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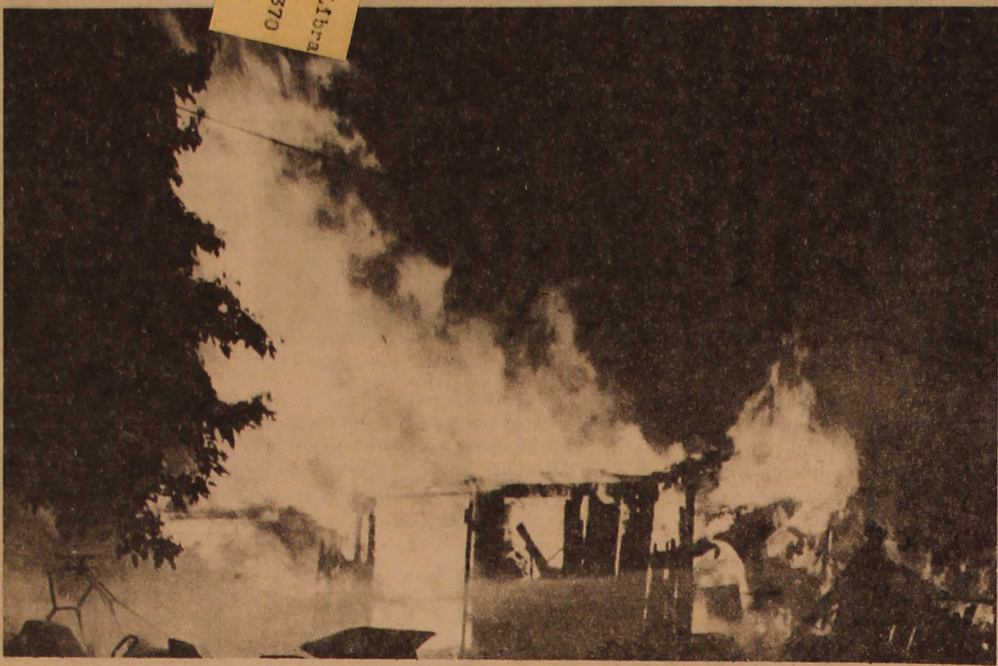
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Garage Destroyed

This garage in Morrisville, owned by Henry E. Stewart of Waynesburg R.D. 2, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. The fire had been burning for some time before it was noticed, and when firemen arrived it was engulfed in flames. The garage had been used as a lawnmower repair shop and contained mowers and lawnmower parts. Firemen had no damage estimate.

More Than \$22 Million In New Property Values On Tax Rolls

WAYNESBURG — The market value of taxable real estate in Greene County increased by more than \$22 million in 1979, according to the annual certification of the Pennsylvania Tax Equalization Board.

The agency's report indicates that \$22,627,900 in new property values were added to the county tax rolls to bring the market value of all property in the county to \$378,402,200. It also indicates that Greene County was one of only five

counties in Pennsylvania which showed an increase of six percent or more during the year.

The real estate market values are established each year for all school districts in the state and are then certified to the Department of Education, which uses the figures as one factor in the legislative formula used for the distribution of state subsidies to school districts.

The 1979 assessed valuation, as determined and certified by the county, was

\$94,450,735, which figures out at 25.2 percent of the market values established by the Tax Equalization Board.

On a percentage basis, the largest increase in market value as the result of new property going on the tax rolls was in the Carmichaels Area School District, where the 1979 total reached \$49,040,700, or \$4,024,400 (8.2 percent) above the 1978 level.

The Central Greene School district recorded an increase of \$10,251,500 (7.2 percent) to a total of \$142,416,200.

An increase of \$3,442,400 (seven percent) to a new total of \$49,193,000 was recorded in the Jefferson-Morgan district.

The West Greene School District increase was \$4,872,400 (4.8 percent) to a new total of \$100,992,200.

The smallest increase was in the Southeastern Greene School District, where the value of new property going on the assessment rolls in 1979 was listed as \$37,200, a fraction of one percent of the total value of \$36,760,100.

School Superintendent Starts New Job July 22

GRAYSVILLE — Elliott N. LeFaiver, 32, of Reading, was retained as superintendent of the West Greene School District during a special meeting of that district's board of directors held Tuesday evening in the Graysville Elementary School.

LeFaiver fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Robert Perry, who will leave the district Aug. 1 to accept a similar position in the South Hills Area School District. Dr. Perry had been at West Greene over four years.

LeFaiver received his bachelor's degree from Penn State University in 1969 and his master's degree from Edinboro State College in 1971. He received his elementary principal's certification from Fredonia State University of New York and his superintendent's letter of eligibility in 1977 from Lehigh University and his doctoral residency and candidacy from Lehigh in 1979.

From 1973 to 1975 he worked as project leader for Title III in the Erie Urban Network School Project and was chair-

man of Interstate Urban School.

LeFaiver worked from 1975 to 1979 as principal of the Glendale Elementary School at Reading and for the last two years has been administrator of elementary services in the Reading School District. In that capacity he was responsible for 13 elementary schools and their principals, 300 teachers and some 6,500 students.

LeFaiver will accept his new responsibilities July 22. He is married and the father of one daughter.

LeFaiver was selected from

a group of 46 applicants for the position and will be retained for at least three years, being paid \$32,000 the first year of his contract and \$34,000 during the second and third years of the agreement.

The board tabled any action upon the sale of three district-owned mini-buses to Wayne Grim until exact routes and the length of those routes can be determined. Grim had offered to pay the district \$3,240 for each of the vehicles and drive the three routes at a rate of \$1 per mile.

Sewer Board Accuses Firm Of Making Costly Errors

WAYNESBURG — The Franklin Township Sewer Authority Tuesday night voted to take action against a housing developer and also charged an engineering firm with making mistakes that cost the authority over \$100,000 in extra work.

Mark Morris, chairman of the authority, charged that Betz-Converse-Murdoch, designers of the \$8.5 million sewer project, made several errors in the initial plans.

Morris cited an incident where the engineering firm used plans of Interstate 79 to locate a storm drain when they should have used plans of TR12. Morris said the mistake cost the authority an additional \$13,000 to pay the contractor.

Morris also said core borings made by BCM were not

made available to another contractor who was forced to lay line through rock formations. "Based on the engineers' report, the contract was let saying 'soft digging' would be found on the project. Extra work created by having to dig through rock, a clause not noticed by the authority, cost an additional \$90,000.

Raymond Riding, a representative of the engineering firm, said he would relay the complaint to his office and told the board it would probably lead to a "knock down, drag out investigation." Riding told the board his firm had insurance to cover any mistakes made in the project.

In other action, the board, with one exception, directed their solicitor, attorney John Hook, to initiate an equity ac-

tion against Cowell Enterprises and six homeowners in the Oak Acres development.

The authority maintains that the developer had agreed to hook up all homes in the development to the sanitary sewer when it became a reality. It was also agreed to when the developer received approval of the lot plan from the Greene County Planning Commission, the board said.

It was also pointed out by the authority that all six homeowners in the lot plan should have been aware of the situation because it was part of their deeds.

As a part of the extension of sewer service to Oak Acres, the board directed their own engineer to prepare bid proposals for the installation of 147 feet of sewer line to the

edge of the development plan.

The board reviewed a plan of action to force homeowners to connect with the new sewer. It was pointed out that failure to connect could cost the property owner a \$300-per-week fine and 30 days in jail. Letters concerning the procedure will be mailed to those who have not connected to the line.

The authority also advised owners of swimming pools to call the authority office to check on the procedures to prevent a higher bill for water used only in their pools.

The authority learned that 44 residents have not paid the \$500 tap-in fee out of some 410 potential customers.

Robert Teagarden was named assistant secretary-treasurer of the authority.



A large tree was felled on the Sayers property on Waynesburg's Wayne Street.

Severe Thunderstorms Interrupt Telephone And Electrical Service

WAYNESBURG — Two thunderstorms which struck Greene County Tuesday caused problems for telephone and electric customers and dumped just more than two inches of rain and hail in some areas.

Frank Bogan, manager of the Jefferson Division of the West Penn Power Co., said Tuesday morning's storm, which struck at about 8 a.m., caused extensive damage to the company's equipment in the area.

"At the height of the morning storm we had approximately 2,000 customers without service. But, by about 11 a.m. we had approximately 1,200 of them back in service," Bogan said.

The second storm drenched the area at about 2 p.m. and again disrupted electrical and telephone services. Bogan said the second storm undid some of the work that repairmen had completed after the first storm. "Right now,

we don't know how many customers were affected by the second storm, but as it looks now, it could be sometime Wednesday before we get service restored to all of our customers," Bogan said.

He noted that most other West Penn Districts in the southwestern Pennsylvania area had also been affected by the severe storm front and this meant no outside help could be brought into the Jefferson Division to aid with repairs.

Areas of the county which seemed particularly hard hit by the storm included Waynesburg, Rogersville, West Finley, Mt. Morris, Newtown, Spraggs, Jollytown, Headlee Heights, and Dry Tavern.

According to Bogan, a major lead into the Buckeye Coal Mine near Carmichaels was knocked out during the second storm. He said the Carmichaels area was also hit hard during the second storm. Bogan said many of the pro-

blems were caused by blown transformers and line fuses. "We had a lot of wire on the ground from lightning. The lightning was so severe it actually burned through some of the lines," Bogan said.

He pointed out that the company had expected to have power restored to all customers by mid-afternoon Tuesday, had the second storm not occurred.

The Mid-Penn Telephone Co., which services the county, said Tuesday's storms caused scattered problems throughout the area. He also blamed high winds and lightning for the damage.

Sam McCullough, an observer for the National Weather Service at the Waynesburg sewage disposal plant, said the storm dropped .98 of an inch on the area between 8 and 9 a.m., but that 58 inches of the rain and hail fell in a 20 minute period between 8 and 8:20 a.m.

The afternoon storm dropped another 1.02 inches of rain, bringing the day's total at about 3 p.m. to slightly more than two inches. "The bad thing," McCullough said, "is that .89 of an inch of the afternoon storm fell in just about ten minutes, that means in about 30 minutes during both storms today we got nearly one and one-half inches of rain."

Bogan said West Penn customers also suffered service interruptions in Brownsville, West Brownsville and the California areas.

Taxpayers Plan Open Meeting

An open meeting for county residents to discuss the new county tax reassessment plan will be held Tuesday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Monon Center at Greensboro. The meeting is being sponsored by the Concerned Taxpayers for Quality Education.

New Councilman Takes Office

CARMICHAELS — New borough council member Ted Blasinsky was sworn in by Mayor Paul Connor at the regular meeting Monday night.

Blasinsky takes the place of Dorothy Helmick, who resigned in May. He was elected by council at the June meeting.

The building committee presented a plan for a 1,500 square foot borough building. It would be 50 by 30 feet and include rooms for council, police and secretary, restrooms, furnace, storage and a 20 by 12 foot garage for the police cruiser. The borough engineer will be requested to prepare specifications for bids. Council will hold a special meeting

at 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 14 to consider the building plans.

Ordinance 1-80 was read governing excavation, backfilling and repaving of streets and alleys in the borough. Council approved advertising the ordinance by the solicitor.

Tom Fox was at the meeting seeking a business permit for an amusement arcade. He is moving his business to a new location on Main Street from East George Street within 30 days. Several complaints have been registered about the East George location. Council suggested guidelines to Fox that would include no one under the influence of drugs or alcohol be permitted on the premises, no profanity

be permitted, and he must have dependable adult supervision. A business permit will be issued for his new location.

The Chamber of Commerce requested permission to hold the third annual street dance on the town square Saturday, Aug. 23, the first day of the State Bituminous Coal Show. Council approved blocking off the town square for the dance and providing police supervision.

Residents on South Market Street were present and registered complaints again on barking dogs in their neighborhood.

Council permitted Mayor

Connor to attend the state mayors conference in Lancaster July 14-17. This will be the first time in his 15 years service Connor has attended a mayor's conference.

Council president Robert Dobbins made the following committee assignments: street, David Klimek, Chris Watson and Nelson Gideon; finance, Richard Ofsanko, Klimek and Watson; police, Gideon, Joyce Pecon and Blasinsky; building, Pecon, Watson and Klimek; recreation, Pecon, Klimek and Watson; and administration, Blasinsky, Pecon and Dobbins.

County Fair Will Initiate Band Contest

WAYNESBURG — There will be music in the air at the Greene County Fairgrounds the night of Monday, Aug. 4, when the 1980 edition of the annual Greene County Fair opens with a high school band contest.

Bands from all five school districts in the county have been invited to participate.

The contest will be held on the main stage in front of the grandstands with an expected 500 of the county's best high school musicians performing. It will be the first time such an event has been held at the fair.

Under excellent directors, the high school students in Greene County have been progressing rapidly towards the forefront of high school musicians in Western Pennsylvania.

During the past several years, various high school bands from the county have performed and won honors at

national amusement parks, large metropolitan parades and at band contests throughout the area.

Band membership is the main coed extracurricular activity in Pennsylvania high schools. Through this training, many Greene County youths have won college scholarships.

The Greene County Fair will run the week of Aug. 4 with afternoon and evening midway attractions, judging in home and garden and livestock divisions, nightly grandstand shows, the always popular 4-H market lamb and baby beef shows and sales, and exhibition halls packed with displays and booths.

The harness racing program will again feature the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes and Quaker State Sires Stakes with racing at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and at 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday of fair week.

Local Police Now Use ESP

WAYNESBURG — Borough Police began using their Excessive Speed Preventor (ESP) over the holiday weekend and reported 10 arrests.

Chief James Rogers said the apparatus was first used on Morris Street to allow officers time to learn the pro-

cedure. It was then moved to East Greene Street where most of the speeders were arrested.

Using two streets sensors about 18 inches apart, the device is being used in about 200 Southwestern Pennsylvania communities. Speeds ranging from 7 to 999 mph can be registered instantly.

"We did not stop a motorist unless he was exceeding the speed limit by 16 mph or more," Rogers said.

"The most angry motorist was a former police officer on a motorcycle," Rogers said. "He wasn't too happy about being arrested by the new device."

The new equipment will be used primarily on Richhill, Morris, Porter, High and Greene streets. It is the only such device currently approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for local use.

Board Meeting Is Postponed

Due to the lack of a quorum Tuesday night's meeting of the Carmichaels-Cumberland Joint Sewer Authority was postponed until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.

Inspection of residences and businesses notified that storm waters may be entering the sewer system from their outside stairwell drains will be conducted Wednesday afternoon, July 16.

The inspectors will recommend solutions for those drains that are in violation.

Pee-Wee Summer Olympics

WAYNESBURG — This week at the Waynesburg Central Playground has been designated as the Pee-Wee Summer Olympics. All children eight to ten years of age are invited to participate. The last day to register is Monday, July 7.

There will be an event for each morning of the week. Teams will be organized and standings will be kept. Participants must plan to be at the playground each morning by 10:30.

Tuesday, July 8, "Night at the Movies" will feature five "Little Rascals" series, beginning at 8 p.m. These are the same films shown on television for many years.

On Wednesday morning the bookmobile will be at the playground to collect and distribute library books. Closing out the week's activities will be a swimming party on Friday. Further details are available at the playground.

Last week's Frisbee contest winners were: distance, six- to nine-year-olds, Robbie Boyd; 10- to 12-year-olds, Kip McConville; 13 and older, Derek Reeves; accuracy, six- to nine-year-olds, Ryan Davis and Kerry Rigby; 10- to 12-year-olds, Tracy Morris; 13 and older, Derek Reeves.

Stacie Shaw is an early winner in the ballon pen-pal activity. She has already received a reply.

Lambiotte Quits Before Season

GRAYSVILLE — Michael Lambiotte, who just over a month ago was hired by the West Greene School District as its varsity football coach, has apparently had a change of heart.

It was disclosed at Tuesday evening's special meeting of the West Greene School Board that Lambiotte had informed the board that he would not accept the position.

The Clarksburg, W. Va., native was retained at the board's May 28 meeting to replace Bill Devore who had held the position for the past two seasons.

However, it appeared at Tuesday's meeting that the new coach was not satisfied with a teaching position which had been offered in the district.

Board member William Zeifel said during last night's meeting that the athletic committee will begin interviewing for the position again, but the position must be posted, as mandated by the district's professional contract, for a period of two weeks before the position can be filled.

Other board members indicated they would like to discuss the situation with Lambiotte before taking any further action.

Fifty Run In Benefit

WAYNESBURG — More than 50 runners participated in the American Heart Association benefit race held recently under the auspices of the Greene County Pacers.

The event collected \$250 for the Greene County Chapter of the Heart Association.

Overall male winner was Don Norman who turned in a 25:15 clocking for the eight kilometer race. Beth Bonner, with a 34:11 time, was the top female finisher.

Winners in the female division were as follows:

Age 14 and Under: Ann Cowan, first.

Age 15-19: Stephanie Butalla, first; Trenna McPherson, second and Kris King, third.

Age 20-29: Beth Bonner, first; Marcia Celani, second and Tina Ezersky, third.

Age 30-39: Dayna McClure, first; Linda Simpson, second.

Age 50-59: Marilou Swaney, first.

Winners in the male competition were:

Age 14 and under: Elliot Portnoy, first; William King, second and Eddie Filcheck, third.

Age 15-19: Vinnie Queer, first; Joe Siecinski, second and Matt Majerni, third.

Age 20-29: Don Norman, first; Glenn Tacy, second and Rick Matlick, third.

Age 30-39: Jim Buchanan, first; Joe Thomas, second and Mel Sally, third.

Age 40-49: Tom Diamond, first; Ron Duke, second and Bill Weaver, third.

Age 50-59: Marvin Kaufman, first; Vic Lapkovic, second and Pete Stoy, third.

Sponsors of the event were First National Bank and Trust Co., Wayne Lumber, Baily Insurance, First National Bank of Carmichaels, Rev. John Corbett, Trempus Insurance Agency, Walton Consumer Discount Co., McCall's Mens Store, Snee, Snee, Stacher and Shipe, Greene County Office Equipment and First Federal Savings and Loan.

Golf Results Announced

WAYNESBURG — The annual Independence Day golf tourney, a holiday weekend fixture at the Greene County Country Club for many years, was won Friday by Gerry Hribal of Carmichaels.

Second and third places were won by Dr. William Baird of Waynesburg and John Marshall of Dry Tavern. Hribal was also medalist with a sub par 70. In the weekend two-ball, best-ball event, the winners were Frank Vucic and Dave Antonelli with a 64. Second place winners were Gary Klinefelter and Bob Doody.

Arrangements are well under way for the two-ball, best-ball scratch tourney at the club July 13 in which golfers from throughout the tri-county area will compete for a big list of special awards. Tee-off time will extend from 8-11 a.m. A total of 50 teams can be accommodated at the club for that event.

LL All-Star Team Selected

The Waynesburg Little League All-Star Team was selected at a meeting of the team managers and league officials Monday evening.

Fourteen players and two alternates were selected for the team. In addition, Robb Kalsey — who was unable to play for the remainder of the season due to a serious injury — was selected as an honorary member of the team.

Karl Baily will manage the team and Robin Thomas will serve as coach.

Members of the team are Jamie Wood, Craig Maley, Steve Stuck, Danny Rush, Jeff Widdup, Robbie Baily, Grant Duffield, Tim Jackovic, Mike Ross, Bruce Jones, Kevin Amos, Pat Fitch, Rodney Rodavich and Seth Wilson. Alternates are Steve Keener and Lanny McCann.

Boxing Bouts In Fire Hall

CARMICHAELS — Eight boxing matches will be held Wednesday, July 23, in the Carmichaels Firehall with all proceeds going to the fire company's building fund. Boxing will begin at 8 p.m.

Vehicle Damaged

Vandals tossed a beer bottle and caused an estimated \$311 damage to a vehicle owned by Erma Snyder of Waynesburg R.D. 4 early Wednesday morning. State police said the hood, windshield and fender were damaged at about 1 a.m. along Route 21.

Church Service

Dr. Stewart Johnson will speak on "Life at its Best" at the 10:45 a.m. worship service Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Waynesburg.

The ordinance of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Gerald Manolas will sing "If My People" and John Buchanan will lead Children's Moments.

Area Man Ordained

George (Bernie) Yatsko, son of Mrs. Daisy Yatsko of Bobtown and the late John Yatsko, was ordained as a priest May 25 at St. Petka's Serbian Orthodox Church, Johnstown, where he will serve as pastor.

He is a native of Bobtown and following graduation from Mapletown High School attended Morehead State University in Kentucky, where he received a degree in music education. After teaching for one year in an elementary school in Kentucky, he entered St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York in 1976 and graduated this year.

Father Yatsko was ordained deacon in January of this year at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Mason-town by Rev. Bishop Christopher. He had been a member of the Masontown parish.

He and his wife, the former Marie Pribojan of Hamilton, Ont., were married in July 1978. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. George Gopen of Bobtown and Mr. and Mrs. William Kovach of Dilliner.

Five Injured In Accident

CARMICHAELS — Five young people were taken to Greene County Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries, none critical, after a Jeep in which they were riding overturned in a field near Carmichaels.

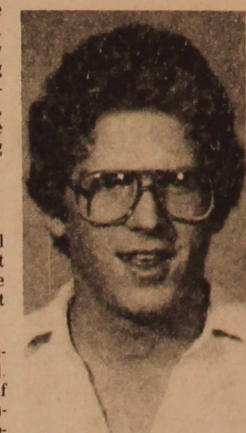
The accident happened shortly after 8 p.m. Friday in a field just off Route 21, between the Five Points and Paisley intersections.

David Katusa, Carmichaels; Chris Zupancic, Carmichaels; James Nelson, McDonald, and Carlos Gomez, Carmichaels, were released from the hospital following treatment, while Maureen Nelson, McDonald, who suffered a fractured arm, was to remain in the hospital overnight for observation.

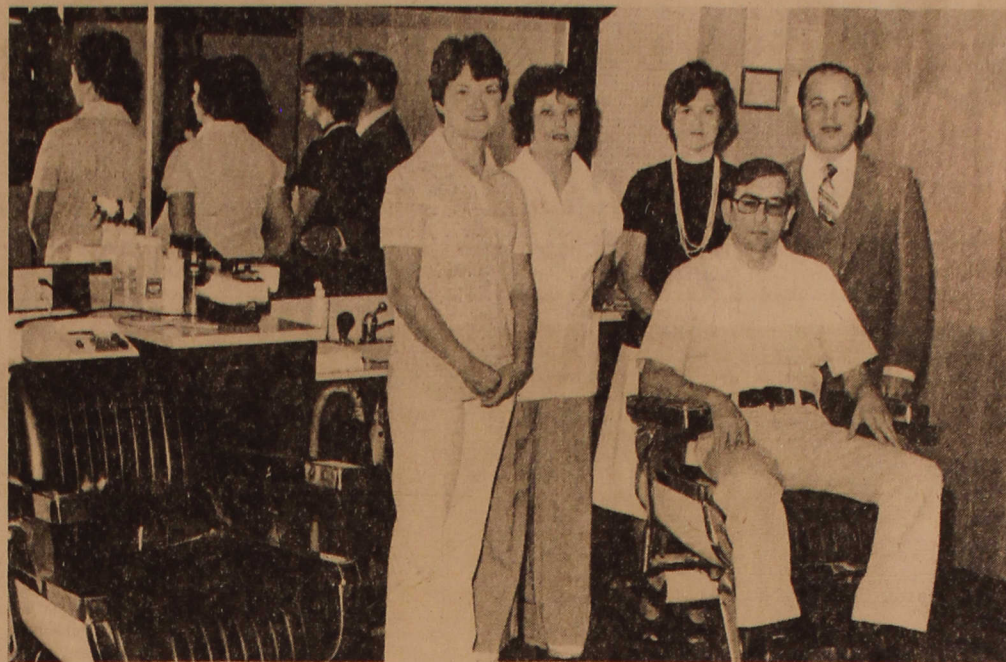
The driver was identified as Martin Gilmore, McKeesport, who escaped injury. Cumberland Township police are investigating.

Bicycle Taken

David E. Rishell of Waynesburg R.D. 2 reported the theft of a Huffy bicycle from the porch of his home sometime over the weekend. The bike was valued at \$100.



IN LEGION PROGRAM — Dale B. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Davis of Clarksville, was among more than 100 boys from throughout Pennsylvania who attended the 10th annual American Legion-State Police Youth Week program held the week of June 22 at the State Police Academy at Hershey. His attendance was sponsored by Filer Sadlek Post 954, Jefferson. The program included instruction in highway safety and the vehicle code, demonstrations of police skills, tours, swimming and organized sports. Davis will be entering his senior year at Jefferson-Morgan High School this fall.



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New Shop Opens

Rishell's Barber and Beauty Shop will open in its new shop today located in the Hillcrest Shoppes Mini Mall on Waynesburg's East High Street. Appointments will be taken and walk-in customers will be welcome. Shown in the barber shop area are, seated, Sam Mitchell, barber; and standing, from the left, Janet Cree, beauty shop manager; Cynthia Russell, operator; and Sally and Harry Rishell, owners.

School Board Opens Bids For Lights And Bleachers

MAPLETOWN — More bids for stadium lights and bleachers were opened at the Southeastern Greene School Board meeting Tuesday night but were tabled for review.

Two bids received for stadium lighting were a base bid of \$44,974 and an alternate bid of \$39,974 from Vince's Electrical Service of Dunbar and a base bid of \$34,850, good for 30 days, from Electrical Service Co. of Uniontown. J.R. Katusa and Sons Inc. of Carmichaels submitted a bid of \$23,519 for replacement of the stadium bleachers. May Brothers Construction of Carmichaels sent in a \$19,450 bid for the same work.

The board will hold a special meeting, though no date was set, to study the bids. Bids were also received last night for repaving around the Mapletown Junior-Senior High School, from bus contractors, and wrestling supplies.

The board did award a contract for industrial arts supplies to Paxton/Patterson of Clifton, N.J. for \$1,265.

The board hired Mike Caruso as athletic director for the district and George Messich was hired varsity football coach. Ira (Jay) Donley and John David Pekar were both retained as assistants to the head football coach with Pekar also named coach of junior high football.

Prior to the regular meeting the board interviewed a candidate for physics and chemistry teacher. The candidate, Harold Watson of Point Marion, was hired with the stipulation he qualify for an emergency chemistry certification from the Department of Education. Watson was hired at the 1980-81 first step salary of \$11,380.

The daily pay rate for substitute teachers in the district will remain the same as last year, \$40. The board also kept athletic admission prices the same as last year, \$1 for students, \$2 for adults and free for senior citizens. Milk prices were increased to 20 cents and adult lunches to \$1.25, but student lunches will remain 45 and 50 cents. The First National Bank of Carmichaels was retained as bank depository.

The board heard reports on building maintenance work being done during summer vacation. Superintendent Gerald Marcinak suggested the board consider having a work session to adopt a board policy on use of district athletic and shop equipment.

Following last night's regular meeting, the board held a negotiation session with non-professional employees.

The American Wind Symphony Orchestra of Pittsburgh will treat concert-goers to one of its waterfront performances at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at Rices Landing.

As the concert begins, the 80-foot wide canopy of the orchestra's floating stage lifts while the entire brass and percussion sections of the orchestra seated underneath play "Fanfare for the Common Man," conducted by Robert Austin Boudreau.

The fanfare is a brief introduction to the free hour and a half concert which will feature an entertaining variety of classical, contemporary and popular music. The audience will be seated on shore. The orchestra will be on board the stage of Point Counterpoint II, billed as the "world's most unusual showboat."

Among the selections for the concert will be music that has been written especially for the orchestra. Since 1957, when director Boudreau founded the wind orchestra, nearly 300 works have been commissioned from contemporary composers, making it the most active commissioning program of any American orchestra.

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Car Hit; Patrolmen Not Hurt

Two Waynesburg Borough patrolmen escaped injury Tuesday night when their patrol car was struck in the rear by a speeding vehicle on Greene Street near the Central Playground and knocked over an embankment.

Patrolmen Mike Fuller and Terry Livingston were in the patrol car which was heavily damaged.

The driver of the other car, Donald McKahan, 20, with a temporary address of Carmichaels, was being treated at Greene County Memorial Hospital for head injuries.

Waynesburg Police Chief James Rogers said the officers were operating a speed check on Greene Street with another patrol car. Fuller and Livingston left the speed check to pursue a car which had pulled onto Greene Street the wrong way from a one-way street.

Rogers said the patrol car had its flashing lights and siren on when it was struck. He said the McKahan vehicle was clocked at the speed trap as traveling 60 miles per hour on Greene Street, which is posted at 35 miles per hour.

The impact spun the patrol around and partially over an embankment. Small trees and bushes prevented the car from rolling completely over the steep embankment.

The McKahan automobile, also badly damaged, ran off the opposite side of the street and hit a large rock which is part of the landscaping for the Central Playground.

\$4,000 Awarded To Girl

The Greene County Court has approved a \$4,000 settlement of a damage suit brought last year by the parents of a girl who was injured in an accident in Waynesburg.

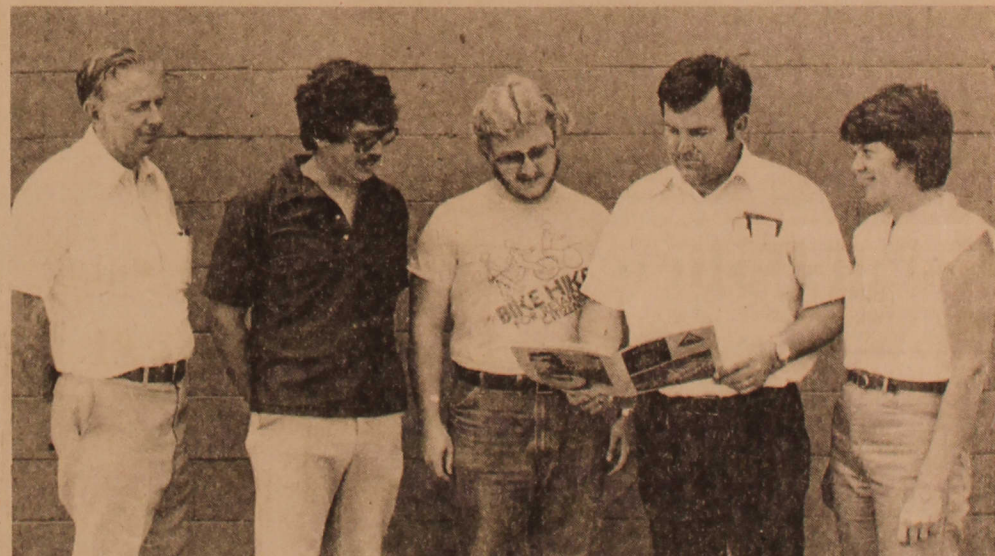
The settlement awards the damages to Sylvannus and Marlene Bennett of Waynesburg R.D. 4 on behalf of their 14-year-old daughter Barbara Bennett, with the bulk of the money to be deposited in a trust account for the minor child.

Defendant in the lawsuit was Ernest E. Loar of Carmichaels R.D. 1.

The girl was struck by a pick-up truck operated by Loar on Aug. 10, 1978, while she was crossing South Morgan Street.

Hay Wagon Stolen

A homemade trailer used as a hay wagon was stolen from the Robert H. Crow home along TR509 near Graysville. The theft occurred between July 4 and July 7. Value of the wagon was estimated at \$500.



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Looking over environmental seminar information from the left are: Jim Paasch, Weyerhaeuser eastern operation manager; Jerry Hardy, Phillip Braddock; Archie Trader, operation superintendent for the Jefferson Division of Weyerhaeuser; and Jane Cole.

Seminar Scholarships Awarded

The Jefferson Division of the Weyerhaeuser Co. on Wednesday presented three Central Greene School District teachers with one-week environmental seminar scholarships to the Trees for Tomorrow Environmental Center at Eagle River, Wis.

The Trees for Tomorrow Environmental Center is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Extension. The three different one-week environmental seminars for secondary and elementary teachers are worth one credit each.

Receiving the scholarships are Jane Cole, a teacher at the Margaret Bell Middle School who will attend the seminar with emphasis on science and ecology in August; and Jerry Hardy, a teacher at Waynesburg Central High School, and Phillip Braddock, a teacher at the East Ward School, who will both attend the seminar with emphasis on social sciences in July.

Seminars are under the direction of University of Wisconsin Extension's environmental resource unit. Visiting lecturers include staff members from the environmental disciplines of the University Systems and specialists from resource agencies and industry. The seminars include lectures and conducted tours on the Center's 40-acre wooded tract.

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MAPLETOWN — The long mystery has ended in the Mapletown School District.

A head football coach, athletic director and two assistant football coaches have been rehired after the district's school board opened up all athletic positions over two months ago.

George Messich, who has been the varsity football coach for the last two years, was rehired as were his two assistants, Jay Donley and J. D. Pekar.

Mike Caruso, who was hired just last year as the district's athletic director, was also rehired. Caruso is also a former football coach in the school district.

36 Years Later, World War Exploits Recognized

By JIM MOORE
Staff Writer

WAYNESBURG — On July 19 in Washington, D.C., President Jimmy Carter will drap the Medal of Honor around the neck of Matt Urban—36 years after the incident which earned him the nation's highest military decoration.

The significance of the event will be greatly felt in Holland, Mich., the hometown of the recipient, and in Waynesburg where he was married in the home of George Albert, a comrade in arms.

Urban has received more combat decorations than the legendary Audie Murphy but until recently, few people outside the 9th Division were aware of his accomplishments. He will be featured on ABC's 20/20 program later this summer and may be the subject of a movie.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Urban was wounded seven times while serving with the 9th Division in North Africa, Sicily, and several countries in Europe from Normandy to the Rhine River.

George Albert, a retired businessman, first met Urban in North Africa shortly after the campaign was over. Albert and the rest of the division were shipped to England to begin preparations for D-Day.

With six months to spend in England, Capt. Urban, a former boxer on the Cornell University team, organized a division boxing team and persuaded Albert to try out for the heavyweight spot.

Albert not only became the division's heavyweight but went on to become the European Theater champion. During the six months, Albert went on to record a 32-1 record with 28 of the victories coming by a knockout. In the championship fight, Albert defeated the previously undefeated champion Vince Kozak of Hazleton, Pa., who was later killed in action.

During his short but highly successful boxing career, Albert became very close to coach Urban. The friendship has lasted for 36 years and to this day it's hard for Albert to recall their wartime experiences without an emo-

tional pause and a misty eye. The members of the 9th Division did not come ashore at Normandy until a few days after D-Day but they were soon locked in combat. The Allied advance was slowed considerably by the infamous hedgerows in France. The hedgerows, mounds of earth topped by thick vegetation, lined almost every field and made natural cover for German machinegunners.

Capt. Urban was a company commander and Albert was a scout and forward observer.

Albert was wounded by shrapnel from a German artillery shell on July 18 and was sent to a hospital in the rear. It was while Albert was in the hospital that Urban participated in combat that was to earn him the Medal of Honor.

Urban had distinguished himself on June 10 when his company was pinned down by two German tanks. The tanks, holding the high ground, were pouring heavy fire into Urban's company and casualties were mounting rapidly.

Urban grabbed a bazooka, and with two ammo carriers along, maneuvered toward the enemy tanks. Using hedgerows for concealment, then darting through a barrage of enemy fire, the men got within firing distance and Capt. Urban destroyed both tanks with broadside hits.

Later that same day, Urban was shot in the leg during a delaying action by the retreating Germans. Refusing to be evacuated, Urban continued to lead the charge until dusk. When all his men were secure for the night, Urban reluctantly agreed to be evacuated to a hospital.

According to later testimony from Lt. Col. Stephen Sprindis, who in 1944 was a second lieutenant under Urban, the evacuation of the company commander caused a "vacuum of leadership." Sprindis, who was promoted in the field by Gen. George Patton, said Urban left a brave, viable, fighting unit but when he returned he found a frustrated, frightened, motionless mass of soldiers that was supposedly on the attack near St. Lo.

When Urban returned to the

front lines, he angrily denounced all leaders regardless of rank and within minutes ignited the fighting spirit he knew the soldiers possessed and he rallied them to attack.

During this crucial breakthrough at St. Lo, Urban assumed command of the entire battalion front. When he reached the forward point of the attack, he found an American tank burning and a wounded crewman trapped inside. With the help of an enlistee man, Urban pulled the soldier to safety despite heavy enemy fire. The tank exploded seconds after they jumped down.

Urban found another tank motionless with a crew inside but no commander. He found a lieutenant and a sergeant and after discussing a plan of attack, ordered them into the tank. Both were killed before they could get inside the turret.

Urban ran through the heavy firing and mounted the turret. With machine gun blazing, he directed the tank into enemy placements and his company followed to route the Germans.

Lt. Col. Sprindis, who was later asked to corroborate the combat experiences of Capt. Urban, said of his commander:

"It is extremely difficult to put into words the heroics of this great man. His whole concept of combat leadership exhibited time and time again, from North Africa, to Sicily, to France, his courage, fearlessness in every confrontation with the enemy, was most positively unparalleled in all of World War II. It was only God's will and guidance that extended and preserved this man's life on so many occasions... as the result of Capt. Urban's personal heroics, countless American lives were saved."

Capt. Urban never knew until just recently he had been recommended for the Medal of Honor. However, like so many bureaucratic foul-ups, his recommendation was lost in that vast emptiness of military paper-shuffling.

An officer in Washington, D.C., was tracing the military history of the 9th Division and

came across the recommendation that was never processed.

The officer began an investigation and contacted many of the veterans who had served with Urban.

Albert, himself decorated in action, was one of the first to appeal for the much-deserved and long-delayed Medal of Honor for Urban.

Lt. Col. Sprindis wrote, "If the Medal of Honor is not ultimately awarded to this man, who in my opinion, was the greatest combat soldier ever, a serious injustice in the history of military awards will have occurred."

To make sure the Army brass understood, Col. Sprindis ended his letter with, "In closing, I would like to state that the corroboration of Captain Urban's numerous and distinguished achievements have not been made by a rear-echelon soldier. All my promotions were received on the field of battle, one from Gen. Patton personally, along with four Silver Stars."

Another former soldier in the 9th Division, a captain in the public affairs office, no doubt helped in correcting the oversight. Lindsey Nelson was a farm boy from Tennessee during the war but these days he can be seen broadcasting sports events on national television.

Former Chief of Staff General William C. Westmoreland is another soldier familiar with the exploits of Capt. Urban. Westmoreland was an artillery officer in the 9th Division during World War II.

Albert, during an interview earlier this week, recalled the last time he saw Urban on the battlefield. Albert said he was at a forward observation post in the late winter of 1944 when he received word to return to the command post.

"There stood Capt. Urban. He was supposed to be in England awaiting orders to return home but he hitched rides all the way back to the front just to say goodbye to his troops," Albert said.

Urban, Albert and the company chaplain walked to an

old, stone church, the only building left standing in the small village. "As if on cue, Capt. Urban and I at the same instant asked the chaplain to say a prayer for the safety and well being of each other. At that moment everything seemed much brighter and the heaviness of this serious moment was much lighter," Albert said.

Speaking of Capt. Urban, Albert related that many men received medals because fate placed them in certain situations. However, in Matt Urban's case, he put himself in that situation time and time again. "He was born to be a hero for he worked at it day after day," Albert said.

"An award of the Medal of Honor to Matt Urban would be bestowed upon one who would

stand taller than all others because of his continuous devotion, action and achievements throughout the war and highlighted by his accomplishments at St. Lo. This award would also say thank you to all the men of the 9th Infantry Division for a job well done," Albert said.

Albert wrote to President Carter and suggested the medal be awarded during the division's reunion this month in Washington, D.C. "I don't know if it had anything to do with it or not, but that's when Matt will finally get his medal," Albert said.

Capt. Urban and his wife have a special place in their hearts for Waynesburg.

They were dating in 1970 when they came to Pittsburgh for the division reunion. Ur-

ban, who was divorced, asked Albert what he thought about him getting remarried. Albert checked with the "boys" and most agreed it would be a great idea and gave Urban "permission" to marry again.

Urban said he wanted to be married at the home of Albert in Waynesburg. It was a great idea but this was on Saturday and Urban wanted to get married the following Monday.

Albert contacted the late Dr. Radnor at South Side Hospital who rushed the blood tests. Albert then called his neighbor Judge Glenn Toothman to perform the ceremony.

Urban purchased dozens of roses at a Pittsburgh florist and the vets headed for Waynesburg. Everything was progressing nicely when it was discovered the blood tests

were missing. It seems one of the "boys" was opposed to the marriage for some reason and he managed to "liberate" the blood samples from the lab. New tests had to be taken and the wedding was postponed until Tuesday but Judge Toothman, as promised, changed his calendar to accommodate the wedding of one of the nation's greatest war heroes.

Fire Call Cancelled

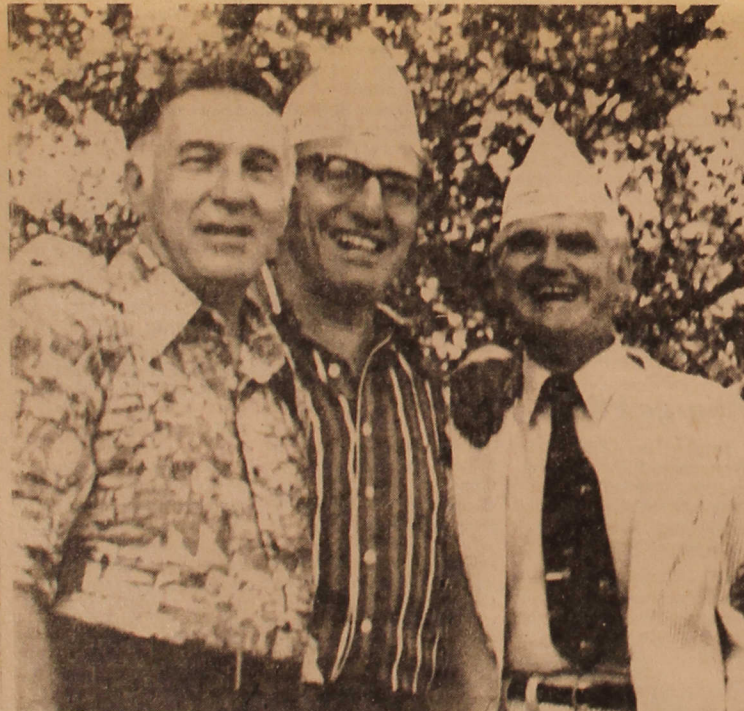
WAYNESBURG—Waynesburg firemen didn't get to leave the station Sunday afternoon for a pickup truck that caught fire at the VFW. A company spokesman said a 1949 GMC pickup truck was reported on fire, but — before firemen left — a call was received that the fire had been put out.



Observer-Reporter Photo

Former Delt House Razed

The Delts may live long, but their former fraternity house, did not. The final wall of the once grand T. Riley Huffman house on West Wayne Street, fell prey to the bulldozer Wednesday night. The house was razed by Waynesburg College for a proposed gymnasium complex. The Delta Sigma Phi has moved to the Purman house on North Morris Street.



Posing at a division reunion a few years ago are left to right, Matt Urban, who will be receiving the Medal of Honor; George Albert, of Waynesburg, and Gen. William C. Westmoreland, a former artillery officer in the 9th Division during World War II.

Irish Priest Describes Impressions Of Russia

WAYNESBURG — Father Tom Kenney, a missionary from Ireland who is a guest of Father John Corbett, pastor of St. Ann's Church in Waynesburg, presented a program on Russia at the Waynesburg Rotary Club meeting Monday night.

During his talk, entitled "Impressions of Russia," Father Kenney described his impressions of the country and its people gained from visits during four summers of travel from 1976 through 1979.

"Officialdom and government is cold, impersonal and highly formal in its dealings with both tourists and its own citizens," the Irish clergyman noted, "but the people — especially when they can be natural and frank — are warm, friendly and exhibit a real sense of culture," he said.

Some of the key cities which Father Kenney has visited during his travels in the Soviet Union include Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa in the southern region of

Georgia. He rated the Black Sea area as a "charming place with many beautiful places, religious and others, to visit."

Leningrad, formerly St. Petersburg, has been rebuilt, according to Father Kenney, "from the ground up since the devastation which occurred during World War II." The Russians, he added, appear to be proud of the former palace of the Czars, "The Hermitage" and its famous art gallery. The art gallery, it was brought out, houses one of the world's greatest collections of art.

The visiting missionary noted, also, that Christianity is alive in the Soviet Union. "There are believed to be somewhere between 30 and 40 million people who practice Christianity there. The Baptist Church, we know, is active in the eastern reaches of the vast country, mainly in Siberia," he said.

Father Kenney, a member of the Salesian Missionary Order, was introduced by Rotarian James Miller.



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On Library Shortsighted

The Greene County Mobile Library, which is operated by the Bowlby Public Library at Waynesburg, finds itself in a difficult position as the result of action which the Central Greene School Board took last week to cut its appropriation of \$10,650 from that district's 1980-81 budget.

A large percentage of the more than \$44,000 it costs to operate the bookmobile each year comes from county school districts. In return, the bookmobile visits the schools as part of its regular schedule of providing reading materials and other library services to both children and adults throughout the county.

During the school year, about 2,000 books are circulated every two weeks, almost 30 percent of them within the confines of the Central Greene School District. School children are among the biggest users, as it gives them access to books which are not available in their school libraries. It also provides them with library services during the summer months when the schools are closed.

County school districts have been providing the support, based on student population, for the six years the bookmobile has been in existence, and it is vital to the program.

The Central Greene School Board made the cut this year as part of its effort to make the budget as tight as possible. It's rationale was that it was forced to deny a request from its school libraries for an additional \$20,000 and therefore felt it could not continue to support a public library which was not directly a part of the school system.

As a result, the library board faces the decision of eliminating services in the school district unless it can obtain the lost funds from municipalities within the district. If it can't, it could not justify to the other school districts a continuation of services to Central Greene.

In terms of a budget of more than \$7 million, it's difficult to understand the school board's decision. The bookmobile has become a valuable part of the educational program, even if it is not operated by the district and \$10,650 seems little enough to pay for the service it provides.

Between
The Bookends

Marcia McKenna Biddle

Well, there are some of us who can't wait for football season to start. My friend Honey Bunch is one of them. She's already reading all the football magazines, to get psyched up. Or mad.

Mad? Well, in "Game Plan College Football Annual Preview," she read that Bear Bryant "is presently our most revered college football coach." Reading that caused Honey Bunch to put her fist through the wall and stomp the cat.

"The Bear" is not slated to be No. 1 this year, though, which has made Honey Bunch's summer a lot more pleasant. But the Alabama write-up goes on to say that, "The Bear doesn't figure to enjoy another super season like last year's, but then, can you experience a feeling such as disappointment if you're immortal?"

Honey Bunch told me that football writers can come up with some strange statements, and weird ways of saying things. But she says that statement about Bear Bryant being immortal makes no sense at all, unless you have met an Alabama fan. The last one Honey Bunch unluckily ran into told her his four-year-old son expected to play for the Bear, who is somewhere near the age of Ronald Reagan.

And Joe Paterno told the story that Bryant called him up to discuss a scheduling program. It seemed Alabama had inadvertently signed to play Penn State and Tennessee on the same day—in 1989. Paterno told him, "If you're still coaching in 1989, you'll be ABLE to play us both on the same day!"

Honey Bunch had some trouble with what her magazine said about Johnny Majors' Tennessee team. It said, "If the new signal caller settles in like a tick on a bear, this team will move the pig on everyone gracing its schedule." Honey Bunch asked me

to translate that for her. I said it means that Tennessee will have a new quarterback and, if he can actually learn all the plays, then Tennessee may be able to move the football down the field, and possibly even win a few games.

But no, Honey Bunch was convinced it meant something else. She thinks now that Tennessee plans to beat Bear Bryant by giving him fleas. Then they plan to turn pigs loose on everybody else on the field. She thinks that would be a good show for the fans, maybe it's a new way to sell season tickets. She says she'd go to see it herself.

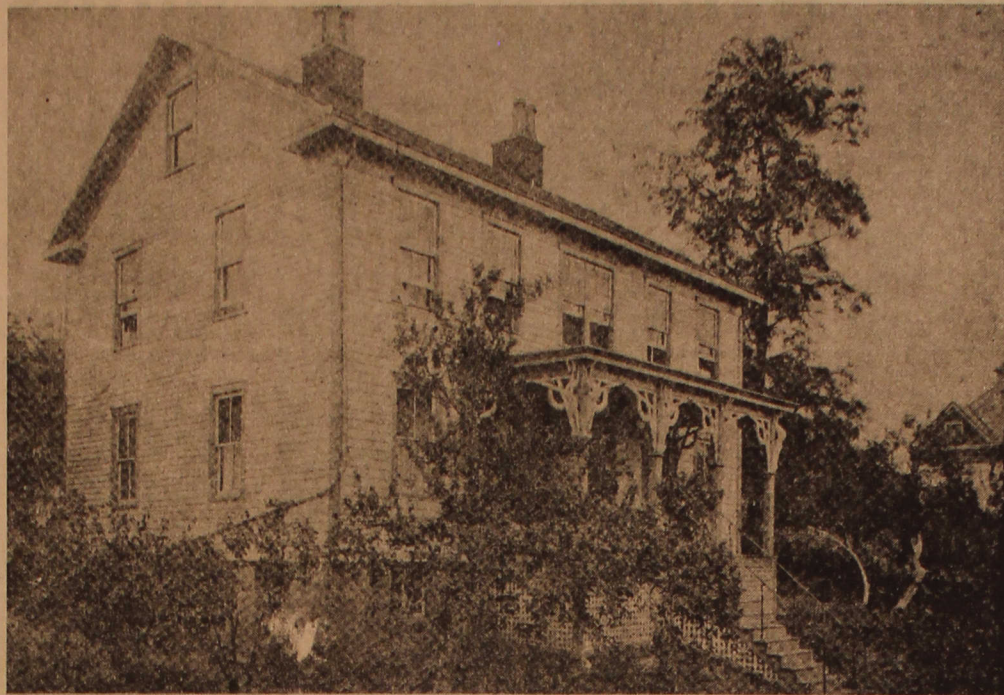
The article on Pitt is full of "ifs." Well, sort of. "Marino is one of, IF not the best, young throwers in the land and the pass catchers will be every bit as good. IF not better, than in '79." Those two "ifs" add up to one thing, according to the magazine (along with Hugh Green, of course), Jackie Sherrill "will be wearing the laurel wreath on January 1."

Honey Bunch was hoping Coach Sherrill wouldn't do that—she thought it would look silly. I explained to her that the coach didn't really plan to wear leaves in his hair. I said that in this case the laurel wreath was supposed to be worn on the finger, and it would say something about "national championship."

Honey Bunch said she's looking forward to another championship coming to Pittsburgh, but she did call my attention to the article on Joe Paterno. It said that Coach Paterno is "up to his old tricks of trying to hide in the Pennsylvania hills and not telling anyone about all the goodies he's got stacked away for the coming season."

Honey Bunch says she wishes it were fall already. Besides Pitt-Penn State, she is anxious to watch that other classic—Alabama vs. Rutgers.

Faces From The Past—Do You Recognize Them?



GREENE COUNTY HOSPITAL, Waynesburg, Pa.

W. T. H.

The first hospital in Waynesburg pictured above was located on East Franklin Street on ground donated by the late Jack Sowers, a highly respected Waynesburg resident who made many contributions to charitable purposes. The structure had been erected on Main Street in 1832 and known as the Bulls Head Tavern. It was later moved to make way for construction of the Downey House. Now being remodeled by owner Eric Wilson of Waynesburg for an apartment house, the landmark was damaged by fire in February of this year.



Fact and Folklore

John O'Hara

The 115th annual Jacktown Fair at the village of Wind Ridge in Richhill Township will be held this year from July 29th through August 2.

No public event in Greene County is steeped in more interesting folklore nor has a longer history than this fair. No other such "old time" sort of fair has a longer history for continuous exhibitions than "Jacktown," as it is more familiarly known among the thousands of persons who have been its patrons through the 100 plus years of its existence. Records compiled by government agricultural agencies and fair associations from coast to coast can't match its record for such a long uninterrupted record of exhibitions.

It has been part and parcel of Greene County rural life all those years and its patrons have enjoyed the friendship and fellowship in which it has been steeped.

Documented writings, such as from early day weekly newspapers, letters of residents of the community to those who had moved elsewhere tell the stories of its earlier days to attest to its age.

Then, most of those attending fairs came on foot or in horse drawn buggies and hay wagons. Even though it took valuable time away from its patrons during the busiest part of the harvest season, the early day patrons treated themselves to at least that much recreation and pleasure to compensate for the loneliness of the early generations of farm dwellers.

For many it was the principal way of keeping families and friends in touch with one another in the years of long ago before there was instant communication by telephone and recreation comparable to that of town or city life before radio and television entertain-

ment became as it is today. Modern day television stories of rural life of early America, such as "Little House on the Prairie" can give only a fleeting sense of the loneliness of rural life in the early days, in Greene County as elsewhere, to appreciate what an event such as the Jacktown Fair with its traveling entertainers, a few strange animals and some gaudy decorations meant to the rural folk who were their patrons.

It was an event talked about before and after for days and weeks and about which many stories were told and retold through many generations during the bleakness of the long "old fashioned" winters of unrelenting cold and weariness.

One of the principal stories which the Jacktown Fair contributed to Greene County folklore was the expression "You'll Never Die Happy Until You Attend the Jacktown Fair." It was handed down from generation to generation until it was finally frayed thin a few years back.

Dr. Burdette Clendenning, long time Waynesburg physician now retired who was reared in Richhill Township and routinely attended the fair during his boyhood recently recalled another expression related to the fair for many years.

It was at a time during the early part of the century that the first balloon ascension was made from the fair. It was a sensational event for such a rural community, especially because it would be climaxed by a parachute jump from several hundred feet in the air.

A throng estimated at four or five thousand jammed the fairgrounds that day and waited impatiently as the balloon was slowly inflated with the fumes from a log

bonfire of fence posts.

Hundreds of men and older boys edged closer and closer as the fumes generated by the fire gradually inflated the big balloon. They were so intent on watching the moment it would be lifted into the air they failed to notice the parachutist had slipped into the balloon until the flap was re-opened and she said, "Where did the little yellow dog go?"

They were so distracted all started looking for the make believe dog and by the time they turned around again the balloon was soaring high above them and they had missed the sight they had waited for all day. Dr. Clendenning recalls the expression became a part of the folklore of the community for generations to come as a means of distracting another person or asking a question they knew could not be answered.

Harness racing was formerly the principal attraction even though the ground was so steep that for a short portion of each race the horses were out of sight of the audience as they circled a steep hill inside the two-fifths of a mile track.

"Horse Traders Alley" was another part of the fair's history but not actually a part of the fair itself. It was across the highway from the fairgrounds and never a part of the fair because of the wrangling and drinking and finally went out of existence when the fair association acquired the ground on which the traders did their marathon bartering act.

The memories of the old days and the people, women as well as men, who worked so hard to keep the fair going in its lean years of the Depression in the 1920s, include a youth just out of college who launched his career in a high-wire act at Jacktown. His name is Burt Lancaster and

he's still going yet—and so is the Jacktown Fair.

Two Horses
Die In Fire

RUFF CREEK — Two show horses owned by William H. Barnhart of 443 Fruit Alley, Waynesburg, were lost when fire destroyed his two-story stable in Morgan Township shortly before 5 a.m. Friday, with loss estimated at \$50,000.

Jefferson Fire Chief Clancy Murray said the state police fire marshal has been asked to investigate the cause of the blaze. State Police estimated the fire loss at \$50,000.

Murray said the metal-covered building measured 30 by 60 feet. It is located just off Route 188, east of Ruff Creek. The occupant of a nearby mobile home turned in the alarm at 4:40 a.m.

Murray said the building was engulfed by flames by the time firemen got to the scene and was beyond saving. Waynesburg volunteer firemen were called to assist.

Charge Filed

Robert Lee Orndoff, 18, Waynesburg R.D.5 (Oak Forest) was arrested at 2 p.m. Wednesday by state police and Waynesburg Borough police on a charge of forgery.

He was arraigned before Magistrate Ruth Hughes and remanded to the Greene County jail, with bail being set at \$10,000.

The charges date back to Oct. 10-16, 1979, when Orndoff was charged with cashing checks on a canceled account at a Waynesburg store and bank. He was arrested Wednesday on the strength of a warrant issued at that time.

Under The Dome
Bob Eichenlaub

For a number of years, a resident of Waynesburg has been complaining about tax bills he receives each year for no more than pennies. Some come from the county and some from townships, but in each case it costs the taxing body more to mail the bills than they collect from the tax.

Not only does he have the bother of dealing with the bills, but it also costs him more in postage than the size of the checks he writes.

His complaint centers on the real estate tax which is levied on people who have leased oil and gas rights on land they own.

The complaint was finally dealt with by County Commissioners L.R. Santore, who agrees with the taxpayer that it makes absolutely no sense to pay out more to collect a tax than the tax will bring in.

The other members of the board of commissioners do not disagree, but they question if the county can do anything about it.

By law, oil and gas is considered real estate and must be taxed as such as soon as it is "severed" from the surface through the granting of a lease. But the assessed value placed on leased acreage is small. The county assessment office says that more than half of the 3.127 in the county are

valued at \$50 or less, and most of the tax bills are for less than a dollar. Some are for no more than two or three cents.

In all, the tax brings in only \$4,000 a year, and the assessment office agrees that it costs more than that to research the leases, keep records, and prepare and mail tax bills.

Santore has suggested that where the value of the lease is \$50 or less that the county not mail out tax bills. The taxpayer would not be exonerated from payment of the levy, but the county would make no effort to collect such trivial amounts, just as the federal government ignores amounts of less than a dollar.

If it were legal, and that is a question for the county solicitor, it would help, but it still wouldn't be the entire solution.

The ultimate solution, the solicitor feels, is for the state legislature to change the law, giving the county the option of eliminating the tax on oil and gas if it wishes to do so.

The tax is just one more strange result of a taxing system which considers mineral to be real estate. In many other states oil and gas are taxed when they are gassed from the ground, with the amount collected being based on production, a system which seems much more sensible.

AROUND TOWN

By THE STAFF

By the time this column appears in print Mrs. Ruth Watkins, former Waynesburg resident, will be back in her home at Lakeland, Fla., after a two week visit with friends and relatives in Waynesburg and others in Fayette County which she said were the most enjoyable two weeks in her entire life.

Mrs. Watkins was the last of the talented women who had mastered the art of dressmaking which she practiced while living in Waynesburg.

Scores of the best dressed women in the community were her patrons and she said, it was just wonderful to be back and see them again along with the many others with whom she shared membership in the Fidelis Sunday School class of the Washington Street United Methodist Church.

Also others, including Rea Phillips of West High Street at whose home she was a guest. Prior to the death of her husband, Harold, the Watkins family resided for many years in the former Jessie Hill property on South Richhill Street.

She also visited many friends at Rices Landing, also at her hometown of Bloomington, Md., at the Edward Filer home in Leechburg, and at the home of her son, Jack (Bussie), now in Florida but formerly of Waynesburg.

Heavy storms swept through most parts of Greene County early Tuesday morning and during mid-afternoon as a sort of aftermath to similar disturbances during the weekend when large limbs of trees were toppled in Green Mount Cemetery and in scattered locations throughout the county.

A large barn and two fancy show horses owned by William Barnhart near Ruff Creek were burned last Sunday by a fire of undetermined origin. Loss was estimated at \$50,000 which includes expensive riding gear and harnesses.

Steve Mosier, of Crucible, former owner of a Waynesburg restaurant and bar on North Washington Street, will be honored on his 80th birthday Sunday at a tavern in Pittsburgh owned by two of his grandsons, Stephen and Thomas Balaban Jr. They were born in Waynesburg and later resided at Harrisburg where their father has been a practicing attorney for several years.

A large tree in the rear of the Albert Sayers residence at North Morris and College Street in Waynesburg was blown down in a heavy wind and rain storm which swept through western Greene County early Tuesday afternoon. It blocked the rear entrance to a dwelling on the property in which Rev. William Funk, retired pastor of the First Baptist Church resides.

George Davison, well known Waynesburg resident who like all other Waynesburg youths who lived on the southside and had Duval's Hill as their playground, was like most of his companions and was an expert rider on the old fashioned "Yankee Jumpers" on the snowcovered hills. Recently he had a long standing wish fulfilled when a friend gave him one of the first of these jumpers that was made in this area. The one he owned as a child was stolen when the family was moving years ago from the southside to West Franklin Street.

Russell Headlee, well known Greene County lumberman and former state legislator, who has resided in Waynesburg for the past several years, moved last week to Rogersville.

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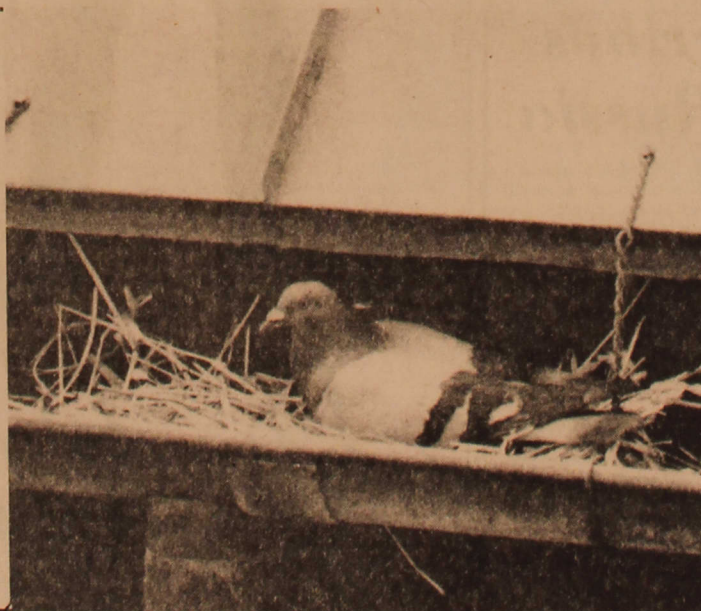
Sheriff Bertugli hopes to have all guards at the new jail take the training.

A round-the-world trip was completed Sept. 4, 1929, by the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin.

Sitting Pigeon

Employees of the Community Action Corp. office located on the second floor of the old county office building in Waynesburg have had a bird's eye view of this pigeon throughout it nesting and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the well-stork? The pigeon, however, may be more apprehensive of a heavy rainfall more than her forthcoming motherhood. This pigeon and her mate made the nest in a rain gutter along the side of the Sayers' Building located across an alley from the Community Action Corp. offices.

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Denise Throckmorton Weds Richard DeMeo

Denise Throckmorton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Throckmorton of Waynesburg R.D. 6, and Richard Charles DeMeo of Pittsburgh were married Saturday, June 21, 1980, in the First Baptist Church, Waynesburg. Mrs. Cathy Bildhauser and the late Charles DeMeo are parents of the groom.

The 2:30 p.m. double ring ceremony was performed by Dr. Stewart Johnson. Mrs. Wynona Willison was organist, and Gerald Manolas, soloist.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a formal length gown of white tulle with a high collar and an empire waistline. Queen Anne neckline with beaded bodice and floral lace appliques, bishop sleeves with deep cuffs and lace motifs, six self-covered buttons, and lace ruffle trim. The plain skirt was adorned with scattered motifs of ruffle just above the deep flounce of her gown. The attached train fell into a full chapel sweep. Her headpiece was a double tiered, French illusion fingertip veil, edged with scalloped re-embroidered alencon lace holding a juliet cap of pleated satin organza trimmed with appliques to match her gown of pearl trim.

The bride carried a bouquet of white pompoms, coral and



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white roses, stephanotis and ivy. She wore an opal necklace, a gift from the groom, and carried a white lace handkerchief, belonging to her grandmother, Elizabeth Dennis.

Mrs. Cristy Wise of Waynesburg was matron of honor, wearing a sea foam green gown and carrying a bouquet of coral daisy pompoms with ivy. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Carol Innamorato of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Debi Grieneisen of Philadelphia, Miss Jane Offutt of Parkersburg, W.Va., and Mrs. Robin Throckmorton of Waynesburg. All wore sea foam green gowns and held bouquets of yellow daisy pompoms and ivy.

Edward Engstler of Pittsburgh served as best man. Ushers were Richard Frye of Youngstown, Ohio, Richard Innamorato of Pittsburgh, Ernest and Daryl Throckmorton of Waynesburg, brothers of the bride. Randy Throckmorton was junior usher.

Following the ceremony a buffet dinner was held at the church fellowship hall. Assisting at the reception were Debby Mewhorter, in charge of the bridal book, Sally Johnson, hostess and Cindy Gopen, cake cutter. Reception music was provided by Jan Harris, Floyd Patterson, Gerald Manolas, and Mrs. Garnet Throckmorton, mother of the bride. Out-of-town guests were from Parkersburg, W.Va., Wheeling, W.Va., Lima, Ohio, Norfolk, Va., Philadelphia and Morgantown, W.Va.

Following a wedding trip to Marco Island, the newlyweds will reside in Washington.

The bride received her B.A. in elementary education from West Liberty State College in 1978 and is employed by the Central Greene School District at the East Franklin Elementary School. Her husband graduated in 1978 from West Liberty State College with a B.S. in business management. He is employed by Triad Division of Nasco, Inc.

Barbara Conner Married In Rome

The Mausoleo di Santa Costanza church in Rome, Italy, was the setting for the noon, Saturday, July 5, 1980, wedding of Barbara Jean Conner and Vincenzo Marco Corradi.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Conner of 367 North West Street, Waynesburg, and the late Allen Conner. Mr. and Mrs. Corrado Corradi of Rome, Italy, are parents of the groom.

The double ring, candlelight ceremony was performed by Father Don Roberto. Maestro Peotrezzo was organist.

Escorted to the altar by the father of the groom, the bride wore a gown of ivory organza and sada-peau, featuring a high neckline, empire waist, traditional sleeves of English net and alencon lace and a fitted bodice of alencon lace with seed pearls. Her A-line skirt was trimmed at the bottom with matching lace and sada-peau, followed by a chapel train trimmed with lace and sada-peau. Her cathedral veil of illusion was held with ivory silk roses. She carried a traditional round bouquet of white roses and gardenias bound with white satin ribbons.

A reception for 150 guests was held at the Ristorant "La Torre" in Rome. Mrs. Conner, mother of the bride, attended the wedding.



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The bride received her B.S. in speech pathology from Penn State University, where she was a member of Chi Omega sorority, and her M.S. from Tulane University, New Orleans. She was employed by the L.A. Unified School District at Marisalla, Italy as a speech therapist.

The groom graduated from the Italian Naval Academy and is an Italian Naval Officer. After a wedding trip to Athens, Greece, the newlyweds will be residing at LaSpezia, Italy, where the groom will be stationed for two years.

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ELY FAMILY
Descendants of Robert and Eva Grove Ealy will hold a reunion on Saturday, July 19, at the 4-H Building at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Dinner will be served at noon. Also, the 60th wedding anniversary of Wilbur and Margaret Vance Ely will be observed between 2:30 and 4 p.m.

WEDDING PLANNED
Marcea A. Day, daughter of Mrs. Gladys A. Day of West Finley R.D. 2, and the late Ralph W. Day, will be united in marriage at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12, to David A. McKelvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. David F. McKelvey of Ford City. The wedding will be held in the Nebo United Methodist Church in West Finley and the reception will follow in Harvey's Grange, Graysville.

GASCO CLUB
The Ladies Gasco Club of Columbia Gas will meet July 11 at 6 p.m. for a covered dish dinner in the home of Barbara Weimer, 636 Murdock Street, Washington.

MCNEELY REUNION
The McNeely reunion will be held Saturday, July 19, at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Friends of the family are also invited to attend.

NINEVEH SCHOOL
A reunion of former Nineveh High School students will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, August 24, in the Nineveh United Methodist Church. All former teachers, students and graduates of the school are invited to take part in the basket dinner.

FORDYCE FAMILY
Descendants of Albert G. and Malissa Burge Fordyce will hold their annual reunion Sunday, July 20, in the Waynesburg Fairgrounds block building No. 1. Meals will be served at 12:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Families are asked to take their own table service and picnic dinners. All relatives and friends are invited.

WAYNESBURG H.S. 40TH REUNION
The Waynesburg High School Class of 1940 will hold its 40th reunion Saturday, July 12, at the Greene County Country Club. All friends of the class are invited to stop by.

FRANKLIN GRANGE
East Franklin Grange will meet in regular session Friday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. with Albert Lahew in charge. The program will be in charge of the Women's Activity Group. Hilda Rose will present Chuck Lawrence, trumpet soloist. Florence Hoy will be in charge of devotions. There will be a talk and demonstration on drugs by Dave Clark. In addition, there will be group singing and presentation of the 25-year and 50-year achievement pins.

TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY
John Newell of Kirby, who is now residing in at convalescent home in Carmichaels will celebrate his 78th birthday July 12. Cards may be sent to John Newell, 211 Vine Street, Carmichaels, Pa., 15320.

LOCAL VISITORS
Relatives visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Ross of Aleppo over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Murray of Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wood and Mr. and Mrs. James Wood of Bonar Avenue, Waynesburg.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Taylor of Lancaster announce the birth of a son, Bradley Allen, on June 28. He weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces. He is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen of Wheeling, W.Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Taylor of Waynesburg R.D. 5. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craft of Wheeling, W.Va., Mrs. Jessie Allen of Beech Bottom, W.Va., Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Shipman of Waynesburg R.D. 1 and Mrs. Florence Taylor of Waynesburg R.D. 5.

POTLUCK DINNER
The July meeting of the Greene County Women will be a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, at the home of Sue Kavlack in Holbrook. Members are asked to take a covered dish. For information call 499-5156 or meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Gallatin National Bank.

MILLER REUNION
Descendants of William G. Miller and Cinderella Ulom Evans Miller will hold a reunion Sunday, July 13, at the Pursley Baptist Church, one mile south of Oak Forest. A basket picnic is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. All relatives and friends are invited.

WILLISON REUNION
Descendants of the late James Franklin and Ella Mae Crouse Willison will hold their annual reunion Sunday, July 13, at the No. 2 block building at Greene County Fairgrounds. Everyone is asked to bring a picnic lunch and table service for dinner at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited.

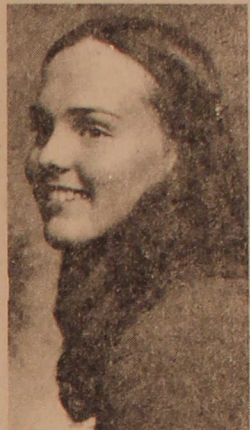
MARKET LAMB CLUB
A meeting of the Greene County 4-H Market Lamb Club members will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 21, at the block building, Greene County Fairgrounds. Members are reminded to pick up their tickets at the County Extension Office.

LAWN FESTIVAL
Cloughton Chapel will hold a lawn festival at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 12. The menu will include sandwiches, noodles, potato salad, baked beans, pie, cake and melon and various beverages.

HOGUE FAMILY
Descendants of the late Graham and Alice Orndoff Hogue will hold their annual reunion Sunday, July 13, at the Waynesburg fairgrounds. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. Those attending are asked to take a picnic dinner. All relatives and friends are invited.

PHILLIPS-ZIMMERMAN FAMILY
The Phillips-Zimmerman family reunion will be held Sunday, July 13, at the home of Paul Zimmerman, New Freeport, for the descendants of Thomas W. and Winona Dulaney Phillips and William and Goldie Hixenbaugh Zimmerman. A picnic lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

VISITING HERE
Mrs. Richard Ferris and sons, Richard and Michael, of San Diego, Calif., are spending a month visiting her mother, Mrs. William Callaghan of Carmichaels.



ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. McNeely of Waynesburg R.D. 2, announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Sue, to Dale W. Headlee of Morgantown, W.Va. Miss McNeely is a 1979 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan Junior-Senior High School and a 1980 graduate of West Virginia Career College, where she majored in accounting. Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Headlee, of Ruff Creek, is a 1973 graduate of Waynesburg Central High School and is employed by Consolidation Coal Company as a surveyor. No wedding date has been set.



TO MARRY — Jill Ann Headlee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harland R. Headlee of Waynesburg R.D. 2, and Jonathan Hurd, son of Patricia Hurd of Sycamore R.D. 1 and Robert J. Hurd of Jefferson R.D. 1, will be married in an open church wedding at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 11, in the Washington Street United Methodist Church, Waynesburg. The bride elect is a 1978 graduate of Waynesburg Central High School and a 1979 graduate of Pittsburgh Beauty School, Charleroi. She is employed at Shoe World, Greene Plaza. Her fiancé is a 1978 graduate of West Greene High School and is employed with the Greene County Weatherization Program.

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MILLER REUNION
Descendants of William G. and Cinderella Ulom Evans Miller will hold their reunion Sunday, July 13, at the Pursley Baptist Church one mile south of Oak Forest. A picnic lunch will be served at 1:30 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

SPORTSMEN TO MEET
The Dry Tavern Sportsmen's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 14, in the Rices Landing American Legion Post.

Susanne Markovich, Clifford Baker Wed

Susanne Marie Markovich and Clifford W. Baker exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 21, 1980, at St. Thomas Church, Clarksville.

The double ring ceremony was performed at 2 p.m. by the Rev. John Chess following a recital of nuptial music by Denise Dobbins.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Markovich of Clarksville and a granddaughter of Jacob Kensis of Clarksville. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and

Mrs. Clifford E. Baker of Waynesburg R.D. 2.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white qiana gown with a Queen Anne neckline. Alencon lace and pearls adorned the bodice, the lace forming the cap sleeves. The high waist was trimmed in lace and the Alexe skirt was pleated and extended into a chapel train. Her matching picture hat was trimmed with lace and pearls, enhanced with organza pleating on the brim. A fingertip-length veil of imported illusion and short blusher was attached to the back of the hat. She wore a pearl necklace that was a gift of the bridegroom.

Donna Porterfield of Waynesburg, as matron of honor, wore a light blue gown and matching picture hat. Dave Baker was best man for his brother.

A dinner reception for 75 guests was held at the Mansion House, Old Concord, followed by an evening reception at the home of the bride's parents.

Following a wedding trip to Cove Haven Resort, at Lakeville in the Pocono Mountains, the newlyweds are residing at Jefferson R.D. 1.

The bride is a graduate of Beth-Center High School and Penn Commercial Business School. She is employed by Sutton Printing Co., Waynesburg. The bridegroom is a graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School and is employed by Equitable Gas Co. at Waynesburg.

Marie McCarty Weds William Conley Jr.

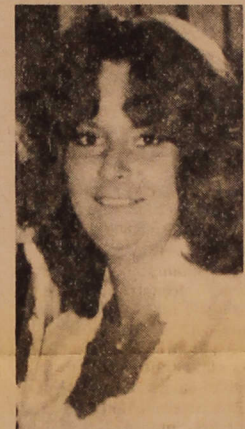
Sacred Heart Church at Rices Landing was the setting for the Saturday, June 21, 1980, wedding of Marie C. McCarty and William J. Conley Jr. The Rev. Francis Nazimek officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. McCarty of Rices Landing R.D. 1 and the groom is the son of Mrs. Mary Lou Conley and the late Dr. William J. Conley.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore an ivory satin floor length gown trimmed in French alencon lace with a fitted bodice, Queen Anne neckline and long fitted sleeves of alencon lace. She wore a walking length mantilla veil of alencon lace. She carried a bouquet of two hybrid orchids, stephanotis and ivy, and wore matching pearl earrings borrowed from the maid of honor and a pearl drop necklace.

Ms. Patricia Philbin of Washington, D.C., served as maid of honor and wore a floor length floral print gown of orchid and wine qiana. Bridesmaids were Ms. Valerie Klimek of Carmichaels and Ms. Janet Conley, sister of the groom, of Chevy Chase, Md. All wore gowns similar to the maid of honor's. Heather Broadwater was flower girl and wore a floor length orchid gown.

Michael Widman of Washington, D.C., served as best man. Ushers were Arthur Kef-



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fer and Kevin Conley, brother of the groom. Derek Broadwater was ringbearer.

A reception for 150 guests was held at the Greene County Country Club. Out-of-town guests were from Washington, D.C.; New York City; Charleston, W.Va.; Columbus, Ohio; Warren, Ohio; Arlington, Va.; and Chevy Chase, Md.

The newly-weds are residing in Silver Springs, Md.

The bride received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from California State College. She is employed by the Washington Post Employees Federal Credit Union.

The groom is a certified dental technician and works for the Rupp and Lanham Dental Laboratory.



Receives Degree

Rev. D. North Miller, of Graysville, left, was among five ministers receiving honorary Doctors of Divinity Degrees during the 53rd annual graduation at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C. The degree was conferred by Dr. Bob Jones III, right, president of the university. Miller, dean of Faith Bible Institute, Mt. Pleasant, is founder and director of the Living Waters Bible Ranch, Graysville.



40th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Basinger of Waynesburg R.D. 1 celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 26. They were married June 26, 1940, at Cumberland, Md. by the Rev. James Lilley. They are the parents of three sons, Gerald W. and Marvin J. of Ohio and Timothy L. of Waynesburg R.D. 1. There are also seven grandchildren, several foster children and foster-grandchildren. Mrs. Basinger is a daughter of Bertha and the late Dewey Mosholder. Mr. Basinger (Woody) is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Basinger of Mill Run. Woody is retired from Gateway Coal Company. Both are members of the Calvary Baptist Church.



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Golden Anniversary

An open house celebration in observance of the 50th wedding anniversary of John and Ann Wunder, of North East Street, Waynesburg, will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Waynesburg Elks Club.

CHURCHES MEET
The members of the United Methodist Women of the Davistown-Shordon Churches, will hold their annual meeting and picnic at the grange hall in Davistown Saturday, July 12.



ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Phillips of Bethel Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Susan, to John William Powell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Grover C. Powell of Waynesburg. Miss Phillips, a graduate of Robert Morris College, is a legal secretary employed by the law firm of Meyer, Unkovic and Scott in Pittsburgh. Her fiancé is a graduate of Lehigh University, the Case Western Reserve University School of Law and holds the degree of Masters of Laws in Taxation from the New York University School of Law. He is an attorney with the law firm of Meyer, Unkovic and Scott and also teaches at Robert Morris College. A January, 1981, wedding is planned.



Aquatic Tranquility

The pond in one of the Waynesburg Commons Parks is covered this time of year with pure white and pale pink petaled waterlilies with their bright yellow pistils and broad dark green floating leaves. The aquatic tranquility is broken only by the occasional croak of a bullfrog waiting for dusk to begin its nocturnal calling in earnest.

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County Obituaries

Scholz

Florence M. Scholz, 70, of New Freeport, died Wednesday, July 9, 1980, at 3:15 a.m. in the Greene County Memorial Hospital. Although she had been in poor health, her death was unexpected.

She was born October 2, 1909, in Franklin Township to the late Henry J. and Plessie Pitcock Morris.

On July 22, 1955, she married Max Scholz, who survives.

Mrs. Scholz was a homemaker. Prior to her marriage she had been employed by the Association for the Blind in Pittsburgh.

A former resident of Pittsburgh, she had lived in New Freeport since 1967. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church at Brave.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one daughter, Mrs. William (Shirlene) Stiles of Hundred, W. Va.; three grandsons, John C. Thomas of New Freeport, Charles W. and Michael T. Stiles, both of Hundred; one granddaughter, Mrs. Carmen (Ellen) Leo of Westland, Mich.; four great-granddaughters and one sister, Mrs. Sara Palmer of New Freeport.

A daughter, Johnetta Thomas, and one brother, Henry J. Morris, are deceased.

Mahle

Berkeley B. Mahle, 64, of Carmichaels R.D. 1, died Thursday, July 3, 1980, in Oswego, N.Y., where he had been residing with his daughter for the past seven months.

He was born March 13, 1916 in Barbour County, W. Va., a son of Henry and Inez Mahle. His wife, Bertha Stoffcheck Mahle, died October 3, 1979.

Mr. Mahle was a retired miner, having been employed at the Buckeye Coal Company's Nemaacolin mine, and had resided most of his life in Carmichaels.

He was a member of Nemaacolin Local 6290, United Mine Workers of America, and the Greene County Citizen's Club at Nemaacolin.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Carl (Mary Lou) Gdovka of Oswego, N.Y.; three sons, Berkeley (Bunky) Mahle of Pittsburgh, Donald J. Mahle of Cleveland, Ohio, and Peter G. Mahle of Uniontown; 14 grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Lloyd (Gertrude) Hayes of Rochester, N.Y.; and three brothers, Morris Halterman of Carmichaels, and Warren and Bentley Mahle, both of Rochester, N.Y.

A brother, Glen Mahle, is deceased.

Dobbs

Walter Dobbs, 61, of Cameron R.D. 2, W. Va., died Tuesday, July 1, 1980 in Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Glendale, W. Va.

He was born October 15, 1918, at Cameron, where he resided all of his life. He was a farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Roxie Logsdon Dobbs; six daughters, Miss Debra Dobbs of Creston, Ohio, Mrs. Sandra Foley of Moundsville R.D. 2, W. Va., Mrs. Doris Long, Mrs. Sara Clayton and Mrs. Virginia Boggs, all of Moundsville, and Mrs. Terri Higgins of Rittman, Ohio; three sons, Walter Blaine Dobbs of Tucson, Ariz., Doyle Dobbs of Rittman, Ohio, and Charles Dobbs of Moundsville; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Kapolka of Warren, Ohio, and Mrs. Gladys McMillan of Tucson, Ariz.; and three brothers, Harold Dobbs of New York City, Raymond Dobbs of Moundsville, and Shirley Dobbs of Warren, Ohio.

Ewart

Martin Ewart, 81, of Sycamore R.D. 1, died after a long illness at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 6, 1980, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corwin of Waynesburg R.D. 6.

He was born November 17, 1898, in Center Township, Greene County, a son of Harry W. and Belle Martin Ewart.

Mr. Ewart had resided all of his life in the Sycamore and Rogersville communities and was a member of the Bates Fork Baptist Church at Sycamore.

Mr. Ewart was a retired farmer and stock raiser. He never married and was the last of his immediate family.

Surviving are two nieces, Mrs. Eleanor Turner of Washington and Mrs. Mary Belle Watts of Irwin; three nephews, Carl Ely of Somerset, James Ely of Waynesburg and Louis Marriner of Washington.

Two sisters, Muriel and Olive, and one brother, Lloyd, are deceased.

Owen

Harry D. Owen, 98, of 19 Holley Road, Greensburg, died Thursday, July 3, 1980.

He was born November 26, 1882, near Bula, W. Va., a son of John L. and Sara Varner Owen.

Mr. Owen was a retired driller and a member of the Waynesburg Moose Lodge.

Surviving are three sons, Encel and Denzel Owen of Waynesburg and Donald Owen of Canton, Ohio; five daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Blanche) Stevenson of Virginia Beach, Va., Mrs. Donald (Helen) Blatchley and Mrs. Richard (Irene) Donohue, both of Greensburg, Miss Dorothy Owen of Washington, and Mrs. Truman (Geneva) Kennedy of Ligonier; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

His wife, Ada C. Woods Owen, died in April 1934. A brother and six sisters are also deceased.

Horn

Fauna G. Horn, 79, of 315 Sherman Avenue, Waynesburg, died after a brief illness at 7:45 p.m. Friday, July 4, 1980 in Greene County Memorial Hospital.

She was born November 5, 1900, in Washington Township, a daughter of Albert and Della Scott Grimes.

Mrs. Horn was a former resident of Clarksville and had made her home at Waynesburg for the past 10 years.

She was a member of the East Bethlehem Baptist Church at Ruff Creek.

Rapchak

Stephen (Red) Rapchak, 76, of Jacob's Ferry Road, Carmichaels R.D. 2, died Monday morning, July 7, 1980, in West Virginia University Medical Center, Morgantown, following a brief illness.

He was born February 21, 1904, at Bradenville, Westmoreland County, a son of Stephen and Veronica Soleni Rapchak.

Mr. Rapchak had owned and operated grocery stores in Nemaacolin and Crucible for 45 years before retiring. He was a member of St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Masontown, and served as a trustee of the church.

He was also active in scouting and had received scouting's Order of the Arrow. He was also a member of the Izaak Walton League, Greene County Chapter.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Mary Presner Rapchak, are one daughter: Mrs. Mary Louise Swatty, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sons: Stephen C. and Bruce E. Rapchak, both of Lexington, Ky.; seven grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. Michael (Catherine) Kosty, of Pasadena, Calif., and Mrs. Stanley (Julia) Lewandowsky, of Reevesville, W. Va.; four brothers: Michael and Pete Rapchak, both of Nemaacolin, and George and Joseph Rapchak, both of Carmichaels.

One sister, Mary, and two brothers, Andrew and John, are deceased.

Murphy

Agnes Connor Murphy, 75, of Jefferson, died at 8 a.m. Sunday, July 6, 1980, in Washington Hospital. She had been ill for one week.

She was born June 13, 1905, in Carmichaels, a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Cunningham Connor.

Her husband, Patrick H. Murphy, died in 1970.

Mrs. Murphy was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in the Jefferson area. She was a Presbyterian.

Surviving are three daughters, Gwen Peyton of Pittsburgh, Kathryn Gordon of Dracut, Mass., and Judy Shaffer of Jefferson; seven sons, Patrick Murphy Jr. of Jefferson, James Murphy of Daly City, Calif., John Murphy Sr. of Jefferson, William Murphy of Dracut, Mass., Charles Murphy of Biloxi, Miss., Richard Murphy of La Porte, Ind., and George Murphy of Waynesburg; 34 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Clark of Lorain, Ohio.

Coneway

Ella Maust Coneway, 97, of 1986 Matthew Road, Poland, Ohio, died after a long illness at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, 1980, in Youngstown General Hospital.

She had formerly resided in the Niveeh and Waynesburg areas and had made her home in Ohio for only a brief time before her death.

She was born January 21, 1883, at Brandonville, W. Va., a daughter of Andrew and Margaret Rosenberger Maust.

Mrs. Coneway was a member of the Brethren Church at Salem, W. Va.

Her husband, Obed Coneway, died September 1, 1970.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Edna Coneway Dennis of Poland, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and 38 great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Paul A. Coneway, four sisters and two brothers are deceased.

Sago

Amanda Marie Sago, infant daughter of Richard and Helen Phillips Sago of 400 East Franklin Street, Waynesburg, died Saturday, July 5, 1980 in the University Medical Center, Morgantown, West Virginia.

She was born June 12, 1980 in Morgantown and had been hospitalized since her birth.

Surviving in addition to her parents are her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cobb of Waynesburg.

Private funeral services were held Monday, July 7, 1980 at the Behm Funeral Home Inc., Waynesburg, with the Rev. William Foley officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Davistown.

Sanders

Lawrence J. Sanders Jr., 19, of Waynesburg R.D. 5, died in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Thursday, July 3, 1980, of head injuries suffered in a highway accident near West Finley on June 24.

He was born April 18, 1961, in Newport News, Va., a son of Lawrence and Grace Cress Sanders of Waynesburg R.D. 5.

He had attended West Greene High School and was employed by the Greene County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Surviving in addition to his parents are a sister, Pamela Joy Sanders, at home, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Cress of Bruceton Mills, W. Va.

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Drocton

Marie M. Drocton, 70, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of Crucible, died Monday, July 7, 1980, in Holy Cross Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale.

She was born November 12, 1909, a daughter of Mike and Anna Hritz Macuga.

Her husband, Leonard Drocton, died in December, 1979.

Mrs. Drocton had resided in Crucible before moving to the Miami and Ft. Lauderdale areas, where she had lived for the past 25 years.

Surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Anna Demchak, of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Helen Bodnar, of Boca Raton, Fla., Mrs. Sue Beck, of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Betty Castele, of Southfield, Mich., and Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, of Romeo, Mich.; one brother, Andy Macuga, of Pontiac, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Bane

Ralph Autley (Buck) Bane, 81, of 173 State Street, Cameron, W. Va., died at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 5, 1980, in Ohio Valley Medical Center.

He was born July 5, 1899, in Washington County, a son of Robert and Elizabeth Tedrow Bane.

Mr. Bane was a member of the First Christian Church and Masonic Lodge No. 17 at Cameron.

He was a retired businessman, having worked in the Cameron area for many years.

His wife, Anna Hicks Bane, survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Rudy (Helen) Gibson of Welch, W. Va.; three brothers, O.C. (Tim) Bane of Nettie, W. Va., Donald Bane of Cameron, Russell (Bus) Bane of Freemont, Calif.; and one grandson.

Police File Charges In Hit-And-Run

CARMICHAELS — Alan Dean Poling, 19, of Jefferson, faces multiple charges as the result of a highway accident in Carmichaels at 1:45 a.m. Friday.

Lt. Michael Yandura of the Carmichaels Borough police said Poling left the scene after colliding with a car operated by Phillip Riggi of Carmichaels, who was treated at Greene County Memorial Hospital for cuts and bruises.

Yandura said Poling went through a red light at the corner of Route 88 and Morgantown Street, striking the Riggi car broadside and pushing it into a tree. He then drove south on Route 88 to the Paisley crossroad and west on Route 21 to Khevide, where his car quit running.

He was subsequently arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated; purchase, possession and consumption of intoxicating beverages by a minor; failure to stop at the scene of an accident involving injury; failure to render aid; and running a red light.

A program of music, readings and other entertainment was held. Those taking part included Ronald and Timothy Cole, Loretta Shriver, Terri, Jennifer and Richie Cole, Brenda Dye, Heather Cole, Pansy Six, Valerie Cole, Ethel Cole, Rickie Cole, Pauline Kiger, Ronald Cole family, Ronald Cole Jr., Ronald and Cheryl Cole and Timothy Cole. President Albert Cole presided at the business meeting.

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Sluganski

Frank Sluganski, 48, of 432 Winton Street, Pittsburgh, died Thursday, June 26, 1980, after an extended illness.

He was born in Pittsburgh, a son of the late Anthony Sluganski and Mrs. Matilda Burak and was employed by Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.

He was married to the former Edna Snyder of Carmichaels, who survives along with two sons, Randy and John, both at home, and six brothers, Edmund, Joseph, Theodore, John, Carl and Leonard, all of Pittsburgh.

Services were held in Pittsburgh. Burial was in Greene County Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Dominick Sgro officiated.

McNinch

Grace McNinch, 96, of Glen Easton R.D. 2, W. Va., died in her home at 11 p.m. Thursday, July 3, 1980.

She was born April 24, 1884, in Marshall County, W. Va., a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Chapman Allen.

Her husband, John McNinch, died in 1949.

Mrs. McNinch was a member of the Fork Ridge Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Harris of Glen Easton and Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins of Wichita, Kas.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

ENDS TRAINING

Pvt. Leroy C. Eddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Eddy of Holbrook R.D. 1, recently completed special training at Fort Benning, Ga. The training consisted of basic combat training and advanced individual training. Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

REUNION HELD

The 79th reunion of the Cole, Phillips, Tustin, King and White families was held June 29 in the community building at the Greene County Fairgrounds with approximately 70 persons attending.

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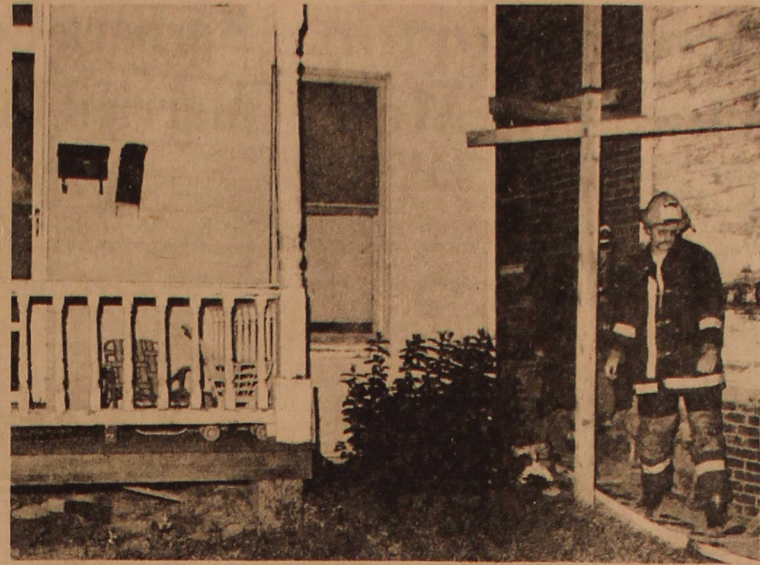
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Nibbling Snapper

Pete Snodgrass of Church Street, Waynesburg, caught a real surprise when he was out fishing over the weekend. While standing in the creek at Sycamore he felt something tugging at two bass he had caught and tied to a metal chain fastened to his waist. When he looked down, he saw the largest snapping turtle he has ever seen in over 50 years of fishing eating the fish. Snodgrass managed to catch it and when he weighed it at home found the turtle to be a quarter of a pound shy of 15 pounds.



Observer-Reporter Photo

Major Damage Prevented

Quick response by Waynesburg volunteer firemen prevented major damage from a fire which began in a chair in the back apartment of a house on West Lincoln Street shortly before 2:30 a.m. Wednesday. Waynesburg Fire Chief John Gardner said the fire was in the apartment occupied by Chuck McClure. The front apartment of the house owned by L. L. Benty of Ohio is occupied by Peggy Kelly and her two children. Gardner said the fire destroyed the chair and scorched a wall it was against.

All Around Greene

Craft items which had been made during the week were displayed, and each class presented a brief program. Mrs. Dolly Gopen, school director, introduced teachers and helpers and thanked all those who had helped in any way in making the school a success.