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Borow Hears Alternatives In Flood Control

WAYNESBURG — The alternatives which the Wheeling Creek Flood Control Commission faces if it is to complete its multi-million dollar project to protect people and property in the Wheeling, W.Va. area were outlined Tuesday for the Greene County commissioners.

Ann Bower, commission executive director, said they center on possible construction of two dams in Greene County — either as wet dams or dry dams — or on relocation and flood-proofing of more than 600 homes and business places in small communities outside Wheeling, with estimated price tags ranging from \$8.2 million to \$26.5 million.

"Costs have risen sharply during the year which have passed since this project was begun, and the money which was originally raised as the local share is no longer sufficient to complete the job," Mrs. Bower said. "If it is completed, the people of Wheeling will have to find a way to raise additional money."

As of now, the commission has built five of the seven dams which were designed to give flood protection to small communities, such as Elm Grove, which are located along Big Wheeling Creek. Four of them are in Ohio and Marshall Counties in West Virginia, while the fifth is in Washington County — all within the huge watershed of Wheeling Creek.

Still called for, and remaining to be built, are Dam 648, which would be located on Enlow Fork on the Washington-Greene County line, and Dam 650 on Dunkard Fork, just east of the West Virginia line. Both are in Richhill Township near Wind Ridge.

The existing five dams, she said, provide residents of the flood-prone area with 62 percent protection, with flood damage still averaging about \$700,000 each year. "In the flood last August, damage was estimated at \$600,000."

Construction of Dam 648 would boost protection to 89 percent. It would cost \$8.2 million to construct it as a dry

dam and \$9.3 million to build it as a wet dam.

With a dry dam, water would be impounded behind the dam only when the Enlow Fork watershed receives flooding rains. At other times, the stream would flow as it now does. A wet dam would

create a 115-acre permanent lake. The overall amount of land required to provide for high-water conditions would be the same.

Construction of Dam 650 only would boost protection to 96 percent. It would cost \$13.3 million to build as a dry dam,

with no consideration being given to its construction as a wet dam.

So far as Greene County is concerned, the advantage of a wet dam at Dam 648 would be to provide a source of water supply for the area, Mrs. Bower said. She explained

that U.S. Steel Corp. had been involved in that it had agreed to pay part of the cost of a wet dam provided that water from the lake could be used as a source of supply for two mines it was planning to build in the area, but that this factor is now uncertain because U.S.

Steel has sold the property to Conoco, Inc. Conoco is currently conducting engineering studies of its own, but has not indicated as yet if it would be interested in picking up the U.S. Steel proposal.

The third, and most expensive, proposal would be to eliminate construction of both Greene County dams and to solve the flooding problem at Wheeling by moving 414 homes and four businesses from the flood plane there, plus providing flood proofing for an additional 181 homes and 18 businesses. This alternative would cost an estimated \$26.5 million.

Mrs. Bower explained that federal funds are available to carry about 80 percent of the cost of any alternative which is selected. Wheeling, however, has only about \$640,000 on hand for its local share, raised many years ago when the project was first proposed. To build both dams, they would have to raise an additional \$1.7 million.

"The long delay engendered by federal requirements for extensive studies has raised the cost considerably," she said.

The Wheeling Creek Flood Control Commission will meet at the Washington County courthouse at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at which time it is expected to choose between the alternatives outlined by the Soil Conservation Service

(SCS).

After that has been done, the SCS will have to prepare a new environmental impact statement and hold public hearings to defend whatever plan is proposed. This is important because of the objections which have been raised by the Association for Rural Conservation, Fish Commission, Game Commission and other groups which are fighting to protect the environment, wildlife, fish and archeological features which would be affected by the project.

"If everything goes along without a hitch, we are looking at least two years," Mrs. Bower said.

The flood control commission consists of 10 members — two from each of the four counties involved plus one state environmentalist each from Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Greene County representatives are County Commissioner Richard Cowan and former district attorney W. Bertram Waychoff, with the latter having been active in the project since its inception more than 20 years ago.

Mrs. Bower said she could make no prediction as to which alternative the commission will select, but did point out that the five members from West Virginia are becoming impatient with delays and want something done to complete the project.

Council Gives Approval

Part Of Budget Is Subject To Hearing

WAYNESBURG — Waynesburg Borough Council adopted the 1981 borough budget at a special meeting Monday, making it subject to the outcome of a court hearing on its petition for permission to increase the fire tax from one mill to three mills.

The property tax levy has been reduced from 23 mills to

17 mills, but will go up to 19 mills if the additional fire protection levy is approved. Court permission is required because 17 mills is the maximum the borough could levy in 1981 and stay within the limit of a five percent increase over 1980 tax revenues.

The five percent ceiling exists because of the county-wide increase in assessed values which will go into effect in 1981, brought about by setting assessed values at 30 percent of the market value of real estate. The ratio had been set at 20 percent.

Borough Solicitor William P. Thomas assured council that the budget can be reopened for reconsideration until Feb. 15, so that it can be amended to include the additional fire tax if court approval is given.

Councilman Jim Eichenlaub was the only member to vote against adoption of the budget. He made a motion that adoption be predicated on court approval of the fire tax increase, and that some other method be found to provide the additional revenues for the fire company if the petition is not approved. He said that the borough is committed to helping pay for the new fire truck purchased recently, and that it is already a year behind on its commitment. His motion died for lack of a second.

"There is really very little we do to generate additional revenues for the fire company (if the tax increase is not approved)," Borough Manager James Ealy said.

The budget, as adopted, provides for estimated expenditure of \$642,116.

In other action at its meeting the borough accepted a proposal from Bortz Chevrolet and Cadillac, Waynesburg, for lease of a 1981 car to the borough for use as a police patrol car.

The proposal calls for the borough to pay \$410 per month for a 1981 Impala sedan for a three-year period, with the monthly lease to include a complete maintenance policy. Three proposals were received for purchase of a used four-wheel truck for use by the maintenance department. The bids were tabled until the January meeting, when a recommendation will be made by Ealy.

Admitted To Bar

Judge Glenn Toothman, left, talks with Anne S. Maxwell and her father, R. Wallace Maxwell, Tuesday morning following a brief ceremony admitting her as a member of the Greene County Bar Association. This is the first time a father and a daughter will be members of the local bar. Maxwell has been a practicing attorney in Greene County since 1948.

Franklin Twp. Homeowners Ask Again About Curbing On Street

WAYNESBURG — Two homeowners on Colonial Drive in Franklin Township Monday night approached the township supervisors to inquire again about the status of curbing on their street.

During the discussion that followed, township solicitor John Hook informed the homeowners that township officials were misled by the First National Bank & Trust as to the existence of the \$20,000 performance bond the developer

was to have deposited in the bank. Hook said an agreement was signed between the township and Bender & Co., the developer, which required the cash bond to be held until a certain part of the street was constructed to township specifications. "Apparently the \$20,000 was never taken out of Bender's construction account," Hook said. He went on to say the bank apparently retained some \$20,000 left in

the account when the developer went under and applied the amount to the indebtedness to the bank.

According to the agreement, the township can not move against the developer until October 10, 1981, because the agreement gave the developer 48 months in which to complete the street construction. Hook said it was possible future owners of the development could finish the street.

Three possible buyers are currently interested in purchasing the development site, Hook said. The township engineer recently estimated it would cost \$6,900 to finish the wedge curbing and drainage on the street.

Hook said that if the township eventually had to complete the construction, he would recommend the supervisors sue the bank to recover the costs because it was, in his opinion, the bank's fault the money was not retained.

The same agreement stated that Bender would deposit \$550 into the special account each time a lot was sold. This was never done and Hook said it would appear to the fault of the prothonotary's office for not cross-filing the agreement in that office and also the fault of some attorneys who were aware of the requirement.

In other action, the township approved the construction of a small trailer court in Morrisville. Earl Taylor is the owner of the site.

Adoption of the 1981 budget will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Crime On Rise

WAYNESBURG — Although the amount of cases remains small, drug abuse arrests in Waynesburg Borough showed a 266 percent increase in 1980 according to third-quarter statistics released this week by the borough police department.

The increase is probably reflected in the fact that for the first time the borough police department has a detective on the force. Detective Dave Clark has been concentrating his efforts in the area of drug law enforcement. There were three arrests in 1979 and 11 in 1980.

The highest increase was recorded in the aggravated assault category with the borough showing a 650 percent increase. There were two such arrests in 1979 and 15 during the same period in 1980.

A marked increase was also noted in arrests for drunkenness. In 1979, there were 39 such arrests but in 1980 during the first nine months, there were 100 arrests for a 156 percent increase.

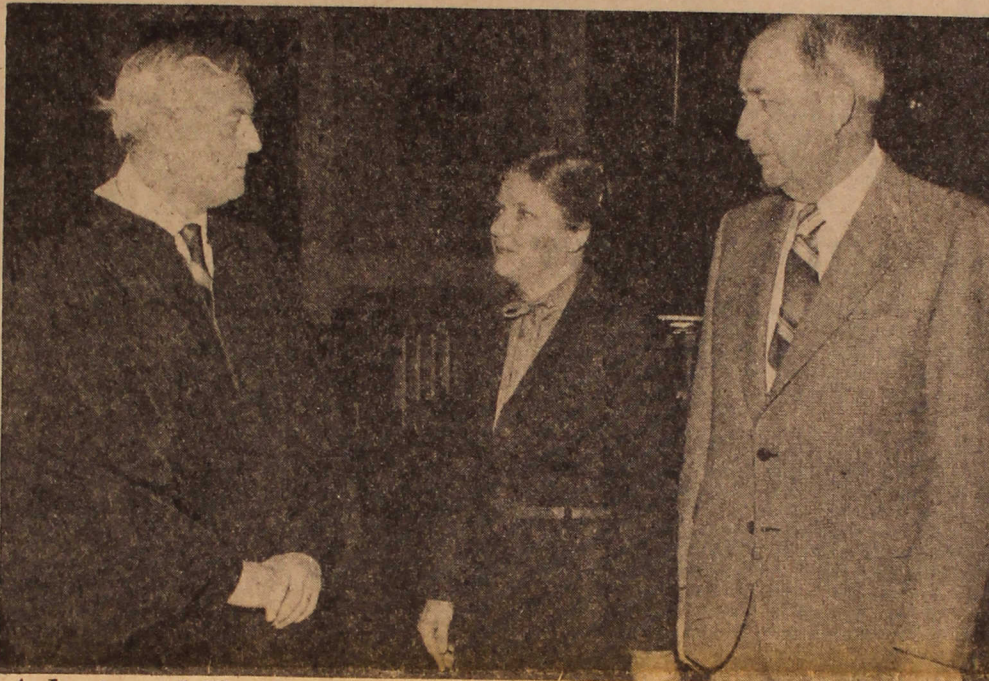
Assault cases were up 100 percent and disorderly incidents were up 89 percent. Vandalism increased 35 percent and liquor law violations by 55

percent. Only in the burglary without force category was a decrease noted.

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The U.S. District Court sub-



Observer-Reporter Photo

Court Permits Same Tax In Carmichaels

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County Court Tuesday approved Carmichaels Borough Council's petition for permission to enact the same 14-mill property tax levy in 1981 as it had this year.

Because of an increase in the assessment base, revenue from the levy next year will be \$23,618, as compared to \$15,400 in 1980. Court approval was needed because the increase in property tax revenues will exceed the five percent limit set by law after a county-wide reassessment. The borough would have been forced to cut its levy to 11 mills to meet this requirement.

Mayor Paul Connor and Council President Robert Dobbins were the only ones to testify at the hearing held on the borough petition, and there was no one in court to object to the request.

Connor testified that revenues in 1980 amounted to \$82,120, which was \$890 less than expenditures, requiring still another drain on the capital improvement fund which was set up to replace the borough building which was destroyed by fire several years ago. He said that of the \$93,000 in insurance which the borough received, all but \$35,000 has been expended — some to replace furnishings and other things lost in the

fire, \$30,000 to carry out a street improvement program, and other amounts for general operations.

He testified that the 1981 budget totals \$119,318, and expressed the hope that the borough could in some way manage to build the new borough building, stating that with a 20-year bank loan of \$49,000 the project could be carried through and a \$75,000 constructed.

Dobbins testified that the preliminary budget totaled \$135,242, and that the only way it could be brought down to the \$119,318 level was to make cuts which included removal of \$8,448 inserted for a building bank loan plus cutting back on the use of part-time police officers.

"With the present budget, there's no way we can erect the building," he said.

Fire Damage Set At \$4,000

CARMICHAELS — Quick action by the Carmichaels-Cumberland Township Volunteer Fire Co. prevented what could have been a serious fire Wednesday morning.

Firemen were summoned the home of Lloyd Bradman at about 11 a.m., where — according to fire chief Bill Groves — they discovered the living room area of the two-family duplex on fire.

Firefighters limited damage to the living room and kitchen areas and prevented the fire from reaching other areas of the building. Damage was estimated at \$4,000.

After the fire was extinguished, Mrs. Carolyn Bradman was arrested by Cumberland Township police chief Phil Carter for public intoxication. She was remanded to the Greene County Jail and later Wednesday was transferred to the Washington Jail, where she was reportedly still being held Thursday. If could not be established if she faces further charges.

Consideration was listed as \$102,678.

Major Coal Owners Trade Acres Of Fuel

WAYNESBURG — Two of the major owners of Greene County coal — Consolidation Coal Co. and Consolidated Natural Gas Co., completed a transaction this week in which close to 1,000 acres of Sewickley coal was sold by Consolidation to CNG.

The transaction, which was described as part of a trade to align coal holdings held by the two companies, included 103 acres in Jackson Township, 212 acres in Aleppo Township and 671 acres in Richhill Township.

Consolidation was listed as \$102,678.

Taxes Stay About Same Throughout County

WAYNESBURG — With only a few exceptions, residents of Greene County's six boroughs and 20 townships will pay approximately the same amount in municipal taxes in 1981 as they paid this year.

A survey indicates that all of the municipalities have approved their budgets for the coming year, with most of them scheduled for adoption during the final week of this month.

In all but a few cases, real estate levies will be lower in 1981, reflecting the higher tax bases generated by the county-wide increase in the ratio between the market value and the assessed value of property. For 1981, assessed values will be set at 30 percent of market value rather than at 20 percent. The change will boost the tax base in all municipalities by 50 percent.

There are some exceptions. Carmichaels Borough has petitioned the Greene County Court for permission to retain the same 14-mill levy it had in 1980, and Waynesburg Borough has asked for permission to increase its fire tax from one mill to three mills. If approved, Waynesburg's levy would be reduced from 23 mills to 19 mills, rather than to 17 mills.

Richhill Township has already received court approval to retain the same four-mill levy in 1981 that it had in 1980. In Gray Township, the fire tax

will increase from ½ mill to one mill.

A brief summary for each of the municipalities:

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Carmichaels — The real estate levy, with court approval, will remain at 14 mills, with other levies also remaining unchanged. They include a \$5 occupation privilege tax, \$50 business privilege tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax, and one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The budget totals \$119,318 and is scheduled for adoption at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29.

Clarksville — The real estate levy will be reduced from 15 mills to 11 mills to finance a \$12,800 budget. The borough also collects a \$5 occupation privilege tax, \$10 mechanical devices tax, and earned income tax and realty transfer taxes levied at the rate of one-half of one percent.

Greensboro — The real estate tax will be cut from 20 mills to 14 mills, with no change in the earned income tax or realty transfer tax, both collected at the rate of one-half of one percent. The budget, which was adopted on Dec. 19, calls for total expenditures of \$35,000.

Jefferson — The real estate levy will be reduced from nine mills to 6½ mills to finance a \$37,000 budget which was adopted on Dec. 1. The borough also has a \$5 occupation privilege tax, \$15 mechanical devices tax and a one-half of one percent earned income

tax. **Rices Landing** — The property tax will be cut from nine mills to seven mills, with other levies including a \$5 occupation privilege tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax and one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The budget will be adopted at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Waynesburg — The budget, adopted Monday, calls for a reduction in the property tax from 23 mills to 17 mills, including one mill for fire protection. If court approval is received, it will be increased to 19 mills to provide an additional two mills of revenue for fire protection. Other levies include a \$5 per capita tax, \$10 occupation privilege tax, \$100 business privilege tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax and one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The budget totals \$642,000.

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Aleppo — The real estate levy will be reduced from five mills to three mills, with no change in the one-half of one percent earned income tax and one-half of one mill realty transfer tax. The budget will be adopted at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Center — The property tax will be reduced from four mills to 2½ mills, which includes ¼ mill for fire protection. The township also levies a \$3 per capita tax, a one-half of one percent earned income tax and a one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The

\$167,000 budget is scheduled for adoption at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Cumberland — The property tax will be reduced from 11 mills to eight mills, which includes one mill each for fire protection and a new machinery fund. The per capita tax will be increased from \$3 to \$5, but all persons 65 years of age and older who apply for exemption will be excused from payment of the levy. The township also has a \$5 occupation privilege tax, a one-half of one percent earned income tax and a one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The \$450,000 budget is scheduled for adoption at 6 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Dunkard — The real estate levy will be reduced from 16½ mills to 11½ mills, which will include two mills for the machinery fund and ½ mill for fire protection. A \$5 per capita tax will be adopted as a new levy to replace the occupation tax. The township also has a \$5 occupation privilege tax and a one-half of one percent earned income tax. The \$132,000 budget is scheduled for adoption on Dec. 30.

Franklin — The real estate tax will be cut from 11 mills to 7.7 mills, which will include 1.7 mills for fire protection and one mill for the machinery fund. The township also levies a \$5 per capita tax, \$10 occupation privilege tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax and one-half of one percent

realty transfer tax, with all taxes bringing in a total of \$319,000. The budget is scheduled for adoption at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Freeport — The real estate levy will be reduced from six mills to 4 mills, with the \$39,650 budget scheduled for adoption at 7 p.m. on Dec. 30. The township also levies a \$3 per capita tax, a one-half of one percent earned income tax and a one-half of one percent realty transfer tax.

Gilmore — The property tax will be cut from four mills to 3.2 mills, which will include 2.8 mills for the general fund and .4 of a mill for fire protection. The per capita tax will be increased from \$1 to \$3. The township also levies a one-half of one percent earned income tax and a one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The budget is scheduled for adoption at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Gray — The property tax will be increased from 2½ mills to three mills, with the additional half-mill increasing the fire protection tax to one mill. The township also levies a \$5 per capita tax, a one-half of one percent earned income tax and a one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The \$13,362 budget is scheduled for adoption on Dec. 23.

Greene — The real estate levy will be reduced from nine mills to 5¼ mills, with the \$70,000 budget scheduled for adoption at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31.

The township also levies a \$3 per capita tax, \$5 occupation privilege tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax and a one-half of one percent realty transfer tax.

Jackson — The property tax will be cut from two mills to 1.45 mills. The township also collects a \$5 per capita tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax and one-half of one percent realty transfer tax, with all taxes expected to generate \$45,220.

Jefferson — The real estate tax will be reduced from 14½ mills to 9½ mills, which will include one mill for machinery. Also levied are a \$3 per capita tax, \$5 occupation privilege tax, and one-half of one percent earned income tax. The budget, which totals \$230,000, exclusive of the revenue sharing fund, will be adopted at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 30.

Monongahela — The property tax will be cut from eight mills to 5¼ mills, with the \$115,000 budget scheduled for adoption at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31. The township also collects a \$2 per capita tax, \$5 occupation privilege tax, and one-half of one percent earned income tax.

Morgan — The property tax will be cut from 11 mills to eight mills, with no change in the other levies, a \$5 occupation privilege tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax and one-half of one percent

realty transfer tax. The \$156,000 budget is scheduled for adoption at 1 p.m. on Dec. 30.

Morris — The real estate tax will be cut from seven mills to 4.4 mills, with the \$71,589 budget to be adopted at 8 p.m. on Dec. 29. The township also has a \$1.50 per capita tax, a one-half of one percent earned income tax and a one-half of one percent realty transfer tax.

Perry — The real estate levy will be reduced from 8½ mills to 5¼ mills, with no change in the \$3 per capita tax, \$10 occupation privilege tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax or one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The budget will be adopted at 4 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Richhill — With court approval, the real estate tax will remain at four mills, including one mill for fire protection. Retention of the four-mill levy was predicated on a need for a new grader and on inflationary increases in operating costs. There will be no change in the \$2 per capita tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax or one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The \$110,000 budget is scheduled for adoption at 7 p.m. on Dec. 26.

Springhill — The real estate tax will be reduced from 4½ mills to 3.2 mills, with no change in the nine mill occupation tax, one-half of one

percent earned income tax or one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The \$47,000 budget will be adopted at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31.

Washington — The property tax will be cut from eight mills to 5½ mills, with the \$102,000 budget to be adopted at 4:15 p.m. on Dec. 31. The township also levies a \$5 per capita tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax and one-half of one percent realty transfer tax.

Wayne — The property tax will be reduced from 17 mills to 11.9 mills, with the township also levying a \$5 per capita tax, one-half of one percent earned income tax and one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The supervisors said the township, after beginning 1980 with a deficit which required a \$25,000 loan, will complete the year with the loan repaid and a surplus with which to begin 1981, putting it "in sound financial condition." The \$170,000 budget is scheduled for adoption at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Whiteley — The real estate tax will be reduced from 8½ mills to six mills, which includes ½ mill for machinery. The per capita tax will be increased from \$2 to \$5. The township also has a \$10 occupation privilege tax, a one-half of one percent earned income tax and a one-half of one percent realty transfer tax. The \$134,600 budget will be adopted at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Home Seeks Administrator

By BOB EICHENLAUB

Greene News Editor

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County commissioners announced Friday that they are seeking a certified administrator for the Curry Memorial Home.

The person hired will succeed Thomas H. Boyd Jr. of Waynesburg R.D.4, who has been serving as acting administrator of the 111-bed nursing home since April 17, 1978.

The action is being taken because Boyd failed to pass the state certification test when he took it for the second time in October.

"We were cited by the Department of Welfare on Oct. 1 for not having a licensed administrator at the Curry Home and were given six months in which to correct the deficiency," said Joseph Pawlosky, chairman of the board of commissioners. "Mr. Boyd has just been notified that he failed to pass the state test which he took in October and we cannot risk our state and federal payments by continuing to operate without a certified operator."

The commissioners said that applications from qualified candidates will be accepted until Jan. 15.

"We will accept applications only from individuals who are certified to operate nursing homes in Pennsylvania," Pawlosky said.

Boyd was appointed acting administrator in 1978 to succeed James D. Ealy of Waynesburg. He had previously worked for seven years as administrator of the Opportunity Center for handicapped persons operated in West Waynesburg by the Greene County Association for Retarded Citizens.

The Department of Welfare approved his employment at that time with the understanding that he would take and pass the state licensing examination. Boyd took the test for the first time in April 1980 but failed to pass two sections of the examination. The county was then given an extension on his temporary permit so that he could retake the examination in October, but he

again failed to pass the sections on administration and on rules and regulations.

"Applicants are permitted to take the test three times, but the next examination will not be given until April and that is not soon enough because we have only until March 1 to satisfy the state citation," Pawlosky said. "If we don't, we face the chance of losing our reimbursements."

In the only other development at the meeting, the commissioners questioned criteria

used by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in making a decision to merge Greene and Fayette Counties into one large maintenance sub-district.

Letters seeking clarification of the reasons involved will be sent to State Highways Secretary Thomas D. Larson, with copies going to State Senator Barry Stout and Representative H. William DeWeese.

The commissioners said they have been told that because of the change Greene

County responsibility for road maintenance will be expanded to include part of Fayette County, such as Masontown, and that the administrative staff at the Greene County maintenance headquarters will be reduced.

The commissioners expressed the fear that the consolidation would result in reduced highway maintenance for the county. The merger was announced last week as part of a statewide drive to reduce Transportation Department expenditures.

Barchiesi Takes His Work And 'Stuffs It'

By JIM MOORE

Staff Writer

When someone tells Carl Barchiesi to "take this job and stuff it" he couldn't be happier.

Barchiesi, 28, is a full-time coal miner at night and an accomplished taxidermist during the day. In fact, he is the only licensed taxidermist in the area.

From 4 p.m. to midnight, you can find him working as a control operator in the preparation plant at U.S. Steel's Cumberland Mine near Kirby. During the day he becomes an artist, groomer and surgeon while practicing his second occupation.

What started out as a teenage hobby resulting from a magazine advertisement has turned into a business-hobby for the Waynesburg man.

When he was a junior in high school he enrolled in a correspondence course being offered by the Northwestern School of Taxidermy in Nebraska. Over the years, he continued taking lessons by mail and on many weekends traveled to Hammondsville, Ohio, to study under Casmere Latynsky, a taxidermist with over 50 years of experience.

This past June, he traveled to the Fish & Game Commission headquarters in Huntington with the required five

species he had stuffed. His state test included a written test and the judging of his five species, which consisted of a big game head, a fish or reptile, a small animal, an upland game bird and a waterfowl. He passed with flying colors and received his license.

Using his skills as a carpenter and stonemason, Barchiesi built his own shop adjacent to his mobile home located on Route 21 between Waynesburg and East View. Although he is just getting started, the anteroom of his shop contains several stuffed animals, including a raccoon, squirrel, deer, fish and several birds.

He hopes to eventually stuff an entire buck and doe to be displayed in his shop. Barchiesi feels the bulk of his business will consist of deer mounts and fish specimens. Naturally, his business will not be confined to these species. He recently mounted a near-albino raccoon for a customer. He has also mounted a muskrat and a rattlesnake for Greene County customers.

A member of the National Taxidermy Association, he said birds are the most difficult to mount because of their thin skin and the feathers. "Birds are so fragile, you almost have to be a surgeon to prepare them," he said. In

order to mount migratory birds, he had to obtain a special license from the federal government.

Barchiesi uses wood-wool to mould the forms for small animals but orders special ready-made forms for the larger animals such as deer. The animal hide is stretched over these forms and then his skill as an artist is required to touch-up the eyes, mouth and other areas of the species. Much time is spent in grooming the finished product, especially the birds.

He orders the eyes from a supply house in South Dakota, which furnishes glass eyes for any animal. There are three types of eyes for deer but the layman couldn't tell the difference, he said.

Barchiesi, while working in construction a few years ago, brought home a pickup truck loaded with old roots and tree branches from a site in West Virginia. The old wood is used as a base for the stuffed animals and is included in the price for his work.

In case you are wondering, the basic prices for various stuffed animals are \$160 for a buck, \$130 for a doe, \$50 for a squirrel and \$120 for an animal the size of a coon or fox. Grouse, ducks and pheasants cost \$75.

Don't bother bringing in an endangered species like an eagle, owl or hawk because Barchiesi is forbidden to mount them unless you represent a museum or agency which has government permission to display such endangered creatures.

Barchiesi hopes to eventually have the opportunity to stuff an elk, which he considers a challenge to his skill.

County Municipalities Will Receive \$431,324 In Revenue Sharing

WAYNESBURG — Greene County municipalities will receive a total of \$431,324 in federal revenue sharing funds each year for the next three years, according to Congressman Austin J. Murphy.

Legislation reauthorizing the federal aid program has been passed by both the House and the Senate, and is awaiting President Carter's signature.

Murphy said he was informed by U.S. Treasury Department officials that the amounts to be received would vary from estimates by no more than one-half of one per-

cent, plus or minus.

There will be minor changes in the program's operation. Local municipalities will no longer have to submit annual reports and an independent audit will be required every two years rather than on an annual basis.

Under the program, Greene County's six boroughs will receive a total of \$89,259 and its 20 townships a total of \$342,065, starting in 1981. The breakdown by individual municipality:

BOROUGHES

Carmichaels, \$6,189;

Clarksville, \$2,601; Greensboro, \$1,922; Jefferson, \$4,356; Rices Landing, \$4,552; Waynesburg, \$69,639.

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Aleppo, \$8,649; Center, \$13,507; Cumberland, \$44,742; Dunkard, \$20,487; Franklin, \$57,809; Freeport, \$2,938; Gilmore, \$2,670; Gray, \$1,809; Greene, \$3,335.

Jackson, \$7,629; Jefferson, \$28,592; Monongahela, \$7,373; Morgan, \$24,516; Morris, \$7,736; Perry, \$29,538; Richhill, \$13,115; Springhill, \$8,874; Washington, \$12,800; Wayne, \$25,191; Whiteley, \$19,675.

Office Hours Listed

Both the Greensboro and Bobtown Health Centers will close at noon Wednesday, Dec. 24, and will remain closed until Monday, Dec. 29, when regular hours will be observed.

The offices will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 31, and will be closed on New Year's Day. The offices will reopen on Friday, Jan. 2.

County School Districts Would Get An Additional \$2.2 Million

WAYNESBURG — Greene County school districts would receive an additional \$2.2 million in state subsidy payments during the 1981-82 school year if the Pennsylvania State Education Association is successful in its campaign to push subsidies up to the 50 percent level mandated by law.

"If the drive succeeds, virtually all of the state's 505 school districts would be able to reduce their local property tax burden by an average of 21 percent," PSEA President Jacques D. Angle said, adding

that the greatest benefits would go to districts with the least ability to finance education locally.

"The refusal to provide legally mandated funds for education may help the political stature of some people in Harrisburg for the time being, but it casts local school directors as heavies because they have to constantly raise local taxes. And even worse, it makes education costs seem to continually go up and appear uncontrollable, which then serves to reduce public

support of public education."

State subsidies are designed to equalize educational opportunities in all school districts, both the rich and the poor. Districts which have the lowest real estate market value and the least personal income wealth behind each of its students receive the highest payments.

Angle estimates that a return of state funding to the 50 percent level would produce a relative reduction in local property taxes throughout Pennsylvania.

In Greene County, it would boost estimated 1980-81 subsidies from \$7,345,645 to \$9,560,289, for an increase of \$2,214,644. Estimated increases which would result for each of the five school districts:

Carmichaels Area, up by \$479,010 to \$1,705,908; Central Greene, up \$686,388 to \$3,158,998; Jefferson-Morgan, up \$454,724 to \$1,594,387; Southeastern Greene, up \$469,454 to \$1,591,582; and West Greene, up \$125,069 to \$1,509,145.

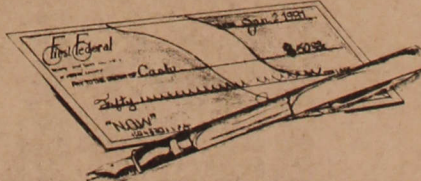
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MR. AND MRS. DONALD HEADLEE

Couple To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

WAYNESBURG — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Headlee of Brave Star Route will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 27, with open house from 6 to 9 p.m. in the fellowship room at the First Baptist Church of Waynesburg.

All friends and relatives are invited.

The Headlees were married Dec. 23, 1955, in the Mt. Morris Assembly of God Church by the Rev. W. C. Long.

Mr. Headlee is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Headlee of Waynesburg. Mrs. Headlee is

the former Patricia Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melva Mason of Carmichaels.

Mr. Headlee is employed as a controls technician by the Columbia Gas Corp. Mrs. Headlee is employed at the First National Bank office in Waynesburg. They are members of the Assembly of God Church in Brave.

They have a daughter, Donna Headlee of Carlisle, and two sons, Ronald Headlee, a student at Messiah College, Harrisburg, and Donald Headlee, a student at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.

Wedding Held In Mt. Morris

Cathy Patterson Robinson of Pine Bank Star Route became the bride of Truman Duane Harvey of Mt. Morris at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 29, 1980.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Nelson Thomas Thayer in the Mt. Morris Methodist Church. Barbara Hoey, organist, played a selection of wedding selections.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Patterson of Pine Bank. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Garvey Harvey of Mt. Morris.

Miss Sheila Harvey, daughter of the bridegroom, attended as maid of honor. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Butch Harvey of Akron, Ohio.

The ceremony was supplemented by a reception in the social room of the church. The guest book was attended by Judy Ann Lewellen, cousin of the bridegroom.

The new Mrs. Harvey is a private duty nurse. Mr. Harvey is employed as a mine foreman with Consolidation Coal Company at the Osage No. 3 mine.

The newlyweds will reside on Bacon Run Road at Mt. Morris.



MRS. T. DUANE HARVEY

All Around Greene

PAROLE AGENT IS HONORED

Ewing G. Miller of Carmichaels, a parole agent with the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, was recently honored at a retirement dinner in Pittsburgh.

A 20-year employee, he will officially retire on January 2, 1981. He worked in Greene and Fayette Counties during his career.

He was also honored with a luncheon at the Greensburg sub-station of the state agency and at the Uniontown barracks of the Pennsylvania State Police.

He and his wife Erma are the parents of three children, Amy, Mary Jo Greenly and Kaye Zoldos. They also have five grandchildren.

Woman Opens Heart To Foster Children

By CHRISTIE MOLZON
Staff Writer

You would think a woman with two teen-agers would have given away the baby's crib, pre-school games and assorted children's clothing by now.

Not Bernie Stitich. Because she never knows when she will have a baby or youngster in the house she is well prepared whenever one arrives.

For the past seven years Mrs. Stitich has opened her Waynesburg home to 52 foster children, mostly on an emergency placement basis.

The reason Mrs. Stitich regularly has one or two "extra" children living with her is because she loves them. "I'd always wanted to become a foster mother because I'd wanted a lot of children but wound up with just two," she said.

When asked how long she'll continue to be a foster mother to children who, for one reason or another, have to be removed from their home environments, she answered "probably forever."

After the first time she opened her home to a teen-age girl for a week, Mrs. Stitich made her ten-room house available to the local Children and Youth Services agency for emergency placement. There is a great need, she noted, for foster care homes in the county. "If they (the agency) just had more people to give up a little bit of their time it'd really help them out," she said. "The biggest thing kids need is your time."

It is amazing to think Mrs. Stitich has the time. She is not only a single parent with two children, but she has a

full-time job and is also a part-time college student.

Because she is involved with emergency and short-term foster care, Mrs. Stitich has often been called early in the morning and asked if she can take in a child. "If she's had the room she's always taken them in," Rupert Eder, director of Children and Youth Services of Greene County, said. "She's very helpful and that's what we need." Approximately 38 homes in the county presently serve as foster homes, but Eder noted there is always a need for more homes, especially those for short-term care, and for placement of older children. He also noted family units are needed, where several children from one family can be placed rather than being split up.

The children who have stayed with the Stitich family are usually from the county, but on occasions runaways from out of state have found a temporary home there. The foster children become part of the family, attend church, are expected to help with family chores and receive both love and discipline.

Her own children, Angie, 15, and Randy, 17, have adjusted well to their roles as surrogate sister and brother.

"They're very good about it," Mrs. Stitich said. "My daughter really kicks in and helps. Both are pretty good about playing with them, most teen-agers wouldn't be bothered."

At one time she had five teen-agers in the house including her own, and "that really makes for a hectic house," she noted.

But it is the younger ones

who touch her heart the most. "It's really hard to give up the little ones," she admits. "especially when they're so cuddly."

In her job as office manager for the Community Action Corp. in Waynesburg, Mrs. Stitich deals with the hurts and problems of society every day. She feels a strong need to help people, but is also realistic in her approach to life, knowing that she alone can't solve all the problems.

Yet, she knows there are ways in which she can help and what she gives to all the children who have lived with her is simple and fundamental. "I just give them all the love I can. Maybe it's just for a couple of days, but maybe it will help out in the long run. At least that's how I figure it," she said.



JUDITH A. STICH

Promotion

WAYNESBURG — Judith A. Stich was recently promoted to claims live-wire coordinator for Nationwide Insurance in its mid-eastern New York headquarters in Syracuse, N.Y.

She will be responsible for the supervision and training of personnel in the claims department in Syracuse who receive incoming phone reports of losses.

She is married to W. Terry Stich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan C. Custer of Waynesburg. A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, she joined Nationwide in 1977 as a claims examiner in the company's eastern Pennsylvania headquarters at Harrisburg.

Former Area Resident Will Be Ordained Sunday

WAYNESBURG — Larry Kennedy, a former resident of Waynesburg, will be ordained to the ministry at a special service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the First Christian Church of Waynesburg.

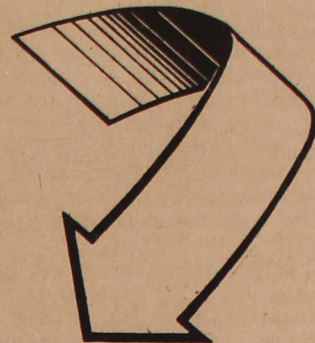
Kennedy, a former member of the church, will preach the sermon at the morning service at 10:30 a.m. that day. The Rev. Kenneth Thomas, pastor of the Waynesburg church, will deliver the sermon at the

ordination service. The public is invited to both services.

Kennedy is a ministerial student at Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, Tenn., and is serving as minister at the West Side Christian Church, Morristown, Tenn.

He and his wife, Linda, and their four children, Lori, Mark, Kathy and Jennifer, reside at the college in Knoxville.

This is it



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Road Maintenance Merger Bodes Ill For County

Greene County will no longer have a separate highway maintenance department under a re-organizational plan announced last week by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as part of a \$100 million cost-saving program.

As might be expected, the move generated protests from the Greene County commissioners and other officials in the county who fear it will mean a still further reduction in the quality of road upkeep.

Under the new setup, Greene County will be added to the responsibility of the Fayette County maintenance manager, with the Greene County maintenance manager being designated as his assistant, with some of his duties now including inter-county responsibilities. In addition, several headquarters job in Greene County will be eliminated.

District 12 officials at Uniontown claim the change will mean a streamlining rather than a reduction of services, since it will eliminate only support functions which can be performed more efficiently when consolidated.

The fact is, however, that Greene County for several years has been forced to get by with a greatly-reduced work force and a limited amount of money, which has virtually eliminated any chance for highway improvements, let alone adequate maintenance. And under the new system maintenance people in the county will be required to pick up additional responsibility for roads in Fayette County, probably in the Masontown area.

The merger might not be so bad if it meant that additional money would be made available for actual road work, but until the Legislature provides added revenues for use of the Department of Transportation the chances of such a development are nil.

Fox Convicted In Check Case

WAYNESBURG — James Fox, a Pittsburgh mortgage broker, was convicted in Greene County Court Wednesday of issuing a worthless check in connection with a private business transaction he had with Thomas Burkhead of Waynesburg R.D.4.

He was found not guilty, however, on a charge of theft by deception.

Burkhead charged that Fox gave him a personal check for \$7,500 as security for a \$6,300 investment in a mortgage transaction in June. The transaction was not carried through, his money was not returned, and when he attempted to cash the check he was notified that the bank account on which it was drawn had been closed.

Burkhead is Greene County fiscal officer, but the transaction did not involve the county in any way.

The case, which was tried Tuesday, went to the jury Wednesday morning, with the verdict being returned at noon. Sentencing on the bad check charge was deferred for seven days pending possible defense motions, with Fox's attorney indicating that he would request a directed verdict on the grounds that the verdict was incorrect.

Assistant District Attorney Stephen White, who served as prosecutor in the case, asked the Court to require a bond of \$2,500, pointing out that Fox had been under a nominal \$1 bond. The court set the bond, but later agreed to accept a \$500 cash bond when Fox said he could not raise the \$2,500.

During the trial, Burkhead testified that Fox came to him in June with a proposal which required a \$6,300 investment, telling him he could expect the transaction to be closed three days later. Burkhead said he had known Fox for about two years through business transactions Fox had had with a man for whom he (Burkhead) formerly worked.

Burkhead said he was told his investment would be placed in an escrow account and Fox gave him his check for \$7,500 as security in the amount that Burkhead was to have received through the transaction.

He testified that for more than three weeks Fox kept putting him off on payment of his money, while telling him that the transaction had been

successfully completed. He also testified that Fox had introduced him by telephone to a man who supposedly was a bank officer. When he checked and found there was no such officer at the bank, Burkhead attempted to cash the check and found the account had been closed.

Fox testified that the check he gave Burkhead had been intended as a note rather than a check.

"I never told Mr. Burkhead that the deal was successfully completed," he testified. "I was trying to get the money from any source to pay him off. I told him not to cash the check, that it was no good."

Fox also denied introducing Burkhead to any purported bank official. Under cross examination he said he could not remember details of the transaction in which Burkhead's money was to be used.

He said his company, which has since been closed, was in the business of securing second mortgage money for customers who were having a difficult time obtaining financing.

Officers Elected

The Carmichaels-Cumberland Volunteer Fire Co. met Friday night and elected officers for the coming year.

The elected officers are: H. Allan Baily, president; Wayne M. Long, vice president; Eugene Everly, treasurer; Craig Baily, secretary; Perry Henry, recording secretary; W. C. Brand, chaplain; Francis Krempasky, assistant chaplain.

William Groves will serve as chief; Rodney Kerr, first assistant chief; Joe Baker, second assistant chief; George R. Yorko, captain; Greg Pecon, first lieutenant; Ralph Ewart, second lieutenant; Carl Osborne and Thomas Russell, trustees.

Car Stolen

State police are investigating the theft of a 1979 Dodge Omni from the parking lot at Robena's Colvin Shaft.

The car, owned by Odell L. Yarborough of Allison, was taken early Tuesday morning.

Faces From The Past—Do You Recognize Them



Dances from a while back are recalled by this picture of a committee of the Waynesburg Twentieth Century Club, taken the year the club was organized. Those in the picture, from left, are Kirma M. Hoge, Ruth W. Dittman, Marie A. Milliken, Jean L. Scott, Peggy S. Milliken, Luise S. Cafferty, Nellie Montgomery, Dottie DeWeese and Helen Headlee.



Fact and Folklore

John O'Hara

In the wake of the success of many Waynesburg and other Greene County youths in various phases of competitive sports, particularly football, basketball and wrestling, the attainments of many others in the field of music is often overlooked or little known to the general public.

A letter from James Everett (Jim) Mason, born and reared in Waynesburg but now living at 2761 Elmer Park Road in Memphis, Tenn., brought this aspect of local folklore to mind the other day. In a reminiscent letter to this column of his undergraduate days at Waynesburg he expressed his appreciation of a recent article which mentioned some of the area musicians he played with in high school and being a member of other orchestras while still a student at Margaret Bell Miller High School before he left this area and headed for the sunny south.

His first affiliation was with Porter Caldwell's orchestra which included Caldwell's brother, Raymond, a drummer who later played with other groups before his untimely death years ago. Kenny Nichols was also in that group, Mason says, along with Bob Davis and Kay Lively, both of whom were professional musicians; Lively in Pittsburgh and Davis in New York City for several years.

A bit later on, Mason recalls, he was with a small group that included Oidman Taylor, a graduate of the classes taught by Ellen Reid Carter in classical music at Waynesburg College. Jack

Moore, at drums, and Bob Davis on the saxophone and clarinet.

Along with their performances at clubs with mostly "hoedown" music, they, especially Oidman, could make an instant switch to long hair, classical music, sometimes to the consternation of the audience.

"It was a great group," Mason recalls in his letter, adding that, "the monetary reward was small, traveling to places like Mannington, W. Va., Marianna, Clarksville, etc." Mason said his last contact with Taylor was at Girard, Ohio, where he was working for a gas company and still playing in his spare time. He has not heard from Jack Moore, but Davis now lives at Jefferson and is the communications director at the Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Co. office during the day.

Mason also says that since living in Memphis he has become a Dixieland and traditional jazz enthusiast and is still tacking the ivories with a Memphis band called the "Bollweevils."

"Recently," Mason's interesting narrative continues, "I played a fraternity dance at the University of Alabama and was greatly surprised by the enthusiasm of the 20 to 30-year-old couples for our jazz from the 1940's."

"A couple of summers ago I played with a Dixieland group on cruises on the Memphis Queen excursion boat on three hour trips up and down the Mississippi River."

Mason said he also still recalls the great piano playing

by Arnold Koepke, who played quarterback on the Waynesburg College football team and also, Mason added, "with the Shaw twins from Jefferson. It was a good time of life and I hope you can have some other stories about the musicians around Waynesburg in those years."

Asked by this writer where Mason had studied music, Bob Davis replied, "He didn't, he didn't have to study music because he had it naturally. He was a perfect example of Cab Calloway's famous remark that 'If you got it you've got it and if you don't have it you just don't.'"

"Jim had everything," Davis added. "He could fake, and all he needed was to hear a few bars of a number and he'd have it, almost the instant he heard it. He'd pick up the beat almost instantly and go from there."

Bowlby Library Names Acting Administrator

WAYNESBURG - Margaret W. Baker of Waynesburg R.D.2 has been appointed acting administrative librarian of the Eva K. Bowlby Public Library to fill the vacancy created by the resignation on Dec. 10 of Mrs. Jean-Marie Wilt.

As acting administrative librarian she will be responsible for overseeing operation of the Greene County Library System, which includes the bookmobile and Operation Outreach.

Mrs. Baker has been on the

The players mentioned above are only a small sampling of the many who provided Greene County with lots of pleasure during the years gone by, such as Frank Gaither who went on to Cleveland and played professionally before becoming affiliated with the U.S. civil service in that city.

Kay Lively became a player, arranger and musical director for a radio station in Pittsburgh. His brother, John, became choir director of a large Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. Davis, also had two brothers, John and Jim, who were both outstanding players and teachers here.

Comments on other Greene County musicians will be appreciated and may be mailed to the Waynesburg Republican at 63 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, Pa. 15370.

Bowlby Library staff as assistant librarian since Oct. 1, 1968. She is a graduate of the College of Wooster (Ohio) and has earned 18 graduate credits in library science from the University of Pittsburgh. Her appointment was made by the Bowlby Library board of directors.

Mrs. Wilt had served as administrative librarian since Dec. 1, 1976, and had been active in the county library system since its inception in January 1977.

Under The Dome

Bob Eichenlaub

Budgets for 1981 which are currently being adopted by Greene County's six boroughs and 20 townships are making news only to the extent that increases over 1980 budgets are minimal in nature.

Because of a constraint imposed by state law, virtually all of the municipalities have reduced their property tax levies to the point where they will produce no more than five percent above what they brought in this year. From a legal standpoint, the change in ratio between the market value and assessed value of property which the county will place in effect this constitutes a reassessment. It changes the ratio from 20 percent to 30 percent, which increases each municipality's tax base by 50 percent.

With the increased value of each mill of tax, the municipalities have had to reduce their millages to come within the five percent limitation, and with a few exceptions they have done so.

Two of those exceptions are Carmichaels Borough and Richhill Township, which have already received permission from the Greene County Court to retain the same millage rates in 1981 as they had in 1980, both because of pressures produced by inflation and the need for additional operating revenues.

Carmichaels will have a 14 mill levy and Richhill Township a four mill levy.

Another exception will very likely be Waynesburg Borough, where the court is being asked to approve a two mill increase (from one mill to three mills) in the fire protection tax. If it is approved, and council seems to feel it will be, the levy will be 19 mills, as

compared with 23 mills in 1980. Without the boost in the fire tax, it would go back to 17 mills to meet the five percent limitation.

The only township which apparently was not aware of the limitation was Gray Township, which has announced it is increasing its levy from 2.5 mills to three mills for 1981. The general fund levy will remain at two mills, but the fire tax will be increased from one to two mills.

There are a few instances in which townships are increasing tax levies other than the property tax in an effort to generate additional revenue.

Cumberland Township will boost its per capita tax from \$3 to \$5, but will offset the increase somewhat by granting an exemption to anyone over the age of 65 who applies for one.

Dunkard Township will adopt a new \$5 per capita tax and Gilmore Township will boost its per capita levy from \$1 to \$3.

Wayne Township, which for years has had the highest property tax among the county's 20 townships, had some good news for its taxpayers. The township was the center of a lot of controversy about a year ago, with supervisor resignations and new appointments being made, but the current board feels the township is now out of the woods.

"We had to borrow \$25,000 at the beginning of the year (1980) to keep us going, but we were able to repay that loan and still wind up the year with a fairly substantial surplus," board president George M. Adams said. "We think we're in pretty good shape now."

AROUND TOWN

By THE STAFF

Happy New Year to all readers of the Waynesburg Republican from coast to coast and all points north and south, particularly those basking in the southern suns of Florida and other states below the Mason-Dixon line.

The distinction of being the first daughter of any attorney who has ever practiced law in the Greene County courts to be inducted into the bar association while her father is still practicing, was achieved by Miss Ann Maxwell, daughter of Atty. and Mrs. R. Wallace Maxwell of Waynesburg, at an impressive courtroom service Tuesday morning, Dec. 23.

She was graduated with honors from Waynesburg College and became interested in the legal profession while doing social service work in Pittsburgh. She completed her law studies in evening classes at Duquesne University but has not yet decided where she will practice law. Miss Maxwell will be the fourth of the Twentieth Century Portias who have been admitted to Greene County Bar. The others are Rosemary Polen, Deborah Gilbert and Mary Pruss.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hogue of Charolette, N.C. and their three children, Scott, Carla and Sean, are spending the Christmas holiday's at the home of Mrs. Hogue's brother, Charles Hogue of North Morris Street, who is the prothonotary of Greene County. Mr. William Hogue, who became affiliated with the Planter Peanut Corp. at Pittsburgh 20 years ago, is now its highest ranked official of its national sales organization.

Mrs. Dorothy Loughman of Morris Township, who is on the admissions staff at Greene County Memorial Hospital, changed roles Monday when she was trapped in her car after it overturned as she was driving from her home to a store at Nineveh. Rushed to the hospital, she became the "admissee" instead of the "admitter." She hopes to be discharged in time to spend Christmas at home as her injuries were not critical.

Dr. Helen Cafferty, a language professor at Bowden College in Maine, is spending the Christmas season at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cafferty of U.S. Route 19 north, in Franklin Township. During the latter part of the holiday recess at

Bowden, she will attend a language seminar in Texas.

Residents of South Richhill Street in Waynesburg who used to think of a coal mine as a place somewhere along the Monongahela River, now have one almost in their backyard from where long trains of gondola cars loaded with coal run five and six days a week and long strings of bright yellow hued electric lights burn all night from the bottom to the top of Duvall's Hill.

Society Inducts Members

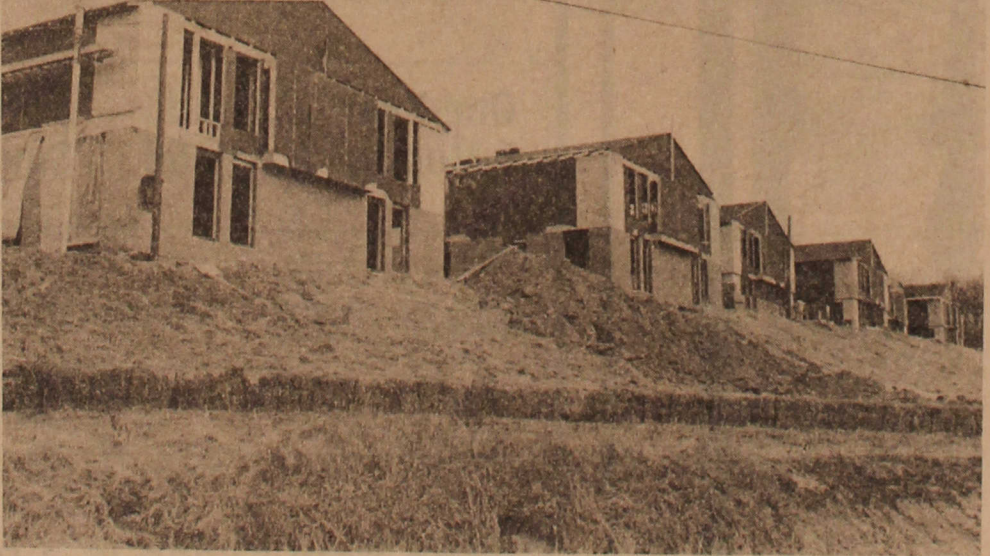
WAYNESBURG — Drus, a local honor society for women at Waynesburg College, recently held inductions for 18 upperclass women. In order to become eligible for Drus, a student must have completed four semesters of her college work while maintaining an outstanding record of service, scholarship and leadership.

Drus, founded at Waynesburg College in 1959, derives its name from the Greek word for "oak," which is a symbol of both strength and Waynesburg College.

The following students were inducted into Drus this semester: Lorraine Beitel, Greensburg; Becky Berry, Monongahela; Darlene Daniels, Sycamore; Cathy Gilliland, Carlisle; Cindy Graham, Oakland; Laurene Hardy, Dunbar; Patty Harvey, Fredericktown; Geri Hayduk, Charleroi; Anna Hoffnagle, Waynesburg; Michelle Howard, Orange, Va.; Kathy Lazar, Pittsburgh; Colleen McCarty, Waynesburg; Linda Owens, Dunbar; Tammy Pifer, Uniontown; Linda Smith, Herminie; Phyllis Walden, Burgettstown; Debra Washco, Washington; and Rose Yankulic, Masontown.

Joan Capello, president of Drus, commented, "This is one of the largest groups to have been inducted into Drus. It's a good bunch of girls, both grade-wise and service-wise."

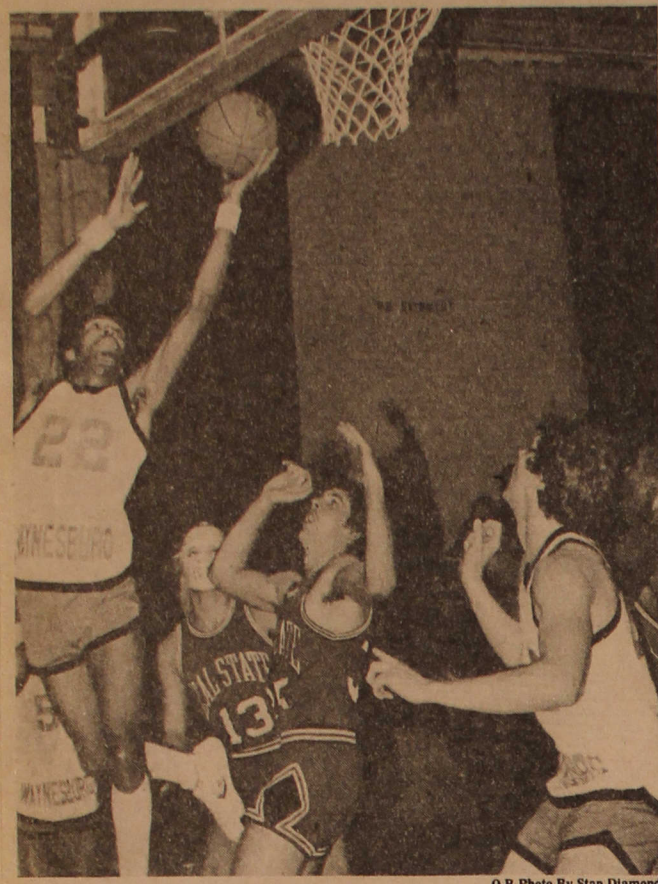
The other officers of Drus are: Lynn Sofaly, vice president; Barbara Braunegg, secretary and Joanne Ryan, treasurer.



Housing Project Construction

The first of 20 duplexes to provide 40 low-to-moderate-income housing units in the Grandview development off Route 188 east of Waynesburg are taking shape. The development, under construction for the Greene County Housing Authority by the McAnallen Corp. of Washington, will consist of 20 two-bedroom units, including two units for handicapped persons, 15 three-bedroom units and five four-bedroom units. Cost is estimated at \$2.5 million. Construction began in October and is expected to be completed within one year.

Jackets Conduct Clinic For Vulcans



O-R Photo By Stan Diamond

Waynesburg's Paul Epps (22) drives the baseline past Vulcans' Bruce Gwin.

By TOM ROSE

Assistant Sports Editor
WAYNESBURG — Welcome to Fast Break 101. Your instructor is Rudy Marisa.

And by the way California State College basketball players, you were 10 minutes behind in your studies so it will cost you a victory.

For 10 minutes of Thursday night's Cal State-Waynesburg rematch, it was a fine basketball game.

Then the fuzzy-cheeked Vulcans fell victim to the instructors of fast paced action basketball, and failed the exam.

Waynesburg's 81-68 victory gives the Jackets a sweep of this season's home-and-home series between the district schools and extends Waynesburg's unbeaten streak against CSC to seven games over the past four seasons.

And it came in a first half that saw the Jackets turn a 19-18 lead to a 45-27 halftime advantage.

All in a matter of 10 minutes. "That was the time period where we were just pathetic," said Cal State first year head coach Tim Loomis. "We had so many turnovers and we got into foul trouble. We had to take Sheldon Wright out of there because he had three fouls and he was doing a pretty respectable job at the point.

"And (Mike) Galloway was having a horrible night and Maxie (Wiley) got into foul trouble too. We had been using eight players recently and thought we had found a combination but we had to shuttle people in and out because we got into trouble."

The trouble, as in the case of last Wednesday's 54-39 Waynesburg victory at Cal State, was provided by the Jackets' air-tight zone defense which blanketed the Vulcans' inside game.

Meanwhile, Waynesburg was able to beat Cal State in the transition period

down the floor, clicking for 26 points while holding CSC to just seven foul shots and a layup by Bruce Gwin in the final 10 minutes of the first half.

"I don't think anybody can fully explain it but maybe we're proving to people that we can play some pretty good defense," Marisa, Waynesburg's head coach, said. "We have really been working on our defense with intensity in practice and I hope that hard work is starting to come through."

While the Jackets managed to stretch their record to 6-1 (Cal State is now 2-5) with the victory, Marisa isn't satisfied with the team's play.

"Something is lacking, I just don't know what it is," he said. "Maybe we need an opponent with a big reputation like Indiana to jog us. But so far we've lacked the intensity we need so desperately."

"I'm looking for that intensity as I know it that we showed at critical times last season. I think we may have shown a little more tonight and we've shown more intensity in practice but we still aren't there."

Meanwhile Cal State is looking for a full 40 minute basketball game without scoring lapses. The Vulcans, after struggling in the first half, returned to outscore the Jackets in the second half but never managed to seriously threaten. The final score was the closest CSC would come in the final 20 minutes.

"Waynesburg is the best team we've played so far, there's no doubt about it," Loomis said. "You just can't make mistakes like we made against a team like them. We got a much better game out of (Maurice) Yeoman tonight and Gwin played pretty well but we still had too many fouls and too many mistakes."

Gwin led all scorers with 16 points while Wiley added 14 and Yeoman 13 for Cal State.

Waynesburg's starting five all finished in double figures. Freshman point guard Ray Natili of Immaculate Conception and sophomore Tim Tyler each scored 14 points while Paul Epps and Tim Walker added 13 each and Mike Taylor 11.

"Natili has proven he can do that job at point guard in relation to Todd

(Crowley) at the moment," Marisa said. "It looks like Ray is becoming more stable at the position and if he continues to grow in this manner we're looking forward to what he will be able to do for us. He's just looking more and more comfortable."

Now that the rivalry will be simmering on the back burner for these teams over the next year, different challenges await Waynesburg and Cal State. The Vulcans will be entering the term break and won't play again until Jan. 7.

Meanwhile Waynesburg has a tough test Saturday night when it hosts Indiana (Pa.) University in an 8 p.m. game.

"Things are coming along a little better than I anticipated," Loomis said. "It's just at certain times we do certain things that cost us dearly. But these kids are improving."

"Indiana is stable," Marisa said. "They are a veteran team and they are hungry. Unless I'm mistaken I don't think we will get a better test from any other opponent we'll face."

Basketball Roundup

Spartans, 104-36

JEFFERSON — Mon Valley Catholic High School continued its sizzling performance in district basketball competition Monday night when the Spartans routed hapless Jefferson-Morgan 104-36, for their eighth successive victory after an opening defeat and fourth without a loss in Section 16-A.

Lance Spornak, the district's leading scholastic scorer, added 23 points to his total, with teammate Jim Miale matching his total. The other MVC starters were also in double figures with Jeff Moses getting 20; Sam Perry 13 and Joe Kostolansky 12.

Don Yoders with 14 points and Keith Greene with 13 topped the Rockets, 0-4 in the section and 0-6 for the season.

Frazier, 56-54

MAPLETOWN — Held to only nine points in the fourth quarter, the Mapletown High School basketball team lost to Frazier 56-54 here Monday night.

Mapletown was up in the first three quarters of play, leading 31-25 at the half, after gaining 22 points in the second quarter.

Frazier battled back in the second half, coming within four points in the third and taking the lead in the final quarter.

High scorer for Mapletown was Chris Dugan with 18 points, followed by Jeff Cetin with 17. Frazier's Tom Oldham contributed 26 points towards the win and Mike Huwar scored 16.

The loss gives Mapletown a 2-2 record in Section 16-A.

Geibel, 80-43

CARMICHAELS — Geibel High School jumped off to an 18-point lead in the first quarter and coasted to a 80-43 win over Carmichaels High School in a Section 16-A basketball game Monday.

The Gators, led by Ron Kurpiel with 18 points, had 10 players into the scoring column to run their section record to 3-1. The loss left the Mikes with a 1-3 record.

Dana Nichols and Bob Connor each scored 10 points for Carmichaels to become the only Mikes to break into double figures as the quicker and sharper shooting Gators dominated the boards.

Pioneers, 23-17

ROGERSVILLE — West Greene High School didn't score many points in its basketball game with Fair-

chance-Georges High School Monday but it doesn't matter how much a team scores as long as they are ahead when it's over.

West Greene was ahead when the game ended to edge the Runners 23-17.

Lisa Goodwin led the Pioneers with seven points, followed by Lori Wise and Doris Richardson with five each. Three Runners scored four points each.

Runners, 66-52

YORK RUN — Despite a comeback in the second half, West Greene High School lost its fourth basketball game to Fairchance-Georges High School 66-52 in Section 16-A action Monday night.

Down 36-16 at the half, the Pioneers scored 36 points to Fairchance-Georges' 30 points in the second half before time ran out on them.

Chip Lightner contributed 27 points to West Greene's effort. Teammate Steve Burns scored 13 points.

Earl Thomas led the Runners with 18 points. Also scoring in the double figures for Fairchance-Georges was Pat McDonough with 10 points.

Devils, 87-54

BURGETTSTOWN — The Burgettstown Blue Devils, taking advantage of a big 48-21 halftime lead, bombed the Waynesburg Central Red Raiders 87-54 in a Section 9-AA game here Friday evening.

The Blue Devils outgunned the Raiders 22-6 in the first quarter and then coasted the rest of the way, with four players reaching double figures. John Knisley led all scorers with 23 points, coming on nine field goals and five free shots. Tony Maropis had 19 points. Dave Martin chipped in with a dozen and

Paul Marcucci had 10.

The Red Raiders were paced by Chuck Wassie's 12 points.

Burgettstown is now 3-0 in the section while Waynesburg is now 1-2.

Waynesburg—54
Sommers 2-5-9; Wassie 6-0-12; Neubauer 2-3-9; Winters 2-3-9; Vruz 0-1-1; Jackovic 2-4-8; Humble 0-2-2; Speelman 1-0-2; Thrall 0-2-2. Totals: 17-20(29)—54

Burgettstown—47
Maropis 8-3-19; D. Martin 6-0-12; Marcucci 4-2-10; Dugas 3-0-6; Knisley 9-5-23; Sedak 0-2-2; Revay 0-3-3; Calhoun 2-2-6; M. Martin 3-0-6. Totals: 35(12)—47

Score by Quarters
Waynesburg 8 15 14 19—54
Burgettstown 22 26 16 23—47

Trojans, 97-36

CALIFORNIA — Visiting West Greene provided little opposition for California High School Friday night when the Trojans ended a three-game losing streak in Section 16-A basketball with a 97-36 rout.

Ernie Tyler led five California players in double figures with 27 points. Larry Romboski added 18; Bob Hardison 15 and Brendan Folmar and Gil Hardison 13 apiece for the Trojans, who have a 4-5 overall record.

Steve Burns with 18 points and Jay Jones with 12 did most of the scoring for the Pioneers, 0-3 for the season, all in sectional competition.

Maples, 59-53

CARMICHAELS — Mapletown High School's Jeff Cetin, the current leader in the Washington-Greene scholastic basketball scoring race, was held to 10 points by Carmichaels Friday night. But he converted both ends on a one and one free throw situation to put the Maples ahead at 55-53 in the second overtime period and they went on to a 59-53 victory in Section 16-A action.

Mapletown had led at halftime 29-20 and after three quarters by 39-30 but the Mikes came back with a 16-7 fourth quarter advantage to tie the game at 46-46. Each team scored five points in the first extra period.

Jim Dugan with 19 points and Chris Dugan with 16 were top pointmakers for the winners, while Bob Connor scored 19 and J. L. Lechner 13 for the Mikes. Mapletown is 2-1 in the section and 4-2 overall and the Mikes are 1-2 and 2-5.

Mapletown—59
Cetin 3-4-10; Gaylor 1-0-2; J. Dugan 8-3-19; C. Dugan 7-3-16; Headlee 3-0-6; Kocera 2-0-4. Totals: 25-9(15)—59

Carmichaels—53
Bill Connor 1-4-6; Nichols 3-2-8; Bob Connor 9-1-19; Warrsley 0-2-2; Lechner 3-7-13; Blazinsky 2-1-5. Totals: 18(17)(27)—53

Score by Quarters
Mapletown 12 17 10 7 5 5—59
Carmichaels 12 8 10 16 5 2—53
Officials: Oravetz & Kernick

Scholastic Wrestling Roundup

Pioneers, 51-2

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — The West Greene Pioneers notched their fourth win in five starts here Friday evening by blasting Morgantown (W. Va.) High by a 51-12 score in an exhibition wrestling match.

The Pioneers used eight falls in scoring the easy win. Getting falls for the Greene County team were Pat Headley (112), Rikk Walters (119), Tim Horr (126), Scott Hartzell (132), Don Yoders (145), Arleigh Closser (155), Scott Horn (167) and heavyweight Larry Mankey.

West Greene—51
98—Parrrots (M) dec. J. Hartzell 6-4
105—Rifler (WG) dec. Shopen 11-4
112—Headley (WG) pinned Marshall 5:21
115—Walters (WG) pinned Huggins 1:12
126—Horr (WG) pinned Gaffan 1:25
132—Hartzell (WG) pinned Hobday 2:11
138—Dantonis (M) dec. Bedilion 6:1
145—Yoders (WG) pinned Kirkendall 1:37
155—Closser (WG) pinned Christopher 3:04
167—Horn (WG) pinned Ashburn 1:37
185—Gross (M) pinned Schiller 5:20
Hvy.—Mankey (WG) pinned Olenick 3:35
Referee: Hunt

Rockets, 35-17

UNIONTOWN — Jefferson-Morgan's wrestling team

bounced back from its first loss at Waynesburg earlier this week to roll over Uniontown High School 35-17 Friday.

"The boys came off that loss really tough and had it all together for this match," Rocket coach Tony Barbetta said. "We still have a problem with flu, but the only regular who couldn't start was Al Yanak (at 126)."

Jeff-Morgan—35
95—D. Basinger (JM) dec. Marunick 6:17
105—G. Basinger (JM) dec. J. Jenkins 5-0
112—Cottle (JM) and Dorogi (U) 4-4 draw
119—A. Knight (JM) pinned Moore 5:26
126—Sova (U) dec. Tretnik 3-1
132—Thistlethwaite (JM) pinned Shockey 0:17
138—B. Jenkins (U) dec. Nelson 2-0
145—R. Knight (JM) dec. Gray 7-3
155—Johnson (U) pinned Lawrence 5:21
167—Palva (U) dec. Otto 9-7
185—Starostanko (JM) pinned Peccko 0:51
Hvy.—Forman (JM) pinned Martinielli 1:37
Referee: Bliss

F-G, 46-15

YORK RUN — Mapletown's wrestling team continued to make the mistakes which can be anticipated in a first-year team as it lost 46-15 to Fairchance-Georges here Friday afternoon.

"I think we're improving a bit with each match, and by

the end of the year we should be a little different team," coach Garee Piper said. "This match was closer than the score might indicate."

Fair-Georges—46
98—Griffin (M) pinned Yakel 3:01
105—Hicks (FG) dec. Mandarino 4-1
112—G. Chory (M) won by forfeit
119—L. Reeves (FG) pinned Murdoch 5:11
126—M. Chory (M) dec. Shuman 8-4
132—Weller (FG) pinned V. Homistek 1:25
138—Morgan (FG) dec. Robinson 8-0 (major)
145—L. Reeves (FG) dec. Hartley 12-11
155—Guthrie (FG) pinned Richards 4:21
167—Beres (FG) pinned Homistek 3:47
185—Kopas (FG) pinned Haney 0:14
Hvy.—Poruski (FG) won by forfeit
Referee: McLaughlin

Raiders, 52-6

WAYNESBURG — The Waynesburg High School wrestling express continues to roll along. Friday evening the Red Raiders, back-to-back WPIAL AA team champions, smashed McGuffey 52-6 in an exhibition match here.

The end result was not a great surprise to area wrestling fans, but the results of a couple of individual bouts raised some eyebrows.

In the 145-pound weight class returning WPIAL runner-up Dave Zito could have

almost been counted on for at least three points against Waynesburg's untouted Kevin Durkin, but as it ended up, Waynesburg got four points in that weight class. Durkin scored an easy 14-4 major decision over Zito in the biggest upset of the evening.

Zito had entered Friday's action with only one loss, that coming against Canon-McMillan when his opponent was awarded a penalty point. Just a weight class earlier, however, it was the Highlanders who pulled an upset as Kash Main scored a lopsided 10-4 win over John Kuntz. The three points McGuffey got at 138 was its last of the evening as the Raiders dominated the remainder of the match.

McGuffey's other points came at 119 were McGuffey's other 1979-80 WPIAL runner-up, Rich Gaudi, bested Todd Eddy by a 6-3 margin.

Waynesburg had six falls during the night, the fastest being recorded by Bill Skelton at 167 over Alan White.

Defending WPIAL champion Doug Haines iced McGuffey's Jeff McConn in 47 seconds of their 155-pound bout to remain unbeaten through four bouts.

Other Raiders who earned falls during the match were Greg Eddy (98), John Throckmorton (112), Ed Henderson (126) and heavyweight Mark Moore.

Waynesburg is now 4-0 while McGuffey falls to 2-4 on the season. The Red Raiders will not return to action again until the California Holiday Tournament.

Waynesburg—52
98—G. Eddy (W) pinned Wolfe 1:49
105—Stewart (W) dec. King 9-3
112—J. Throckmorton (W) pinned Nicoletti 4:06
119—Gaudi (McG) dec. T. Eddy 6-3
126—Henderson (W) pinned Sanders 4:27
132—Geraco (W) dec. Culewicz 5-4
138—Main (McG) dec. Kuntz 10-4
145—Durkin (W) dec. Zito 14-4 (major)
155—Haines (W) pinned McConn 0:47
167—Skelton (W) pinned White 0:20
185—E. Throckmorton (W) won by default
Hvy.—Moore (W) pinned Mours 1:28
Referee: Rissie

IC, BC Pin Up Wrestling Wins

The Beth-Center-West Mifflin South and IC Catholic-Mapletown high school wrestling matches Monday had more pins than a new dress shirt.

Beth-Center slashed WMS 51-18 while IC dumped Mapletown 45-24.

A total 16 pins (nine in the BC-WMS meet) were registered in the 24 matches of the two meets.

Larry Morgan (105), Marc Bartolomucci (112), Lee Gozdich (132), Terry Orlandi (145), Dave Trout (155), John McGrady (167), Mike Blazus (185) and heavyweight Bill Gardner chalked up pins for the Bulldogs while Jackie Baker (119) won by decision.

Dan Mihoces (126) pinned BC's John Franks and Chuck Kelly (98) and John Dishel (138) won on forfeits to account for WMS's scoring.

WG Girls Win Second

ROGERSVILLE — The West Greene High School girls' basketball team won its second Section 16-A basketball game in as many days Tuesday by edging German Township 36-35.

West Greene scoring was divided among five players, with Sharon Crouse leading the way with nine points, followed by Lori Wise, Doris Richardson and Helen Wise with seven each and Lisa Goodwin with six.

German's Pearl White provided most of her team's offense by chalking up 24 points on 11 baskets and two free throws.

The win gives West Greene a 2-3 section record.

Skill At Foul Line Gives Jackets Win

WAYNESBURG — With 14-10 left in Saturday evening's Waynesburg College-Indiana University (Pa.) basketball game here, Mike Taylor went to the foul line to attempt an one and one free shot.

It proved to be the beginning of the end for the Indians.

Taylor, who last year was the best foul shot in the NAIA, sank both free throws as Waynesburg pulled to within one point of the Indians.

It was easy for the Jackets for that point as they soared to an 84-70 win, their seventh in eight starts.

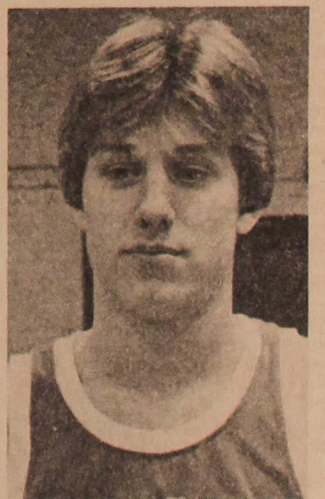
The surprising aspect of the win though is the fact that the Yellow Jackets scored more points from the foul line than they did from the floor. Waynesburg had only 19 field goals during the game, but converted on 46 of 56 foul attempts, providing themselves with the winning margin.

The Indians outscored Waynesburg 62-38 from the floor, but only went to the foul line a dozen times and converted on just eight of those attempts.

Waynesburg had trailed most of the first half and dropped behind by as many as 10 points during the early stages of the second half, but by working along the baseline under the Indiana basket, the Jackets were able to draw foul after foul and whittled away at the IUP lead.

"That was the best team we've seen all year," Waynesburg coach Rudy Marisa said after the game. "And I felt we met the challenge pretty well."

Another point which the veteran Waynesburg coach conceded was that Immaculate Conception's Ray Natili, a



RAY NATILI

freshman now at Waynesburg, has earned the starting point guard position, having won it from senior Todd Crowley.

"It looks like the position is Ray's for right now," Marisa said. "He's beginning to show signs of being more aggressive, he's coming around."

Sophomore Tim Tyler led all scorers, hitting on six field goals and 14 foul shots, including 10 straight in the second half, for 26 points. Taylor followed with 25 points, including 14 consecutive free shots, while Paul Epps had 11 points and Tim Walker had 10.

Jackets Jump On CSC

Waynesburg College's Mark Dopleheuer (42) battles Maurice Yeoman of California State for a rebound in Thursday night's basketball game at College Gym. Waynesburg continued its mastery of Cal State with an 81-68 victory, the seventh straight victory in the series for the Jackets.

County Obituaries

Kiger

Lela Kent Kiger, 73, of Waynesburg R.D.3, died at 12:30 p.m. Monday, December 22, 1980, in Greene County Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

She was born May 5, 1907, in Wayne Township, near Kuhnstown, a daughter of William and Olive Black Kent.

With the exception of the last 12 years in the Waynesburg community, Mrs. Kiger had lived her entire life in the Whiteley Township area, near Kirby. She was a member of the Methodist Church and for several years had served as a real estate assessor in Whiteley Township. For a number of years she had been employed as a clerk at both Howard's and King Grocery stores in Waynesburg.

On May 16, 1924, she married Sylvia Kiger, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Walter (Roberta) Dulaney of Spraggs R.D.1 and Mrs. Oliver (Ellen) Nelan of Petersburg, Va.; eight sons, Richard of Ithaca, N.Y., Joseph of Morgantown, W.Va., Dale, Michael, Donald and Reed, all of Waynesburg, Floyd of West Van Lear, Ky., and Roy of Long Island, N.Y.; 19 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Edgar (Kathryn) Kiger of Waynesburg R.D.4; and several nieces and nephews.

Two sisters, Mary and Martha, an infant sister, and three brothers, Albert, Inghram and Thomas, are deceased.

Hunnell

Mary Elizabeth Hunnell, 74, who lived on North Morris Street for many years, died at 5 a.m. Friday, December 19, 1980, in Bristol's Guest Home, 1010 East High Street, following an extended illness.

She was born July 4, 1906, in Washington to Morgan C. and Theresa Camey Hunnell.

Most of her life was spent in Waynesburg where she was employed by the First National Bank & Trust Company for 42 years. While health permitted she was also an active member of St. Ann's R.C. Church, having held several offices including church secretary and Altar Society president. She was also a member of the Women's Guild of the church.

She was a member and former president of the Business and Professional Women's Club and during her early life was a school teacher. She attended public schools in Waynesburg and Waynesburg College.

Surviving are two brothers: Frank T. Hunnell of Washington and Robert B. Hunnell of Moundsville, W.Va.; and several nieces and nephews. A sister Mable and three brothers, Eugene, Morgan and Clarence, are deceased.

Stacey

Inez Zimmerman Stacey, 77, of McClellandtown, formerly of Waynesburg, died Thursday, December 18, 1980, in Franklin Hospital.

She was born April 22, 1903, in Waynesburg, a daughter of John Harvey and Norma Long Zimmerman.

She was a member of the McClellandtown United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Sara) Lavery of Franklin; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and one brother, Dr. James Zimmerman of Uniontown.

Deceased are her husband, Seargent Stacey, a daughter, Norma Stacey Skiles, and a brother, Dr. Harvey Zimmerman.

Services were held Sunday, December 21, 1980. Burial was in McClellandtown Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Pratt

Mrs. Jean Pratt, 63, of Erie, died at 2:30 a.m. Thursday, December 18, 1980, in an Erie hospital following a long illness.

She was the daughter of Mrs. Coleman Kerr of Erie and the late Coleman Kerr.

She was a member of the Methodist Church of Erie. Also surviving are her husband Edwin Pratt of Erie; two sons, Daniel E. Pratt in California and the Rev. W. Benjamin Pratt of Alexandria, Va.; two granddaughters; three sisters, Ruth, Mary and Betty all living in California; and a brother, Roger in Erie.

The Pratt family lived in Waynesburg for several years.

Services and burial will be in Erie.

King

Gayle L. King, 86, of Wind Ridge, died at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 25, 1980, in the McCaughy Guest Home in Cameron, W.Va.

She was born Sept. 9, 1894, in Aleppo Township, a daughter of Smith and Sarah Courtwright McCracken.

Mrs. King had spent most of her life in the Wind Ridge community and was a member of the Wind Ridge Garden Club and the Wind Ridge Needle Club. She was a member of the Cameron Brethern Church, but had attended the Harmon Presbyterian Church at Wind Ridge, where she was a member of the Sunday School Fellowship Class.

On July 9, 1919, she was married to Homer B. King, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Jay (Sarah) Francis Gray of Fort Wayne, Ind.; three grandchildren, Robert and Rita Piatt of Orlando, Fla. and Timothy Gray of Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Gittings of Waynesburg; a brother, Walter McCracken of Joppa, Md.; and several nieces and nephews.

A daughter, Norma Piatt, a sister, Hattie Reese, and two infant brothers preceded her in death.

Vernon

Alice Rush Vernon, 83, of 1665 Grimm Drive, Washington, formerly of Morrisville, died at 12:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 24, 1980, in the Washington Manor nursing home following a long illness.

She was born April 28, 1897, in Springhill Township, a daughter of J.C. and Della Henderson Rush.

Mrs. Vernon spent her early life in the Graysville area and for several years lived in the Waynesburg community. For the past three years she has resided in Washington with her son Warren. She was a member of the Morrisville United Methodist Church.

Her husband, Ray W. Vernon, died April 30, 1962.

Surviving, in addition to her son Warren, are three grandsons, Thomas and Greg of Washington and Donald with the United States Navy in Florida; a brother, Sanford Rush of Wind Ridge R.D.1. A son, Ray, three sisters, Grace, Della and Lucy, and two brothers, Blaine and Ray, are deceased.

Durbin

Ralph (Roundy) Durbin, 87, of Greensburg, a native of Richhill Township, died Wednesday, December 24, 1980, in Greensburg, following a long illness.

He had spent most of his life in the Richhill Township community and was a veteran of World War I, having served with Company K, 110th Infantry in the European Theatre, where he was wounded.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Fordyce

Denny Fordyce, 87, of Washington R.D.4, died at 2:50 a.m. Tuesday, December 23, 1980, in Washington Hospital after a two-month illness.

He was born September 19, 1893, in Miracle Run, W.Va., a son of John Barnett and Anna Fox Fordyce.

He was a member of the Church of the Covenant, Washington. Mr. Fordyce had been employed in the oil and gas fields of Washington and Greene Counties both as a driller and pumper, and was a retired employee of Dunmar Oil Co.

His wife, Martha Ferrell Fordyce, died August 21, 1969.

Surviving are a son, Denny Fordyce Jr. of Akron, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. Les (Betty Ruth) Hixon, of Atchison, Kan., and Mrs. David O. (Sara Lee) Johnson of Washington; one brother, Forney W. Fordyce of Claysville; two sisters, Mrs. H.R. (Jessie) Ealy of Waynesburg and Mrs. Frank (Edna) Ealy of Graysville; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A brother, James Fordyce, and a sister, Jennie Devine, are deceased.

Babb

John Edward Babb, 86, of Bobtown, died Sunday, December 21, 1980, in Greene County Memorial Hospital.

He was born June 4, 1912, in Leisingring, Fayette County, a son of James and Mary Ellen Kouch Babb.

Mr. Babb was a retired coal miner with the Shannopin Mine of Jones and Laughlin Steel Co. He was a member of UMWA Local 6159 Bobtown. He had resided in the Bobtown area for the past 50 years. Mr. Babb was a Methodist by faith.

Surviving are his wife, Luella Irene Black Babb; two daughters: Mrs. Edward (Norma) Kutney of North Canton, Ohio, and Mrs. Barbara Babb at home; four sons: James Babb of Pentress, W.Va., John Babb Jr. of Norristown, Ronald Babb of Dilliner, and Gary Babb at home; eight grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Francis (Eleanor) Wagner of Erie.

11 People Placed In ARD Program

WAYNESBURG — Eleven people were placed in the Greene County Accelerated Rehabilitation Disposition (ARD) program by Judge Glenn Toothman Thursday.

Walter U. Watson of Waynesburg, charged with driving while intoxicated, was ordered to pay \$425 costs, placed on probation for a year and must attend driver's training school.

Delilah L. Phillips of Waynesburg, charged with retail theft, was ordered to pay \$100 in lieu of a fine, pay court costs, and placed on probation for a period of three months.

Edward C. Schrader of Prosperity R.D.2, charged with receiving stolen property, was ordered to pay costs, make \$200 in restitution in lieu

of a fine, and placed on probation for one year.

Floyd E. Barnhart of Waynesburg R.D.3, charged with driving while intoxicated, was ordered to pay costs of \$425, placed on probation for a year and must attend driver's training school.

Carl M. Shultz of Waynesburg R.D.4, charged with driving while intoxicated, was ordered to pay \$425 in costs, placed on probation for a year and must attend driver's training school.

Debra McElroy of Fairmont, W. Va., charged with violation of the drug act, was placed on probation for a year,

ordered to pay \$300 in lieu of a fine and court costs.

Roger L. Mulenberg of Carmichaels R.D.1, charged with driving while intoxicated, was placed on probation for a year, must pay \$425 in costs and attend driver's school.

Richard J. Weaver of Washington, who was charged with driving while intoxicated, was placed on probation for a year, ordered to pay \$425 in costs and must attend driving school.

John Gregory Stoner of Waynesburg, charged with possession of a controlled sub-

stance, was ordered to pay \$300 to the county in lieu of a fine, to pay court costs and placed on probation for 12 months. On another charge, violation of the drug act, Stoner was ordered to pay court costs and \$350 to the county in lieu of a fine and placed on probation for another 12 months with the second probation period to run concurrent with the first.

Gary Moon of Jefferson, charged with simple assault, was ordered to pay court costs and \$100 in lieu of a fine and was placed on probation for six months.

Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement.

Harold E. Patterson
46 High Rock Road
Wayland, Massachusetts 01778
Executor

William R. Davis
Attorney

12-12-19, 26

ADMINISTRATOR
C.T.A. NOTICE

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA M. STONEKING s/w VIRGINIA STONEKING of Dunkard Township Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters of administration C.T.A. having been granted by the Register of Wills in and for Greene County, Pennsylvania, on the estate of the above named decedent, to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims or demands against the estate of said decedent, to make known the same; and all persons indebted to the said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to:

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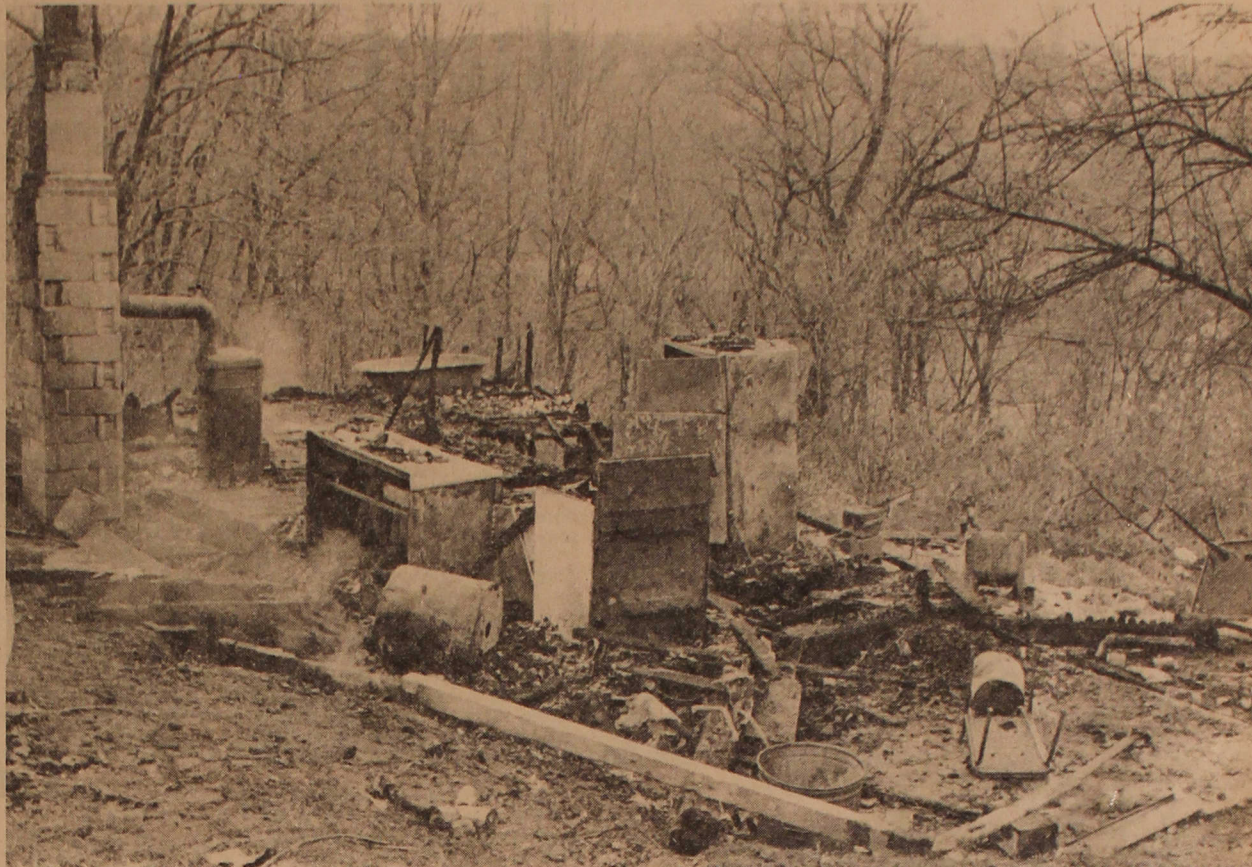
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House Fire Kills Elderly Man

By ROBIN ROBERTS and STAN DIAMOND
Staff Writers

MAPLE STERLING — A fire, which investigators believe may have started in an overheated coal stove, claimed the life of an elderly resident of this small Greene County coal community early Thursday morning.

Deputy Greene County coroner William Lewis of Carmichaels pronounced Irvin Hughes, 73, of Dilliner R.D.1, dead of asphyxiation from smoke inhalation at 5:30 a.m. Hughes' body, and those of two pet dogs, were found in the charred rubble of his small, one-story frame home.

Rescue efforts by neighbors and members of the Bobtown

Volunteer Fire Co. failed to discover Hughes who, neighbors said, had apparently crawled or fallen behind a large piece of furniture in the living quarters of the house.

A couple who live on a hill above the Hughes home, Hugh and Minnie Anderson, said they were awakened at about 3 a.m. by the barking of their dog. They looked out the window and saw flames belching from the chimney of the Hughes residence. The Andersons summoned firefighters.

While firemen were en route, a number of other neighbors, including Robert Davis, Charles Rimmel, Chauncey Hughes and Ernest S. Chippis Jr., attempted to

enter the building to locate the victim. The group was turned back by thick smoke in its initial attempts, but eventually two of the men managed to get into the burning building. They said two walls of the house were engulfed in flame and they could not see Hughes. The two said they broke out windows in the house to attempt to ventilate it and tried to fight the fire with buckets of water.

Lewis, who was called to the scene later, said it appeared Hughes may have attempted to reach what at one time was a back door to the house. Lewis said he was told by firefighters the building was totally engulfed when they pulled into the scene and only one

wall of the house was still standing.

When firemen arrived they too attempted to search the building for Hughes, a retired coal miner, but, like the other would-be rescuers, were unable to locate the elderly man.

Lewis said when he reached the scene nothing remained of the house but ashes. Lewis said he feels the fire probably started between 3 and 3:15 a.m.

State police fire marshal Walter H. Anderson of the Troop B headquarters in Washington, confirmed Thursday that the fire started in the coal stove which Hughes used to heat the one-room house.

Hughes was born Sept. 15, 1907, in Fairchance, Fayette

County, a son of the late Chauncey and Mary Hughes.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Samuel Hager Post 499 of the American Legion. He was a retired coal miner.

His wife, Mildred Wilson Hughes, died in 1965.

He is survived by three brothers, Joseph of Fairchance, Ralph of Smithfield R.D. 3 and Woodrow of Blosser Hill, Point Marion. Four brothers and four sisters are deceased.

Services are in charge of the Richard Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, and burial will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Wolf Cemetery at Dilliner. Graveside military rites will be conducted by the Samuel Hager Legion Post.

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Clerk of Courts
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Public Notices

LIST OF FINAL ACCOUNTS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COURTS BY AL DARNEY, CLERK OF COURTS, OF THE COMMON PLEAS COURT, ORPHAN COURT DIVISION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1981.

The First & Final Account of William H. Lavins, Administrator of the Estate of Anna G. Lavins, late of Cumberland Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania.

The First & Final Account of John Murphy and George Murphy, Administrators of the Estate of Agnes Bailly Murphy, late of Jefferson Borough, Greene County, Pennsylvania.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of James Furman Patterson late of Waynesburg Borough Greene County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters testamentary on the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement.

Harold E. Patterson
46 High Rock Road
Wayland, Massachusetts 01778
Executor

William R. Davis
Attorney

12-12-19, 26

Area Firemen Name Officers

John Gardner has been re-elected chief of the Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Company and Pete Walker, assistant chief.

Other line officers include captains Ryan Hartley, Ron Fox, Miles Davin Sr. and Miles Davin Jr. and lieutenants Mark Fox, Jed Howard, Nelson Miller and Scott Collins and traffic captain, Rick Owens.

Business officers include Jack McCracken, president; Chuck Behm, vice president; Robin Roberts, secretary; Mark Fox, treasurer; Dave Fox, ambulance treasurer; Ted Chapman, three-year trustee and Charles VanDruff, one-year trustee; Chuck Behm, nominating committee; Jeff Patton, inner guard and Neil Dukate, Craig Younken and Chuck Beyer, relief association members.

Light Damage To Two Cars

JEFFERSON — Cars operated by Martha Reddings of Jefferson R.D.1 and Gene Franks of Carmichaels sideswiped at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday on a rural road in Jefferson Township.

State police said there were no injuries, and that damage was moderate.

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Medical Service Recognized

Two members of the Greene County Medical Society, Dr. A. Carl Walker of Waynesburg, left center, and Dr. Clarence W. Grimes of Rices Landing, center right, received recognition awards from the Pennsylvania Medical Society for their 50 years of medical service to their communities. The

awards were presented during a banquet Wednesday night by Dr. A. J. Patterson, left, secretary of the Greene County Medical Society; and Dr. Clavin C. Rush, county medical society president.