, from a lengthy illness.

He was born December 30, 1917, in Ingram, a son of the late Hugh B. and Merle Wallace Paxton.

Mr. Paxton was raised in Chartiers Township on his family's farm. He attended East Washington High School, where he was active in sports, and Muskingum College. He transferred to and graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in mechanical engineering.

He served as a naval officer, achieving the rank of commander during World War II.

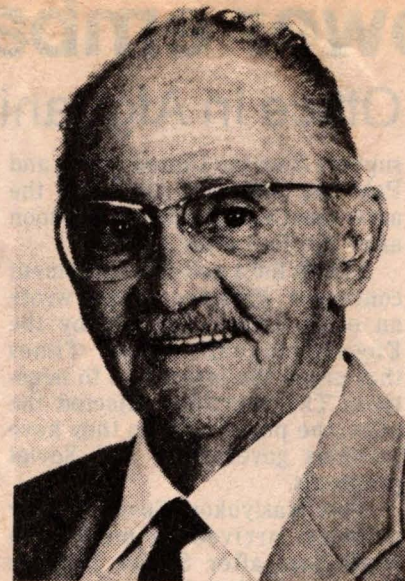
After a stint with the Du Pont company, he returned home in 1950 to assume management of the family insurance and real estate company. He operated the business until he retired in 1981.

For many years, Mr. Paxton was a member of the Chartiers Township Planning Commission, American Legion Post 902 of Houston and the Houston Independent Club; and a former member of the Canonsburg-Houston Rotary Club. He also was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Houston.

Surviving are his wife, Laverne (Dee) Paxton; five children, Hugh Paxton Jr. and Jefferson Paxton of Houston, Pamela Zelmer of Miami, Fla., Penelope Paxton of Charlotte, N.C., and Patrick Paxton of Atlanta, Ga.; and eight grandchildren.

Deceased are one brother, Joseph Paxton; and a sister, Peggy Esler.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



DIES — Hugh W. Paxton, former manager of his family's real estate and insurance business in Houston, died Sunday, January 29, 1989, in Port Charlotte, Fla. He was 71.

George E. Starkey and Wayne L. Cowden, West Penn Power Co. employees based at the firm's Chartiers division headquarters near Washington, retired Feb. 1.

Starkey, who started with the company as a groundman in 1948, had been a utilityman since 1976.

He and his wife, Thelma, have three children and live at Canonsburg R.D.1.

Cowden joined West Penn as a substation laborer in 1952 and had been substation foreman since 1985.

He is graduate of Union High School in Burgettstown, and attended West Liberty (W.Va.) State College and Penn State University.

Cowden and his wife, Jean, have three sons and live at McDonald R.D.4. Feb. 89



Eleanor R. Monticello

Eleanor R. Monticello, 76, formerly of Rea, died Tuesday, March 29, 1988, at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington County Health Center.

She was born August 16, 1911, in Carnegie, daughter of Peter and Stella Costello Monticello.

Mrs. Monticello had resided in the Washington County Health Center for the past 25 years and was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church of Avella.

Surviving are one brother, John Monticello of Avella R.D.2; five sisters, Mrs. Walter (Margaret) Zebrasky of Hickory, Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Taczak of Avella R.D.2, Mrs. Henry (Jeanne) Marcott of Rea, Mrs. Walter (Katherine) Marcott of Hickory and Mrs. Marie Romanetti of Rea; and several nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Julian, Harry and Peter are deceased.

Dorothy H. Hopper

Dorothy H. Hopper, 62, of Bulger R.D.1, died Sunday, January 29, 1989, at 7:30 p.m. in McMurray Hills Manor, McMurray.

She was born March 10, 1926, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of the late Joseph C. and Ella Clowes Hopper.

Miss Hopper was a retired ticket agent for United Airlines and was a member of the United Airlines Retirement Club.

She also was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two brothers, Joseph Hopper and Robert Hopper; both of Bulger R.D.1; three nephews, John D. Bedillion of Hickory, and Robert P. Hopper Jr. and Graham Hopper, both of Bulger R.D.1; and two nieces, Robin Hopper and Dawn Hopper, both of Bulger R.D.1.

Deceased is one sister, Eleanor Bedillion.

Cable Calls

"Roy Orbison & Friends" (1987), MAX at 7 p.m.: One of the best musical variety shows to come along in a long time features Roy Orbison (who died Dec. 8) performing his hit songs before a nightclub audience. What makes this show exciting is Orbison's backup band—Bruce Springsteen, Jackson Browne, Elvis Costello, and Bonnie Rait. This concert, filmed in black and white, offers wonderful music and great performances.

Toni Hebda of Hickory, a nurse/educator at Magee-Womens Hospital, spoke at the Olive Anstey International Nursing Foundation Conference held at the University of Western Australia in Perth in December.

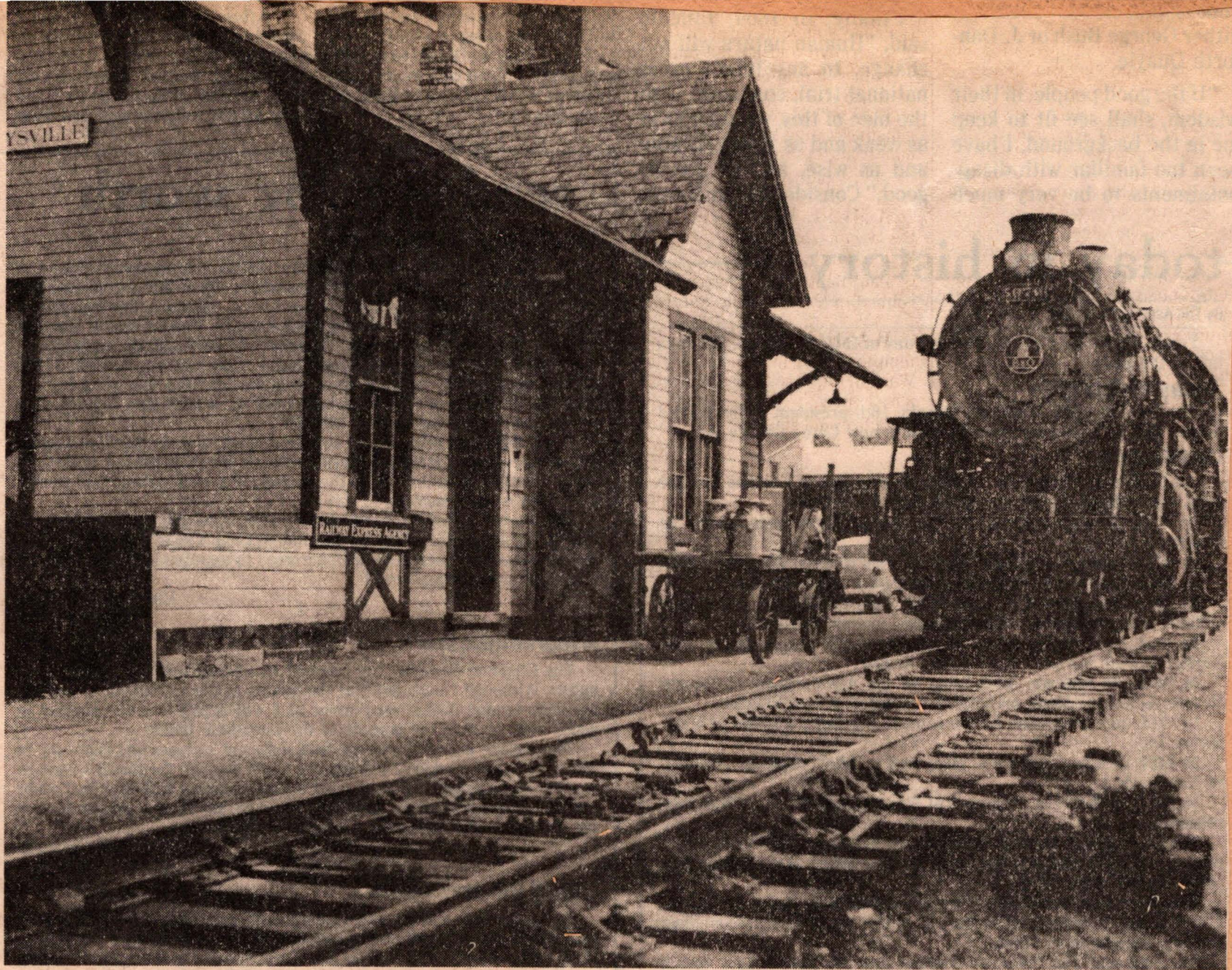
Her topic was "Computer Assisted Instruction in Nursing Education."

Dr. Hebda is a graduate of the Washington Hospital School of Nursing. She completed her mas-

ter's in nursing education degree and a Ph.D. in education at the University of Pittsburgh.

Before joining the staff at Magee a year ago, she worked as a staff nurse at Washington Hospital and taught nursing students at Cleveland State University, West Virginia University and Washington Hospital School of Nursing.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hebda of Hickory.



Old Claysville train station

A Baltimore & Ohio train chugs into the old station at Claysville. Note the presence also of the now defunct Railway Express Agency. The picture was taken in the early 1950s.

A. Beryl Smiley

A. Beryl Smiley, 63, of Hickory R.D.1, died Wednesday, January 18, 1989, in Presbyterian-University Hospital, Pittsburgh.

She was born June 17, 1925, in Hickory, a daughter of the late Griffith and Edith Davidson Briggs.

Mrs. Smiley was a homemaker and a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Reamond Smiley; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Carol) Vincenti of Burgettstown R.D.2, Mrs. William (Linda) Valek of McDonald and Ruth Smiley of Houston, Texas; two grandsons, Eric and Shaun Vincenti; four brothers, Roy Briggs and Kay Briggs, both of Hickory, William Briggs of Cross Creek and Ross Briggs of Houston.

Deceased is a brother, Robert Briggs; and a sister, Josephine Bell.

At the request of the deceased, there will be no visitation. The family will receive friends one hour prior to memorial services at 2 p.m. Friday in the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Stuart D. Broberg officiating. Interment in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Hickory United Presbyterian Church.



God and Country Awards presented

Hickory United Presbyterian Church recently recognized four boys from Boy Scout Troop No. 1365 who have received their God and Country Awards. From left are Scoutmaster Larry Grimm, Dennis Sarchet, Adam Turk, J.D. McCrory, Ryan Cole and the Rev. Stuart Broberg, pastor.

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Wilbert D. Isiminger

Wilbert D. Isiminger, 83, of 64 Old York Road, Washington, died unexpectedly at 10:50 a.m. Thursday, October 20, 1988, in the Washington Hospital Emergency Department.

He was born January 13, 1905 in Washington, the son of Francis M. and Laura B. Meeks Isiminger.

He was a retired custodian for the Washington School District. He was a member and deacon of First Christian Church, and formerly a member of the West Washington United Methodist Church for 50 years.

He was a Scouter with the Lone Scouts and a member of its El Bee Tee Society of U.S. He was active in Boy Scouts for more than 30 years and holds the Scouter's Key and Order of the Arrow. He was also active in: Masons, member of Sunset Lodge No. 623 F&AM, Jacques DeMolay No. 3, Royal Arch Chapter No. 150, Coudersport Consistory and J.O.U.A.M. for 50 years; member of state and national Grange, and a member and executive committeeman of the Buffalo Grange; member and chaplain of National Lodge No. 81 I.O.O.F.; member of the B.P.O.E., No. 776 of Washington; member of the local AARP, the senior citizens center of Washington, tour director of the Washington Senior Citizens Club Library Group; member National Association of Retired Federal Employees; member of the Duncan Society; former civil defense policeman (Washington Auxiliary Police); and a member of the former Citizens Band Club of Washington.

He was married three times: On June 5, 1926, to Ina Mae Ferrell, who died February 14, 1962; on August 15, 1962, to Leone Hewitt, who died April 12, 1966; and on June 23, 1976, to Esther Craig, who survives, along with two sons, David M. Isiminger of Aiken, S.C., and Robert G. Isiminger of Murfreesboro, Tenn; one stepdaughter, Della Gault of Rea; nine grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Deceased is one daughter, Elizabeth Sayre.

DIES — Wilbert D. Isiminger of Washington died Thursday, October 20, 1988. He was 83.

Leslie Blaine Hainer

Leslie Blaine Hainer Sr., 75, of Caldwell Avenue, Washington, died at 2:37 p.m., Thursday, October 20, 1988, in Washington Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born April 2, 1913, on the family farm near Lone Pine in West Bethlehem Township, a son of Norman and Mary Pheakston Hainer.

He had attended the Lone Pine and Mount Lookout schools and was employed for 38 years by the BethEnergy Mines Inc., Mine No. 58, Marianna, as a motorman prior to his retirement in 1975.

Mr. Hainer was a member of the First Christian Church of Washington, where he had served as a deacon. He was a member of the UMW Local No. 2874, Marianna.

On September 29, 1941, he married Catherine Highberger Hainer, who survives. Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Norman Frank Hainer and Leslie Blaine Hainer Jr., both of Washington; two brothers, Hershel Hainer and Raymond (Babe) Hainer, both of Lone Pine; three sisters, Norma Hainer of Lone Pine, Esther Doty of Ten Mile and Nellie Clayton of Washington; three grandchildren, Amy Hainer, Laura Hainer and Norman Frank Hainer Jr.

Deceased is a brother, Roy Hainer.



Kumer - Reed

Donald and Shirley Reed of Hickory announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherri, to Gregory Kumer, son of John and Donna Kumer of Hickory.

The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and Penn Commercial Beauty Academy in 1985 and is employed as a hairdresser by Fraziers Hair Designers, Washington.

Her fiance, a 1982 graduate of the same high school, is employed by Al Lorenzi Lumber Company, Washington.

A June 1989 wedding is planned.

Edythe B. Plance

Edythe B. Plance, 70, of 629 McClaine Farm Road, Washington, died Sunday, December 11, 1988, in Washington Hospital.

She was born August 14, 1918, in Washington, a daughter of Hugh D. and Elizabeth Hoyt Bates.

Mrs. Plance was a member of the Crossroads Presbyterian Church.

Prior to her retirement in 1983, she was employed as an administrative assistant with the Washington branch of Equibank.

She was a graduate of Washington High School with the Class of 1937.

Mrs. Plance was a past officer of the Lincoln Chapter No. 112 Order of Eastern Star. She was a member of the Bethesda White Shrine Chapter No. 25 and a past district deputy grand matron of District No. 6 B.O.E.S.

On November 3, 1944, in Washington, she married D. Everett Plance, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Betty Lue) Gordon of Spring Hill, Fla.; three grandchildren, Ronny, Randy and Rylan Gordon, and one uncle, Robert S. Hoyt.

September 25, 1988



Hickory High School Class of 1948

The Hickory High School Class of 1948 held its 40-year reunion at the Meadowlands Holiday Inn. Those attending were from left, front row: Mrs. Hammett, teacher; Genevieve Caleffe Thomas, Betty Kler Lohr, Scotty Russell, Patty Beaumariage Rhodes, Stella Rae Evans, Elsie Smith. Second row: Donald Nagode, Roy Briggs, Twila Atchison Martin, Rozella Atchison Beegle, Mary Jane Snedeker Engle, Lois Lee Cowden, Zona Bowen White, Mary Ann Patnesky Ferlic, Richard Lee, Mike Dire, William Milligan, William Loffert, Richard Burgoon.

Pirillo - Kehn

Jody Kay Kehn and Michael Allen Pirillo were united in marriage Saturday, August 27, 1988, at Wolfdale Chapel, Washington. The 4 p.m. double-ring ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Charles Bails.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Frankie Kehn of Hickory. The bridegroom is the son of Pete and Marie Pirillo of Hickory.

Matron of honor was Joy Kehn DallaPiazza of Hickory, sister of the bride. Maid of honor was Barbara Bedillion of Denver, Colo. Attendants were Debra Kehn of Hickory, sister of the bride, and Jody Chiff of Bulger.

Serving as best man for his brother was Pete Pirillo Jr. of Canonsburg. Ushers were Perry Pirillo of Atlasburg, brother of the bridegroom, James Gubitti of Hickory, nephew of the bridegroom, and William Kehn of Hickory, brother of the bride.

A reception for 300 guests was held at Hickory Fire Hall with Velma Kehn of Hickory, sister of the bride, in charge of the bride's



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book. The wedding cake was made by Mary Hill of Hickory as a gift for the couple. The wedding flowers were made by Jody Chiff of Bulger.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Pirillo are both graduates of Fort Cherry High School. The bride is employed by her parents at Kehn's Korner Market in Hickory. The bridegroom is employed as an iron worker by D. L. Smith in McKees Rocks.

After honeymooning in South Carolina, the couple are residing in Hickory.

That's the ticket!

New fair volunteers collect money (and complaints)

By Phyllis K. Ross, Staff Writer

"It's hot," was the way Duane Scott, a Mt. Pleasant township volunteer fireman, described the job of those who take tickets at the gates to the Washington County Fairgrounds.

Veteran fairgoers have realized the faces at the ticket booths and the gates are new this year.

For the past several years members of Campus Life and Youth For Christ were responsible for taking tickets and money. This year they made the decision to have a different kind of fund-raising effort.

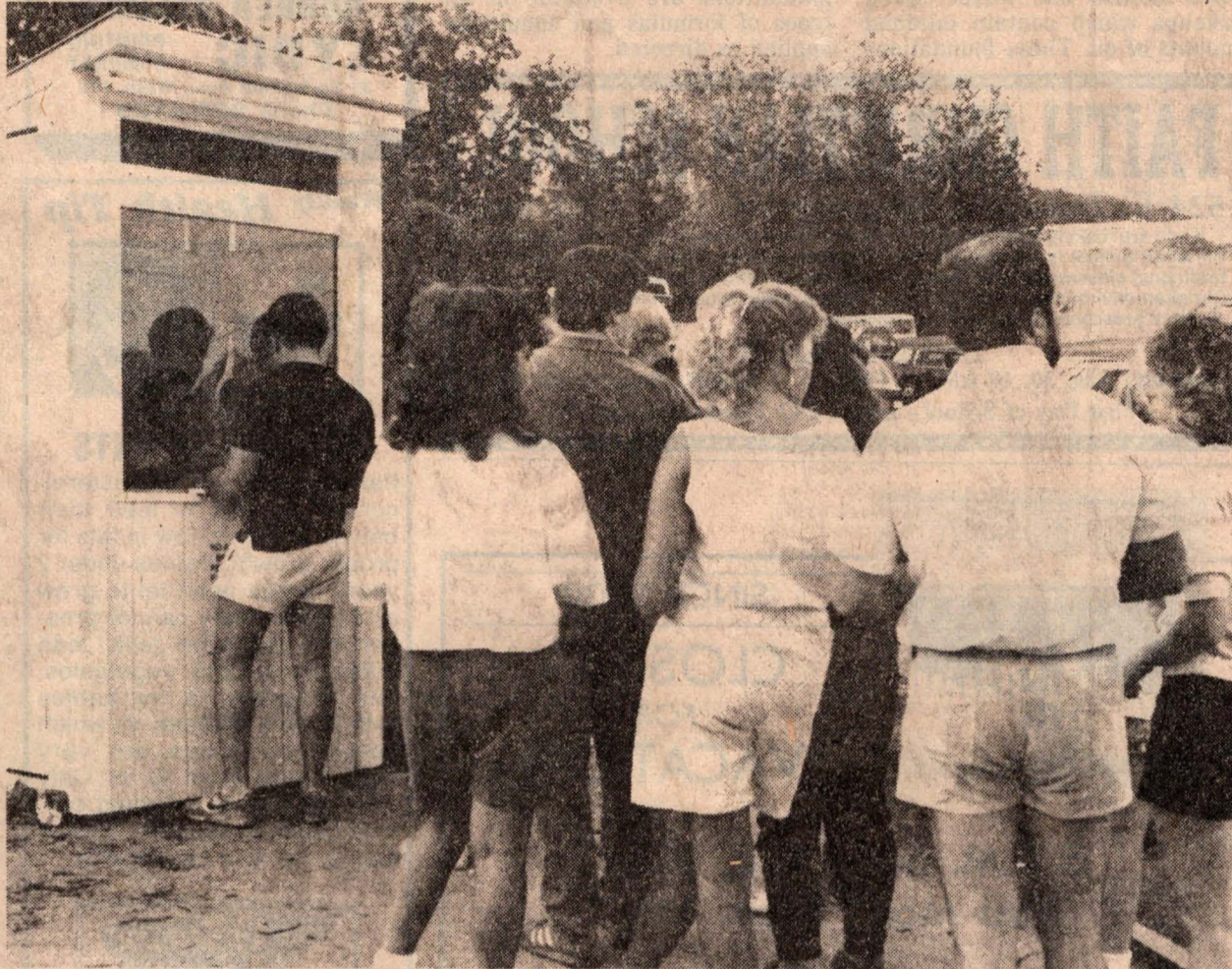
So members of the Hickory Lions and the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department are manning the booths at the four gates.

Asked how they got involved, Scott said, "Lee Robinson, our fire chief, is on the fair board. He asked us and the Lions Club volunteered to help."

Scott, interviewed Wednesday, said things seemed to be going well. "About the only complaint we've had is about the prices. People think there should be several different kinds of passes, each at different prices, but that gets too confusing."

The two organizations provide at least eight people for each of three daily shifts, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.

"The evening hours are the busy time. So far our people are willing to work more than one day. The Lions have retired people and they try to help in the daytime. The



There has been a changing of the guard at fair ticket booths

firemen work in the evenings."

Scott assured everyone there were still plenty of firemen to cover any trouble in Mt. Pleasant Town-

ship. "We're still going to have and our fish fry, Friday."

Already thinking about next year, Scott said they should have

the bugs worked out of the system by then.

"We should have heard most of the excuses by then, too," he said.

Franklin E. Barbour

Franklin E. Barbour, 79, of Bellville, Ohio, died Saturday, August 6, 1988, in Mansfield (Ohio) General Hospital.

He was born May 22, 1909, in Arden, Washington County, son of Richard M. and Bertha M. Chapman Barbour Sr.

He attended local schools in Arden, and he was a 1926 graduate of Trinity High School.

He served during World War II, in the Pacific Theater with the U.S. Navy.

He had been employed for many years on the sales staff of Penn Oil Co. of Pittsburgh.

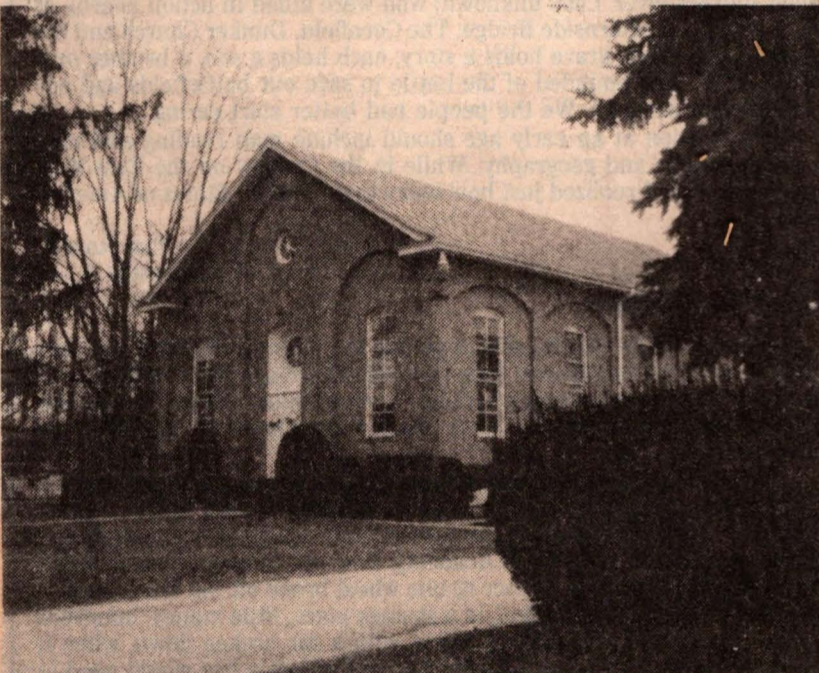
Mr. Barbour was a lay minister, and a member and former deacon of Park Baptist Church in McKeesport.

His wife, Ella Jane Hays Barbour, died June 21, 1988.

He is survived by two sisters, Bertha Atkinson and Norma Quay, both of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased are six brothers, James W., Harry F., Howard J., Carl, Edward and Richard M. Barbour Jr.; and one half sister, Stella Minford.

A memorial service will be held in Park Baptist Church, McKeesport, at the convenience of the family.



At the stone home of John Frederick Shrontz Sr., which had been built in 1821 at the T-crossroads below the present North Ten Mile Baptist Church, the Disciples of Christ of Pleasant Valley was founded on Oct. 16, 1841. It was to become known as the Lone Pine Christian Church.

A frame meeting house was erected in the fall of 1843 on the land of David Slusher, who deeded it March 30, 1844, to the congregation of the Christian Church of Pleasant Valley. It was situated on the south corner of the crossroads in Lone Pine. By unanimous vote on March 7, 1868, the congregation decided to build a new church on a lot across the road from the cemetery.

In 1920 the exterior of the present church was stuccoed. An annex was added in 1949 and was dedicated on December 4 that year. Ground had been broken at the rear of the church on April 27, 1949. The parsonage was constructed in 1958.

Charter members of the congregation in 1841 were Simon Hathaway, John Frederick Shrontz Sr., Sarah Shrontz, Jacob, David and Mary Egy, Albert Gordon, Anna Young, Christiana Cooper, Sarah Hatfield, David and Elizabeth Smith. The first minister was the Rev. Lyman P. Streater.

Kraft's roots in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kraft Inc., the target of an \$11 billion takeover by Phillip Morris, got its start when Edward I. Rieck bought a milk delivery route in 1886 in Pittsburgh for \$376.

"Some of the Kraft people don't even remember that the company's roots are in Pittsburgh, but it's something the city can be proud of," said Thomas B. Rieck, great-grandson of Edward Rieck. "The family's kind of proud of it."

Rieck Dairy Co. took over McJunkin-Straight Dairy Co. of Pittsburgh in 1917 to form Rieck-McJunkin Dairy Co.

In 1923, Rieck-McJunkin took two-thirds control of National Dairy Products Corp., which Rieck-McJunkin formed with Hydrox Corp., a Chicago ginger ale bottler. Edward Rieck became the first chairman of National Dairy Products.

National Dairy Products acquired Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corp. of Chicago in 1930. Kraft-Phenix is the entity that evolved from the wholesale cheese business J.L. Kraft founded in Chicago in 1903.

National Dairy Products changed its name to Kraftco Inc. in 1969 and changed again to Kraft Inc. in 1976.

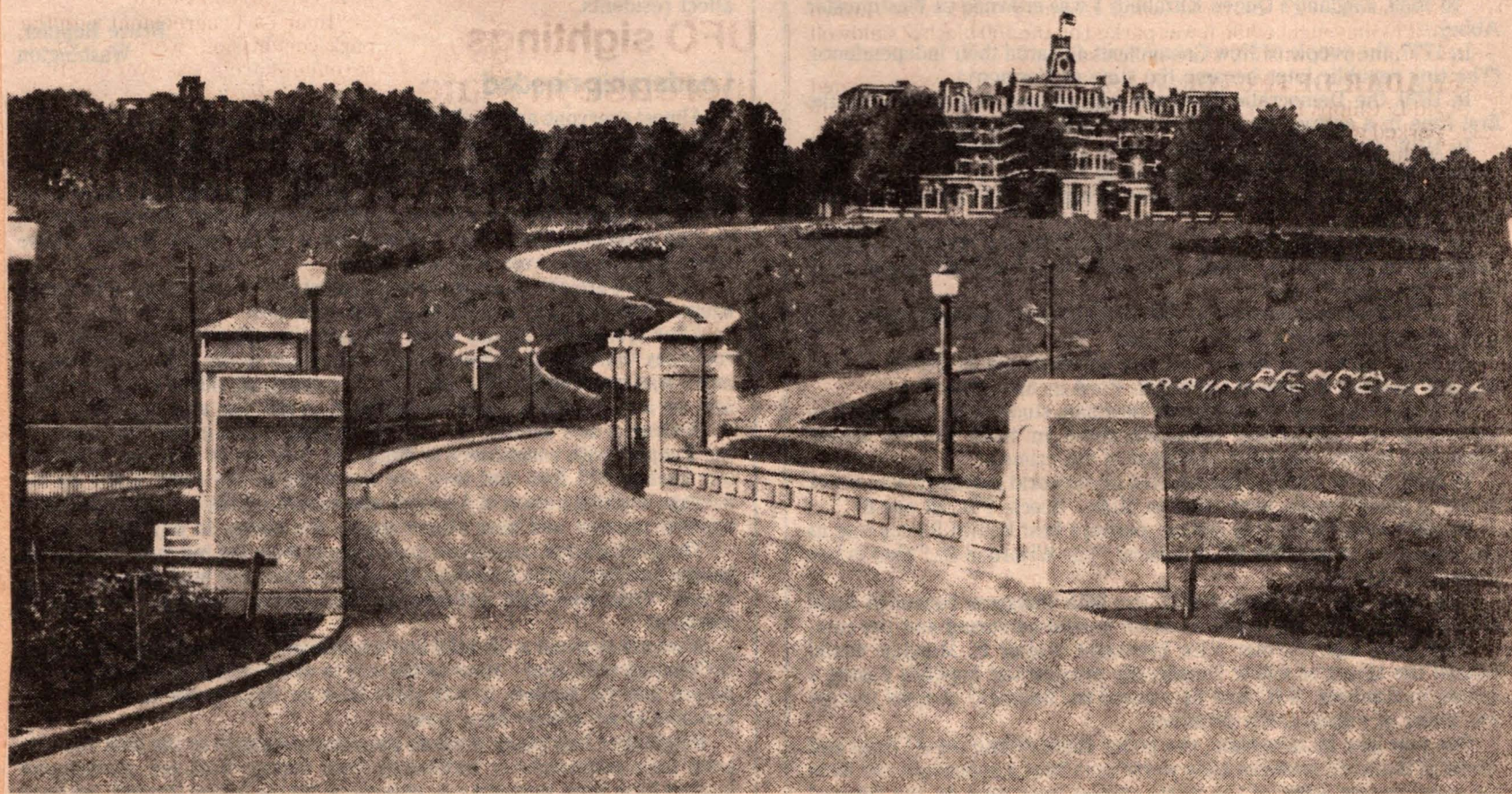
"It's kind of sad to see another company trying to take it over," said Edward E. Rieck II, grandson of Edward E. Rieck.

Edward E. Rieck, whose original investment came from an inheritance, died in 1944, and management of National Dairy Products left his family's hands. Kraft died in 1953.



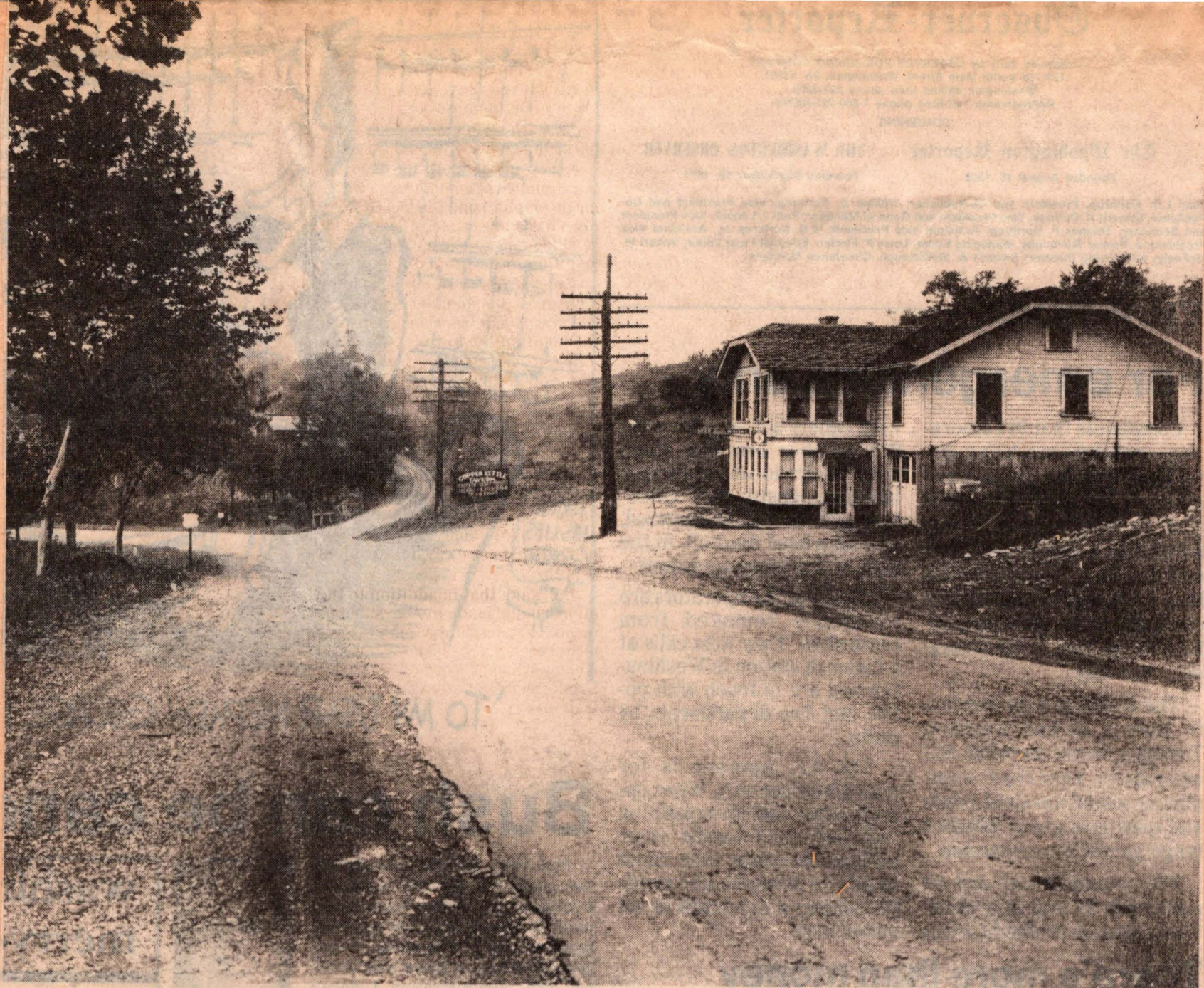
Old view of Main Street

This is a view of North Main Street looking south near the intersection with Chestnut Street in downtown Washington in the early part of the 20th century. Trolley cars provided the means of public transportation, but as can be seen, the horse and buggy was still a popular mode of private transportation.



View of Morganza

This is an old view of the Pennsylvania Training School (Morganza) near Canonsburg taken from a picture post card. The complex now houses Western Center. Photo courtesy of Mary P. Byers of Washington R.D. 5.



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Route 40 in the 1940s

This is a view of U.S. Route 40 just east of Pancake sometime in the 1940s. The appearance of the area and the condition of the roadway have changed, but the Copper Kettle is still in the same location.

Waggoner - Higinbotham

Linda Jane Higinbotham and Robert Elliot Waggoner Jr. exchanged wedding vows Saturday, July 16, 1988, at 3 p.m. in the Grace United Methodist Church. Dr. Larry Wilson officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Soloist was Clyde Kearns with organist Dorothy Ball. Robert E. Waggoner III, son of the bridegroom, was the acolyte.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. James Higinbotham of Charleroi R.D. 2. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waggoner Sr. of Charleroi.

Matron of honor was Janice Whiten of Charleroi. Bridal attendants were Barbara Pepper, sister of the bride; Kimberly Pepper, niece of the bride, and Resee Waggoner, sister of the bridegroom, all of Charleroi. Flower girl was Molly Ann Radeliff of St. Marys, W.Va., niece of the bride.

Robert Whiten Jr. of Charleroi served as best man. Groomsman were Scott Shuback of Van Voorhis; Rick Waggoner, brother of the bridegroom, and Kraig Pepper, nephew of the bride, all of Charleroi. Ring bearer was Matthew Waggoner, son of the bridegroom.

A reception for 200 people was held at the Charleroi Elks following



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the ceremony. Balloons were released as the couple left the church. Terry Wheatley and Carla Linton were in charge of passing out balloons.

Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner are both 1976 graduates of Charleroi Area High School. Mrs. Waggoner is a 1977 graduate of Penn Commercial College and is employed by the Washington-Greene County Job Training Agency, Washington. Mr. Waggoner is employed by Fallowfield Township Municipal Authority.

After a brief honeymoon in eastern Pennsylvania, they couple is at home in Charleroi.

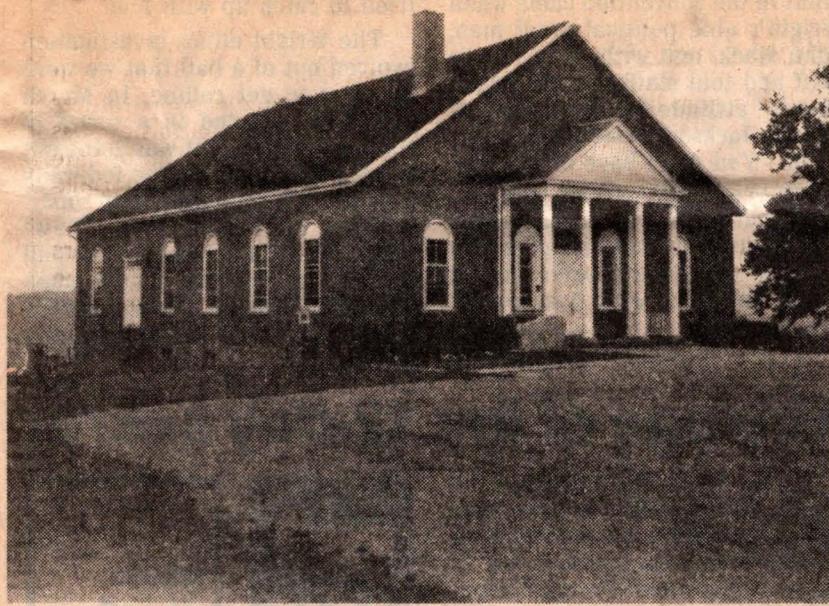


A relatively recent addition to the campus of Washington and Jefferson College is this three-story Victorian mansion on East Wheeling Street, adjacent to the First Presbyterian Church, which now carries the identification: W&J Alumni House.

It was acquired by the college in 1984 after having been the Piatt funeral home for many years. The house was built in 1894 as the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Happer. The Piatt family purchased it in 1936 and it was converted, with only minimal alterations, into a funeral home. A separate carriage house stands at the rear of the property.

The exterior of the 28-room structure is of Missouri sandstone and wood, much of it ornate trim. Its stained glass windows are typical of the high Victorian style of architecture. The interior woodwork was constructed in St. Louis, Missouri, and was brought to Washington by rail. The massive carved staircase and brass trimmings remain intact, along with the original parquet floors.

The historic structure now houses alumni offices and other outreach activities, but retains the original character of the building.



In 1775 the first Presbyterian missionary to move west of the Monongahela River made his way to a point in what is now Somerset Township in eastern Washington County and there he established the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church. It is located at the intersection of Legislative Routes 62063 and 62052 between Dunningville on State Route 136 and Interstate 70.

On a large granite stone near the entrance to the church is the following inscription: "The Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church was founded by John McMillan August 25, 1775. It is the oldest church west of the Monongahela River. The first church built of logs was located in the cemetery near the Revolutionary War interments.

"The current structure was erected in 1829 from clay bricks made on the site. Old Redstone Presbytery was organized nearby in the cabin of John Stevenson on September 19, 1781."

Dr. McMillan established a number of other Presbyterian churches in the area, including the Chartiers Hill Church near Canonsburg. He was instrumental, as well, in the establishment of Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh and Jefferson College in Canonsburg, which is now part of Washington and Jefferson College.

(Next Sunday: Chartiers Hill Church).



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Receives highest Boy Scout award

Hickory Boy Scout Troop 1365 Scoutmaster Larry Grimm, left, presents an Eagle Scout award, the highest award a Boy Scout can receive, to his son, Thomas Grimm with his mother, Dori Grimm, looking on. Thomas earned 23 merit badges and is Order of the Arrow District Chairman. His Eagle Scout project was the construction of two fishing platforms at Cross Cree County Park.



Pleasant Hill School, 1921

These are the students who attended Pleasant Hill School in West Bethlehem Township in 1921. Identities of students in first row are unknown. Second row, from left: Beatrice Liggett, Nora Liggett, Cora Kinder, Virginia Liggett, Anna Liggett. Third row: Reed Liggett, Helen McCarty, Ralph Liggett, Alvie McCarty, Isaac Kinder, Ashley Liggett and Emerson Horn. The teacher was Hazel Johnson. Photo courtesy of Ashley Liggett.

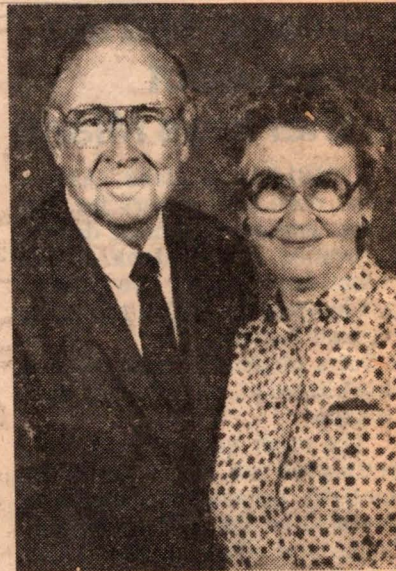
Erretts celebrate 50 years

David and Mildred Elder Errett of Hickory will be marking their 50th wedding anniversary with a family celebration.

They were married August 6, 1938, by the Rev. Winfield Patterson of the Oakland (Md.) Methodist Church.

They are the parents of five children: Donna E. Gercken of Sewickley, David Errett of McDonald R.D. 3, Richard Errett of Hickory, Daniel Errett of Lancaster, and Dianne E. Wade of Newnan, Ga. There are 12 grandchildren.

Before retiring, Mr. Errett was plant manager for Climax Molyb-



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denum at Langeloth.

Mrs. Errett was a teacher at the Burgettstown and later at the Hickory School, Fort Cherry District.

Laura Mae Reihner

Laura Mae Enloe Reihner, 62, of 324 Waynesburg Road, Washington, died at 9:17 a.m. Friday, August 5, 1988, in Washington Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born May 20, 1926, in Lisbon, La., a daughter of Albert and Vera Ferguson Enloe.

Prior to her retirement in 1981, she had been employed as an assembler at the RCA plant in Meadow Lands for 25 years.

Mrs. Reihner was a member of the First Christian Church of Washington.

On December 6, 1946, she married Edward C. Reihner, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one brother, Lionel Enloe of Shreveport, La.; two sisters, Helen Hawthorne of Shreveport and Catherine Scifo of Houston, Texas; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Clara Ruth McWreath

Clara Ruth (Boots) McWreath, 68, of 750 Michigan Avenue, Washington, died at 4 p.m. Friday, December 11, 1987.

She was born June 10, 1919, in Vanceville, a daughter of Alder and Addie Pipes Riddle.

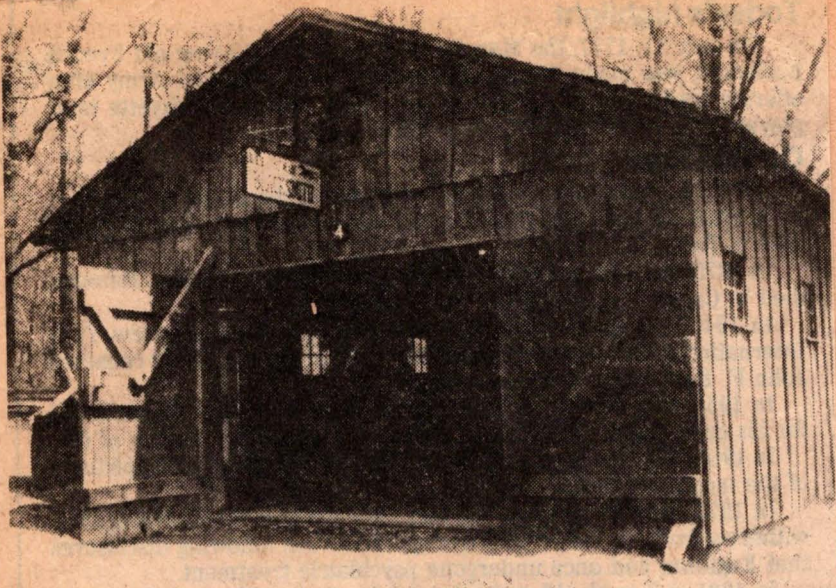
Mrs. McWreath was a Methodist. She had been a waitress at Julia's Restaurant.

Mrs. McWreath was a graduate of East Washington High School.

On June 1, 1944, in Arden, she married Frank C. McWreath, who died January 7, 1962.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Vance McWreath of Warren, Ohio, and Jerry William McWreath of Nashville, Tenn.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Deceased is one brother, Vance T. Riddle.



This replica of the original Thomas A. Hindman Blacksmith Shop, which was built about 1865 in Cross Creek, Washington County, is located in Meadowcroft Village three miles west of Avella on a well-marked road. The original shop was damaged by fire in the early 1900s.

The legendary blacksmiths of times past, usually men of giant stature and pillars of society, had a great impact on everyone in the villages and countrysides that they served. Not only did they shoe horses, they made a wide variety of things, including tools, hinges for barn doors, irons for the kitchen fireplace, runners for logging sleds, new steps for the doctor's buggy, wedges, door latches, pots and pans. Virtually every metal object then in common use was hammered on his anvil from red-hot iron.

The blacksmith shop was a center of community life. While horses were being shod, the men took time to gossip, to talk and argue. Each child within walking distance found the shop to be the place of mystery, filled with exciting sounds and smells. The women could not have run a household without the wares produced on the singing anvil.

Anesettis celebrate 55 years

The Rev. Neman M. Anesetti and Mrs. Anesetti of Washington R.D. 2 celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The former Anna Combi, daughter of the late Charles and Virginia Combi, and Neman Anesetti, son of the late Dominick and Regueta Anesetti, were married August 9, 1933, in the Immaculate Conception Church of Washington by the late Rev. Martin J. Hughes.

The couple are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Albert (Katherine) Ferri and Mrs. John (Martha) Krenzela, also of Washington.

There are also five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jeffreys mark 40th

Jay and Virginia Jeffrey of Eighty Four R.D. 1 observed their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 14, at a surprise celebration at Peters Place in Bridgeville with family and friends.

The couple were married August 15, 1948, at Fairview United Presbyterian Church in Thomas by the late Rev. Austin W. Gilleland.

Mr. Jeffrey is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jeffrey. Mrs. Jeffrey is the daughter of Lee Roy Thomas of Eighty Four R.D. 1 and the late Eva Thomas.

The Jeffreys have five children, Keith Jeffrey of West Mifflin, Kathy Henderson of Carnegie,



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They have also been parents to many foster children from Washington and the surrounding areas.

Prior to his retirement from Washington Hospital, he was a self-employed dairy farmer for 40 years.



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Karen Jeffrey, Kim Jeffrey and Kevin Jeffrey, all at home. There are two grandchildren, Timothy and Kari Jeffrey.

W.H.S. '48 holds 40-year reunion

The Washington High School Class of 1948 held its 40-year reunion at the Washington Country Club with the following classmates attending: first row: Lou Bunner, Richard Barnes, Dan Acceturo, Joe Nicoletta, Scappy Nicoletta, Robert Barker, Joe Kennedy, Charles Zullo, Larry Manning, Nick Demas. Second row: Betty Smith Spence, Norma Mozier Lambright, Martha Rose Dean, Maxine Wise Jennings, Marie Burnfield Frantz, Gloria Casper Norwood, Lois Bigler, Jay Luft, advisor; Ruth Templeton Wege, advisor; Mary Lou Miller Hull, Laura Lou Whiteman Ehnert, Jean Folino Bendot, Patricia Lauther Brown, Dolores Walters Eakin, Shirley Harvey McLaughlin, Betty Ames Conkle, Mary Lou McSeventy Dunn, LaGene Day Morris, Lois Craft McConnell. Third row: Ruth Ann Dentel Weimer, Dorothy Tucker Patterson, Nancy Wilson Buchanan, Joan Wilson Yanovick, Ruth Ann King Cameron, Thelma Raymond Krause, Vivian Verderber Loar, Joan Conley Guldenschuh, JoAnn Rowland Andrews, Ruth

Harding Culbertson, Phyllis Ashbaugh Doria, Marion Stuck Dever, Beverly Harter Wolf, Lois Campsey Burkholder, Patricia Keeney Pettit, Edna Martin Dille, Patricia Cimino Sewock, Betty Driehorst Allison, Virginia Douglas Larkin, Wilma Jean Houston Roche, Milton Grant, Emmanuel Randazzo, William Harter. Fourth row: Biddle Long, Rose Marie Belcastro Sullivan, Marilyn Morris Paul, Orvis Knarr, Charles Wilson, Henry Cincinnati, Thelma Jean Ritchie Piatt, Ann Lee Breckons, Doris Pettit Sorice, JoAnn Stravoulakis Thomas, Pety Schroeder Carlson, Martha Blaney Kencec, Alice Dubelle Moussetis, Joan Behringer Summers, Mike Sorice. Fifth row: Charles Fisher, Herbert Hughes, Francis (Pat) O'Brien, Ray Cappelli, John Frantz, Ronald Jacobs, Neil Conner, Mitchell Abbas, Les Valtutti, Emory Yankovitch, Harold Anderson, James Conkle, Robert Vanek, Anthony Athens, Wilson Houghton, Robert Laurine, Pete Petronka. Attending, but not in the picture: Edwin Ullom and Dr. Chauncey Headlev.



Flynn - Caldwell

Diane Carol Caldwell and Shawn Owen Flynn were united in marriage at the Hickory United Presbyterian Church at Hickory R.D. 1, on Saturday, December 5, 1987. The 5:15 p.m. double-ring ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Stuart Broberg with G. Richard Zimmerman, organist, and Don Cummins, Bill Flynn, father of the bridegroom, and Jerry Caldwell, father of the bride, as soloists.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald G. Caldwell of Hickory. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Flynn of Washington.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She designed her gown and it was made by her aunt, Bonnie Cowden, as a gift. The wedding rings were a gift from the bridegroom's parents. They were exchanged by the bridegroom's great-grandparents, M. J. and Mary (Sprows) Flynn on their 50th wedding anniversary in 1939.

The maid of honor was Shelley Heinlein of McDonald. Attendants were Brenda Breneman of Washington, Tracy Craig of Burgettstown and Joanne Little of Pontiac, Mich. Rachel McElhane, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Serving as best man was Adrian Fletcher of Washington. The ushers were Bill Flynn of Washington, father of the bridegroom, Eric Cole of Washington, cousin of the



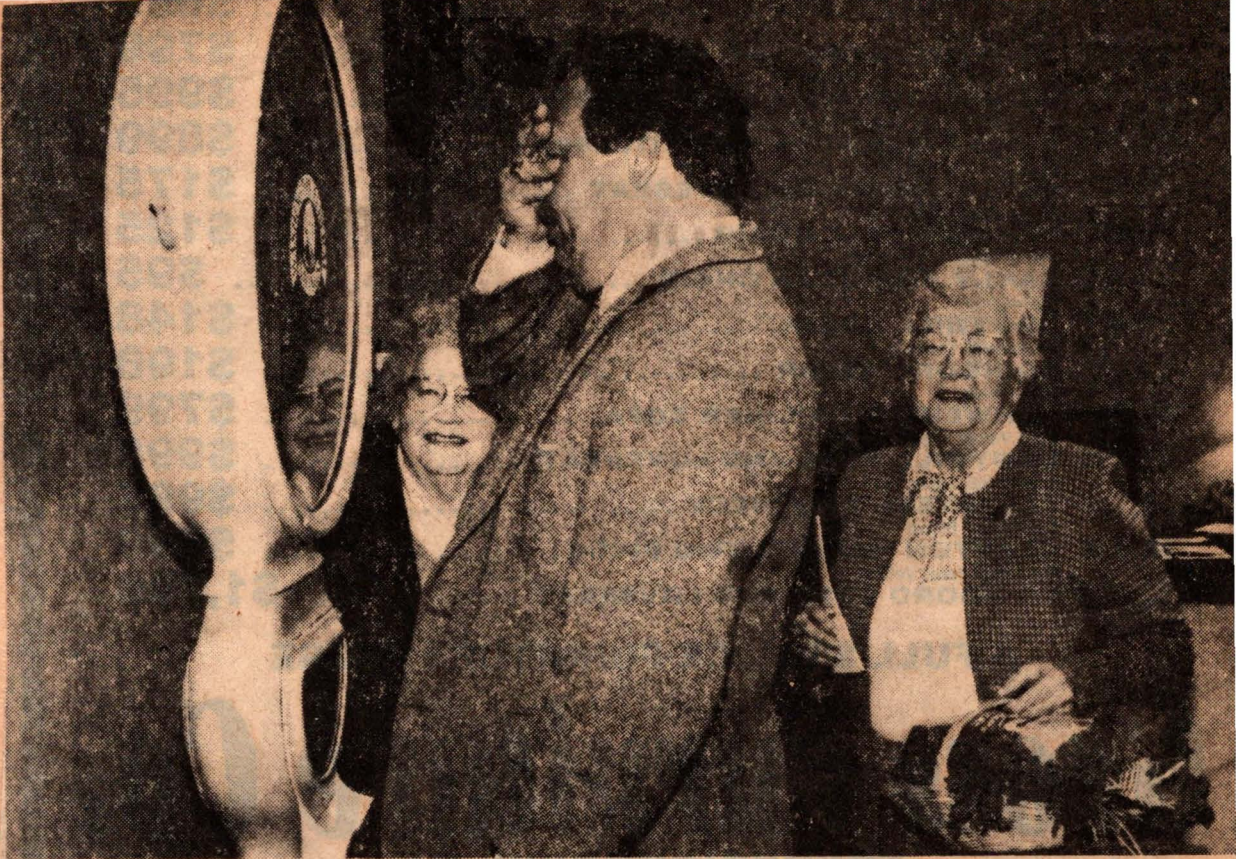
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bridegroom, and Tom Cowden of Burgettstown, cousin of the bride. The ring bearer was Joshua Fine, nephew of the bridegroom.

A reception for 220 guests was held at The George Washington with Eric Cowden and Lora Schaub in charge of the bride's book.

The new Mrs. Flynn is a 1982 graduate of Fort Cherry High School and a 1986 graduate of California University of Pennsylvania earning a bachelor of science degree in education. She is employed by American Mobile Home Products in Washington. Her husband is a 1982 graduate of Washington High School and attended Fairmont State College. He is a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps in Oakland.

After a honeymoon to Orlando Fla., the couple are residing in Washington.



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Spring Scale Down

Observer-Reporter columnist Byron Smialek sneaked a peek at the number on the scale Wednesday at his official weigh-in for the Spring Scale Down sponsored by Hospice of Washington County Inc. Looking on at the noon weigh-in at Washington First Federal were Mildred Nichols, left, secretary of Hospice, and Leah Driehorst, president of the board of directors. Smialek, and others participating in the eight-week scale down campaign, are soliciting donors on a per-pound basis. For those wishing to take part in the scale down, a scale will be set up in front of the Washington County Courthouse from noon until 1 p.m. Friday, May 1.

Florence B. Bishop

Florence B. Bishop of Orchard Drive, Mission Hill, Mt. Lebanon, died Saturday, December 26, 1987, in St. Clair Memorial Hospital, following a series of strokes.

She was born in Canonsburg, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mabel Horn Barr.

Mrs. Bishop was a graduate of the Grier School For Girls in Tyronne, Washington Seminary and Duffs Iron City College of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Bishop was a secretary for the program manager of KDKA Radio for many years and later was executive secretary for the president of Oliver Iron and Steel Corp. before her retirement.

She is survived by her husband, David Thornton Bishop; one son, Barry Bishop of Upper St. Clair; one daughter, Linda Jeremias of Littleton, Colo., and three grandsons, Dennis, Derek and Douglas Jeremias.

WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION (PLAINTIFF) VS. THOMAS L. PHILLIPS AND NIKKI A. PHILLIPS, HIS WIFE (DEFENDANTS) OWNERS OR REPUTED OWNERS, WRIT OF EXECUTION NO. 87-4364, DAVID S. POSNER, ATTORNEY; GOLDFARB & POSNER, ATTORNEYS.

All the Right, Title and Interest of Thomkas L. Phillips and Nikki A. Phillips, his wife, Owners or Reputed Owners, in and to:

ALL that certain tract of land situate in Mount Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of the State Highway (Route 28), thence along land now or formerly of Phillip Hillen South 49° 32' East 464.80 feet to a point; thence along land now or formerly of George C. Knauer South 28° 5' West 120.25 feet to an iron pin; thence continuing along land now or formerly of the said George C. Knauer North 49° 58' West 518.12 feet to an iron pin on the southeasterly side of the said State Highway (Route 28); thence along the said highway North 53° 15' East 124.46 feet to the place of beginning. Containing an area of 1.347 acres.

HAVING ERECTED THEREON a one story aluminum sided dwelling.

KNOWN AS R.D. No. 1, Box 129, Hickory, Pa. 15340.

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Alverda Mae Stewart

Alverda Mae Stewart, 83, of Hickory R.D. 1 died Thursday, July 28, 1988, at 3:55 a.m. in Washington Hospital.

She was born May 21, 1905, in Cross Creek, the daughter of John Mason and Nannie Thompson Powelson.

Mrs. Stewart was employed as a school teacher in the Avella School District for her entire teaching career.

On September 27, 1927, she married Alvin Ray Stewart, who died September 21, 1958.

She was a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, the church choir and the Pennsylvania Teachers Association.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Dean Stewart and John Dennis Stewart, both of Hickory R.D. 1; one brother, Leonard Powelson of Eaton, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. Helen Findling of Wofldale, Mrs. Ruth Biernesser of Pompano Beach, Fla., Mrs. Robert Pearl Spence of Mount Dora, Fla., and Mrs. Martha Miller of Hickory. Seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive.

Deceased are a granddaughter, Karen Elizabeth Stewart, who died July 11, 1976; one great-granddaughter; one sister, Elizabeth Grimm; and one brother, Ralph Powelson.

Correction

In the obituary of Alverda Mae Stewart of Hickory R.D.1, which appeared in Friday's *Observer-Reporter*, it was omitted that a son, James Stewart, died August 18, 1954. On September 22, 1927, she married Alvin Ray Stewart, died December 21, 1958.



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50 and 60-year Grangers

Six members of the Cross Creek Grange No. 954 were honored for their longevity as Grange members. From left, are, Kenny Smith, 60-year member; John Hunter and Evelyn Smith, both 50-year members; Helen White and Clare White, both 51-year members and Manard Rea, 50-year member.

Jane Smith celebrating 95th birthday

Jane Morgan Smith of McDonald, R.D. 4, will celebrate her 95th birthday Sunday with her family.

Mrs. Smith was born December 13, 1892, and has lived in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, all her life.

On March 22, 1917, she married Vance M. Smith who died July 21, 1967.

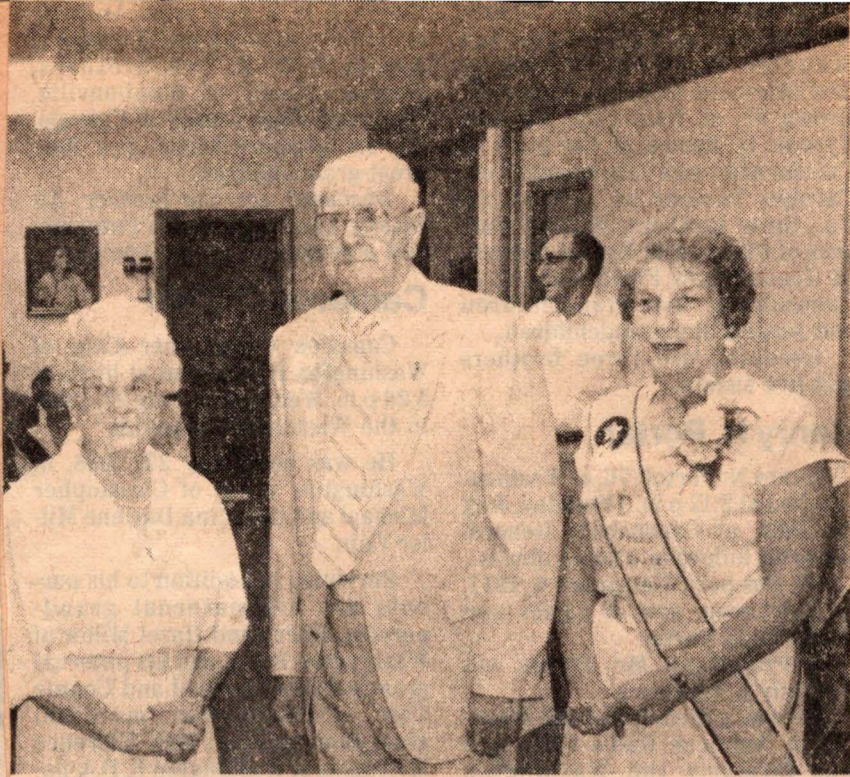
Mrs. Smith has four daughters, Mrs. Wilbert (Dorothy) Walker of McDonald, R.D. 3, Mrs. John (Olive) Ferrell of Hickory, Elsie B. Smith of McMurray and Mrs. Larry (Roberta) Farrar of Nenah, Wisc.

She also has four sons, Robert



JANE SMITH
M., J. Arthur and Richard L. Smith, all of McDonald, and Vance M. Smith of Gibsonia.

One son, Paul L. Smith, died in 1970.



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75-year Grange members

Mabel Hamilton, second from left, and A. D. White, second from right, were honored by the Cross Creek Grange No. 954 for 75 years of membership. Standing with them are, State Grange Master, William Ringler, left, and Dorothy Weaver, State Deputy, right. Clinton Wilson, also a 75-year member, was not able to attend.

Thrill of the game kept Lukon in baseball

By Fred Sigler, O-R Sports Staff

In a baseball career which took him from the sandlots of northwestern Washington County to the major leagues, Edward Lukon like his contemporaries, played the game for one basic reason.

"We played because we wanted to play and liked to play," said Lukon, a lifetime resident of the Cherry Valley area, who is still active in a family meat packing business there.

After a highly successful athletic career at Union High School (now Burgettstown High School), where he graduated in 1938, Lukon had his choice of several college scholarship offers for his ability in baseball, basketball and football.

He decided, however, to accept an opportunity to play minor

league baseball, signing with Valdosta, Ga. in the Class A Georgia-Florida League soon after graduation.

"I could have gone to Washington & Jefferson and Manhattan College for football and basketball and could have also played baseball at Wake Forest but I wanted to go into pro baseball if I could," he said.

Lukon rose quickly in the minors, advancing to Knoxville in the Class A-1 Southern Association, setting a club record with 25 home runs in two-third of the season.

The young outfielder, only three years out of high school, achieved his dream of playing in the major leagues when he was called up by the Cincinnati Reds on his 21st birthday Aug. 5, 1941.

He stayed with Cincinnati — except for some duty with Class AAA Columbus through the 1942 season — then entered the service in World War II, returning to the Reds from 1945 through 1947 when his rights were sold to the Chicago Cubs.

He was optioned to the Los Angeles Angels in the Pacific Coast League where he spent the 1948 season before ending his professional career to return home to run the family business after the death of his father.

"I was only 28 and I still had some years left but I thought it was best to go back home and take care of the business," he said.

Among Lukon's teammates during his years in Cincinnati were pitchers Bucky Walters, Paul Derriinger, Ewell Blackwell and Harry

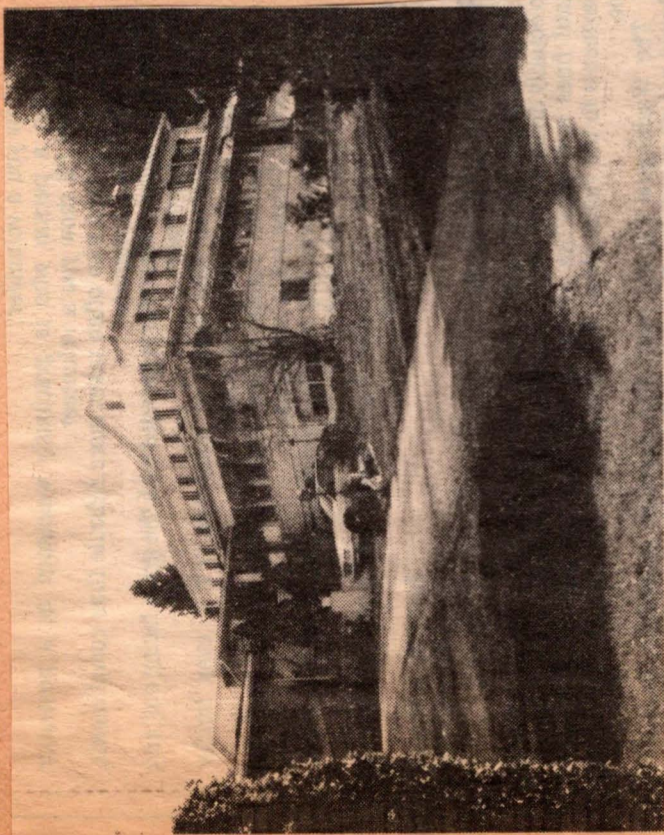
Gumbert, also a Washington County native, and Hall of Fame catcher Ernie Lombardi. The shortstop was Eddie Miller, a Pittsburgh area native whom Lukon calls "as good a fielder as ever played. He might not hit more than .220 in a season but he would usually drive in about 80 runs."

The Reds' managers were Bill McKechnie of Wilkesburg, who had led Cincinnati to a World Championship over the Detroit Tigers in 1940 and managed the Pirates to the National League pennant in 1927, and later Johnny Neun, leader of several major league teams.

"The game was much better in those days than it is now," said Lukon. "There weren't so many teams, only eight in each major league, so the players had to be better. The minor league system was strong and there were a lot more leagues and teams where players could be developed through the farm system."

"We traveled by buses and trains even in the major leagues. If we were late and had to get off a train and go right to the ball park, we didn't care. We just wanted to get out there and play."

Lukon actually started playing



Along State Route 18 in Old Concord, Morris Township, Washington County, near the Greene County line, can be found The Mansion House. It was built in 1837 by Elias Day, not long after the establishment of the Concord Presbyterian Church, which stands across the old roadbed of Route 18.

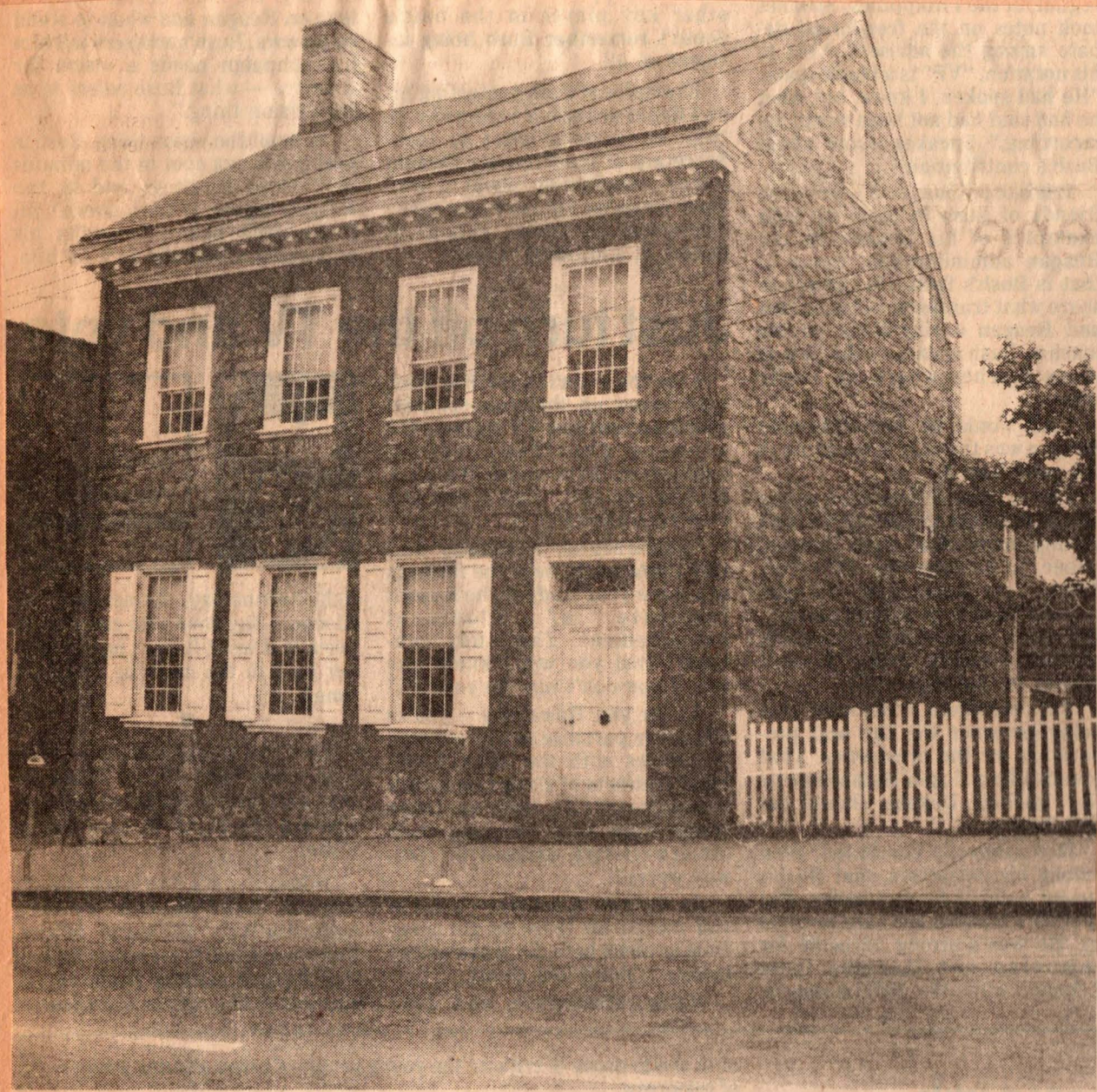
Missionaries from Cumberland College in Kentucky had begun to hold meetings at a campground in 1830 and the church was organized the following year. On a nearby hillside can be found the small Concord Cemetery, which has not been used for many years, because of insufficient drainage. Stones in it date back to the early 1800s.

When The Mansion House property was owned by the Rogers family, an Institute of Practical Arts, for immigrant boys, was established by a group of ministers and laymen and operated successfully for a period of more than two decades. The conditions of World War II forced its closure.

Old Concord for many years served as a halfway point between Washington and Waynesburg and had hotel facilities, particularly for cattlemen who stayed overnight during cattle drives. The community was a shopping center before the turn of the last century.

The Mansion House was opened in 1947 as a restaurant and continues to be a popular weekend place for family-style eating. The house contains antique china and furniture displays.

"In the playoffs, I can't think about pain," Grant said. "In the playoffs, I can't think about pain," Grant said. "In the playoffs, I can't think about ways to defense Jordan and get the Cavaliers' offense in gear. "Against Michael, you have to play good position defense," he told reporters. Wilkens also said he hoped for a better performance from Daugherty, who hit only four of 10 shots from the field and finished with 12 points Thursday night. The coach said Daugherty was too keyed up for that game and looked like his feet were anchored in cement.



Exterior view of the Bradford House.

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Bradford House, 200 years old, opens today

The David Bradford House, at 175 South Main Street, Washington, opens today for the regular season.

This year, the Bradford House will be 200 years old, according to Roberta Wilkinson, director.

Built between 1787 and 1788, the house was occupied by Bradford until 1794, when he became involved in the Whiskey Rebellion. Passing through seven different owners, the house was purchased in 1959 by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, which restored it to the original splendor of a wealthy frontier home.

In 1982



Interior of the David Bradford House.

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for that sorry, soggy saga.
 Ruth Runyan,
 Washington R. D. 4
 Letterwriters:
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Kids handled it well
 We would like to give special recognition to the humility shown by the Beth-Center students after the tragic death of Natalie D. Cecchini II. The loss, concern of their teacher, coach and friend was very evident. Many

Eight-day week keeps inn tradition alive

Former area residents take over Wellsburg, W. Va. historical site

By Jon A. Stevens, Staff Writer

There is a tradition that evolved from the days when weary travelers were offered food and lodging along the dust-covered toll roads of the Ohio River Valley.

That tradition continues today at a quaint inn near Wellsburg, W. Va., where the atmosphere is not unlike that which prevailed in the mid-19th century.

Built in 1848 from the bricks kilned on the site, the three-story structure, known then as Fowler's Inn and now as the Drover's Inn, sits unobtrusively on Washington Pike, 19 miles northwest of Washington. That's where the innkeepers, Mark and Karen Cooper, work "eight days a week" keeping that tradition alive.

The Coopers, both graduates of Westminster College, purchased the inn in 1986 from Mary Marko, who 21 years earlier took the deserted and crumbling building and turned it into a prosperous business which is now listed in historical registers.

"I always wanted to own a restaurant, one that was unique," said Cooper who prior to his purchase worked for Saga Food Service in the Pittsburgh area.

He and Karen lived on Greenhill Drive in Washington before moving to West Virginia to become innkeepers.

"I kept looking at restaurant real estate advertisements and I found a restaurant in the Catskills in New York. There was also one available in Vermont, but I was born and raised in western Pennsylvania and I really did not want to leave," he said.

Finally, he saw the sale of the Drover's Inn listed under business opportunities in the Observer-Reporter's classified ad section.

In a matter of days in the late summer of 1986, Cooper, who was in charge of the executive dining room at Mobay Chemical Co., would give up commuting on the Parkway West, and would fulfil his life-long dream by taking up residence with his wife and two sons, Spencer and Stephen, at the century-old, 16-room inn.

It took three years for craftsmen to complete the building in 1851 for John Fowler, who eventually expanded to include a general store, post office and drug store in the area of the inn.

Before the Civil War, Washington Pike, which is Route 844 in Pennsylvania, was a popular route for drovers - young men who herded livestock to market. Hot, tired and hungry, the drovers found an oasis at Fowler's Inn.

Fowlerstown, as the development was known, became part of West Virginia following the Civil War, but

with the development of the steamboat, the automobile and meat packing houses, the lengthy livestock drives became unnecessary.

While the inn was under the ownership of Mrs. Marko, who named it the Drover's Inn, two large rooms on the first floor were made into dining rooms, and many of the furnishings of Fowler's general store and post office were transported and re-created at Meadowcroft Village near Avella.

In the basement of the inn is a tavern, decorated in a Civil War milieu and adorned, as is the rest of the inn, with antiques.

Opening day for the Coopers was Aug. 22, 1986.

Cooper, Karen and two others carried the load, but it became apparent that more help was needed. Presently, there are seven employees.

"I learned to do everything," Karen said. Her previous employment was at Pomeroy's Department Store in the Franklin Mall.

"I was the hostess, the waitress, and bartender," she said, and her husband spent all of his time in the kitchen, preparing the meals.

Cooper said because his business has expanded he was "forced" to hire a full-time cook, but on most nights, he can still be found in the kitchen "just making sure everything is going



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Karen and Mark Cooper take pride in their Drover's Inn

right."

The second floor of the inn is the Coopers' living quarters. The nine rooms upstairs were once used for overnight accommodations for travelers, and the room numbers are still tacked to the doors.

A circular staircase leads to an attic that, legend has it, provided living space for an orphan who became

a ward of the Fowlers.

The young girl was apparently enamored of the circus because yellowing and fragile posters heralding the arrival of circus troops and acts are still on the walls.

Also located on the property are a three-story log cabin built around 1790, and an old "honeymoon cottage" that sits adjacent to the inn.

"I would love to find a cache of money to restore the log cabin and make it into a gift shop," Cooper said. The cabin, showing signs of age and weathering, has a sleeping loft and a basement.

The inn is open Wednesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., and from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Clyde Williams

Clyde G. (Sam) Williams, 69, of West Middletown died Saturday, June 26, 1988, in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, following an eight-month illness.

Born June 12, 1919, in West Middletown, he was a son of Clyde W. and Mae White Williams.

Mr. Williams had been a West Middletown resident his entire life. He was a 1937 graduate of Washington High School and a 50-year member of the Grove United Presbyterian Church of West Middletown.

During World War II, he served in the European Theater with the U.S. Army. Mr. Williams was discharged from the Army with the rank of sergeant major.

In 1950, he earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Pittsburgh. While a student at the university, he was a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity.

Mr. Williams spent his entire career as a banker, having first worked at the Bridgeville National Bank, which later became Union National Bank.

In 1980 he retired as a vice president having managed Union National's McDonald and Donaldson's Crossroads offices.

Surviving are one brother, David H. (Chris) Williams of Hickory; two sisters, Mary Jane Dinsmore of Cape Coral, Fla., and Martha Williams Scuvatti of West Middletown; one aunt, Jeanette White Wiley of Sunland, Calif., and several nieces and nephews.

J. Alvan Marquis

J. Alvan Marquis, 81, of 10067 Main Street, Hanoverton, Ohio, died at 9:25 a.m. Sunday, May 8, 1988, at Salem Community Hospital after a two-month illness.

He was born June 29, 1906, in Hickory, the son of the late James Myers and Dora Patterson Marquis.

Mr. Marquis had resided in the Hanoverton area since 1936. He was a graduate of Hickory High School and attended Penn State College. He had operated a restaurant and service station for 17 years after which he became a distributor for the Ashland Oil Company for 20 years before retiring in 1968.

He was a member of the Hanoverton Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder for many years. He also drove a school bus for the Augusta schools and United local schools for 35 years. He served two terms on United local school board.

In 1982, he was recipient of the Golden Eagle award. A former president and member of the Hanoverton Village council, Mr. Marquis was a charter member of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department and a charter member of the Hanover Township Roritan Club.

On June 7, 1928, he married Nova M. Marquis, who survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Wanda) Stahler of Bellefontaine, Ohio; two sons, Jerry Marquis and Edward Marquis, both of Hanoverton; a sister, Mrs. Hazel Henderson of Hudson, Iowa; and a brother, Milton Marquis of Hickory. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are a grandson, Matthew Schiffer, who died in 1987; and a brother, Lloyd Marquis.

Miller - Pollack

Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Burgettstown was the setting for the wedding of Jacklyn Ann Pollack and John C. Miller on Saturday, April 16, 1988. The 4 p.m. double-ring ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Rudolph F. Smoley with Charlette Wos as organist and soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Pollack of Burgettstown R.D. 2. The bridegroom is the son of Martha Miller of Hickory and the late William C. Miller.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Matron of honor was Janet Mondin of Burgettstown R.D. 3, sister of the bride. Maid of honor was Janelle Pollack of Burgettstown R.D. 2, sister of the bride. Attendants were Margo Denman of Washington and Judy Tender of Coraopolis. Carlyn Wrubleski, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Serving as best man was David Briggs of Burgettstown R.D. 2. Ushers were Jeff Cline of Avella R.D. 2, Joseph (Smokey) Yamber of Burgettstown R.D. 1 and John Mondin of Burgettstown R.D. 3, brother-in-law of the bride.



MR. AND MRS. MILLER

Nathaniel Clerik, cousin of the bridegroom, and David Iddings, cousin of the bride, were the ring bearers.

A reception for 300 guests was held at the Hickory Fire Hall with Mary Pelan, aunt of the bride, in charge of the bride's book.

The new Mrs. Miller is a graduate of Avella Area High School and is employed by Washington County Health Center as a nursing assistant. Her husband is a graduate of Fort Cherry High School and is in the refrigeration business.

After a honeymoon to North Central Pennsylvania, the couple are residing in Hickory.



DIES - Jacqueline D. Elmore of Laurel Avenue, Washington, died Tuesday. She was 41.

Hazel J. Livingood

Hazel J. Livingood, 79, of Hickory R.D.1, died unexpectedly at 11:10 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, 1988, in Canonsburg General Hospital.

Born September 15, 1908, in Clarksburg, W.Va., she was a daughter of Charles V. and Clara Kimberland Myers.

She was a member of Hickory United Presbyterian Church.

On July 26, 1928, she married G. Raymond Livingood, who died December 5, 1977.

Surviving are two sons, Gerald R. Livingood and Clair V. Livingood, both of McDonald; four grandchildren; and one sister, Hallie Binder of Washington.

Deceased are three brothers, Ralph, Charles and Clarence Livingood; and two sisters, Rachel St. Clair and Rose Smith.

Jacqueline D. Elmore

Jacqueline D. Elmore, 41, of Laurel Avenue, Washington, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 1988, in her home after an eight-year illness.

Mrs. Elmore was born February 25, 1947, in Shadyside, a daughter of Lucile Snodgrass Minor and the late Charles Minor.

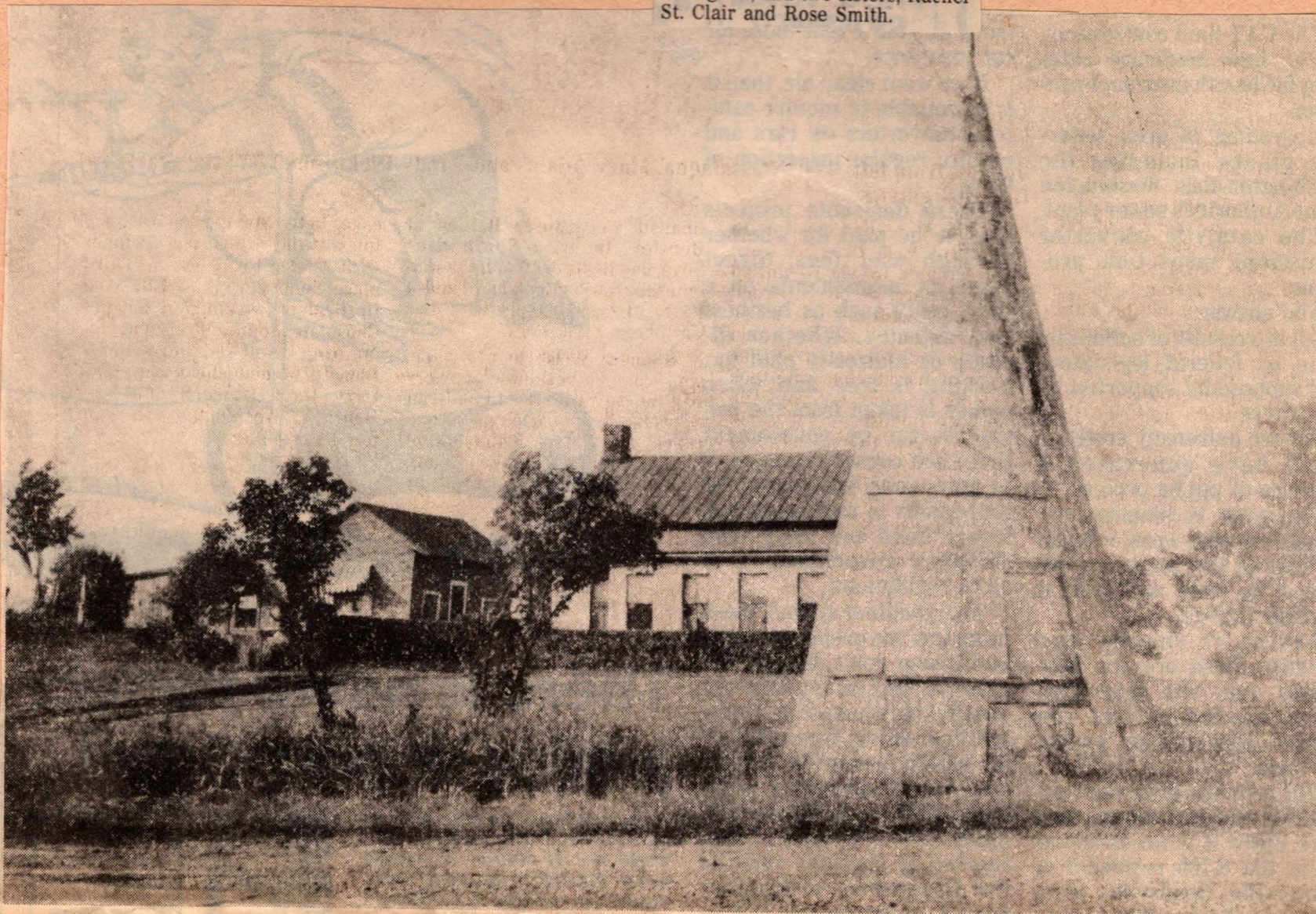
Mrs. Elmore was a legal secretary for the firm of Peacock, Keller, Yohe, Day and Echer.

She was a member of the Central Assembly of God Church in Houston, where she was a leader in the missionettes of the church.

Mrs. Elmore was a member of the Canonsburg Womens Aglow.

She attended International Bible College in San Antonio, Texas

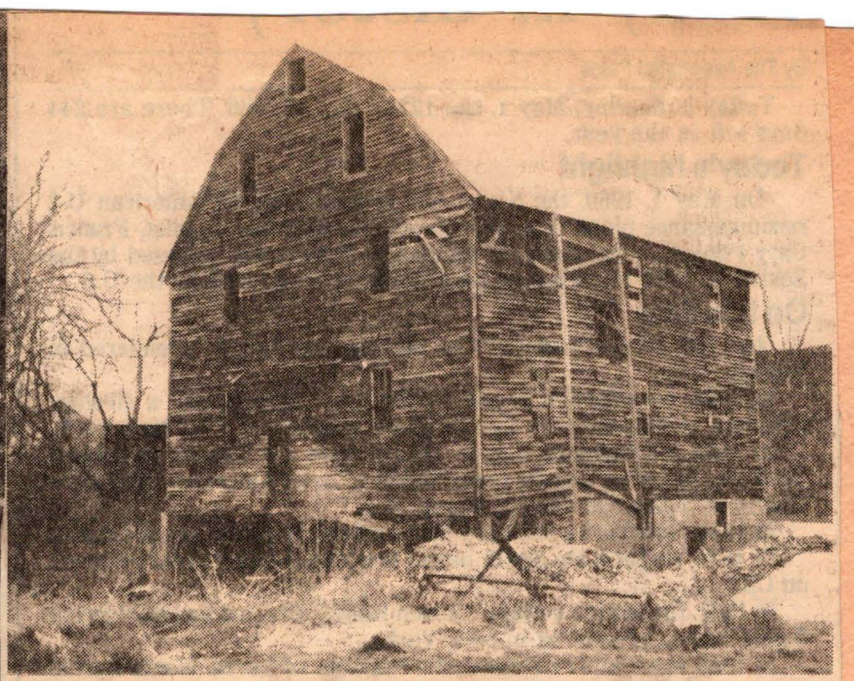
Surviving are her husband John Elmore, whom she married October 14, 1972; one son, Jason Elmore, and one daughter, Janelle Elmore, both at home; one brother, Ronald Minor of Monroeville; three sisters, Mrs. Carl (Charlene) Danley of Washington, Mrs. Nicholas (Kimberly) Cecchini of Avella, and Mrs. Robert (Kristina) Petritis of Washington.



Old 'ice cream cone'

This is the old 'ice cream cone' that stood at the front of the farm of Isaac and Cynthia Sargent along Route 19 south in

Amwell Township. For many years, ice cream was sold there and in later years the structure served as a produce stand. Photo courtesy of Vernon and Phyllis Sargent of Washington.



A mile and a half east of Ten Mile Village in Amwell Township along Legislative Route 62082 can be found what remains of Martin's Mill, a once-thriving grist mill, probably built sometime before 1839.

Records indicate that the present structure was built on the same site of an earlier mill built on Ten Mile Creek in the 1780s, or earlier, by John Keys (or Kees). He sold the land to John Iams in June of 1816. It is believed that John Iams Sr. may have built a new mill even before 1839 because on May 17, 1839, John Iams Jr. purchased the land from the other heirs, and operated the mill until May 31, 1844. On that date it was conveyed by deed to Joseph Martin and his wife, Nancy, who was the sister of John Iams Jr.

Still later the mill passed into the hands of Morgan Martin and William R. Martin, the latter of whom spent 60 years of his life as the miller at the site. It was he who told of digging up two buhr stones from the original mill of John Keys while making repairs on the Martin Mill.

Grist mills were common along the streams of southwestern Pennsylvania for in them the grain raised on frontier farms was ground into flour and meal. Because transportation was by horse and wagon, they were found at frequent intervals along the streams which provided the water power to operate them.

The remains of Martin's Mill is on land owned for the last 30 years by Eugene Rudnick.

Hickory girl cagers

This the girls' basketball team that represented Hickory in 1930. First row, from left: Audrey Wilson Briggs, Isabelle Dhaus Carter, Angeline Dhaus Liggett, Helen Paskutis Brown, Anna McPeak Paxton, Etheleen Schwab Noble. Second row: Gertrude Harvey, assistant coach; Mildred Donaldson Neil, Mary Jane McGugni, Eleanor Dinsmore, Dorothy Cowden Richey, Martha Jane Cowden, Madoline Antionelli and Ralph Thomas, coach.



First 'mobile home'

These men stand by the 1926 Model T Ford they converted into a covered wagon in the 1920s. You might say it was an early version of the mobile home. The men used the vehicle to travel around the country working in the construction business. Left to right: M.B. Liggett, Ashley Liggett, P.V. Liggett, Reed Liggett and Ray White. Photo courtesy of Ashley Liggett.

Historical museum taking shape in Mt. Pleasant Twp.

By Melanie R. Mars, Staff Writer

A local historical library where the curious can find the answers to who's who on the family tree, or how the township got its name, is taking shape in Mt. Pleasant Township.

The Mt. Pleasant Historical Society, taking its cue from local historian Alvin D. White, 93, is compiling historical information and artifacts for a small museum.

Currently, historical materials are being housed in the Mt. Pleasant Township Municipal Building and are available for public viewing from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mt. Pleasant may have gotten its moniker from a tract of land named Mt. Pleasant deeded to Matthew Hillis in 1788, according to White.

"There was also a second tract known as 'Mountain' which was patented by John Griffith in 1818," White said.

The second tract has an elevation of 1,300 feet at its highest point.

When the tracts of land were deeded, names were given to many. Another tract was known as "Peace and Plenty" and the area even had a "Holly Wood."

A religious group known as the Seders (seceders) settled on land that was deeded to George Washington for his service in the French and Indian War. The date of the deed is July 5, 1774 — that makes him one of the first land owners in the township.

When Washington came to town to claim his land, he stopped in Canonsburg at the house of Col. John Canon, who advised him to wait until Monday to deal with the squatters.

White said Washington's encounter with the Seders didn't go very well. "He held a red handkerchief in his hand and told the squatters, 'As sure as I have this red handkerchief in my hand, by God I will have my land.'"

The squatters fined him for swearing.

Washington ended up selling the settlers his tract of 2,813 acres at a reasonable price.



Mt. Pleasant Township historian A.D. White

According to George Hoop Jr., the president of the society, the organization is planning to construct a building to house all of the materials and artifacts it has gathered.

"The materials basically deal with the first families who settled in the area who, as pioneers, pushed westward over the Allegheny Mountains," he said.

"The descendants of the original settlers are gradually dissipating and often come back to the township to find out about their ancestors."

Secretary Martha Miller said the idea was spawned by the work of White.

"We wanted to acknowledge the work he has done in compiling the history of the township," she said.

White, a former teacher and elementary supervising principal in Cross Creek, Hopewell and Jefferson townships, sought no memorial to himself. Instead, he wanted a place where others interested in the history of the township or their own ancestors might be able to find the answers to their questions, Mrs. Miller said.

White compiled the histories of Mt. Pleasant and Cross Creek townships in his spare time over the years.

His interest in local history was a natural outgrowth of his teaching. "In those days, we tried to teach the children about Greek, Roman and English history," he said. "Most of the children may have never stepped foot on that ground. I wanted to show them the history of the area where they lived."

His first writings were for a course in local history to teach his students. Since then he has written 10 books about the history of the area.

"He is simply amazing," Mrs. Miller said. "He can go to a local cemetery, point to a tombstone and tell you who that person's descendant is."

Hoop said that several area residents who may be the last of their immediate families have a wealth of historical information stored in their attics.

"They don't want their history to be auctioned or thrown in the garbage after they are gone," he said.

Mrs. Miller is in the process of cataloging the historical material.

"I am simply fascinated by all of the material and details about my ancestors I am finding," she said.

Visitors to the township often stop in the local cemetery, looking for ancestors.

"Now we will be able to direct them to the municipal building," she said.

The historical society plans to have a display during the township's ethnic food, arts and crafts fair Sunday, July 17. The society's meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at the township building.

Robert G. Engle

Robert G. Engle, 89, of 850 Beech Street, Washington, died Thursday, March 24, 1988, 9 p.m. at Washington Hospital.

He was born October 4, 1898, in Greene County, the son of the late Frank and Dora Huffman Engle.

Mr. Engle was a member of the First Christian Church of Washington, a former treasurer of the Sun-day school, a deacon and was also active on the church's softball team.

He was employed at Hazel Atlas No. 1, Judson Wiley and Sons, as postmaster of Woldale post office and a farmer. He had also attended Greene County schools and was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

He was first married to Mary Helen Davis, who died December 27, 1981. On April 22, 1983, in Washington, he married Olive Pattison, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Fred L. Engle of Washington; four daughters, Mrs. George (Louise) Henderson of Sun Lake, Ariz., Mrs. Samuel (Betty) Andrew of Weirton, W. Va., Mrs. Ronald (Marjorie) Polen of Washington and Mrs. James (Lois) Shaw of Washington; and one sister, Mrs. Marie Knauss of Mesa, Ariz. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Deceased are three sons, Joseph, Robert and Donald; one daughter, Marie McCollough; and one granddaughter, Sandy Shaw.

March 13, 1978

A violent natural gas explosion on a farm near Hickory sent flames shooting 200 feet into the air and the orange glow could be seen as far away as 25 miles.

Two occupants of the farmhouse, Frederick Browne, 27, and Robert Sturgeon, 26, were injured. Browne suffered a cut hand attempting to escape the flames, and Sturgeon broke his hand attempting to move Browne's car.

Briggses to mark 50th

Mr. and Mrs. D. Kenneth (Harriett) Briggs of Washington will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, March 26, with an open house from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Charliers Cross Roads United Presbyterian Church, Washington R. D. 1. The couple request gifts be omitted.

The former Harriett Shrontz, daughter of the late Gayman and Mabel Cooper Shrontz, and Mr. Briggs, son of the late Andrew and Elizabeth Durbin Briggs, were married March 26, 1938 in the bride's home by her father, Gayman Shrontz, justice of the Peace.

They are the parents of five children, K. Alvin of Washington R. D. 1, Dr. David Lawrence of Lincoln, Mass., Dr. Sandra McCann of Columbus, Ga., and Darcie and Hugh, both of Washington R. D. 1 and 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Briggs retired in 1977 from

Betty R. Patterson

Betty R. Patterson, 68, of Avella R. D. 2, died at 5:50 p.m. Monday, March 21, 1988, in Washington Hospital.

She was born August 13, 1919, in Washington, daughter of S. Paul Ritchey of Avella R. D. 2 and the late Mary Lytle Ritchey, who died in 1982.

Mrs. Patterson was married July 5, 1941, in West Alexander to David E. Patterson Sr., who survives. She had been a resident of the West Middletown area for the past 54 years. She was a member of Grove United Presbyterian Church of West Middletown, where she was past president of the women's association and a teacher with the Ralston Sunday class for many years. She was also a member of Cross Creek Grange No. 954.

Surviving, in addition to her father and husband, are one daughter, Mrs. Douglas (Leanna) Charlesworth, and one son, David E. Patterson Jr., both of Avella R. D. 2; seven grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Raymond (Marlie:) Kimble of Waynesburg.

Paul R. Temple

Paul R. Temple, 84, of Avella R. D. 1, died at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, June 25, 1988, in his home.

He was born November 14, 1903, in Washington, son of Alpheus Jacob and Lydia Crumrine Temple.

On April 24, 1924, he married Janet Miller Temple, who died December 9, 1973.

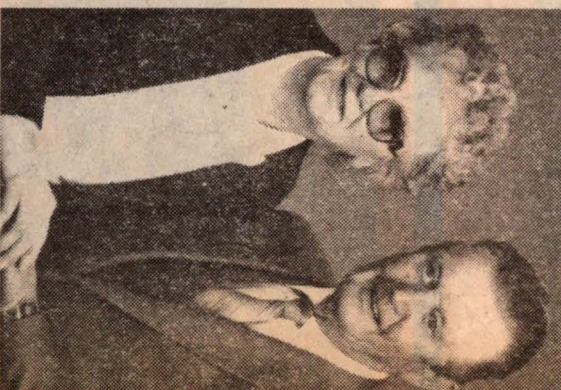
He worked as a self-employed gunsmith and painter. He also worked for the John Pence Contracting Company as a painter.

Mr. Temple raised beef cattle on his farm in Independence Township. He lived the past 50 years in the Avella area.

He was a member of Grove United Presbyterian Church of West Middletown.

Surviving are a son, John R. Temple of West Middletown; a brother, Charles B. Temple of Washington; a sister, Mary Miller of Columbus, Ohio; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A sister, Hestor Fair, is deceased.



MR. AND MRS. BRIGGS

Penn Manufacturing, Washington after 35 years of service. For much of his life he had been active in handling horses and ponies. Mr. Briggs graduated from the Green County Vocational-Technical School of Nursing as a licensed practical nurse. Mrs. Briggs retired in 1984 from Kade Nursing Home

Roaring fire destroyed high school in Burgettstown 25 years ago

By Bob Robertson, Staff Writer

Officials of the Burgettstown School District had planned to raze the old high school building once the new junior-senior high school was open and operational in the fall of 1963.

That timetable was unfortunately moved up when a roaring fire destroyed the old building along Route 18 on March 21.

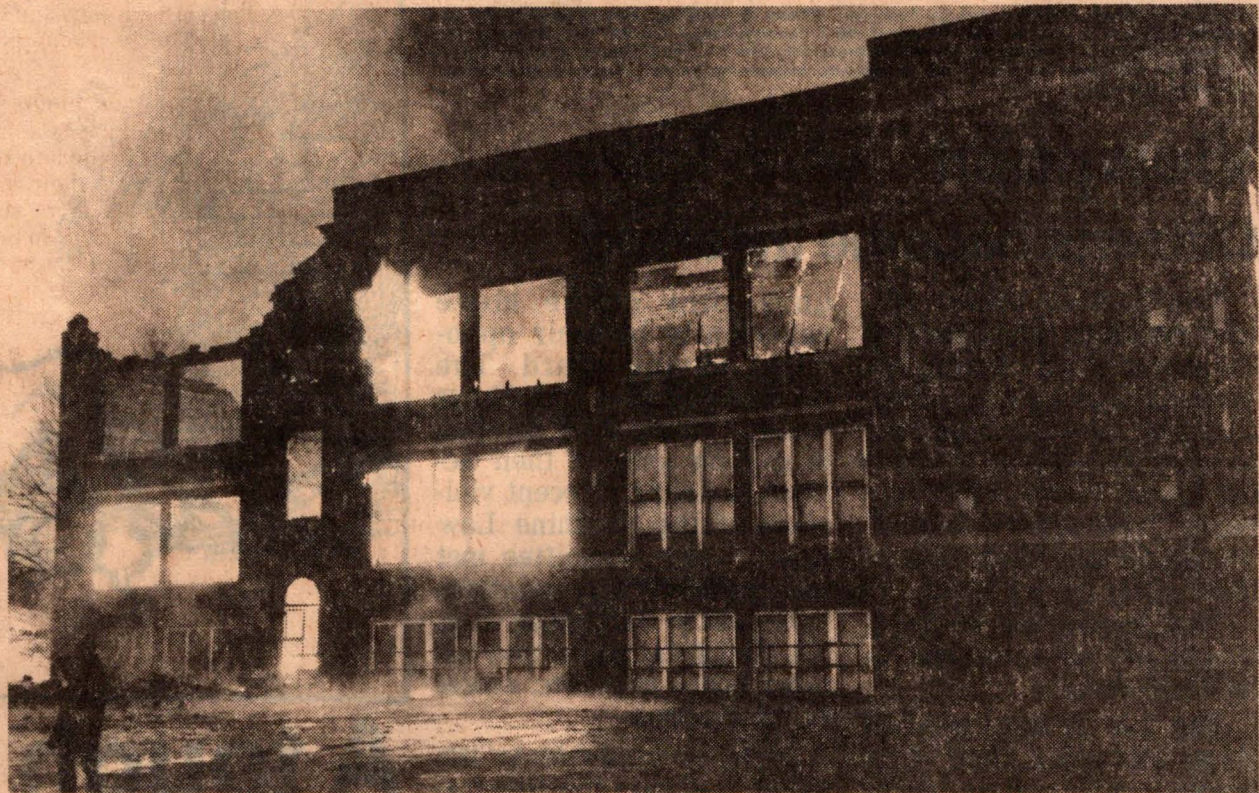
The fire, caused by defective wiring in the two-story auditorium over the gymnasium, quickly spread to the roof and leveled the 46-year-old, three-story structure despite valiant efforts by more than 150 firemen from six surrounding volunteer companies.

The fire started about 30 minutes after classes had been dismissed for the day. Only a handful of maintenance employees was still in the building.

One of them, Harry Raymen, discovered the flames and tried to douse them with a fire extinguisher. However, the fire quickly spread out of control and firemen were summoned.

Besides Burgettstown, firefighters from Slovan, McDonald, Midway, Hanover Township and Avella responded.

Although they could not save the high school, firemen did prevent the flames from spreading to a nearby band building, bus garage and the Hillcrest Presbyterian



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Burgettstown High School gutted by fire in March 1963.

Church.

Fortunately, all the school records had been removed a week earlier in anticipation of the move to the new building.

Because of the many sections of hose strung to fight the fire, Route 18 was closed to traffic for 3 1/2

hours.

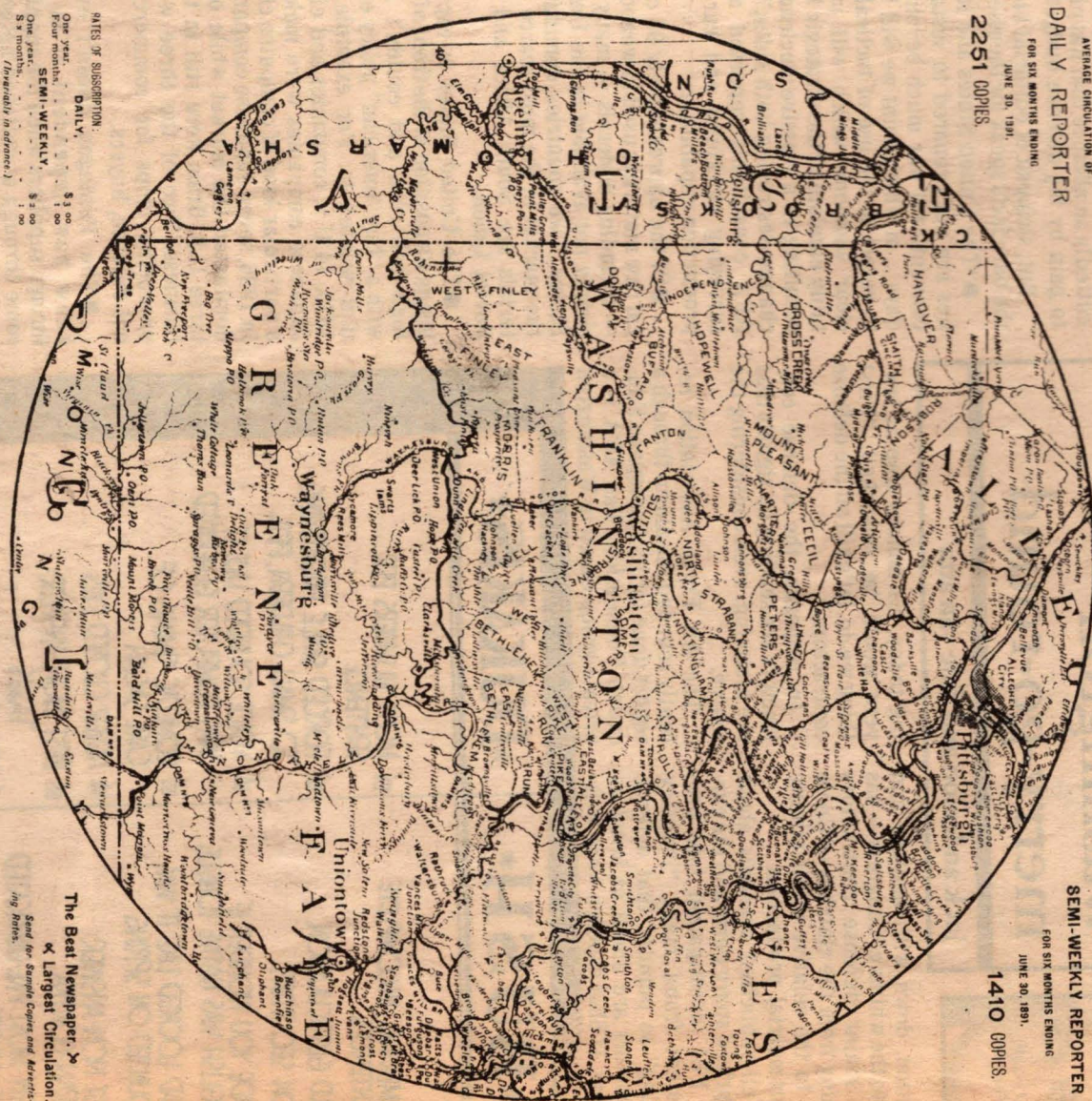
At one point the heat from the fire became so intense the building exploded. Luckily, there were no injuries.

Even as the fire raged, members of the school board went into emergency session to make plans

for the balance of the school year. It was decided to move seniors into the new school even though it was not quite finished. Students in grades eight through 11 were moved April 15.

Damage was estimated at \$500,000.

Old map
This map of southwestern Pennsylvania was engraved for and published by *The Washington Reporter* in 1891 and was donated to the Observer Publishing Co. by Albert Allison of Washington. Note the average daily circulation of *The Reporter* was 2,251 and of the semi-weekly edition 1,410. In 1891 as in 1988, it was "the best newspaper" and "largest circulation."



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Dosse has big plans for Fort Cherry Golf Club

By Liza Northrop, Staff Writer

McDONALD — Victor Dosse doesn't like to think about the amount of money he's spent in renovating his newest business.

He just likes knowing it has been worth it.

The former Cherry Hills Country Club, owned by Joseph Zombeck, was sold in a sheriff's sale in March, 1988. On June 30, 1988, according to Washington County Recorder of Deeds Olga Woodward, Dosse finalized the deal to buy the business for \$750,000 from the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Washington.

Since then, Dosse has changed the name to Fort Cherry Golf Club and has made some immediate and obvious improvements.

And, Dosse says, there are more on the way.

"When I bought it, it was run down and it was neglected," he said. "But there were no surprises."

Dosse has been in the construction/contracting business for nearly 40 years. He also admits to being an investor. And, when he

heard about the sale of the golf club, he knew it was something he wanted.

"It was a good deal," is all Dosse will say about the purchase.

Sitting on top of a hill, Fort Cherry Golf Club overlooks the countryside, encompassing miles of farms, fields and forests. The 27 acres (approximately 150 acres are in use) provide room for extensive expansion, something Dosse says he may aim for later.

In rebuilding the club, Dosse has concentrated on the golf course, which he reopened July 1. He brought in longtime friend and fellow worker Frank Henry to get things started.

Henry, who has built golf courses around the country, will remain at his greenskeeper post until the golf course is completely finished, Dosse says.

Former Cherry Hills golfers will notice remarkable improvement and several major changes at the club. A new putting green has been added, tees have been moved and upgraded for a more effective and safe course and several ponds are being built. In addition, extensive reseeding and landscaping, as well as the construction of a new driving range, are underway.

Dosse has purchased 30 new and 30 rebuilt golf carts for the 18-hole public course. And, for those die-hard golfers, a nine-hole lighted course will soon be ready for night golfing.

"I think the surrounding golf courses are feeling the impact of us," Dosse says. "We're the new kids on the block."

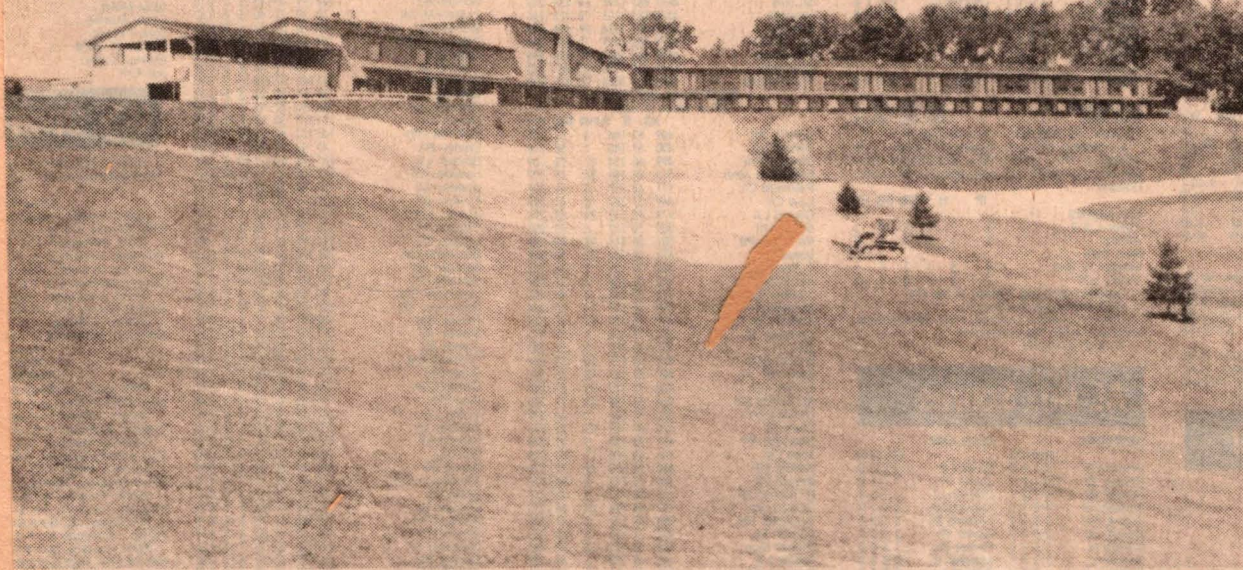
While work is being completed on the golf course, other renovations are being made to the clubhouse. The lounge was completely re-done and an outdoor patio, off the ballroom, is being completed. Corporate golf outings and meetings have already been held on the patio, he said.

The kitchen is open for lunch and a 1,000-plus seat ballroom is under renovation.

The 34-room hotel, regulation-size swimming pool, bowling alley and dining room is scheduled to be open to the public in the spring of 1989.

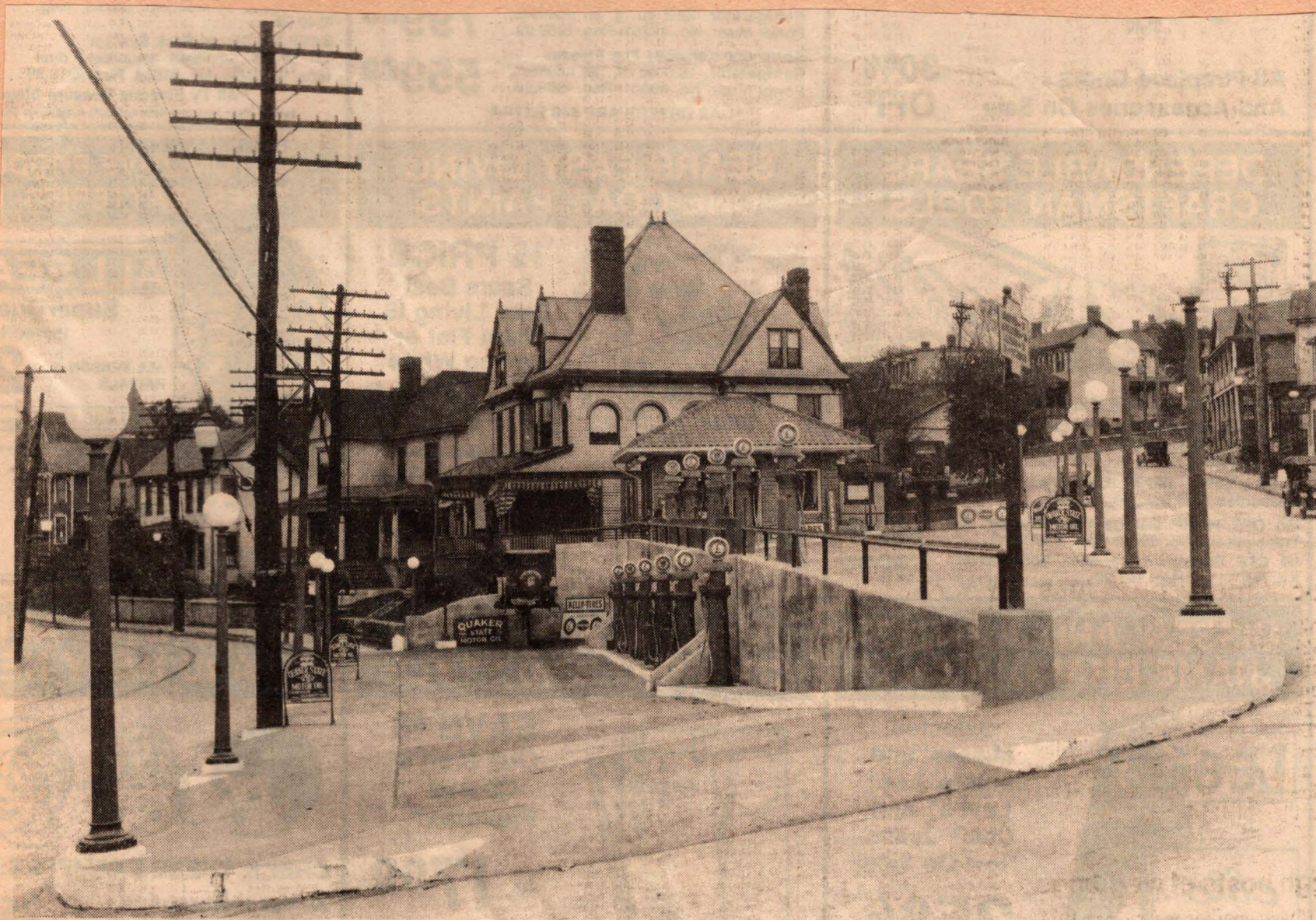
Although there are only 20 employees at the club now, when it is completed, Dosse expects a workforce of up to 50. And the prospect of seeing the club transformed is something Dosse says he will never tire.

"I enjoy this," he says. "I enjoy making things work. It's a challenge."



Here's a view of the renovated Fort Cherry Golf Club, which recently re-opened.

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At The Point

This area of Washington has been known over the years as "The Point" or "Five Points" because five streets converge. At the left of the service station, Highland Avenue becomes Lo-

cust Avenue, and at right, Highland becomes Ridge Avenue. Also, Sumner Avenue intersects Locust on the left and North Lincoln Street intersects Ridge on the right. Photo submitted by Doris Hickman of Washington.

Fire, fanned by high winds, destroyed the Canonsburg Milling Co feed mill and damaged three nearby houses in Hickory.

Damage was set at \$30,000 to \$32,000.

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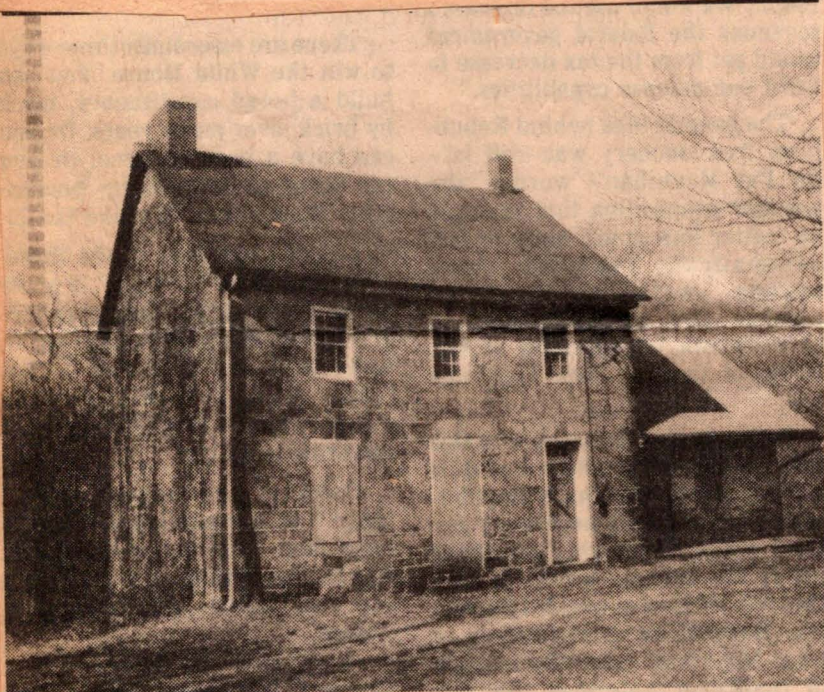


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Hickory Vocational High School Class of '43

The Hickory Vocational High School class of 1943 held its 45-year reunion at the Granary on Route 19. Those attending were, from left, front row: James Cenderelli, Dr. Frank Pawlosky, Jack Schofield, Mary White Crozier, Fred Walker and Wilma Williams Porkolab. Second row: Marjorie Caldwell

Curran, Elizabeth Johnson Henry, Dorothy Dagnana Hill, Louise Spillman Weaver, Lois Cowden King, Albin Zarnick, Margaret Bentrem Casper, Julia Belle Scott Finney, Betty Ulanich Szczerbienski and Marion Allison Hoon. Missing from photograph is Irene Olszewski Bruner.

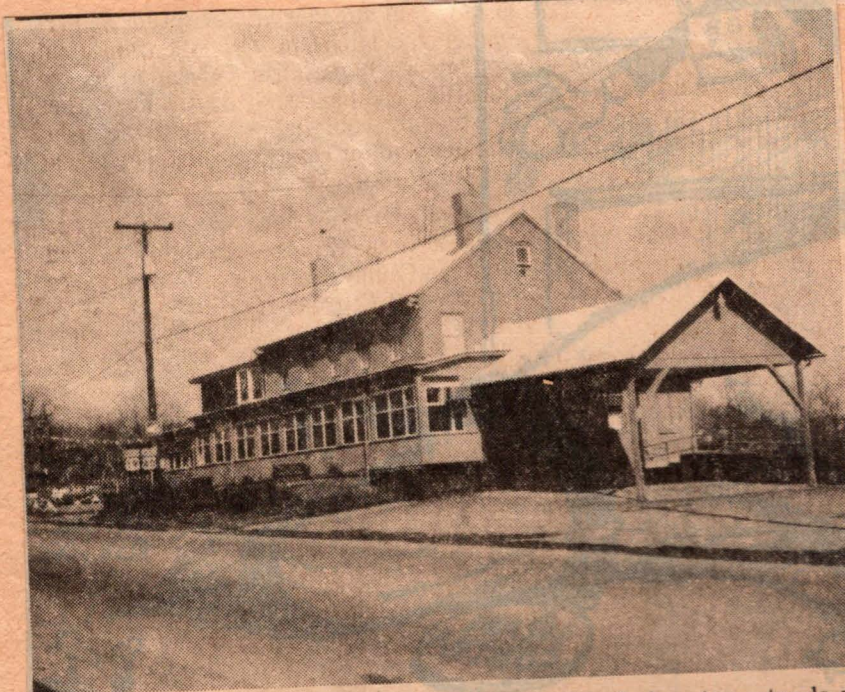


Although some of its doors and windows are presently boarded over, there are high hopes that before too long the Hughes House in Jefferson Borough in Greene County will be renewed and alive with activity. Purchased in 1967 by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the historic structure has deteriorated in the intervening years.

Now, however, a joint proposal has been made by the Greene County Library System and the Greene County Historical Society to restore the building for use as a library. The state commission would allocate \$50,000 for restoration and in the coming years make available some funds for minor repairs and maintenance, as well as utilities.

Thomas Hughes (1749-1823), one of Greene County's early settlers and the founder of Jefferson, built the two-story hand-hewn stone dwelling in 1814. A Revolutionary War major, Hughes was known also as a farmer, miller, tanner and, like many others in western Pennsylvania, distilled grain into spirits for shipment over the mountains. He was a leader in the failed Whiskey Rebellion of the 1790s.

An opponent of slavery, Hughes freed his slaves before the Civil War and the family used the home as a station on the Underground Railroad, providing escaped slaves a haven on their way from the south into Canada, often hiding them in a coal mine behind the house or in the cellar.



At the intersection of U.S. Routes 40 and 19 in Laboratory stands a converted inn that more than a century-and-a-half ago served patrons using the National Road.

It now serves the public as a funeral home.

The two-story brick structure on the north side of East Maiden Street extension (Route 40) in South Strabane Township was built in 1825 by Jonathan Martin.

Originally it contained 12 rooms and catered primarily to those less affluent travelers who made their way on horseback, on wagons, or on foot, along the pike that connected the East with the expanding West.

Legend has it, however, that General Andrew Jackson, who served as the seventh president of the United States, partook of the hospitality of Martin's Inn in his travels through the area.

The front porch of the former inn has been enclosed and other renovations have been made to make it usable as the Nichol Funeral Home, since its purchase in 1984 by E. Richard Nichol of Marianna, who operates it with his son and partner, J. Richard Nichol.

The office is located in an adjacent (now connected) structure formerly occupied by the caretaker for the inn property.

(Next Sunday: A true "Landmark").



'Call for Philip Morris'

Remember when the lifesize, cardboard figures of 'Johnny,' the ambassador for Philip Morris cigarettes, could be seen in store windows everywhere, and his voice was heard frequently on the radio announcing, 'Call for Philip Morris?' This auto-graphed picture was given to Patsy Reda of Washington at the