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Methane Property Of Landowner, Court Rules

The Greene County Court ruled Monday that methane gas found in coal seams is the property of the owner of the land and not of the corporation or individual who owns the underlying coal.

The precedent-setting decision was handed down by Judge Glenn Toothman after more than two years of litigation which included many hours of testimony by geological experts, both in government and in private practice.

The lawsuit was brought by U. S. Steel Corp. in January 1978 after Mary Cunningham of Waynesburg, an independent gas producer, drilled a well into Pittsburgh Coal underlying 258 acres of land in Whiteley Township owned by Mary Jo Hoge, Jessie Lee Cowan and Harvey C. Cowan, all of Waynesburg R.D.3. The property owners had given Mrs. Cunningham a lease to drill for oil and gas, including methane gas, underlying the property.

U. S. Steel obtained a temporary injunction after the drilling began, contending that the company owned the coal gas and also claiming that hydrofracturing of the coal to make the gas flow more freely would damage its property and make removal of the coal more hazardous.

Judge Toothman's ruling dissolved the temporary injunction and directed that a well-drilling permit be granted by the Commonwealth. His rule will become final in 30 days unless exceptions to it are filed, with not being likely that an appeal will be made.

While finding for the plaintiffs on the gas ownership question, the court agreed with U. S. Steel that fracturing of the

coal could create a future mining hazard, and he ruled out its use as a process to stimulate the flow from a coal gas well.

He also pointed out that coal companies have always had the right to ventilate methane into the air during mining operations, and that this right will remain inviolate. Additionally, he ruled that while mining of the coal creates no property right in the coal bed gas, that the coal owner, "if he chooses, could capture the gas released in the course of the mining operation and make separate sale of it."

In making his decision, Judge Toothman noted that he had researched both prior legal decisions and much of the available literature on the subject. The hearing transcript contained 1,054 pages and his opinion is 42 pages long.

He pointed out that methane gas had always been regarded as a highly combustible and poisonous material which constituted a major hazard to coal mining, necessitating the expenditure of large amounts of money to ventilate mines to get rid of it.

It is only in the past few years, the jurist said, that a shortage of sources of energy has led to experimental wells designed to capture methane before the coal is mined, with many of these wells being drilled by owners of the coal.

"It is now believed by both the oil and gas industry and the mining industry that coal bed gas has a sound market potential, and that for this potential to be fulfilled it is presently necessary for the well to have a recovery capacity of approximately 73,000 cubic feet per day at the outset and to continue useful production for a period of 20 years or more with

a slightly gradual expectable decline in production," he states in his opinion.

Many such coal seam wells have been drilled in past years by gas companies, the opinion points out, and it has been established that a methane well can be operated successfully without hydrofracturing the coal. It also notes that gas drillers have always had the right to drill through coal seams to get to underlying natural gas and have captured methane in this way.

"The legal conclusion which must be drawn... is that since the coal bed gas was not sold and conveyed with the coal, and it is a separate substance and is natural gas, the surface owner still retains control except for its wasting in the course of mining, and still has the right to lease it to whomever he wants, to capture and produce it from whatever source or strata it is found beneath the surface of the land, except the landowner cannot himself, nor can he extend to the lessee, the right to fracture or artificially stimulate the release of the gas in any manner which violates or diminishes the property value of the coal which was previously sold and severed."

"Coal bed gas, at least until the last decade, was the ugly, unwanted and unembraced scourge of the coal pits, and to say that the coal purchasers wanted it or that they intended to purchase it is illogical and unrealistic in light of the prevalent attitudes and ideas surrounding the subject at that time," the opinion states.

It also states that property owners have a right to expect compensation from a lease granted to recover gas from coal

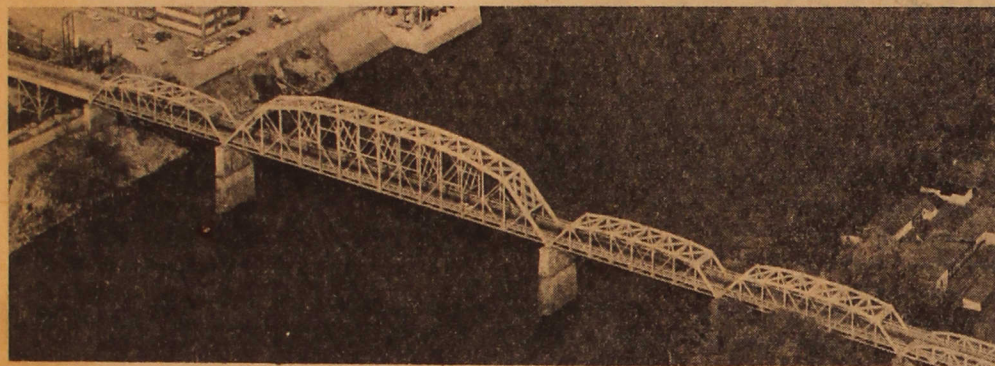
seams, but feels that the right to grant such leases does not conflict, but rather supports, the coal owner's right to ventilate the gas in the course of normal mining operations without any accountability to the surface owner for doing so.

"When drilling by conventional methods is done in areas sufficiently removed from the vicinity of the immediate area of active mining, it should not and need not create any further burden or hazard to the coal mining operations," Judge Toothman stated.

At the same time, he feels that in every case when a drilling application is filed with the state the coal owner must be given notice of the driller's intention, and have the right to a hearing if he feels the type of well to be drilled, the proximity to a coal mine, or the frequency of wells on any one tract would trespass upon his rights.

"In our view, it would be a taking of the coal owner's property without just compensation if, after a permit is issued for the drilling and capture of coalbed gas, there would thereby be such a burden placed upon the coal operator that it could not... mine through the well, even terminating its existence, if necessary, without suffering the need or obligation of leaving a block of coal still in place for the sole purpose of feeding a coalbed gas well," he states.

In summary, Judge Toothman said he feels that the coal industry can work in harmony with the oil and gas industry and the property owner to contribute to the nation's fuel needs without any undue conflict with their respective interests.



Masontown Bridge on Route 21, near the Hatfield Ferry power plant, will undergo reconstruction.

Bridge Work Set For Summer

Rehabilitation of the Masontown Bridge, a project which has been on the drawing board for more than five years, is scheduled to be undertaken this summer.

The State Department of Transportation has informed Greene County officials that engineering plans have been completed and construction bids are scheduled to be opened in April.

"If bids are acceptable, we

will authorize our contractor to begin work sometime in June. The repairs should take about three months to complete," John L. Sokol Jr., PennDOT District 12 engineer, wrote.

George Tanner, District 12 bridge engineer, said Wednesday that traffic would be maintained over one lane of the two-lane bridge during most of the construction period.

"We will probably be required to close the bridge completely for about a week toward the end of the project, but we plan to maintain traffic movement across the bridge otherwise," he said, pointing out that it will of necessity be much slower than normal. An estimated 10,000 vehicles use the span each day.

It is the concern about traffic movement which has prompted Sokol to schedule a briefing for interested officials from Greene and Fayette Counties for 10 a.m. Thursday, March 27, at District 12 headquarters at Uniontown. Also invited to attend are officials of coal mines in

the area, West Penn Power Co. officials from the Hatfield Ferry power plant, and business people who would be affected.

Members of Sokol's staff will be on hand to brief those in attendance on the project and answer their questions.

The Masontown Bridge is located on Route 21, crossing the Monongahela River between Greene and Fayette Counties at the point where the Hatfield Ferry power plant is located. It was built in the 1930s with a span of approximately 1,450 feet.

Tanner said the major part of the rehabilitation project, which will cost an estimated

\$2 million, will involve replacing the deck. Work also will include replacing any bridge members in need of replacement.

"Unfortunately, because of the way it is built, we can't widen the roadway," he said. The job will be done as a capital improvement project with 80 percent of the funding coming from the Federal Highway Administration under its critical bridge program, Tanner said. The state will provide the other 20 percent of the funding, but it will not be charged against maintenance funds allocated to either Greene or Fayette Counties.

that all of them will be required to present a written report following their return, outlining the subject matter covered, new ideas which were generated, and how the teachers plan to adapt them to their subject areas.

The board approved the idea, and was also receptive to Dr. Ferrari's suggestion that attendance be rotated among teachers, and that those who have never gone are encouraged to do so.

"I'm not suggesting that more trips be scheduled, but that different teachers attend conferences," he said. "It seems that the same ones go year after year."

He also said he feels the district should benefit from them in terms of the implementation of new ideas; that budget limitations should be strictly adhered to, and that benefits should be spread among all departments.

The board agreed that a conference schedule should be formulated and adopted to govern such trips for the upcoming school year.

Several matters involving personnel were acted upon.

The board accepted, with regret, the resignation, due to retirement, of William Long,

elementary physical education teacher. William Winters was named girls' softball coach, Mary Ann Masuga was appointed girls' assistant track coach and Don Roddy was named boys' assistant track coach.

The board authorized the superintendent to have Intermediate Unit I conduct an evaluation of Waynesburg Central High School, rather than having it done by the Middle States Association. "We feel we can get a much better evaluation at a much lower cost, perhaps at a quarter of the cost," he said.

The special education budget was amended to delete one elementary educable mentally retarded full time class, and to add one such class at the secondary level.

Reba L. Miller, supervisor of the Released Time Bible Program, was granted permission to visit each elementary classroom during the 1980-81 school year for a 10 minute presentation on the Bible Correspondence Course available to students.

Antis Glendenning Co., Inc., Braddock, submitted apparent low bids for replacement of another section of the high school room. The firm bid

\$52,520 for a "Carlisle" roof and \$55,480 for a built-up roof. All bids were submitted to the architect for evaluation.

Dr. Ferrari announced that the Concerned Citizens organization is offering a \$200 scholarship to a high school senior for the best essay on "What Makes an Outstanding Teacher."

The board also: Approved the Intermediate Unit administrative budget of \$726,334, of which the district's share is \$9,221, an increase of \$369 over last year.

Authorized solicitation of bids for new furniture, with the major items being chairs, reading tables and student desks.

Awarded contracts totaling \$23,041 for custodial and maintenance supplies.

Revised the district calendar to provide for a nine-day spring recess, beginning Monday, March 31, and ending with an in-service day for teachers on Monday, April 7.

Denied a grievance by Robert W. Born, vocational-agriculture teacher, that he should have received \$5,025 rather than \$2,500 for summer classes taught in 1978-79 and 1979-80.

College Will Kick Off 'Special Effort' Campaign

Waynesburg College alumni will kick off their "Special Effort" campaign in Greene County this week with a Wednesday evening meeting.

The kick-off meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the private dining room of Benedum Hall. Following this week's kick-off, volunteers will be contacting all Waynesburg College alumni in the county.

Marcia McKenna Biddle '52 and Richard V. Morgan '48, are serving as chairwoman and vice-chairman for the Greene County phase of the "Special Effort."

The county phased is aimed at raising \$500,000 toward the construction of a new recreation center at the college. Jack Wiley '41, is serving as general chairman of the effort.

"Special Effort" organizations have also been initiated in Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland Counties, and five divisions have been established in Allegheny County. In each area, chairmen and vice-chairmen have been selected and five-member teams have been organized.

The construction of a new recreational facility is one part of the \$5.2 million "Program for Waynesburg College" that was announced last March. Since then, more than \$3.3 million has been received in gifts and pledges for library expansion, renovation, scholarships, endowment and current operations. Progress toward the new recreational facility has been slow, however.

Drilling Process Invention Of Local Man

A Waynesburg man is co-inventor of a new process which will improve the efficiency of underground borehole drilling, part of the process of removing methane gas from coal mines.

A U. S. patent for a practice entitled "Means for Controlling Direction of Horizontal Borehole" has been awarded to Thomas R. Miller, 42, of 224 Second Ave., Waynesburg, and Emrys H. Jones Jr., Westover, W.Va.

Both men are employed by Conoco, Inc. (formerly Continental Oil Co.), Miller as a research technician and Jones

as an engineer. Their patent has been assigned to Conoco, Inc., Ponca City, Okla.

The drilling of long, generally horizontal, gas relief holes in coal seams is a well-known procedure for removing gas from the seams prior to mining. One of the most serious problems encountered in drilling these gas relief holes is maintaining the path of travel of the drill bit so that it stays in the seam and does not stray to stratas above or below the coal.

Instruments are used to determine whether a change in the direction of a hole is needed, and when needed, it has generally been necessary to remove the entire drill string, relocate the centralizer on the drill string, reinsert the drill string and resume drilling. This is costly and time-consuming.

The method developed by Miller and Jones controls the direction of the borehole without the necessity of removing the drill string. As described in the specifications and drawings of their patent, a heavy cylinder is directed through the drill string to a position

with respect to the drill bit that causes the bit to change its direction of travel so that the borehole remains within the coal seam. After the

borehole has been changed to the desired extent, the cylinder is removed with a retrievable tool and normal drilling is resumed. The pro-

cess can be repeated as necessary to keep the borehole within the coal seam.

Miller, who has worked for Conoco, Inc. for eight years,

has done considerable research for the company in the area of underground drilling and has several other patents to his credit.

Pilot Transportation Program Is Reviewed

Lorraine Ruday gave a progress report Friday to the county commissioners on Greene County's rural transportation program which started operations in January. Miss Ruday is administering the program for the Washington-Greene Community Action Corp.

The pilot program offers bus transportation into Waynesburg from several sections of the county on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and also provides it within the Waynesburg area.

During January, buses traveled a total of 1,146 miles on the 12 days the service was provided, transporting 411

passengers. In February they traveled 1,158 miles in 12 days and provided 434 passenger trips.

She said that the Senior Service programs in the county has a purchase contract with the system to provide its clients with transportation. A ticketing system was developed for their clients, with others using the service paying a fare. "Fare paying clients are minimal to date," Miss Ruday said.

Her report notes that major problems have been few, and that a majority of complaints which have been received have been constructive. Most of the complaints, she said,

have come from areas which are not receiving the transportation service asking that it be extended into other parts of the county.

Miss Ruday said that route expansion is being planned, and that two public meetings — one at Carmichaels and one at Waynesburg — have been held to receive suggestions for improving the service. The Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce, it was noted, has asked that a transportation system be developed for eastern Greene County, and that people be bussed to their community as well as to Waynesburg.

Two Houses Exchanged

The Nu Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity at Waynesburg College has exchanged its house for a college-owned house to complete the acquisition of property necessary for construction of the college's proposed recreational facility.



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Grand Opening

Grand opening of the 26,250 square foot Kroger "Superstore" was held Tuesday morning in the Greene Center Shopping Plaza located east of Waynesburg. It is the first store to open in the plaza just off Route 21 at the I-79 interchange. In the store's garden center are, from the left, Gerry Wolker, Kroger vice president for the Erie Marketing Area; Bill Schwarz, store manager; Perry Patton and Don Stutz, store co-managers; and Joseph Pawlosky, chairman of the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Attend the Church of Your Choice Regularly

Community Events

CHAMBER DINNER

The Greater Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner dance at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in the Waynesburg Elks Club.

G. Foster Doak, certified registered hypnotist, will be featured and Frank J. Behm will be master of ceremonies.

The social hour, to begin at 6 p.m., will be sponsored by Emerald Mines Corporation. Music will be provided by the "Colony."

Tickets are available at the Chamber office.

RELIGIOUS WEEKEND

The Mather Christian Church will sponsor a Weekend With Jesus to conclude its special emphasis month on "Marching for Jesus."

A fellowship supper will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, March 28 to be followed by pictures of the Holy Land presented by Ken Thomas.

The movie "Shadow of the Boomerang" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The grand finale will be an old-fashioned revival meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, with Tom Fowler delivering the message.

The public is invited to all scheduled functions.

EGG HUNT IN CARMICHAELS

The third annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the Carmichaels area will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 30, in Joyland Park.

The hunt is sponsored by the Carmichaels Area Jaycees and children ages three through 12 are invited to participate. Project chairman, Robert Kramer, reported the hunt will be divided into age categories.

LENTEN SERMON ANNOUNCED

The fifth Sunday of Lent will be celebrated at the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesburg this Sunday with the Rev. David L. Barrett presenting the sermon "I am the Light of the World," from the "Great I Am's of Jesus."

The chancel choir, under the direction of Louis H. Diercks, will sing "The Lord is My Light," and the youth choir will sing. The children's portion will be directed by Tim Cahn. Persons wishing transportation may call 627-6006 or 627-8241.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

West Greene Men's Fellowship and prayer breakfast will be held on Friday, April 4, at 6:30 a.m. in the Nineveh Community Building. This event is open to all members in the community. Those interested in attending should contact their minister.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class of the Throckmorton Church will meet in the social room of the church at 7:30 p.m. Friday March 28. Jane White will be in charge of the program and Muriel and Jane White will be the hostesses. Election of officers will be held.

COUNTY FIREMEN

The Greene County Firemen's Association will hold its annual Memorial Service at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Brave. Any fire company in the county which has had members pass away during the last year are to make sure that the deceased member's name and date of death is given to Ken Stoneking or Joe Wise of the Brave Company, or Larry Marshall of the Waynesburg Company, no later than Monday, April 14.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Waynesburg Senior Little Baseball will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, at the courthouse for all 13- to 15-year-olds.

EASTER MOVIE

"I Beheld His Glory," a 55 minute color Easter movie, will be presented by the Blacksburg-Pursley parish at 7 p.m. Palm Sunday in the Blacksburg Baptist Church, Blacksburg.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The West Greene Men's Fellowship and Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Nineveh Community Building at 6:30 a.m. on Good Friday. All area men and boys are welcome and are requested to contact their minister if they can attend.

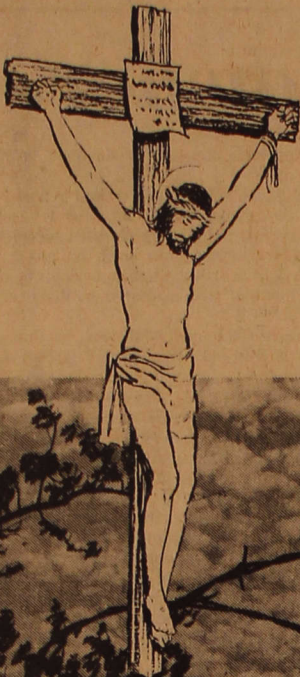
DANCE SCHEDULED

The Center Township Ladies' Auxiliary to the fire company will sponsor a square dance at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in the firehall.

Ed Caldwell will be the caller and the Jim Iams and Hewitt Brothers Band will furnish the music. A cake walk is also planned.

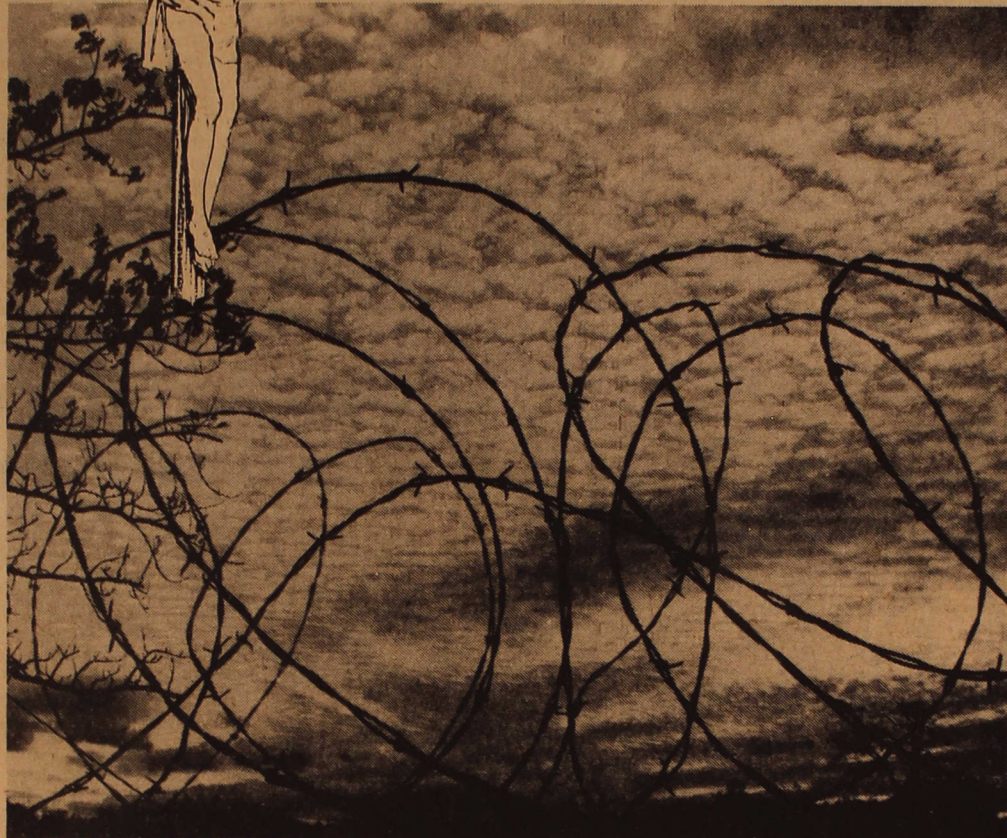
The next meeting of the auxiliary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 7.

CROWN OF THORNS



Barbed wire on battlefield,
Civilization tangled in blood, suffering, death.
Christ sees it from Heaven
And remembers
The crown of thorns!
A Roman soldier's idea of a joke —
Jesus wore it dying for our sins, such as
Barbed wire on battlefield.

Something to go to Church about:
It was God's Son they crowned with barbed wire.
Thorns, that is;
Crowned Him Prince of Peace—
Someone to pray to, believe in, live for
In a world eager for happiness and hope,
Famished for love and deploring at last His
Crown of thorns on battlefield.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Joel	Habakkuk	Malachi	John	John	Isaiah	Isaiah
2:12-32	3:17-18	3:1-10	3:16-18	4:19-24	6:1-8	6:9-13

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- FIRST METHODIST WAYNESBURG**
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- WASHINGTON STREET METHODIST, WAYNESBURG**
9:30. Church School: 10:45. Worship: 6:30. Youth Group: Wednesday, 7. Choir rehearsal: 8. Bible study.
- ROGERSVILLE-NINEVEH METHODIST CHARGE**
VALLEY CHAPEL: 9. Worship: 9:45. Church School: HOPEWELL: 9:15. Church School: 10. Worship. NINEVEH: 10. Church School: 11. Worship. REOGERSVILLE: 10. Church School: 11. Worship.
- JEFFERSON METHODIST CHARGE**
JEFFERSON: 9:30. Worship: 10:40. Church School: Wednesday, 4:15. Junior Choir: 6:30. Senior Choir. RICES LANDING: 10. Church School: 11. Worship. MILLSBORO: 7:30. Evening Worship.
- CARMICHAELS METHODIST**
9:45. Sunday School: 11. Worship.
- GARARDS FORT METHODIST**
9:30. Worship: 10:30. Church School.
- JOLLYTOWN METHODIST CHARGE**
LAUREL RUN: 9. Worship. 10. Church School. GRANDVIEW: 10. Worship: 11. Church School. PLEASANT HILL: 10. Church School: 11. Worship. JOLLYTOWN: 10. Church School: 11. Worship. MT. ZION: 10. Church School: 11. Worship.
- MONONGAHELA METHODIST CHARGE**
MORRISVILLE: 9. Church School: 10. Worship.
- COALICK: 10. Church School: 11. Worship. THROCKMORTON: 10. Church School: 11. Worship. OAK FOREST: 10. Church School: 7:30. Worship (second and fourth Sundays). MT. PLEASANT: 10. Worship.**
- UNION METHODIST CHARGE**
UNION VALLEY: 10. Church School: 11:15. Worship: 7:30. MYF. FAIRVIEW: 10. Worship: Church School: Tuesday. Choir practice. NEBO: 9. Worship: 10. Church School: 11. MYF. FAIRALL CLAUGHTON CHAPEL: 9. Church School: 11. Worship. FAIRALL: 10. Church School: 11:15. Worship. KIRBY: 10. Church School: 7. Worship. VALLEY CHAPEL: 9. Worship: 10. Church School.
- WILLOW GROVE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST**
10. Sunday School: 11. Worship: Thursday, 7:30. prayer meeting.
- SUGAR GROVE BAPTIST**
10. Worship: 11. Church School.
- MT. ZION BAPTIST**
10. Church School: 11. Worship: 7:30. Evening Worship.
- CALVARY BAPTIST**
10. Sunday School: 11. Worship. Wednesday, 7:30. prayer meeting and Bible study.
- JEFFERSON BAPTIST**
9:45. Worship: 10:45. Church School: Wednesday, 7:30. prayer service.
- JOHN COLBY BAPTIST**
9:45. Worship: 10:45. Church School: Thursday, 7:30. Bible Study and prayer.
- CARMICHAELS BAPTIST**
9:45. Church School: 11. Worship: 7. Evening Worship: Wednesday, 7:30. Youth Choir. Bible Study.
- FIRST BAPTIST WAYNESBURG**
9:30. Church School: 10:45. Worship: 7. BYF: Wednesday, 7:30. Evening Prayer Group.
- BATES FORK BAPTIST**
10. Church School: 11:30. Worship. 9:55. Worship: 11. Church School: 6:30. BYF and Jet Cadets: Saturday, 10. Unity Rehearsal.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WAYNESBURG**
9:45. Church School: 11. Worship: 6:30. College and Career Group: 7. Senior High Fellowship: Wednesday, 3:45. Youth Club: Thursday, 7:30. Chancel Choir.
- GREENE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN**
9:30. Church School: 11. Worship: 6:30. Junior and Senior High Fellowship: Tuesday, 3:30. Teen Choir: Wednesday, 7. Calvin Choir: 8. Greene Valley Choir: Thursday, 4:15. Angel Choir.
- JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN**
9:30. Worship: 10:30. Church School.
- HEWITT PRESBYTERIAN**
9:45. Church School: 11. Worship: Wednesday, 6. Westminister Choir: 7. Chancel Choir.
- CARMICHAELS CHRISTIAN**
9:45. Church School: 11. Worship: Tuesday, 6:30. Chi Rho: Wednesday, 3:45. Chancel Choir: 4:30. Youth Choir: Saturday, 11. Cherub Choir.
- WAYNESBURG CHRISTIAN**
9:30. Bible School: 10:30. Worship: 6. Youth Groups: 7. Evening Worship: Wednesday, 7:30. Bible Study: 8:30. Choir rehearsal.
- MATHER CHRISTIAN**
9:30. Bible School: 10:40. Worship: 7:30. Bible Study.
- FIRST PILGRIM CHURCH**
- WAYNESBURG**
9:45. Sunday School: 11. Worship: 6:45. Young People: 7:30. Evening Worship: Wednesday, 7:30. prayer meeting.
- WAYNESBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST**
10. Bible School: 10:45. Worship: 6:30. Evening Service: Wednesday, 7:30. Bible classes.
- ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL WAYNESBURG**
8. Holy Communion: 9:30. Senior High Class: 10:30. Church School and Holy Communion: Thursday, 7:30. Holy Communion.
- WAYNESBURG NAZARENE**
9:45. Church School: 10:45. Worship: 7:30. Evening Services: Wednesday, 7:30. Prayer Service and NYPS.
- ROLLING MEADOWS CHURCH OF GOD**
9:45. Sunday School: 11. Worship: 7. Evangelistic Services: Wednesday, 7. Family Training Hour.
- ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC WAYNESBURG**
Saturday Anticipatory Mass. 6:30. Sunday Masses, 8:30 and 11:30. Confessions, Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30.
- CRABAPPLE COMMUNITY**
10. Church School: 11. Worship: 7:30. Evangelistic Service: Wednesday, 7:30. Prayer Meeting.
- WEST GREENE PRESBYTERIAN CHARGE HARMONY: 9. Worship: 10. Church School. UNITY-BRISTORIA: 10:10. Worship: 11:10. Church School. WEST UNION: 10. Church School: 11:15. Worship.**
- HATFIELD FERRY LUTHERAN PARISH**
ST. PAUL'S, Carmichaels: 9. Worship: 10:15. Church School. JACOBS: 9. Worship: 11. Church School.

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WAYNESBURG FLORAL

Miss Shriver, Lyons Marry

The First Christian Church of Waynesburg was the setting March 15, 1980 for the wedding of Linda Ann Shriver and Kenneth A. Lyons.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oren L. Shriver of Millersburg, Ohio. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Lyons and has resided with his grandmother, Mrs. Frank Morrow of Waynesburg.

The double ring ceremony was performed at 6 p.m. by the Rev. Kenneth C. Thomas and was preceded by an organ recital played by Mrs. Helen Wood of Spraggs.

Mr. Shriver gave his daughter in marriage, Constance M. Marshall of Painesville, Ohio was maid of honor, and Robert (Scopy) Wood Sr. of Waynesburg was best man.

A reception at Rohanna's Restaurant followed the wedding.

The bride is a graduate of Waynesburg College. The bridegroom attended Pennsylvania State University and is employed by the Chester Engineering Co., Coraopolis.



MRS. KENNETH LYONS
The newlyweds will reside in Waynesburg.

Cooperative Buying Saves Bucks

Cooperative food buying clubs are becoming popular in Greene County as an effort to blunt sharply rising prices in grocery stores.

The largest of the four clubs now operating, the Warrior Trail Buying Club, received its March shipment Thursday and a dozen households saved money on the \$500 order.

Guided by a small staff from the Community Action Corp. office, the food clubs order in bulk from area warehouses, usually in Pittsburgh. Most of the orders are for cheeses, flour, beans, nuts and dried fruits.

On Thursday, the club used space loaned to them by Community Action. Volunteer workers brought in a set of scales, an ancient adding machine, a knife and cutting board and some recycled bags and jars. The food is broken down from bulk quantities into family-sized amounts.

"It's a little hectic for awhile," said Helen Huntley, of Holbrook, who volunteers her work for the cooperative. "But it's fun too, to do for yourself and friends. It feels great to be a part of the system of food marketing. And it

saves money too." In the buying clubs there are no frills, no convenience foods, advertising or expensive packaging. Several middle-men are eliminated and no profits are made.

One of the volunteers said, "The food is wholesome and natural. The cheeses have no dye in them and the flours have been stone-ground with the germ and bran left intact."

"We aren't your typical health food nuts," explained Bonnie Munnelle. "We just like 'real' food and prefer to

avoid unnecessary and potentially harmful processed foods. But instead of paying extra, by buying cooperatively, we pay far less."

There are three other clubs in Greene County that meet regularly, usually once a month.

However, because there is such an interest in this kind of food buying, members are working together to organize a store that could be open regularly allowing the public to just walk in and shop instead of pre-ordering that is now required.

Such a store would operate on the same principles — emphasizing low overhead, volunteer labor and cooperative decision making. This type of co-op could carry more items such as dairy products, produce, meat and fish.

Smaller purchasing would encourage variety and experimentation and would allow individuals or small families to keep fresh food on hand according to Ms. Munnelle.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Community Action at 852-2893 and asking for Bonnie Munnelle.

Forester Warns Residents Of Fires

EDITOR'S NOTE — The following article was prepared for publication in the Observer-Reporter by William Wentzel, Service Forester for Greene County.

Traditionally during the months of March, April and May our woodlands and fields are highly vulnerable to destructive wildfires. This is because the leaves and grass have "cured" over the winter and become very dry with the warmer temperatures, low humidity, and windy days of spring. This is also the time of year when people are out-of-doors cleaning up after the winter season.

The fire danger could possibly be great this spring due to the small amount of snowfall we have experienced this winter. So, if you must burn, wait until after a light rainstorm before doing so. Build a fire line several feet wide down to mineral soil around the burn area. Get several people to help you contain the fire to the designated area.

By all means, don't do the job alone! If possible, burn trash and debris in containers. And if the fire gets away from you call for help immediately.

Besides the loss of timber, wildlife, and property, it costs you and me over \$2 million a

year for fire prevention and control in Pennsylvania.

Remember, if you cause (even accidentally) a destructive wildfire, you can be held liable for all extinction costs. Such costs could run into hundreds of dollars.

So, especially during this time of year, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry is asking everyone to be very careful with fire in fields and woodlands. If people cause 99 percent of all wildfires in the state, then Smokey's message must be true — "Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires!"

COWS & SHEEP POOR FORESTERS

Farm woodlots that are continuously grazed are low in quantity and quality of timber produced. Damage to roots and tramping of the soil slows growth. Damaged roots are places for rot fungus to enter.

Grazing gradually changes the tree species in a woodlot. Livestock eat the better species, such as ash, white oak, and red oak; and leave hickory, dogwood, ironwood and sassafras. Thus the grazed forest will gradually change to low value, low quality species.

Experiments have shown that from a grazed woodlot, rainfall run-off is up to 50 times greater than from a protected woodlot. Also, soil loss

from erosion is greater.

The value farmers get from grazing their woodlots is very small. It would take about 25 to 35 acres of woodland to equal one acre of open pasture.

FARM AND HOME NOTES

ROGER W. SMITH
ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT
GREENE COUNTY

Without question, protecting the woods from grazing gives better timber growth.

PRUNING RULES

Following are some suggestions and rules from Roger W. Smith, assistant Greene County Cooperative Extension agent, on pruning apple trees.

Cut out broken, dead, or diseased branches.

Where two branches closely parallel or overhang each other, remove the least desirable, taking into account horizontal and vertical spacing.

Prune on the horizontal plane; that is, leave those laterals on the main branches that grow horizontally or nearly so, and remove those that hang down or grow upward. This cannot always be done,

but where possible it should be followed.

All varieties should be thinned out enough to allow thorough spraying and the entrance of sunlight and air.

Where it is desired, to re-

duce the height of tall trees, cut the leader branches back moderately to a well-developed horizontal lateral.

The lower branches or broadheaded or dropping varieties should be pruned to ascending laterals.

Varieties which tend to produce numerous twiggy, lateral growth should have some of this growth removed to prevent overcrowding.

Make close, clean cuts. Stubs encourage decay and canker, thus forming a source of injury to the parent branch or trunk. Cover large wounds (over 1 1/2 inches in diameter) with a suitable tree dressing.

Prune moderately. Very heavy pruning is likely to upset the balance between wood growth and fruitfulness, and

generally should be avoided.

Prune regularly. Trees which are given some attention produce more firewood, protect the soil, protect wildlife habitat, conserve water, and makes for a better woodlot.

If additional pasture land is needed, consider clearing an area and converting it to grassland. The remaining woods should then be fenced to keep livestock out, with the possible exception of an acre or two for shade.

Cost-sharing is available under the Forestry Incentives Program for fencing woodlands. For more information contact the A.S.C.S. Office at 627-3056 in the old Greene County Office Building in Waynesburg.

Pruning each spring are more easily kept in good condition than trees that are pruned irregularly.



Jack McCracken smiles at placard proclaiming his longevity.

'Dead Man' Gets The Last Laugh

There's nothing like a shotgun wedding or a death to get the tongues wagging in a small town.

Sometimes, in fact, all it takes is the hint of such and before long word gets around that someone every knows and loves is gone.

So it was with Jack McCracken.

The phones were busy Tuesday night and all day Wednesday in the Waynesburg area when the rumor spread that McCracken, well-known druggist, had passed away.

McCracken's son, Jay, was

the first one in the family to hear about his father's supposed demise.

He made a delivery at the low-rent housing complex on Greene Street and before he could leave, two persons inquired about his father's death.

Jay informed both persons that his father had just left the store and was very much alive.

McCracken said that when he returned to the store after dinner, the word had spread as far as Wind Ridge. Store

employees were getting phone calls at home.

Even busy signals couldn't stop the curious.

Fellow druggist Tom Jackovic just happened to be talking long distance with a relative. So the curious, undaunted by the busy signal, simply started calling Jackovic's neighbors.

An attempt was made to deny the rumors at the Lions Club community show Tuesday night but the rumor was spreading too fast.

"Our friendly undertaker,

who knew the facts, contacted me about arrangements," McCracken said, laughing.

It was the community show that really suffered the most from the mistake.

The pharmacy has a community marquee over the store entrance and disgruntled employees, tired of answering the dozens of phone calls, finally took down the Lions Club show announcement and replaced it with a simple, straightforward message: "Jack Is Alive And Well." Really, folks, he is.

WERC Retains Project Consultant

The Waynesburg Economic Revitalization Commission (WERC) Tuesday night retained Neilan Engineer Associates of Somerset as its engineering/architectural consultant for the planned revitalization project in Waynes-

burg's Main Street shopping area and the creation of downtown housing for the elderly and low-income residents.

Actual retention of the firm, however, will be contingent upon a meeting, which may be held as early as next week, between the committee and representatives of the firm. During that meeting fees and the responsibilities of the engineering firm are to be outlined.

The revitalization project has received preliminary approval from the federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a \$463,500 grant.

Three other architectural and engineering firms also applied for the project.

At a meeting two weeks ago, borough council gave the commission the go-ahead to retain an architect and to begin the search for an administrative assistant and staff

which will handle the day-to-day operations of the proposed project.

WERC must now await final approval of its final application for federal money before the project can officially get underway. In most cases, approval of the final application is generally a formality after HUD has approved a preliminary application for a project.

During the meeting, WERC member Farley Toothman explained the maximum rentals for apartments which will be constructed during the project. The rentals are reimbursable by HUD. An efficiency apartment's maximum rent is \$302; a one-bedroom apartment, \$376; a two-bedroom apartment, \$433; and a three-bedroom apartment \$491.

Those eligible to live in the apartments would pay one-

quarter of their annual income towards the rent for the apartment and HUD will reimburse the owner of the apartment for the remainder of the rent. It was pointed out during the meeting that none of the rents for the apartments which are to be created during the project are expected to reach HUD's maximums.

The group is also seeking financial commitments from the business and professional community so that the community's commitment to the project can be made a part of the final application to HUD. Letters have already been sent asking for those commitments, according to John McCall, another member of the commission.

The commission also appointed Peter Jabour, another member of the group, as its temporary public relations chairman.

All Around Greene

DUNKARD GRANGE
Dunkard Township Grange met recently and decided to hold its open house Wednesday, April 23, at 8 p.m. Randy Douglas, chairman of Region E Youth Committee, will be present. The next meeting of the grange will be Wednesday, March 26, and will be under the direction of the legislative chairman, Robert Donley.

DAR MEETS
The John Corbly Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Saturday, March 15, in the First Methodist Church in Waynesburg.

Mrs. John F. Lapping, regent, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The guest speaker was the Rev. George Shultzabarger, who was introduced by Miss Honore Inghram. The Rev. Shultzabarger spoke on "The Role of the Church in the Founding of Our Country." He explained that a great contribution of the church in the founding of the country was the calming and steadying effect it had upon the people after the turmoil of the Revolution.

Memorial services were held for Mrs. Nellie Church Jacobs and were conducted by chapter chaplain, Mrs. Allen G. Hoge.

GARDEN CLUB
The Polly Wayne Garden Club held its first meeting of the year on March 13 in the Waynesburg Restaurant with Katy Yelverton as hostess.

Lunch was served to 14 members and a guest. Devotions were read by Frances Johnson.

Katy Yelverton was selected by the executive board as the new president.

Make sure your children FLY 'EM SAFELY

For safety sake, forbid children to fly kites, model airplanes, or toy rockets near electric lines, busy streets, or highways.

Instruct them to use wood and paper in their kites, and to always attach dry string to kites or airplanes. A wet string, wire, or anything metallic could cause serious burns or even death if it touches a power line.

If any object should get snagged in an electric line, don't try to remove it or touch any dangling strings or wires.

Remember, too, kids are climbers. So do not permit them to climb electric poles, towers, or trees where they can touch or fall into electric wires.

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Local Police To Graduate

Two members of the Waynesburg Borough police force will be among 34 police officers who will complete a 12-week Municipal Police Officers Training Course at the State Police Southwestern Training Center, Greensburg, on Friday, March 28.

Graduation exercises will be held at 12:30 p.m. with Walter A. Weiner, Federal Bureau of Investigation, as speaker.

Waynesburg officers who are members of the class are David C. Clark and Timothy M. Hawfield.



DR. DONALD IRWIN

Crusade Scheduled

The Church of the Nazarene in Waynesburg will hold a crusade from March 28-30 with Dr. Donald Irwin, president of Eastern Nazarene College, as the featured speaker.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday. Dr. Irwin will be singing.

Rev. Deane R. Hardy, host pastor, cordially invites the public to attend.

Route 21 Residents Fear Water Losses

Residents along Route 21, fearful of losing their water supply because of mine operations, approached the Franklin Township Supervisors Monday night for help in obtaining an extension of the Southwestern Water Company line.

John Hughes and Robert Elliott said they represented several families between West Waynesburg and East View who feel the line should be extended to their homes.

Hughes, who already lost his water supply and successfully sued for compensation, told the supervisors at least four or five families have lost their water because of operations connected with Emerald Mine. Hughes said the county has proposed extension of the line in the past but nothing has been done.

Elliott pointed out the present water line ends at the water treatment plant in West Waynesburg. "There is going to be additional growth in this area and we should be preparing for it now," Elliott said. He pointed out that property values have decreased because of the water supplies being ruined.

The supervisors said they would contact Greene County Industrial Development (GCID) to see if any grants are available and to seek their guidance in pursuing the matter.

John Gardner, chief of the Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Company, attended the meeting and requested additional aid for 1980 citing the rising costs of operation. He also urged the supervisors to keep the fire company in mind when it came time to prepare the 1981 budget.

Garden said the 1980 budget for the fire company is \$62,864 with an annual payroll of \$29,000. He also said the volunteer ambulance service is averaging four calls each day. Utility costs were also cited. "Our heat bill last month was \$500," Gardner said.

The fluctuating gasoline market became evident when it was time to open bids for gasoline. There were no bids for the first time in anyone's memory.

Bids for blacktop, pipe, stone and oil were opened but tabled for review.

Martin-Marietta of Union-

town offered the only legal bid for stone. There were two bidders for pipe but they were tabled for further clarification when one bidder offered used pipe and another offered new pipe.

Golden Eagle was the apparent low bidder for road and dust oil at .759 and .819 cents per gallon respectively.

The supervisors made application to the county to receive \$10,000 in aid for a \$25,000 repair project on Traffic Route 537 commonly called the Swihart Road in the western part of the township.

Township, state and Greene Plaza officials will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday to discuss changes on Route 21 in front of the new shopping mall. Changes include the installation of traffic lights and construction of stacking lanes and curbs.

The supervisors gave the Greene County Pacers, a jogging club, permission to hold a Fun-Run in the Rolling Meadows section on May 4 with the understanding they will be responsible for traffic control.

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Local Government Concern

Greene County Commissioner L. R. Santore expressed a concern a lot of local governments throughout Pennsylvania are feeling these days because of the Carter administration's budget-cutting proposal to reduce the amount of federal revenue sharing funds which they receive.

Since 1972, counties, cities, boroughs and townships have received millions of dollars from this source, with the major benefit being that there are virtually no strings attached.

The money is not allocated for any specific program or project, but can be used by the municipalities as they see fit. The theory behind it is that local officials know best what their needs are.

In the opinion of most county and municipal officials it is the best form of aid the federal government provides. The money has been used for capital improvements as well as for maintenance and operating expenditures. It has also provided local government with a pool of funds with which they have beefed up law enforcement and fire protection, assisted with health, recreation and social service programs, and provided many other services they would otherwise be unable to finance with local tax revenues.

In some cases, it has also been funneled into day-to-day operations to help keep down the level of local taxes. And it is these municipalities which would find a reduction in the level of funding particularly hard to bear, since there would be no way they could avoid shifting an additional burden to local taxpayers.

Santore's point is that there are many other federal programs where a reduction in funding could be absorbed without having a direct effect on property taxes and other local levies. He feels the federal budget cutters should look to them rather than to revenue sharing.

Maybe the point is that federal bureaucracies do not have anything to lose if revenue sharing funds are reduced making it a natural target. Any jobs lost and any headaches created wouldn't be theirs.

Between
The Bookends

Marcia McKenna Biddle

"Strictly Murder. Famous Cases of Scotland Yard's Murder Squad," by Tom Tullett. St. Martin's Press. \$11.95.

Here's one for fans of Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie. In those books, of course, detectives Holmes and Poirot always beat the police to solutions of the crimes. But in this book the men of Scotland Yard are the heroes. And the stories are all true.

Written by one of England's top crime reporters, the book details more than thirty of the Yard's most interesting murder cases, and how they were solved. It's better to read it in small doses, as the cases are nothing if not grisly.

Through these cases, Tullett shows the development of police science over the past seventy years. He says, "Before the turn of the century the Yard had introduced a system of classification of criminals by their methods and peculiarities, which became known as the 'Modus Operandi.'" Of course.

And then in 1901, Sir Edward Henry "introduced a system of fingerprint classification based on a mathematical formula, which he had invented while serving as Inspector General of Police in India." From that to the computer involves a bloody story of murders solved by all the new methods, as well as the good old Sherlock Holmes-type patience, investigation, and deduction.

Even with all the new methods, patience and thorough investigation still seem to be most important. A receipt for a vacuum cleaner was the clue that solved one murder, and others were solved by finding old pieces of paper behind a mirror, a missing raincoat, or a misspelled word.

Most cases were solved by sheer hard work—thousands of phone calls and interviews. But Chief Inspector John Capstick went to extremes to find one murderer. He ordered that every male in a town of 123,000 should be fingerprinted. Thirty officers work-

ed fourteen hours a day, visiting every house. Believe it or not, they found the criminal.

Tullett's chapter titles would be reminiscent of all the detective stories ever written: "The Mild-Mannered Poisoner," "The Charing Cross Trunk Murder," "The Clue of the Poppy," "The Anonymous Letter," "The Man Who Talked Too Much." Since they are true stories, they are chilling, rather than entertaining, but they're still amazingly like fiction.

In a chapter called, "The Brides in the Bath," we find an unbelievable character who was marrying women at a fast rate. All the wives took out insurance policies and died shortly after the marriage, three of them in the bathtub. These irregularities finally caught up with him and he was put on trial for the three tub murders.

Chief Inspector Neil of Scotland Yard proved to the jury's satisfaction that the deaths could not have been accidental. He, as Perry Mason would have done, had a nurse in a bathing suit get into a bathtub. Then he pulled her under water by the feet. The demonstration was almost too successful—the nurse had to be revived by artificial respiration!

This book proves that Scotland Yard could match wits with Sherlock Holmes any old time.

GED Test Given

Waynesburg College will administer the General Educational Development (GED) test Friday, April 4, in Hanna Hall.

The testing will begin promptly at 8 a.m.

All persons desiring to take these GED tests will complete the GED application for at the college testing center the day of the test.

Persons wishing additional information should call the college at 627-8191, extension 252.

Faces From The Past-Do You Recognize Them?



General Edward Martin, former governor of Pennsylvania and former United States Senator, is shown at a Waynesburg College commencement in the 1940's when he returned "home" to attend the commencement exercises at his alma mater, at which time he also hosted members of the town's first Boy Scout troop which he organized several years prior to World War I and which was one of the oldest troops in the United States. Two of the troop members were, the late Albert Hoge, at left, and William Ankrom, in the center, and who still lives in Waynesburg. Others in the picture are not known.

Around The Town

By The Staff

Mrs. Viola Walker of Ross Street, who is one of Waynesburg's most vigorous senior citizens since moving here several years ago from Altoona, celebrated her 87th birthday anniversary Thursday, March 27. She is doubtless the oldest swimming instructor in the American Red Cross swimming program and specializes in beginners and also is a voracious swimmer herself. Formerly a violinist in the Altoona Symphony Orchestra, she still plays at many social events and enjoys the half-mile walk from her home to downtown stores and to church services every Sunday.

Several hundred Greene Countians drove from all directions to Morrisville Tuesday when the first store (Krogers) a grocery complex, was opened at the new shopping center along Route 21 near the airport on parts of the former Worley and George L. Zimmerman famars in Franklin Township, where less than a decade ago the Worley family's purebred sheep and cattle and the late Zimmerman's thoroughbred cattle grazed the whole day long in the lush blue grass pasture fields where some of the first deer that came into Greene County shared tranquility then broken only by the pass of an occasional car or truck on the old blacktop road that ran from Morrisville to Coal-Lick Run.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Souder of Morning Side in Franklin township have returned home from a recent Florida trip. Mrs. Souder, a former State Police sergeant, is now county treasurer.

Paul Kent of Reese's Mill is

a patient in the Greene County Memorial Hospital where he is undergoing treatment for a knee injury suffered in a fall at his home earlier this week.

It's later than you think it was made more difficult by the use of so many "jaw breaking" words used by geologists and engineers in describing the involved technical matters that were what the suit was all about.

A reward of the first dandelion seen growing on the courthouse lawn will be paid to the first person who can provide the answer to the question of "What happened to the month of March, and where did it disappear to?"

Additional tributes to the late Judge John Inghram Hook of Greene County at the memorial service of the Greene County Bar Association which was held too late to be published in last week's Republican.

His current successor, Judge Glenn Toothman, expressed great respect for "his diligence and ability. Although not in the best of health during his last two years in office, he left no backlog of cases to be disposed of after he left the bench. He was held in high esteem by other judges throughout the state and had relatively few reversals from higher courts. His dedication to his profession and the advancement of Greene County's progress and growth was complete," Judge Toothman said.

Attorney Anthony Marion, the current president of the Greene County Bar, cited the ancient axiom that the highest tribute one attorney can pay another is to say, "He is an able lawyer." Because of his long career as a judge and attorney he truthfully was indeed (an) able lawyer and one who was truly worthy of that accolade.

Stephen McCann, of Carmichaels, who progressed to state-wide eminence in political and governmental circles, said that in his long career in dealing with public figures in politics and industry, initially a union leader and later as an advisor to the state association of bituminous coal producers, said much of his first encouragement to participate in public and government affairs came from the warm encouragement and sound advice given to him by Judge Hook. Also that no one worked harder than Judge Hook to advance Greene County through its industrial and particularly for his role in removing the county's isolation through having Interstate 79 routed through the county as everyone can now see themselves, but which he saw years ago through his burning desire that would assure the county's continuing growth by generations yet unborn.

Board Approves IU Budget

Carmichaels Area School Board Thursday night approved its share of the Intermediate Unit 1 budget, made a second cost proposal for an extra bus, awarded a contract for audio-visual equipment, and approved several requests to attend workshops.

The board approved the district's share of the 1980-81 Intermediate Unit 1 general administration budget, which does not include special education programs. The share is \$3,481, or \$140 more than last year.

The transportation committee reported on an additional bus that was requested last September by the board because of overcrowding. An offer of \$8,000 for 172 days had been made by the board but refused by the contractor, Baily's garage. The new offer was \$60 per day for a maximum of 172 days or \$10,320, the same rate as in the regular contract. The motion passed 6-2.

Bids were opened for audio-visual equipment and a contract awarded to J. E. Foss Co. on a bid of \$4,407.

Requests approved were for a Conservation Club field trip to Raccoon State Park; an instructor and three students of the chemistry department to attend a West Penn energy seminar at the Fayette Campus of Penn State University and Hatfield Ferry Power Plant

on April 25; and driver education instructor Dominic Christy to attend a driver and safety education workshop May 1-3 at Harrisburg.

Also approved was for one science and one social study teacher to attend a West Penn Power energy related workshop April 10 at Jefferson; Carmichaels Area High School band to participate in the UMWA parade at Masontown on April 1.

High School Principal Stan Ferek was granted permission to attend a sports equity workshop April 8 and 9 at Pittsburgh. The Department of Education informed the district that according to a survey it appears to be in need of assistance in providing an equitable sports programs for all students.

Federal funds director Terry Ganocy presented an evaluation of the current ESEA Title I project. Evaluators noted a positive attitude by the students, teachers and parents for the remedial reading and math centers. Ganocy said he was very satisfied with the evaluation results.

Dr. Dolores Zoldos, district superintendent, commended Ganocy for his work on the programs. He also received permission to advertise for three reading specialists and three math instructors for the summer program staff.

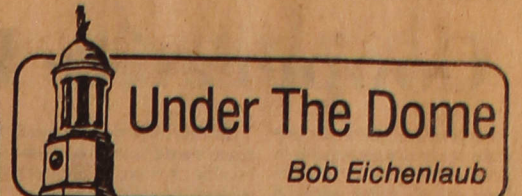
A report was given by business manager Louis Pascuzzo on the sprinkler systems at the Nemaacolin and Central elementary schools. The Nemaacolin system has been tested and is in operation. The Central system is being installed. He said one of the Nemaacolin School boilers has developed leaks and will be evaluated and corrective work put out for bids.

Files Lawsuit
In County Court

A Greene County resident is seeking damages "in excess of \$10,000" for injuries he suffered in a highway accident in Franklin Township on Aug. 9, 1978.

Patrick Impiccini of Rices Landing filed the trespass action in Greene County Court Thursday. Richard McDonald of Bethlehem and his employer, the R&H Corp. of Clarion, were named as defendants.

The complaint states that McDonald, driving a tractor-trailer, was responsible for the accident on Route 21 in which Impiccini suffered severe facial lacerations, which will require plastic surgery, and other injuries.



Under The Dome

Bob Eichenlaub

The decision which was handed down this week by the Greene County Court on ownership of methane gas found in coal seams was a precedent-setting ruling and as such is almost sure to be tested in the appellate courts before it becomes final.

In the main it was a victory for Mary Cunningham, a Waynesburg independent gas operator, in her two-year battle with the U. S. Steel Corp., with the corporation claiming that methane was an integral part of the coal and as such belong to whoever might own the coal.

Judge Glenn Toothman, who had granted a temporary injunction to the steel company in 1978 to halt a Cunningham well on the 258-acre Hoge farm in Whiteley Township, has now lifted the injunction and has directed the state to issue a drilling permit to the property owners.

He upheld Mrs. Cunningham's argument that methane is essentially the same as all other natural gas, and as such is the property of the surface owner, who has the right to grant a drilling lease to anyone who wants to recover and market the coal gas.

There were some qualifications in the decision however.

Judge Toothman agreed with the steel company that cracking the coal by means of hydrofracturing as a means of releasing more gas from the seam could make it less safe to mine the coal and as such constituted a damage of their property. His ruling therefore bans hydrofracturing.

He also said that when a coal seam well permit is sought the owner of the coal should be notified, so that a

hearing could be requested if the proposed well was too close to a working mine field or if there were too many wells in one section of coal.

The Greene County jurist also made it clear that mining companies would not forfeit their right to expel methane into the atmosphere during mining operations as this is necessary to prevent mine disasters, and he said the coal owner could, if he so desire and was able, recover methane from the seam and market it during the mining process.

The court decision is important because of the growing awareness that methane—in addition to being the hazard to mining that it always has been—has a commercial value in light of the energy shortage the nation has been experiencing for the past five years or so. Up until that time no one had thought of it as anything but an unavoidable nuisance.

Behind the legal decision is the court's belief that coal companies and gas developers should be able to work harmoniously to expedite recovery of what could be a valuable asset, and that owners of the surface land deserve to benefit by collecting a royalty from gas developers.

So far as is known it is the first time the ownership of coal gas has been adjudicated, a fact which lay behind the lengthy litigation which required months to complete and included testimony, on both sides, by some of the foremost geologists and other experts in the field.

It will be interesting to see just how far U. S. Steel will carry the case, since it could have a major effect on future methane gas development.

Fact and
Folklore
John O'Hara

One of the traditions of the newspaper profession has to do with the five "w's", namely, who, what, why, when and where—the most important of which as far as the reader is concerned is the first one—"who."

And, thanks to two former Waynesburgers who have been living in Largo, Florida, for several years—Marshall and Alfretha (Blair) Lemley—this week's column will be devoted entirely to who all attended the annual Greene County Day this year (1980) on March 8 at the Largo Elks Club in Clearwater, Fla., and who was there.

"What a fantastic night for all we Greene Countians," (184 of them), the Lemleys said in a note accompanying the list of names of those who turned the clock back to the days when there were still living here.

The pleasant fires of friendship from long ago were renewed by those who had known each other while still living back in Greene County and new ones were kindled for the first time by those of different age groups who had mutual friends and relatives "back home."

Before the night was over, the Lemleys said, they were already looking forward to next year for another renewal of the friendships they had known here or made since going to Florida either as permanent residents or on winter vacations. So without further adieu here they are with many thanks to Marshall and Alfretha:

William and Norma Brewer, William and Nedra Zahniser, Vance and Madge Day, John and Lillian Tilton, Oliver Blair, Mary Sheldon, Robert and Milu McNay, Ed and Eliza Jane Inghram, Murrel and Marie Haddix, Allen and Ruth S. Brown, Dolores McCurdy, Ewing and Levina Shirk, Glenn and Mae Cosgray, Michael and Virginia Baker, Jim and Ruth Davis, Martha Dean Williams, Ross and Margaret Smith, Oak and Rosina Shaw, John and Gladys Daily and Robert and Sue King.

Sam and Mary Lib Huffman, Glise and Betty Mariner, Carl and Hazel Stockdale, Jack and Virginia Brumage, John Wanto, Betty Lynch, Ford and Nancy Montgomery,

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Fruit Grafting

The Greene County Cooperative Extension Service will present a fruit grafting demonstration Friday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Little Greene Apple Fruit Farm, five miles north of Waynesburg on Route 19. Interested area residents are invited to participate.

Pollock Resigns

Search Begins At Waynesburg

By ROBIN ROBERTS
Sports Writer

WAYNESBURG — Richard Pollock, head wrestling coach at Waynesburg College for the past three seasons, has resigned that position, the Observer-Reporter learned Wednesday afternoon.

Pollock, a Waynesburg College graduate, took over the head coaching responsibilities in 1977 following the resignation of former coach Clayton Ketterling.

When contacted in Tampa, Fla., Wednesday, where he and athletic director Hayden Buckley are on a recruiting trip, Pollock confirmed that he had tendered his resignation to the athletic department earlier this month and has accepted a position as a physical fitness director with a YMCA in Independence, Mo.

"Opportunity only knocks once," Pollock said during the telephone interview. "It's more in my field than the area I've been working in at Waynesburg."

Pollock has also been serving the college as acting director of admissions and says that the great deal of traveling dictated by the position played a major role in his decision to leave the program.

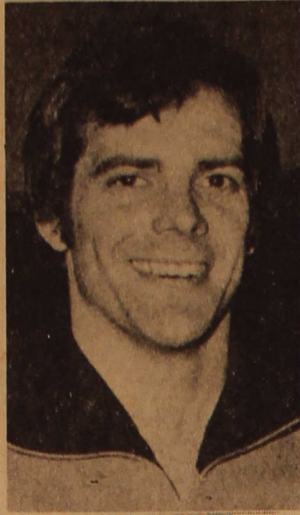
"There is an unbelievable amount of travel connected with the admissions office. This fall, when I felt I should have been close to campus working the kids and getting to know the freshman and getting them to know me, I was away. The travel also kept me away from my family a lot more than I liked."

"I enjoyed coaching at Waynesburg and I think I'm leaving the program in pretty good shape. When I took the job I set a goal of five years for turning the program around and I think that will be accomplished next year. That's only four years," Pollock said.

"It was a tough decision, but I feel the program is in better shape than it was three years ago when I took over. There are several good, young wrestlers returning to next year's team."

Under Pollock's guidance, the Yellow Jackets compiled a three season record of 17-27 and was 6-7 in dual meets during the 1979-80 season. "We could have easily have been 8-5 this last year," Pollock said, "we had two one-point losses."

"We also had four wrestlers qualify for the (NAIA) national tour-



DICK POLLOCK

nament, which means they had to have won two-thirds of their bouts and finish high in a major tournament of 10 or more teams. That's one thing that made the decision so tough... the team is going to be good next year."

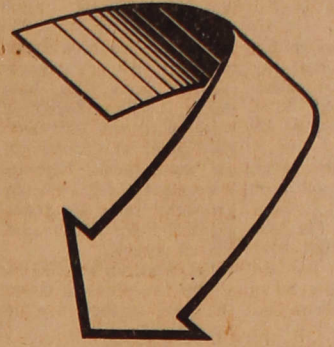
Buckley, said, "I hate to see Dick leave. The wrestling program has improved every year since he's been here. He's brought in quality material for the program and is leaving it just when he would have started to reap the fruits of his labor."

Buckley, who thought the announcement of the resignation would probably be made public sometime next week, said that a search for a replacement for Pollock will be started immediately. "It will be tough to find an adequate replacement for Dick. He's done a lot for the program and has enjoyed a good recruiting year."

At the same time, Buckley denied rumors that the wrestling program at Waynesburg might be scratched completely. "If there's any truth to that rumor somebody's forgotten to tell the athletic director about it," he said.

Pollock, a Waynesburg native, was assisted during the 1979-80 season by his younger brother, David, a Waynesburg attorney. But, it could not be established if the younger brother might be in line for the position.

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This Gunfire Signals Nothing But Success

The sound of gunfire would ordinarily signal strife between two nations but such is not the case when a young man from Sweden starts shooting in Waynesburg.

Stefan Thynell is the top gun on the Waynesburg Sportsman's Club rifle team which captured the Pittsburgh-Sub-

Rifle Team Victorious

The Waynesburg Sportsman's Club rifle team concluded their season Wednesday night at the Wayneburg range with a 1487-1426 victory over Connellsville.

Stefan Thynell, a student at West Virginia University, was top gun for the winners with a perfect 300 score.

It was the 17th win in 18 matches for the Waynesburg shooters who had already clinched the Pittsburgh Suburban League title earlier this season.

WAYNESBURG—1487
Stefan Thynell 300; R.B. Trew 298; Becky Braun 297; G. Summersgill 296; N. Kerr 296.

CONNELLSVILLE—1426
D. Forsythe 292; R. Robbins 287; D. Thompson 284; R. Hild 283; G. Snyder 280.

urban Rifle League title this year.

A 25-year-old mechanical engineering student at West Virginia University, Stefan is considered the "man to beat" in the 1980 Olympic games in the smallbore rifle competition.

Unfortunately for the United States, Stefan will be on the firing line for his native Sweden when the shooting starts in Moscow this summer.

Stefan came to Morgantown by way of Fort Benning, Ga. He had received an Olympic scholarship from the Swedish government and wanted to face the toughest competition he could find. He knew that competition was available at

Area Kids In Wrestling Event

Six wrestlers from the Margaret Bell Miller Middle School will be representing Area I in the Junior Olympic wrestling tournament in Altoona beginning at 6 p.m. Friday.

Coached by Terry Cole, the team will be comprised of Jeff Lapping, Dirk Cole, Kevin Amos, Brian Bartholemew, Steve Coss and Charles Shriver.

the famous U.S. Army base and he headed for the United States.

While at Fort Benning, he met several college shooters who informed him that some colleges, including West Virginia University, were offering scholarships.

League Results

JEFFERSON — In Monday Night Men's League action last week at Sahady Lanes, Bill Lemley's 238 single and 686 series led Vukmanic's Groundskeepers to a 4-0 win over Jim's Lounge. Harry Kessler rolled a 211 single and 552 series to pace the losers.

Lance Construction, powered by John Huffman's 236 single and 620 series, nailed down a 3-1 victory over Edgar's Feed Store. Pete Angelo was top roller for Edgar's with a 213 single and 577 series.

Although Patterson Realty split four points with Sahady Lanes, the Realtors retained their league lead. Ernie Sahady Jr. rolled a 236 single and Sil Confortini had a 587 series for the Sahady team. Bill Baird had a 222 single game and a 578 series for Patterson.

Rifle Team Gets West Greene OK

The West Greene School Board Wednesday night approved its share of the 1980-81 Intermediate Unit 1 budget, which shows a slight increase over its payment to the IU for the current school term.

The district's share of the unit's budget for next year will be \$6,810.75, only \$262 more than West Greene paid during the current year.

Dr. Robert Perry told the board that with the decrease in the district's state aid ratio, its share of the IU costs will increase.

The board also approved the creation of a high school rifle team. A recent survey at the school indicated that over 60 students in grades eight through 12 would like to participate in the sport.

The athletic committee has done a study on the cost of creating the team. Creation of the team is contingent upon a location for competition. The board hopes to find space in the existing building for a rifle range or perhaps to construct a small area adjoining the high school for the range.

Dr. Perry also reported that the district's non-professional employees have petitioned to become affiliated with the Pennsylvania School Personnel Association and that an election, to be conducted by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, will be held next Wednesday, March 26.

The board approved a number of bids for general supplies, janitorial supplies, audio-visual supplies and athletic equipment.

County Obituaries

Balaban
Max J. Balaban Sr., 83, of Rices Landing R.D.1, died at 11:50 p.m. Friday, March 21, 1980, in Greene County Memorial Hospital. His death was due to a heart attack.
Born in Yugoslavia on July 15, 1895, he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Balaban.
His first wife, Mary Talosh Balaban, died in 1968. He is survived by his second wife, Mary M. Balaban of Rices Landing R.D.1.
Mr. Balaban, a retired coal miner, had worked for the Mather Mine.
He had resided most of his life in the Mather area, was president of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 633 of Mather and a member of UMW Local 6330.
Also surviving are three sons, Max (Bud) Balaban of Rices Landing R.D.1, Edward Balaban of Orlando, Fla., and Thomas Balaban of Lagonda; one daughter, Mrs. Patricia Visneskey of Fairless Hills; four step-sons, Anthony and Michael Beckovic, both of Avon, Ohio, Emil Beckovic of Clairton, and Larry Nickolic of Alexandria, Va.; one step-daughter, Mrs. Mary JoAnn Griffiths of Avon, Ohio; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and 15 step-grandchildren.

Woodruff
Emma Reynolds Woodruff, 87, of Waynesburg R.D.2, died at 6:05 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 1980, at the Curry Memorial Home following a long illness.
She was born in Waynesburg, May 17, 1892, a daughter of James H. and Cora Babbitt Reynolds.
Her husband, Ivan M. (Bud) Woodruff, died in 1938.
Mrs. Woodruff had been employed for many years as a cook at Waynesburg College. She was a member of the Washington Street United Methodist Church.
Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. William (Althea) Durr of Dover, Del., Mrs. Harry (Lucille) Yoders of Waynesburg, and Mrs. Georgia Lindley of Canonsburg; one son, James Reynolds Woodruff of Dover, Del.; ten grandchildren; five nieces; and one nephew.
Mrs. Woodruff was the last of eight children; four sisters and three brothers are deceased.

McGowan
Kenneth J. McGowan, 72, of Wind Ridge Star Route, died Monday, March 24, 1980, at 8:35 a.m. in the Greene County Memorial Hospital following a long illness.
Born in Pittsburgh, December 20, 1907, he was a son of the late Robert J. and Mary Sullivan McGowan.
Mr. McGowan was a mechanical engineer. He was last employed at the Avco Corp. He had resided most of his life in Pittsburgh, moving to Richhill Township nine years ago.
Mr. McGowan was a veteran of World War II.
Surviving are his wife, Rosemarie Rostek McGowan; a son, Kenneth J. McGowan Jr. of Wind Ridge; eight grandchildren and two sisters.

Shirk
Wahneita Shirk, 77, of 707 1/2 East College Street, Waynesburg, died at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, 1980 in the Greene County Memorial Hospital. She had been in ill health for some time.
Born July 30, 1902 in Washington County, she was a daughter of David H. and Nancy VanDyke Swart.
Mrs. Shirk's early life was spent in Amity; for the past 55 years she had resided in the Ruff Creek and Waynesburg communities.
She was a member of the First Baptist Church at Waynesburg, the Jewel Sunday School Class, the Women's Missionary Society, and was pianist at the church for many years.
Her husband, Earl R. Shirk, died June 10, 1974.
Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Mary Lou) Bender of Grantsville, Md., Mrs. Richard (JoAnne) Rinehart of Waynesburg; one son, Robert Earl Shirk of Adrian, Mich.; five grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Mabel Hoge of Waynesburg.
Three sisters and four brothers are deceased.

Koral
Anna Koral, 87, of 580 Route 88, Carmichaels, died in her home after a long illness at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 1980.
Mrs. Koral was born December 19, 1892 in Austria-Hungary and was the widow of Hugh Koral, who died in 1966. She had made her home in the Carmichaels and Nemaacolin areas for 60 years.
She was a member of St. Hugh Catholic Church, Carmichaels, and of the Rosary Society of the church.
Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Leonard (Mary) Slevin of Nemaacolin, Mrs. Frank (Anna) Partica of Newark, Del., and Mrs. Julia Wolff of Pittsburgh; three sons, Harry Koral of Carmichaels, John Koral Jr. of Vestal, N.Y., and Charles Koral of Owego, N.Y.; 14 grandchildren, including a grandson, Daniel E. Brody, whom she and her husband raised; 17 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.
A daughter, Pauline, is deceased.

Potts
M. Addelle Potts, 67, of Waynesburg R.D.5, died at 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, 1980, in the University Medical Center Hospital, Morgantown, W.Va., after an illness of seven weeks.
She was a daughter of the late Harry and Jane Bagley Miller and was born June 2, 1912, in Bedford, where she spent her early life. She had made her home in Waynesburg for the past 49 years.
Mrs. Potts was a member of the Washington Street United Methodist Church. She was also a member and past noble grand of Lady Greene Rebekah Lodge 385, Waynesburg, and a member of the F.H.C. Club and Tahoma Club of the lodge. She was a charter member and past president of the auxiliary to Waynesburg Aerie 590, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and a member and past regent of Waynesburg Lodge 888, Women of the Moose.
She was also a member of the auxiliary to Waynesburg Elks Lodge 757, the East Franklin Grange, the Waynesburg and Mt. Morris Sportsmen's Clubs, and the Waynesburg Chapter, Daughters of America.
Surviving are her husband, Clarence Potts, whom she married February 24, 1931; a son, Patrick E. Potts of Manor; a granddaughter, Mary Ellen Potts; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Arlotta of Herminie and Mrs. Kathryn Hinkle of Cumberland, Md.; and a brother, James Miller of LaVale, Md.
A daughter, Dolores; a grandson, Patrick William; a granddaughter, Jamie Kay, and a sister, Dora, are deceased.

Mattish
Larry Mattish, 39, of Lorain, Ohio, formerly of Clarksville (Chartiers Bottom), died Friday, March 21, 1980, in Lorain Hospital.
He was born August 22, 1940, at Thompson No. 1 in Fayette County to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Mattish of Clarksville.
A graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School, he was employed by Alcoa in Cleveland, Ohio.
Surviving are his wife, Dolores Belevovic Mattish; two daughters, Lisa and Linda, both at home; a brother, Charles Mattish, of Clarksville and a sister, Mrs. Roger (Darlene) Battistoni, of Gaithersburg, Md.
Funeral services were held Monday in Lorain, Ohio.

Bayles
Earl E. Bayles, 85, of Punxsutawney, formerly of Mather and Waynesburg, died at 10 p.m. Friday, March 21, 1980, in the Punxsutawney Area Hospital after a long illness.
He was born September 3, 1894, at Littleton, West Virginia.
Mr. Bayles was a laborer. He had served with the U.S. Navy.
He never married and several nieces and nephews survive.

Browning
Josephine Spicer Browning, 74, of Mt. Morris R.D.1, died Saturday, March 22, 1980, in Monongalia General Hospital, Morgantown, West Virginia.
She was born August 23, 1905, in Mt. Morris, a daughter of Jehue and Marybell Porter Spicer.
Her husband, Dennis Browning, died August 1975.
Mrs. Browning had lived most of her life in the Mt. Morris area and was a member of Fox Chapel.
Surviving are two sons, Charles Hanna of Atlanta, Ga., and Marcus Hanna of Pentress, W.Va.; seven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.
A daughter, six brothers and two sisters, are deceased.

Recommend Grant Approval
A request from Greene County for a grant of \$34,068 in Federal funds to be used for the county-wide police radio has been recommended for approval by the Southwest Regional Advisory Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.
The grant will be used to finance the third year of the five year project which enables various police departments in the county to be dispatched from a centralized location in the Pennsylvania State Police station at Waynesburg.
The request will now be forwarded to Harrisburg for consideration by the entire Crime and Delinquency Commission.
The Southwest Regional Advisory Committee serves Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Washington and Westmoreland Counties. The group met Thursday, March 20 to consider the grant requests of Greene County and six other areas amounting to \$308,037.

Tennant
Cecil C. (Sleepy) Tennant, 66, of Baltimore, Md., formerly of Waynesburg, died Thursday, March 20, 1980, in Franklin Square Hospital after being seriously ill for the past several weeks.
He was born July 26, 1913, a son of Otis and Delphia Tennant.
Mr. Tennant attended Waynesburg High School. After completing a tour of duty with the U.S. Army, he was employed at the Glen L. Martin Company in Baltimore before retiring in 1970.
Following his retirement, he was employed at Essex Community College as a coach of boys' baseball and girls' softball team and as a recruiter for student athletes. Mr. Tennant was also active in American Legion baseball for many years and had several successful teams. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church.
He was married August 7, 1941, to Virginia Volz, who died in 1969. He is survived by two daughters, Helen Tennant and Nancy Edwards; one granddaughter, Susan Edwards; and two brothers, Gerald and Chester Tennant. Two brothers, Ralph and Earl, are deceased.
Services will be held Monday, March 24, in the Lassahn Funeral Home in Baltimore, with burial in Moreland Memorial Park.

Cook
Brandy Elain Cook, two and one-half month old daughter of Randy J. and Elain Briggs Cook of 334 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, died unexpectedly at her home at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 1980.
She was born January 11, 1980, in Morgantown, West Virginia.
In addition to her parents, surviving are her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Briggs of Apollo; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cook of Pomona, Calif.; and her paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Betty Cook of Waynesburg R.D.2.

Bloodmobile Visit Scheduled
The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Thayer Hall on the Waynesburg College campus from 12:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 25.
The goal is 100 units of blood. Although O positive blood is especially needed, all blood types will be accepted.
Donors must be between 18 and 65 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.
Scheduling is possible by calling the Red Cross office at 627-3834 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Mrs. Clara White of Waynesburg has been baking and decorating cakes for friends for years.

Tale Of A Cake Baker

By JIM MOORE
Staff Writer
Mrs. Clara White is a special lady.
Special not just because she's still enjoying life at the ripe age of 93; and not just because she was wise and generous enough to turn her head when this reporter, and two generations of neighborhood children, stole apples from the tree in her yard.
No, Mrs. Clara White, of 311 Nazer Street in Waynesburg, is a special lady because she loves people and shows it by baking them beautifully decorated cakes.
And there doesn't even have to be special occasion to warrant the reception of one of her "love cakes."
Despite having to use a walker to get around her immaculately kept kitchen, Mrs. White baked 218 cakes last year and so far this year has baked 49.
When asked how she de-

termines who will receive a cake, Mrs. White said, "I just pray at night and someone comes to mind."
Many of the recipients are members of her church, The First Nazarene Church in Waynesburg, where she has been a member since the church was formed.
A resident of Nazer Street since 1926, Mrs. White was married to the late Slater White, who was associated with the Greene County Gas Company for many years in oil and gas welling drilling.
Mr. White was a descendant of the pioneer Slater family who owned the land on which Waynesburg was built. He died in 1948.
Mrs. White managed her household alone for years until she suffered a stroke. Her daughter Mrs. Lucretia Elliott returned home in 1976 from Arizona and has been with her ever since.
Mrs. White has one other

daughter, Mrs. William Blair of Waynesburg R.D.2.
While her health permitted, Mrs. White was very active with the church and served for years served as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent.
Although she has been forced to remain home because of her health, she retains many friendships in the church.
And being housebound hasn't interrupted her cake baking.
A recent announcement in the church bulletin about her cake baking activities brought several boxes of cake mix from concerned friends.
Grateful as she is for the generosity of such friends, Mrs. White really would rather avoid the publicity her hobby has created.
This interview lasted about 30 minutes. It took 10 minutes

to obtain the information and 20 minutes to convince the modest lady we should publish the story.
"I don't want any recognition. I just do it because I love people," Mrs. White kept saying.
She finally was convinced that her friends would want to see her publicly recognized for her culinary gifts and that her church would want to publish the story.
But all Mrs. White wants to do is bake cakes, which she does very well.

Pawlosky Suggests PennDot Construct A Toll Bridge

Joseph Pawlosky, chairman of the Greene County Board of Commissioners, Tuesday called for a new toll bridge to replace the Masontown Bridge between Greene and Fayette Counties.
The statement came after Valerie Cole, county planner, asked the commissioners if they had any questions to be raised at a briefing scheduled by PennDOT Thursday in Uniontown.
"Why don't they just borrow the money and build a new one?" Pawlosky said. "They could make it a toll bridge and the ones who use it can pay for it. Even after they repair the bridge, it will still be a 50-year-old span," he said.

PennDOT announced last week it will be opening bids in April for a \$2 million renovation of the 1,450 foot span across the Monongahela River. The work is expected to begin in June and last for three months during which there will be one-lane of traffic.
Officials from the two counties, West Penn and coal mining executives, and local businessmen have been invited to the briefing at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Uniontown office of PennDOT.
In other action at Tuesday's meeting:
The salary board rejected a request from Clerk of Courts Al Darney to increase the salary of two employees in his office. Darney asked that Margaret S. Stockdale, deputy clerk of courts, receive a \$64 monthly increase and Rose Kendralla, orphans court deputy, receive a \$47 increase. There was no second to his motion.

Approved a \$25,000 payment to the Franklin Township supervisors as the county's share for the installation of traffic lights at Sugar Run Road. Improvements at the intersection received state approval last week.
Tabled for further discussion an offer from Monongahela Railroad to sell six acres of railroad property near the Greene County Fairgrounds for \$12,000. The commissioners had earlier approached the railroad about the possibility of purchasing the land on the north side of Route 188.
Accepted for further action a request from Franklin Township for \$10,000 in county aid for surfacing of TR537 (Swihart Road) in the eastern part of the township.
Heard a report from Budget Director Thomas Burkhead that showed the county is currently operating \$56,000 under budget after two months of operation in 1980.
Approved final payment to Motorola for the county-wide communications system. The county had withheld 20 percent of the contract price until a final inspection of the system was completed.

Census Bureau Seeks Applicants

Judy Loughman, manager of the Donora District Office of the Bureau of the Census, reports more applicants for paid, temporary work as census takers are needed. Persons interested should contact the local Bureau of Employment Security.
Census takers should be U.S. citizens, 18 years of age or older. They may be hired at age 16 or 17 if they are high school graduates or have equivalent work experience. The citizenship requirement may be waived for persons fluent in a foreign language as well as English.
Census takers must be able to follow printed instructions, do simple arithmetic and read maps. Pay will average \$4 an hour or more. Applicants should have a home telephone and a car, but neither is absolutely necessary.

Fire Destroys Frame House

A frame house, located in Whiteley Township near U.S. Steel's Cumberland Mine, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning.
Waynesburg Volunteer Firemen received the call shortly before 12:30 a.m. When they arrived at the scene, the house was engulfed in flames.
The structure was owned by Wilbert Orndorff of Waynesburg R.D. 3, and was reportedly occupied by William Morris of Waynesburg.
Firemen believe the blaze started when a cigarette fell onto a mattress.

New Magistrate

Emil Bertugli of Carmichaels was sworn in Tuesday morning by Greene County Judge Glenn Toothman as the justice of the peace for the Third Magisterial District in the county.
Bertugli was elected to a six-year term last November, but could not take office until he had successfully completed the course of instruction given by the Pennsylvania Minor Judiciary Education Board.

Legal Notices

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE
Estate of Icie O. Graham late of Waynesburg Borough, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
FRANK J. BEHM
Box 157
Jefferson, Pa. 15344
Executor

THOMPSON AND BAILY
Attorneys
3-14, 21, 28

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE
Estate of ALDRA R. HARTLEY late of RICES LANDING Borough, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
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Box 157
Jefferson, Pa. 15344
Executor

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Estate of ATLEE ESTEL late of McMechen, WV deceased.
Ancillary letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
ABEL MARRINER
1531 Grandview Road
Glendale, WY 26038
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EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE
Estate of RAY W. HONSAKER of Carmichaels Borough, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
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P. O. Box 792
Waynesburg, Pa. 15370
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Executors
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GEORGE EDWARD STILES
R. D. #3
Waynesburg, Pa. 15370
GLENDA RAY STILES SMITH
Holbrook, Pa. 15341
Executors
ROBERT M. KEENER, Esquire
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Estate of NICK BLUMISH late of Cumberland Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
Paul E. Blumish
39 White Oak Lane
Wayne, N.J. 07470
Joan B. Blumish
(Same address)
Executors
POLLOCK, POLLOCK & THOMAS, Attorneys
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Estate of Woodrow G. Rohanna late of Franklin Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
Betty June Rohanna
R. D. #3
Waynesburg, Pa. 15370
Executrix

John I. Hook, Jr.
Attorney
3-14, 21, 28

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE
Estate of John T. Jams late of Jefferson Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
Paul L. Jams
R. D. #1
Jefferson, Pa. 15344
Executor

POLLOCK, POLLOCK & THOMAS
Attorneys
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ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of C. Raymond & Dorothy Fuller Kerr of Cumberland Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters of administration having been granted by the Register of Wills in and for Greene County, Pennsylvania, on the estate of the above named decedents, to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims or demands against the estate of said decedents, to make known the same; and all persons indebted to the said decedents are requested to make payment without delay to Ronald Douglas Kerr
R. D. #1 Box 316-A
Carmichaels Pa. 15320
Joyce K. Forney
302 N. Market St.
Carmichaels St. Pa. 15320
3-14, 21, 28

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE
Estate of W. ARNER CROCKETT late of Greensboro Borough, Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment; and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement.
Thomas W. Crockett
7408 Framewood Drive
Clarksville, Maryland, 21029
Deborah L. Crockett
38A North Ninth St.
Lemoyne, Pa. 17034
Executors
Thompson and Baily
Attorneys
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LIST OF FINAL ACCOUNTS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COURT BY AL DARNEY, CLERK OF COURTS, OF THE COMMON PLEAS COURT, ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION, ON APRIL 7, 1980.
The First and Final Account of John E. Smith and Robert M. Smith, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Kathleen S. Smith, late of R. D. #5, Waynesburg, Center Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania.
The Second and Final Account of Evelyn H. Fox, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Floyd W. Headlee, late of Waynesburg Borough, Greene County, Pennsylvania.
The First and Final Account of Nancy Tokish, Administratrix of the Estate of Daisy B. Deems, late of Cumberland Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania.
The First and Final Account of Ethel Gordon Spragg, Executrix of the Estate of George W. Gordon, late of Franklin Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania.
The First and Final Account of Lucinda Mae Harris, Executrix of the Estate of Howard A. Harris, late of Jefferson Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania.
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