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Nursing Director Entitled To Hearing, Court Decides

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County Court ruled Monday that the county commissioners must give Lucille DeFrank the due process hearing she should have had more than three years ago when she was fired from her position as director of nursing services at the Curry Memorial Home.

The court refused, however, to direct that she be reinstated with full back pay, plus interest and counsel fees.

"We do not find that any of these considerations are now properly before this court," Judge Glenn Toothman ruled.

The ruling, in effect, puts the county back at the point it was in prior to June 30, 1978, when the Carmichaels area resident was officially and finally notified that she was being dismissed from her post at the county nursing home. It must now give her the hearing to which she was entitled under provisions of a personnel policy manual which existed at that time and which sets forth reasons for the dismissal of employees.

After the court decision was handed

down Monday, County Solicitor A. J. Marion said he has no idea when such a hearing might be held since the county has 30 days in which to appeal, if it wishes to do so. "We will have to study the opinion and then consider what we want to do," he said.

Toothman's ruling was based primarily on two things: the fact that the Commonwealth Court ruled on March 11, 1980, that the Curry Home personnel policy manual was binding on the county, even though it had never been adopted by the board of county commissioners; and on a similar case in another county in which the Commonwealth Court ruled that a dismissed employee was entitled to a hearing conforming to the state Local Agency Law.

In commenting on the case in his opinion, the Greene County jurist noted that Mrs. DeFrank was first notified on May 31, 1978, by Thomas Boyd, then acting administrator of the nursing home, that her services were terminated. Mrs. DeFrank subsequently met with the commissioners on June 2 and on

June 6 was told to take her vacation, being advised that they would determine her status when she returned.

She did not return to work during the balance of the month and on June 12, through her council, sent a request by certified mail asking for a due process hearing. The commissioners never responded to that request, and on June 30 she was informed she had been fired.

The ruling also dismissed as irrelevant the county's argument that Mrs. DeFrank, in effect, abandoned her job since she failed to report for work after she took the vacation she was told to take on June 6.

"It has become quite clear that as a result of the Commonwealth Court's affirmation of the policy manual as a valid criteria for conduct of employment practices at the home that there must be a formal hearing held by the board of commissioners as to her employment status with the county, and this hearing must embrace and include due process considerations," the court ruled.

In arguing at the time of the hearing that the court should reinstate his client with full back pay, attorney John Stets contended that unless this was done, a situation would be created "where the employer with its resources would unnecessarily delay and litigate until the employee gives up out of personal and financial frustration without achieving a decision on the merits."

He also argued that if the county decided to proceed with a hearing after reinstatement, that an impartial hearing examiner should be appointed "since the commissioners could not provide a fair hearing."

The court opinion dismissed the reinstatement argument and did not comment on the request for an impartial hearing examiner.

Stets said that he and his client would study their options before deciding to appeal.

Woman Killed, Two Injured In Collision Near Mt. Morris

MT. MORRIS — A Morgantown woman was killed and two other women, including one from Mt. Morris, were injured in a two-vehicle collision early Saturday morning on Route 19 just south of Mt. Morris.

Sharon Louise Tennant, 29, of Morgantown R.D.1, was killed when her pickup truck was struck by a car near the Blue Horizon.

West Virginia State Police have filed felony charges of driving while intoxicated against the car's driver, Herbert W. Spitznogle of Pentress, W.Va.

Two passengers in the Tennant truck, Frances Wade of Mt. Morris and Pam Draper of Morgantown, were listed in fair condition at University Hospital in Morgantown Sunday.

Spitznogle was taken to jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

Mrs. Tennant was employed at the Humphrey Mine of Consolidation Coal Co. and was a member of UMWA Local 1058. She is survived by her parents, a son, three brothers and two sisters.

Police in Monongalia County also investigated a one-car accident Saturday afternoon near Morgantown in which West Virginia University basketball player Greg Jones was injured.

Jones' car flipped over on Willowdale Road shortly after the WVU-Colorado State football game was over. The accident caused a traffic jam for fans leaving the game.

Jones was released from University Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Commissioners Appoint Veterans Affairs Director

WAYNESBURG — Wilma Moninger of New Freeport was appointed county director of veterans affairs at Thursday's meeting of the Greene County commissioners.

The appointment fills a vacancy created in May by the retirement of Ralph Matz of Waynesburg, who had held the post for many years. Miss Moninger has been the office secretary since 1968.

The county agency is responsible primarily for assisting veterans and their families in dealing with the Veterans Administration in matters involving pensions, disability allowances and other types of benefits.

The commissioners, who had been under considerable pressure from veterans' organizations to appoint a veteran to the position, said they had interviewed a number of people for the job and felt that Miss Moninger, "because of her experience and almost 14 years of dedicated service," was the most qualified applicant. At least for the time being, they said, she will be the only person in the office, which she has been handling since Matz retired.

Her salary as director was set at \$746 per month, an increase of eight percent over what she received as secretary.

Two Sentenced On Fraud Charge

WAYNESBURG — Two persons charged with being involved in a scheme to defraud an insurance company by fraudulently reporting a car as being stolen were sentenced in Greene County Court Thursday.

Irvin L. MtJoy, 34, of 304 Liberty Avenue, Carmichaels, and Sandra Elaine Good, 31, Carmichaels R.D.2, were each fined \$200 and placed on probation for 23 months.

Police charged that on Oct. 23, 1980, Walter B. Johnson of Waynesburg schemed with Harry Good and Sandra Good to have them destroy his car so he could report it stolen and collect the insurance. They also charge that the motor and transmission from the stolen vehicle were placed in another car which was subsequently sold by Sandra Good and MtJoy to the West End Auto Wreckers at Carmichaels.

Johnson was previously sentenced for his role in the crime. Harry Good, Sandra Good's nephew, has not been apprehended.



WILMA MONINGER

Prior to becoming a county employee Miss Moninger had worked for 23 years for the Martin Marietta Co. in Baltimore, Md.

In other developments at their meeting the commissioners were presented with a proposed agreement from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging to cover development of facilities in the basement of the new County Office Building to house a senior citizen day care center. The Waynesburg AAA office, now located on East High Street, would also be moved to the new location.

The proposed agreement would be with the Mon Valley Health and Welfare Council, which finances AAA programs. It provides that the agency would provide up to \$108,000 of the cost of remodeling, which includes installation of an elevator in the building to provide access to the basement floor.

In return, the AAA would receive five years of free rent, although it would be responsible for the payment of utility bills and for maintenance. At the end of five years, AAA would have the option to negotiate a lease for an additional four years. In the event of a withdrawal of federal and state funds for AAA programs the agreement would be cancelled.

The commissioners said they will take no action on the agreement until it has been reviewed by the county solicitor.

Plans for the facility are being prepared for the county by Washington architect C. Garey (Skip) Dickson, subject to approval of AAA officials. The

county plans to utilize its maintenance department personnel in doing much of the work.

Juanita K. Pecjak, executive director of the Greene County Association for Retarded Citizens (GARC), informed the commissioners that the Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA) has approved GARC's application for a grant of \$52,500 and a loan of \$514,000 for construction of a new building to house the Opportunity Center in West Waynesburg.

GARC will be required to provide \$15,300 for construction and \$33,132 as a reserve account.

Mrs. Pecjak expressed the appreciation of GARC members and clients for the support which the commissioners provided for the project. She said that construction is scheduled for next spring.

Arrangements were made for a final inspection of the new county jail on Oct. 7, since the one-year maintenance bond will expire on Oct. 12.

At the request of Pennsylvania Trauma Association, the commissioners declared the week of Sept. 26 as Trauma Week as a means of making the public aware of death and injuries caused by traffic, home and industrial accidents.

Murder Trial Is Scheduled

MORGANTOWN — Caroline Martin, 23, of Spraggs, accused in the strangulation death of a Morgantown man in June 1980, will go on trial in Monongalia County, W.Va., on Dec. 3.

Martin was arrested July 12, 1981, and charged with the murder of Wilvey E. Stamper whose body was found in a barn in Wayne Township, Greene County, last October.

Police theorize Stamper was killed in Morgantown and his body taken to the little-used barn three miles south of Spraggs. Police found the badly decomposed body under a pile of hay.

Also charged in the death was Georgeann Lewis, 26, of Morgantown, who was arrested the day after the body was found. Lewis pleaded guilty on July 14 to second-degree murder in an apparent plea-bargain arrangement. The presiding judge has refused the plea offer, however, and litigation continues.



Observer-Reporter Photo

Some Potatoes

Fred Fox, 79, of Mt. Morris raised a record crop of Continental Jewel potatoes this year but said he would never again dig them. He will hire a back hoe the next time. Some of the yellow spuds reached 21 inches in length and one weighed almost three pounds. Known locally as the "watermelon king" because of his record 62 pound melon, Fox also raised two tons of Irish potatoes this year using seed from Franklin, Va.

In Court

'Not Guilty' Plea In Dogs' Shooting

WAYNESBURG — A Whiteley Township man entered a "not guilty" plea when arraigned in Greene County Court Monday on a charge of cruelty to animals.

Charles E. Spitznogle of Waynesburg R.D.3 is charged with shooting two blue tick coon dogs on the night of July 6 after they had run a raccoon into a corn crib.

Prosecutors are Don Cowell of Spraggs R.D.1, who claims he lost a dog worth \$2,500, and Vincent Sappington of Pine Bank R.D.2, who claims his dog was worth \$3,500.

Insurance Company Ordered To Pay Up

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County Court ruled Monday that an insurance company must pay a claim filed under a policy which was issued after the person who was insured had been fatally injured.

The ruling was based on a non-jury trial in a case brought by Karen C. Bierer of Waynesburg R.D.2, as administratrix of the estate of her husband, Daniel R. Bierer III, against the Nationwide Insurance Co.

In his ruling, Judge Glenn Toothman noted that Bierer on April 28, 1975, exercised an option to increase his insurance coverage by \$10,000 and paid the first premium of \$36.82 to his insurance agent. He died on May 21, 1975, as the result of injuries suffered in an accident, and the insurance company refused to pay the claim on the grounds that the additional coverage did not take effect until June 18, 1975.

Judge Toothman pointed out that the agent had testified he thought the insurance was in effect as of the date on which the premium was paid, and had told Bierer as much. He therefore ordered the company to pay the \$10,000, plus interest of 6 percent.

Victims File Suit

WAYNESBURG — Two Greensboro area residents who were injured in a highway accident on Sept. 30, 1979, filed suit in Greene County Court Monday, with each of them seeking damages in excess of \$10,000.

Plaintiffs are Geraldine McCorkle and her daughter, Teresa Gail Cooper, both of Greensboro R.D.1. Named as defendant is Paul E. Orndoff of Waynesburg R.D.3.

The plaintiffs were passengers in a vehicle operated by Benjamin L. Cooper which, the complaint states, was struck broadside on Route 21 by a car operated by Orndoff.

Proposed Housing Pondered

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County Planning Commission expressed concern Tuesday over the number of units planned for a proposed townhouse development in the Carmichaels Area and suggested that the developer cut back on them to meet minimum lot size requirements of the county subdivision ordinance.

Ron Force of Fayette Engineers, appearing on behalf of Payco Corp., Harrisburg, asked for variances on both lot size requirement and road-width requirement in connection with development of the Autumn Ridge Townhouses.

The development, as planned, would consist of 97 Colonial townhouse units to be erected with private financing on 5.8 acres of land along East George Street in Cumberland Township. Payco Co. is an affiliate of Fine Line Homes.

Force said that the layout of the land and the dimensions of the buildings would make it very difficult if not impossible to meet lot size requirements in the county ordinance and asked for a variance to permit smaller lots.

He also asked that streets, which would be on the required 50-foot right-of-ways, be paved to a width of 25 feet rather than 34 feet, noting that each unit would have a garage and a long driveway to provide for off-street parking. He also said that 25-foot paving widths would meet Cumberland Township requirements.

The planning commission declined to grant the lot-size variance, suggesting that the number of units be reduced to provide larger lots.

"We would welcome the development but there are some things we must adhere to," planning commission president Robert Lang said. At the same time the commission indicated that it would be willing to consider the variance on street paving widths if recommended by the township supervisors.

Force said the developer plans to initially erect six units, with others to be added as market demand develops. He said it would require at least three years to complete the entire development.

The planning commission was also given an initial look at preliminary plans for the construction of another 38 units of townhouses, also in Cumberland Township, to be known as Cedarwood Townhouses.

A.R. Building Co., Pittsburgh, is planning to erect them on 2.67 acres of land off the Nemacolin Road. It would be a federally subsidized project financed with Farmers Home Administration Section 8 funding.

Assistant County Planner Linda Kolat said she had prepared a list of requirements the developer must meet and will also ask the developer to notify all adjoining property owners of his application. She indicated the planning commission will probably be asked for final approval at its October meeting.

The proposed R.A. Weber Estates subdivision in Morgan Township was given final approval. It will consist of eight lots, all of five acres or larger, and will have on-lot water and sewerage facilities. The planning commission will suggest that Soil Conservation Service recommendations on erosion control be attached to each of the deeds as the lots are sold.

Re-subdivision of a tract of land on Morgan Township Route 566 was approved. The property is owned by John H. Humble Jr.

No action was taken on a request from the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) for review of a proposed industrial waste disposal site in Monongalia Township, north of Poland Mines.

County Planner Valerie Cole said there is an existing mine disposal site there, but that the Shannopin Mining Co. plans to expand it to provide for disposal of fly ash from a power plant which was not specified and for waste from its coal mine.

The planning commission indicated it is unable to give an informed review of the project until it knows more about it, and to this end Lang and Mrs. Cole will consult with U.S. Bureau of Mine officials to determine what is planned.

Again at the request of DER, the commission approved plans for a new package sewerage treatment plant to serve Mapletown High School. It also approved plans by the Consolidation Coal Co. to provide a package treatment plant for the bath house it will build in connection with its proposed new mine in Richhill Township, and for a sub-surface sewage disposal system to be installed for the mine office.

Plans for two adjoining mobile home parks in Greene Township — Alpha Terrace and Cousins Court — were reviewed. Mrs. Cole said that two mobile homes have already been installed in each of the parks, which are on Route 616, with no approvals having been obtained, by their owners, Nelda Yoppi and Valetta Cousins, and that there are plans to install three more.

Greene County Has Coal For Now, Future

By BOB EICHENLAUB
Greene County Editor

WAYNESBURG — Over the years it has been said many ways.

Back in 1958, the newly organized Greene County Planning Commission, in a study it entitled "The Economy," summed it up by stating: "As coal goes, so goes the economy of Greene County."

At that time it was talking about a dependency which had existed for more than 30 years and about the population decline the county was then experiencing because of the shutdown of many mines and mechanization of others, which led to the loss of many jobs.

In 1964, the county's first comprehensive plan spoke about the need for diversification of employment opportunities by bringing in other industries, but saw no real change in the picture.

"There seems little doubt that the coal industry will play a decisive role in determining Greene's economic future," it admitted, adding that it felt that "prospects seem reasonably good" because of the then developing use of coal to generate electricity.

Other studies — and there have been a lot of them in the past 15 years — began to get more and more optimistic and really caught fire in 1977 with one by the Environmental Systems Department of Westinghouse Electric Corp.

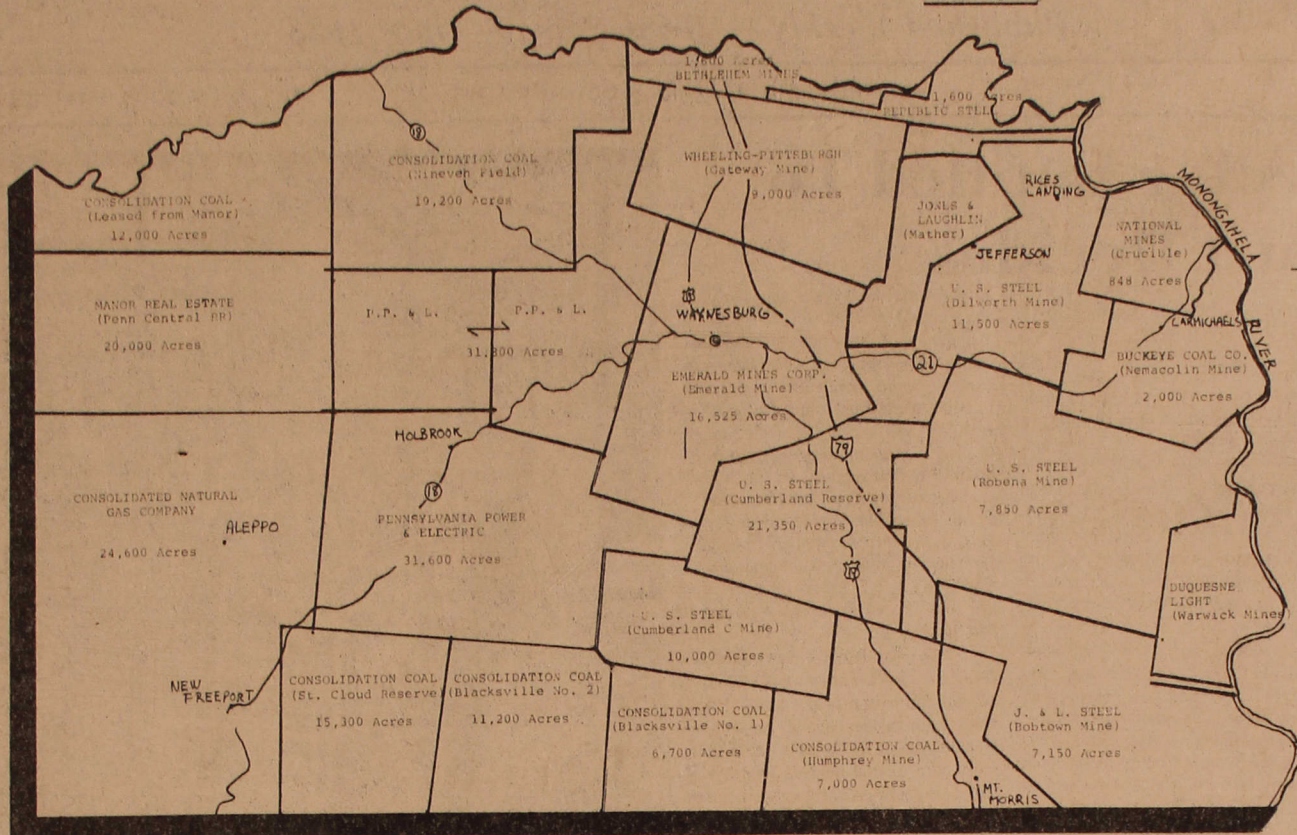
It noted that three mines were already under construction in the county and that 12 more were on the drawing board for development by 1995 — mines which would cost almost \$3 billion in 1977 dollars and would eventually create more than 12,000 new mining jobs.

This, the first of the so-called "big boom" reports, was followed in 1980 by a study by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. It noted that softening of coal markets might slow down the timetable of the Westinghouse report but added that this did not mean that dramatic development would not occur.

"In fact, it seems likely that the region will be the focus of more development activity in a relatively short span of time than has ever been experienced by a rural area in Pennsylvania," was the way it put it.

All agreed that the Arab oil embargo might have brought an energy crisis to the rest of the country but that it means a boom for Greene County and nearby areas in southwestern Pennsylvania where vast reserves of so-called "black gold" exist in such abundance.

Mining engineers and other experts estimate that four billion tons of bituminous reserves are located in



This map of Greene County shows ownership of the Pittsburgh seam of coal.

Greene County. With metallurgical coal currently selling for prices ranging from \$40 to \$60 a ton, and steam coal bringing between \$30 and \$50 a ton, that much coal would bring almost \$200 billion if it were above ground and markets for it existed. That is equal to one-fifth of the nation's national debt, which President Reagan has said is expected to pass the trillion dollar mark within the next week.

Realistically, though, it will be mined over a period of many, many years. In fact, the industry feels the nation's coal reserves are sufficient to meet the country's energy needs for 300 years, and Greene County would be part of that long-range development.

The history of coal as a major part of the county's economy dates back to the early part of this century when the first

big mines were opened in the eastern part of the county.

All of them have produced Pittsburgh seam coal, which is recognized as the most valuable coal seam of them all.

Its value lies in its uniform thickness, from six to seven feet, its suitability for use as metallurgical coal as well as steam coal, and the fact that the seam does not "pinch out," but is found in mineable quantities in all parts of the county.

To date, some 98,800 acres of this coal (averaging from 8,000 to 12,000 tons per acre) has been mined. Another 270,800 acres remains to be mined. Ownership of this coal is the key to the county's future, and all but about two percent of it is owned by major companies.

Other coal has played a role in the county's economy. Sewickley coal,

which lies above the Pittsburgh coal, is currently being mined by Duquesne Light Co. in the extreme eastern part of the county. Waynesburg Coal, located near the surface, is the coal most commonly mined by strippers.

And Freeport Coal, a seam which lies far below the Pittsburgh seam, could be the coal of the future. Some 40,000 acres of this coal in the northeastern part of the county has been assembled into a mineable block and has been core tested. John Cole, who handles coal assessments for the county, said that he has been told it is even thicker than the Pittsburgh coal and of a higher quality. But many experts feel it pinches out in other parts of the county.

But when people talk about a coal boom in the coming decades in Greene County, they're talking about Pitts-

burgh coal. Significantly, ownership of this valuable seam is shifting.

Traditionally, most of Greene County's coal has been produced as part of the steel-making process. U.S. Steel, Jones and Laughlin, Bethlehem Steel, Crucible Steel and others were the earliest owners.

U.S. Steel still operates the Robena and the new Dilworth mines in the county, as well as the even-newer Cumberland C mine at Kirby, but coal from the latter mine goes to Canada for use in the production of electricity.

Jones and Laughlin has the Buckeye mine at Nemacolin, but it is an old mine nearing the end of its productive years. The same holds true of the Bobtown mine.

Future development will come in the central and western parts of the county,

and oil companies will play an increasingly important role in that development.

Emway Resources Inc., a subsidiary of Standard Oil of Indiana, last year purchased the Emerald mine in West Waynesburg and the big block of Freeport seam coal which J&L assembled in the northeastern part of the county.

Standard Oil of Ohio has entered into agreements which would make it one of the county's major coal owners. It is negotiating for purchase from U.S. Steel of its Robena mine and its Cumberland, C mine, as well as a large block of coal set aside for development of a second Cumberland mine. It also is negotiating a lease with Pennsylvania Power and Electric which would give it an additional 31,600 acres of Pittsburgh coal adjoining the Cumberland block.

In the extreme western part of the county, Consolidated Natural Gas owns some 25,000 acres of Pittsburgh coal and 50,000 acres of Sewickley coal which the company has said would be used to supply two large coal gasification plants.

The most dramatic announcements in recent months have come from Consolidation Coal Co., which has said it will eventually develop five mines to utilize 19,200 acres of coal it has held for many years in its Nineveh reserves, plus 12,000 additional acres in the adjoining Manor block in Richhill Township which it has leased from U.S. Steel.

The first of the mines is already being developed, and Consolidation President B.R. Bown has said permits for a second mine will be sought in 1982. These five mines, according to Bown, would produce 12.5 million tons a year and employ some 2,500 people. Much of the coal would be exported through a new coal-shipping facility Consolidation plans to build in Baltimore, Md.

Consolidation, the nation's second largest coal producer, also mines Greene County coal through its Blacksville No. 1 and No. 2 mines in West Virginia and its Humphrey mine in Mt. Morris. It also holds a 15,300-acre block of reserve coal to the west of the Blacksville fields.

Stephen McCann, who recently retired as president of the Keystone Bituminous Coal Association, has long been predicting major developments in his native county.

"The Greene County coal boom is real and it is now," he said as early as 1975. Events are starting to prove him to be right.

Waynesburg, Franklin Twp. Police Talk About Jurisdiction

WAYNESBURG — Because of two recent issues over the jurisdiction of Waynesburg Borough Police, informal talks have been held between the borough and Franklin Township over the possibility of a mutual police protection agreement.

Recent arrests made by borough police in the township have been challenged in court by attorneys who feel the borough police have no legal rights to make arrests in the township unless a "hot

pursuit" is involved. On one occasion, a borough policeman was requested by the state police to detain a suspect until a trooper could arrive. However, the suspect's attorney questioned the legality of a borough officer detaining the subject and appealed the case to court.

Borough police are very concerned over the present situation and feel their effectiveness will be curtailed without the authority to go into the township to make arrests. For

the past several years, borough officers have been serving warrants and making arrests in the township without incident.

David Clark, borough detective, said Tuesday he has no hard feelings about the court challenge saying the attorney was only doing his job. However, Clark feels the local police department will be severely handicapped if they can not go into the township. "We have many warrants for township residents and they

should be served by a police officer not a constable," Clark said. "The procedures are very strict and most constables are not trained as well as police officers and a small mistake could cause the case to be thrown out," Clark added.

Clark feels a mutual agreement would be beneficial to the township in that it would provide additional protection if only through the visibility of police in the area. "Statistics prove that crime decreases in

areas where the police patrols are more visible," Clark said.

Borough police want an agreement which gives them police powers in the township. A similar pact is working well in Washington County between municipalities, police said.

The only police protection currently available in the township is provided by the state police. However, after midnight only one car is usually on patrol and should it be busy in Wind Ridge or Green-

sboro, it offers little protection for Franklin Township. It is during such a period that state police are often forced to seek the aid of borough police.

A tentative agreement was reached in 1978 between the township and the borough which would have provided borough police patrols in the urban areas of the township. Police would have also responded to calls anywhere in the township. The services would have been provided for \$30,000 annually but the plan

was defeated by a 2-1 vote of the board of supervisors.

The plan had received the support of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Currently, police are not seeking such a plan but only the authority to come into the township when incidents dictate their presence.

The possibility of having the township appoint borough police as deputy township constables or the sheriff's department appointing borough policemen as deputies has been

discussed but this would create too many problems borough policemen feel.

"There is the matter of insurance and liability," Clark said. "It would be difficult to be dressed in a borough police officer's uniform and then represent yourself as a deputy or a constable," Clark told the Observer-Reporter Tuesday.

As a deputy sheriff, the officers would have to act at the discretion of the sheriff and this would be difficult in emergency situations.

Bus Complaints At Beth-Center

By PAUL KING
Staff Writer

FREDERICKTOWN — A new method for transporting 44 students in the Beth-Center School District to two parochial schools may be saving the district money, but it is making a few parents and students unhappy.

Five parents appeared before the district's Board of Education Monday night to protest the procedure being used to bus students within the district to Brownsville Catholic Elementary School and Mon Valley Catholic High School. Among the charges leveled at the district was harassment of the parochial students by Beth-Center students.

The district recently instituted a new busing procedure, by which students attending Brownsville or Mon Valley Catholic are brought to

Beth-Center Elementary or High School. They then board a second bus which takes them non-stop to their respective schools.

Last year, students attending Brownsville Catholic were transported by van directly to the school. Students going to Mon Valley Catholic rode a van to California High School, where they transferred to a bus also carrying parochial students from the California area.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Saeli defended the new plan, saying it was more efficient and more economical for the district because of the increased number of students attending the two schools. According to Saeli, the new program will cost the district \$15,750, as opposed to \$33,300 under the old procedure. The savings is equivalent to two mills of property tax, Saeli added.

But the parents complained that the method is causing some students to ride buses for more than two hours, and is making students late for classes. One parent said the non-public school students were being treated unfairly, resulting in "constitutional harassment."

"You are depriving these children of the right to have an equal education under the law," he said. "This isn't transportation; this is harassment."

Judy Roskevitch, a student at Mon Valley Catholic, said students are subjected to verbal, and in some cases physical, abuse from Beth-Center students.

Revenue Sharing Funds Franklin Twp. To Fix Roads

WAYNESBURG — The Franklin Township Supervisors, in a brief meeting Monday afternoon, voted to spend their \$23,000 in federal revenue sharing funds on road improvements.

Also approved was payment of \$4,831 to Waynesburg Borough for West Waynesburg's share of operating expense at the borough's sewage treatment plant. Cost to customers in the Bonar Addition section of the township will be \$12,754; however, payment was tabled until the first meeting in Oct.

Five prospective members for the township's first recrea-

tion board were discussed but no action was taken on the appointments until the township confirms the members will accept the appointment.

Township officials hope to create the recreation board and appoint the five members at the Oct. 12 meeting.

A discussion was held on Porter Street extension in the Morrisville section concerning future improvements to the street. However, because residents involved have not reached an agreement on the right-of-way, action was tabled.



Indian Day Observance

First grade students in the classes of Peggy Barger and Bonnie Mylan at the Jefferson-Morgan Consolidated Elementary School held a program for their parents Thursday afternoon following the completion of a study unit on the American Indian. The 45 students were dressed in various Indian clothing styles. The program included Indian songs and dances and displays of Indian articles which the students had made. American Indian Day is observed nationally on Friday, Sept. 25. Shown at one of the display tables are, from left, Susie Danley, Lori Zemba, Brad Fuller and Jerry Dillinger.

Court Approval Sought For Sale Of County Coal

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County Court has been asked to approve the sale of 149-acres of county-owned Pittsburgh coal for \$89,489.

A hearing on the petition, which was submitted by the Greene County commissioners, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23.

The commissioners have entered into an agreement to sell the coal to the Henderson Mining Co., which has indicated the tract would become part of coal assigned to the proposed Emerald No. 2 mine. The coal is under the former County Home farm, three miles east of Waynesburg.

In addition to receiving \$600 an acre for the coal, the petition states, the county would

get the benefit of having the coal placed on the tax rolls where it would produce revenues of \$1,830 per year in county, school and township taxes, based on current millages.

The agreement stipulates that some 23 acres of coal would be left in place under the tract to provide support for the Curry Memorial Home, county jail, historical society museum and other buildings.

It is surrounded by coal already owned by Henderson. The agreement estimates that it will take five years to design and construct the Emerald No. 2 mine, and that it would be at least five years after that before the first coal would be removed from the county tract.

Property Owners Sue Land Firm

WAYNESBURG — Three Morgan Township property owners have brought suit in Greene County Court against the operator of a nearby strip mine, claiming that blasting has caused extensive damage to their houses.

The trespass action was filed Monday by James E. and Mildred R. Good, Gerald L. and Denise G. Brumley and Wilbur V. and Sherry L. Hetrick, all residents of Teegarden Homes, near Clarksville. The Boyle Land and Fuel Co., Greensburg, is named as defendant.

The plaintiffs claim that heavy dynamite blasts have caused extensive structural damage to their houses, and have also caused a shifting of sewer lines, causing flooding of their basements.

They ask the court to enjoin the operator from causing any additional damage and to order him to remedy storm drain flooding and compensate them for damages to their properties.

World Traveler Would Be Glad To See Europe A Second Time

By PATTY HARVEY
Staff Writer

"I've always wanted to travel," said Anna Hoffnagle, who recently returned from a three-month tour of Europe. "I'm very interested in European history, and I wanted to improve my French."

Anna, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Hoffnagle of Waynesburg, was chosen as the 1981 recipient of Waynesburg College's Vira I. Heinz Award. The \$2500 dollar prize for study and travel abroad, is given yearly to an outstanding junior woman at Waynesburg. Now a senior history and French major, Anna plans to enter the field of secondary education upon her graduation.

"Traveling abroad, I

learned to think in a different way. Now that I'm back in the states, I find myself looking at things from a visitor's viewpoint - it's a strange feeling," she said.

Anna informed friends and relatives in Europe that she was on her way, and on May 30, in the midst of the air traffic controllers strike, Anna's plane departed from Pittsburgh airport. She landed safely in Zurich, Switzerland, where she stayed for three days with a cousin, John Hoffnagle. The peace and tranquility of the city impressed Anna, who was accustomed to the fast pace of America's cities.

"The cafes in Zurich were just great," she said. "We spent several evenings sitting

at tables out on the sidewalk, watching the people go by."

Anna left Zurich to go to Manchester, England, where she stayed with friends for two weeks. During this time, she made several sightseeing trips to the nearby towns of York and Edinburgh.

"I really liked York - I ended up spending an extra day there," Anna said. "Everything in the town is so historical - ruins, abbeys, and dozens of picturesque, narrow streets."

Next, Anna moved to the town of Oxford, a one-hour drive from London, where she stayed in a 'bed and breakfast', a boarding house where a room and breakfast are

provided at a low rate. In addition to seeing all of the usual tourist sites in London, Anna visited several surrounding colleges.

After a brief stay in Luxembourg, she moved on to the town of Avignon, in southern France, where she attended the Center for French Studies. During her six weeks in Avignon, Anna lived with a French family who spoke no English.

"That was when my knowledge of the French language was really put to the test," she said. "My French improved considerably just from talking to the people I met in France."

Upon the completion of her

studies in Avignon, Anna returned to Zurich for a brief visit, then headed on to Munich, West Germany. In Munich, she visited the site of a Nazi concentration camp, Germany's largest beer hall, the Hofbrauhaus, and attended a Haiden-Mozart concert. "Munich is very pretty," she added. "The town has been reconstructed to look exactly as it did before the war."

Following a 36-hour train ride, Anna joined Dr. Parascenzo, a professor of Spanish at Waynesburg College, who was leading a group of students on a tour of Granada, Spain. After visiting the Spanish towns of Toledo and

Bordeaux, she went on to Paris, where she spent the last two weeks of her stay in Europe.

"I liked Paris. The city is almost magical, especially at night," Anna said. "It didn't really seem like a city. Paris is very peaceful and calm. There is so much to see - I spent ten days sightseeing in

Paris alone, and I still missed a few things."

After visiting the small town of Orleans, France, where her parents lived 25 years ago when her father was stationed on an American army base there, Anna returned to Zurich to catch her flight back to America.

"Trying all the different

foods and meeting all the different people was definitely the best part of the trip," she concluded. "I'm already planning to go back. I'd like to spend a month in England - possibly next Christmas. I loved England, and I'm anxious to go back to see all the places I missed the first time around."

EMS Announces Plans For Training Program

WAYNESBURG — The Greene County Emergency Medical Services Council has announced that an Immediate

Response Personnel Course will be conducted in the western section of the county beginning Sunday, Oct. 4.

The program is designed to train persons to manage an emergency scene until an ambulance arrives.

Certification for first responders is conducted by the Division of Emergency Health Services, Department of Health. Certification is valid for three years. Before the end of the three-year period, the first responder must fulfill recertification requirements.

The 41-hour course will include instruction in diagnostic signs, patient examinations, airway care, CPR, shock, bleeding, injuries to soft tissues and internal organs, injuries to extremities, splinting, injuries to skull, spine and chest, heart attack, stroke, diabetes, epilepsy, poisons, drugs, emergency childbirth, moving patients, burns, exposure to heat and cold and oxygen therapy.

No prior training or experience is required. Upon completion of the course, the

student should be able to provide basic emergency medical care to victims of emergencies and to minimize patient suffering and prevent further injury.

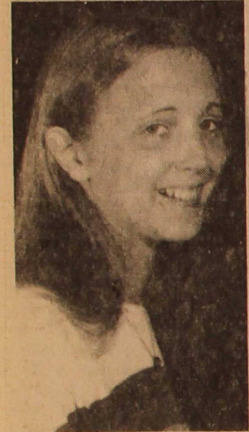
The course includes instruction in CPR for infants and children.

Wayne Rearick, chairman of the Greene County Emergency Services, said that upon completion of the course, immediate response kits will be distributed to the western areas of the county that are in need of emergency care.

Tentative plans call for these kits will be placed in Graysville, Nineveh and New Freeport. The kits contain portable suction units, oxygen, airways, poison kits, air splints, a blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, cervical collars, saline solution, blankets, gloves, bandages, aluminum foil, snake bite kits, sugar packets, flares, penlights, and a radio. The radio will enable the first responder to be in direct contact with the ambulance while it is en route to the scene of an emergency.

Those attending the classes must be at least 16 years of age. There will be no tuition fees, but students will pay for their instruction books.

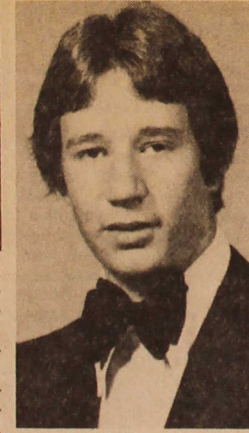
More information is available by contacting the Greene County Emergency Medical Services office at 852-1587.



OPEN CHURCH WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dille of Sycamore R.D.1 are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Melinda, to Richard T. Fieldson, grandson of Luna Fieldson of 201 Porter Street, Waynesburg. An open church wedding is planned for Saturday, October 10, 1981 at the Bates Fork Baptist Church with a reception following. Miss Dille is employed at Shop 'N' Save, her fiancé is employed by Patterson Brothers.



APRIL BRIDE — Mr. and Mrs. William Black of Norwood have announced the engagement of their daughter, Debra, to James Robert Powell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Grover C. Powell of Waynesburg. Miss Black is a graduate of Interboro High School, Glenolden, and Gwynedd-Mercy College with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at the Misericordia Hospital in Philadelphia where she is in the specialty of IV nurse. Her fiancé is a graduate of Waynesburg Central High School and received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Miami at Coral Gables, Fla. He is in his fourth year of medicine at the Thomas Jefferson University, School of Medicine in Philadelphia. An April 1982 wedding is planned.



MASTER COUNCILOR — Carl L. Livingood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Livingood, and of the late Donna Mae Livingood, Prosperity R.D.2, has been elected master councilor of Joppa Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He is a junior at McGuffey High School and is a member of the Upper Ten Mile United Presbyterian Church. Other elected officers are James Milligan, senior councilor, and Sean Chiki, junior councilor. Officers will be installed at open ceremonies at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Masonic Temple, 44 West Wheeling Street, Washington.

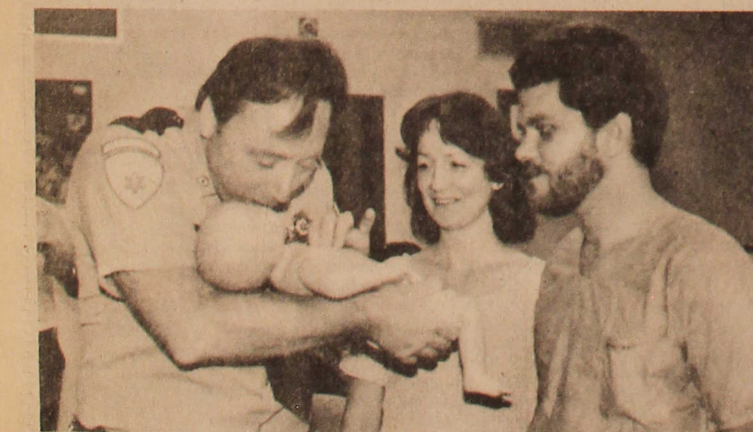


Bike Stolen — A 26-inch boy's bicycle owned by Robert C. Baily, 120 Sherman Avenue, was stolen sometime between 7 and 9 p.m. Friday while the youth was in Fischer's Big Wheel shopping. The bike, valued at \$95, was left on the sidewalk in front of the store.



ENGAGED — Mary Jane Frost of Dilliner has announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Amanda Susann, to Thomas Brian Huggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Huggins of Dilliner. The bride-elect is a graduate of Mapletown High School and is employed by Hills Department Store in Morgantown, W.Va. Her fiancé, also a graduate of Mapletown High School, is employed as a millwright. They play to marry at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, in an open church wedding in the First Baptist Church of Dunkard in Taylortown.

11 CPR Instructors Certified



Jud Lacko demonstrates CPR methods on a doll while Greene County Memorial Hospital's Ann Jacobs, educational coordinator, and Mark Evans, head of respiratory therapy, look on.

WAYNESBURG — Eleven employees from Greene County Memorial Hospital recently completed a course to become certified CPR instructors.

The course, sponsored by the American Heart Association, enables the newly qualified instructors to teach other hospital personnel the basic techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Ann Jacobs, educational coordinator for the hospital, arranged the classes and taught two of the sessions in basic life support.

The new instructors include Donna Antonelli, Jean Bell, Mary Jo Buchanan, Nancy Ciota, Donna Dean, Mark Evans, Kim Howard, Chuck Lang, Coleen Mering, Janice Petraitis and Debbie Weighley.

Carmella Catalano And James Nichols Wed

Carmella Catalano became the bride of James Nichols on Saturday, September 12, 1981, in St. Marcellus Church in Jefferson. The 3 p.m. double ring exchange of vows was heard by the Rev. John Chess. Carol Silbaugh was the organist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Catalano of 631 Sixth Street, Mather. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Betty Nichols of Eighth Street, Mather.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white silk organza styled with a Queen Anne neckline and long, fitted lace sleeves ruffled at the wrist. The bodice featured an off the shoulder ruffle of reembroidered Chantilly lace accented with pearls. The bouffant skirt was enhanced with flowers and ruffles of matching lace sweeping into a chapel length train.

Her waltz length veil of silk illusion was edged in lace and held by a matching headpiece. She wore a baby pearl necklace and pearl earrings. She carried a cascading arrangement of white sweetheart roses, white daisies, baby's breath and ivy.

Patty Tekevao of West Newton attended as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Bonnie Catalano of Waynesburg, sister-in-law of the bride, Cris Catalano of Pittsburgh, sister of the bride, and Nedra Maison of Waynesburg. They were identically attired in burgundy colored gowns. Angela Catalano of Waynesburg, niece of the bride, was the flower girl and wore white. Ed Maison of Mather served a best man. The ushers were Benj Catalano, brother of the bride; Robert Nichols, brother of the bridegroom,

and Arthur Chambers. Anthony Cardilli was the ring bearer.

The reception for 250 guests was held in the Waynesburg Moose Lodge. Out-of-area guests attended from Italy, Canada, Ohio, Michigan and Maryland.

The couple took a wedding trip to Williamsburg, Va. p

Lori Ann Scott Weds Brian Edward Marling

The Windy Gap Church of God, near Aleppo, was the setting for the Sept. 19, 1981, wedding of Lori Ann Scott and Brian Edward Marling. The Rev. Dennis Dawson officiated at the 2:30 p.m. double ring ceremony. Jody Redd played the nuptial music.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Scott of Aleppo. The bridegroom is the son of Joan Marling of Glen Dale, W.Va., and Harry J. Marling of Cameron, W.Va.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore a floor length gown of white quiana knit featuring a Queen

Anne neckline with silk Venice lace accenting the bodice and neckline. Her full bishop sleeves were trimmed in matching lace. The A-line skirt culminated into a chapel length train.

Tammy Bonar attended her cousin as maid of honor. The bridesmaid was Debbie Cumpston, sister of the bride. Their gowns were pink and aqua.

David Redd attended his cousin as best man. Terry Ashby was the usher and Corey Cumpston, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer.

The reception was held in the Aleppo Brethern Fellowship Building with Barbara Bonar and Alice Pyles assisting. Cathy Brewer was in charge of the bride's book.

The bride is a 1980 graduate of West Greene High School and a 1981 graduate of Northeastern Business College.

The bridegroom is a 1980 graduate of Cameron High School and is employed by the Cameron Tire Service.

The newlyweds took a wedding trip to Blackwater Falls, W.Va., and are now residing in Cameron.

Mrs. Howard's Bequests Revealed

Charities Benefit From Will

WAYNESBURG — Several charitable bequests are provided for in the will of Helen Denny Howard of Waynesburg, which was filed for probate Friday in the office of the county register and recorder.

Mrs. Howard, who died Sept. 15, bequeathed \$10,000 to

the First Presbyterian Church. In addition, after specific bequests are carried out, she directed that the residual estate, which is expected to be substantial, be divided into five equal shares, with one share each to go to Waynesburg College, Greene County

Memorial Hospital, the Greene County Historical Society, Byron C. Denny and Hanna Jane Baily. She also directed that her genealogical papers and books go to the historical society.

Farley Toothman of Waynesburg was left \$75,000

and Mrs. Howard's half-interest in the family home at 145 West High Street.

Named as executors are Mrs. Howard's sister, Joseph Denny, Joseph D. Hughes of Pittsburgh and Farley Toothman.

Size of the estate was listed as unknown.

Cable TV Installation Moving Along

WAYNESBURG — Frank R. Vincente, vice president and general manager of TeleMedia Co., Waynesburg, said Thursday that cable construction crews are now moving into areas of Franklin Township which do not have cable television.

The company has almost

completed the refurbishing and extension of the trunk and distribution cable within Waynesburg Borough.

Slicing crews and line technicians are now working on the east side of the borough cutting in newly installed electronic equipment. Drop crews are following and removing

old house-service drops and installing new ones.

The entire procedure, according to Vincente, will move from the east to the west in the borough.

Because of the project, there will be temporary interruptions in service. All efforts are being made to keep inter-

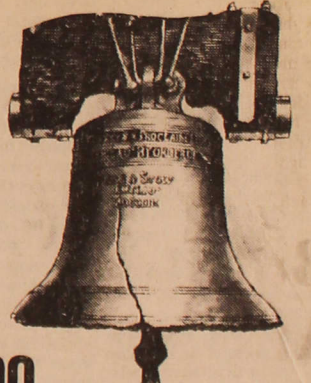
ruptions to a minimum and crews are working late to correct individual "no picture" calls, the general manager said.

The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 13 and will provide the local company with three levels of service and up to 30 channels.

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Special Case Justifies Hiring Of Non-Veteran

It might seem odd to some people to have a non-veteran in a job which involves helping veterans and their families obtain the benefits to which they are entitled.

And undoubtedly the Greene County commissioners will come under fire from some people for appointing a non-veteran to the position of Greene County Director of Veteran Affairs. In fact, judging from the pressure brought by some veterans' organization for the appointment of an ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman, the criticism could be rather pointed.

All things being equal the critics would probably be correct. But all things weren't equal.

In appointing Wilma Moniger of New Freeport to the post the commissioners selected a woman with more than 13 years of experience in the office as secretary to the former director. All three commissioners, as well as others among the county's elected officials, agreed that she was well qualified and had earned the promotion. Had anyone else been hired she would have been in a position of having to train her boss.

The commissioners, in fact, interviewed quite a few veterans for the post and felt that Miss Moniger, because of her skills, experience and years of service, clearly was the best available choice.

The unanimous decision was the only one which the commissioners could make with a clear conscience. Even at that it was a particularly difficult one for all three, and particularly for commissioner L. R. Santore who is a former state V.F.W. commander and an official of the national V.F.W. who has always advocated hiring of veterans.

Sometimes there are special cases.



Between The Bookends

Marcia McKenna Biddle

A newspaper article of last week took note that "the Reagan influence" is being felt in the matter of fashionable attire. Mrs. Reagan, it is said, is "affecting the dress code of the entire country." Her designer-label wardrobe is so dazzling that "everyone" is copying it.

I have not noticed this phenomenon, myself. When I asked a number of people in the supermarket whether or not they had begun replenishing their wardrobe with elegant designer dresses, their answers were rude, if not insulting.

However little popularity this idea seemed to have locally, the article went on to say that more and more people are now hosting "white tie" parties. I have not personally attended one of these, but look forward to receiving an invitation. I will know what to wear, since the article has told me. It gives me a choice of "opulent fabrics, bouffant skirts, deep décolletages and staggering price tags. White tie also calls for the finest jewelry that a woman can muster, plus the most formal evening accessories: delicate bags, exquisite shoes."

My problem now is that I don't know how I am going to pull myself together long enough to collect and don all those things at one time. I will have to do some research to discover an opulent fabric, but I do know what a bouffant skirt is. I hate to say it, but I remember bouffant skirts, from before. They were worn with matching bouffant hairdos, as well as starched petticoats. I also remember exquisite shoes. They are the ones which hurt your feet. I do not remember deep décolletage, although I may have just blanked that out.

The article further states, in seeming surprise, that the elegance phenomenon "is apparently making a lot of middle-class women uncomfortable." Luckily for us, however, not all parties are required to be white tie. Black tie parties are also acceptable. For these, bouffant skirts are not necessary. Opulent materials are toned down to ordinary brocade, silk, taffeta, or chiffon.

Whether white tie or black tie, we are all going to have to

have to make an effort at becoming elegant, since the newspaper says that "the social power structure" has decreed that formal parties are to be given.

The "social power structure," as we all know, consists of a group of glittering ladies in opulent fabrics and bouffant skirts who give white tie parties in Georgetown or New York, while wearing painfully exquisite shoes and all the jewelry they can muster. Their real function is to get their pictures in the paper, and inspire the rest of us to hurry out and drop the amount of our tax cuts on a bouffant dress, with exquisite shoes to match. I think this is known as re-investing in America, or democracy, or something.

We all know, too, what we are going to do when the social power structure comes around here and invites us to a white tie dinner, requiring opulent fabrics, and all the jewelry we can muster. We'll just apply for a federal grant. It's the kind of thing Washington would understand.

Striking Miners Expected Back

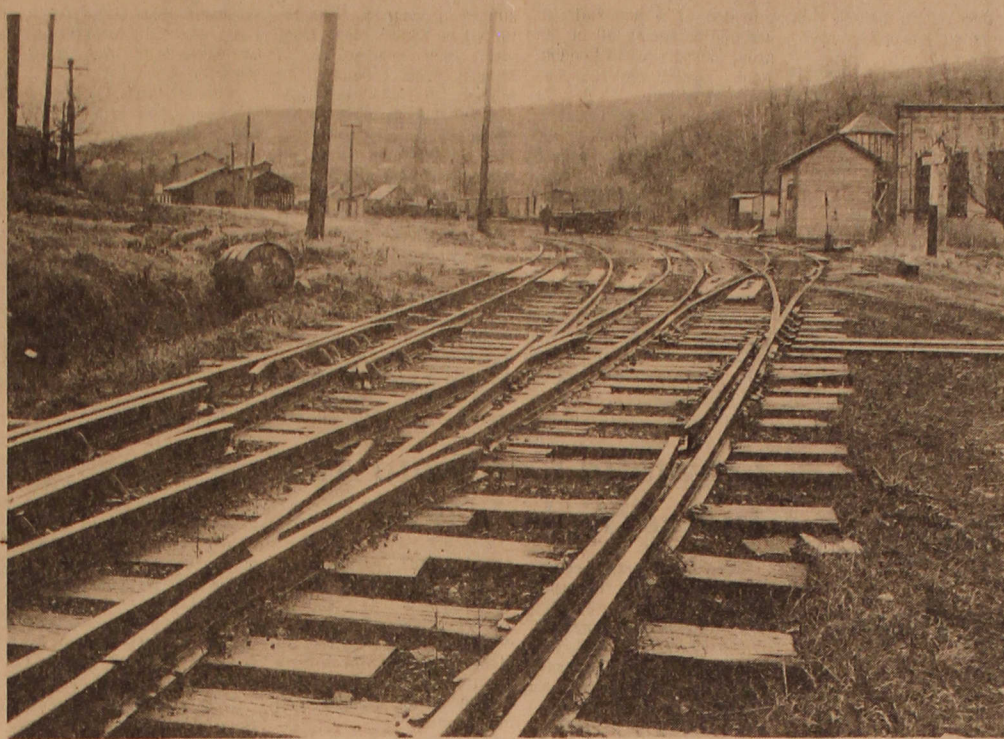
NEMACOLIN — Striking miners at Jones and Laughlin's Nemaacolin mine were expected to return to work at midnight last night following a 24-hour walkout in a job assignment dispute.

The closed section at the Carmichaels workings came about because of a "squeeze" which caused a dangerous situation according to the UMW spokesman. Union officials agreed the section should have been closed but disagree with the placement of the displaced miners on permanent night shift. The union feels the assignments should have been carried out through volunteers or bidding.

Union members met Tuesday morning and agreed to go back to work with the midnight shift in order that talks could continue. Management refused to discuss the issue until the men returned.

About 450 miners are employed at Nemaacolin.

Faces From The Past-Do You Recognize Them?



Old Narrow Gauge

Although it is now almost entirely grown up in weeds, the yard of the old Waynesburg and Washington narrow gauge railroad along First Street in Waynesburg was still in good condition when this picture was taken a few years after rail service ended in the late 1920s. A corner of the old water tower and the large building in which the locomotives were kept and all the smaller buildings have been razed except for the freight building at the left. It is now being used as a woolhouse by Harold Dulaney. The rails in the foreground are still in place for the occasional shifting of freight cars to West Waynesburg. New, broad-gauge tracks are the extreme right of the property but not shown. The new Waynesburg Southern lines runs through the town on those tracks transporting coal from mines in northern West Virginia to Chicago and other out of state destinations, mostly to electric companies in Chicago and Michigan.

After Fighting Loneliness, She's Able To Help Others

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was prepared by United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania as the third in a series of articles highlighting services offered by various agencies Greene County agencies which are supported, in part, by contributions to the annual United Way campaign.

WAYNESBURG — Liz Petratus of Waynesburg was a lonely woman following the death of her husband in 1974.

Even though she had three children, 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, they had their own lives to lead and couldn't always be counted on to visit her and keep her company.

A void had to be filled. Soon after her husband's death, members of the Washington Street United Methodist Church, to which she had belonged for 40 years, told her about the Greene County Senior Citizens' Center located in Waynesburg. It is part of the Washington-Greene Community Action Program and receives part of its funding from United Way.

"I started going and I never quit," Mrs. Petratus said. "It sure took away the loneliness."

There are four centers in the county which serve the various needs of people 60 years of age and older. Among the services provided are



Liz Petratus spends her free time enjoying activities at the Waynesburg Senior Citizen Center, where she also helps as a volunteer.

daily noon meals, health screenings, outreach casework, paralegal advocates and a regular schedule of social, recreation and education programs.

Mrs. Petratus has been attending the Waynesburg center since it opened in 1974. In addition to enjoying activities

The elderly woman is now helping others in the community where she has resided for more than 40 years—since moving from Mather, where she was born and where her father, William Eaton, was an official at the Mather mine.

Her first husband, Joe Stiles, was also a miner and was killed in the 1928 Mather mine explosion. She subsequently married Frank Petratus, who was a motorman at the Crucible mine until it closed, at which time he went to work for the state. He died in 1974 of an aneurysm.

"It's really nice to come here because everyone likes everyone else," Liz says of the center.

And helping the centers is the Greene County United Way, which allotted \$5,000 toward the total operation budget of the Greene County Senior Citizens program last year. With current federal cutbacks United Way funding could become even more critical.

"We appreciate the support of United Way since our funding is limited," Mrs. Jones said.

So do the many Greene County residents who use the services of the four centers—in Waynesburg, Carmichaels, Clarksville and Mt. Morris.

"It's like a home away from home," Mrs. Petratus said.



Fact and Folklore

John O'Hara

Few natives of Greene County have made as great an impact on the cultural phases of life in the United States as that which was left as a heritage to present and future residents by Mrs. Helen Denny Howard who died September 15, 1981, following a gradual decline in her health during the past few years.

Born and reared in Waynesburg as a member of two of the county's pioneer families—the Inghrams and Denny's—she achieved national renown in two cultural fields.

As a musician, both vocalist and violinist, she had played leading roles with the Feo Grand Opera in Baltimore, was a soloist with the Wassali Leps Orchestra in Philadelphia and sang with the Wheatcroft Opera Guild in New England.

In recognition of her talents in opera she received the honorary degree of Doctor of Music from her alma mater, Waynesburg College, where she also had earned a Bachelor of Music degree in violin and Bachelor of Arts before starting on her vocal career.

The Denny family was originally from the Old Dominion Commonwealth of Virginia and were among the first to cross the Allegheny Mountains to settle in what was then West Augusta County of Virginia.

This fact gradually led to Mrs. Howard's interest in the numerous lineage societies which have been connecting links between the post-Revolutionary War era and the present. Her first step into this cultural activity was to organize the Christopher Gist Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of which she later became Pennsylvania Regent, and honorary national president.

The Hereditary Register of the United States lists her membership in 26 national lineage societies including, among others, Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the U.S.A.,

Order of the Three Crusades, 1096-1190; and Daughters of the Barons of Runnemed (and its 1975-77 president).

In 1963 she was honored by selection to the Awards Jury of Freedom Foundations at Valley Forge and was the second Greene Countian to become president of that organization.

Prior to attending Waynesburg College, she had attended Dana Hall School and Pine Manor Junior College in Wellesley, Mass.

In her youth she became an accomplished equestrian and one of her horses was once a winner in the famous Madison Square national horseshow.

Along with her many accomplishments in music and lineage research, Mrs. Howard never lost the gracious manner by which she has long

been remembered not only by close friends and associates but also by the myriad of persons with whom she had nodding or speaking friendships with—those she met on her daily strolls to stores, banks or other places within walking distance of the meticulously maintained family home and gardens on West High Street where she and her surviving sister, Josephine, lived.

There was a natural sense of graciousness to her life that took no rehearsal to brighten the day of not only long time friends and acquaintances but also of those who had filled in the vacant places left by the deaths of her older friends while she was touring with opera companies or in other aspects of her professional career and her many extended trips in connection with her research in the numerous lineage societies in Washington, D.C. and other cities.

Calculating the contribution of those who have helped to preserve the basic tenets of the world's first democracy is virtually an impossible task to express in specific dimensions. But Waynesburg residents need to appraise that of their fellow townspeople in that respect—"by their works ye shall know them."

AROUND TOWN

By THE STAFF

Like something of the old time magician's props of "Now you see it and now you don't," September was here and gone before some people remembered to tear another leaf off the calendar for 1981.

And now all of those who will be staying around all winter and not heading for either Florida, Texas or California are hopefully keeping their good weather eye open all day long as not to miss a single hour of that October's bright blue weather which the poets used to rave about.

Speaking of traveling, Mrs. Helena VanCleve is back home again from a three-week sojourn in Kingstown, Tenn., where she traveled by plane so as not to lose the two days required by car when she traveled there to visit her new grandson, John Edward VanCleve IV. Her late husband Ed, was associated with his father Samuel VanCleve Sr. in the operation of Elms Brothers machine shop on East Greene Street, which for years served drilling companies in Greene County.

Add the names of James and Pat Eagon Stafford, now of Carnegie but formerly of Waynesburg, and their older daughter Beth, to the growing list of canoeing enthusiasts. They spent last week on an overnight camping trip on the Monongahela River from Fairmont to Rices Landing. Their younger daughter, Laura, 3, spent the weekend at the home of her maternal grandmother Mrs. Mary Eagon of Waynesburg.

Out of town friends and relatives who attended funeral services last week for Mrs. Helen Denny Howard included Mrs. Bryon Denny and daughter Patricia of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mair of Bethesda, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. John Ullom of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. John McCarrell of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Baily of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Wilma S. Wisecarver of Charlotte and Atty. and Mrs. John Hughes of

Pittsburgh. The Waynesburg College football team—in case not everyone reads the sports section—convincingly defeated Canisius College from Buffalo, N.Y. The Jackets will be playing Lycoming College in Waynesburg this coming Saturday.

Speaking of football, a lifelong resident who had a long record of playing sandlot baseball and officiating everything from Little League to college games, Louie Greco may be the only man in America who can watch a college football game from his rocking chair on his front porch. He and his wife, Bessie live just across the street from the main entrance to College Field and can see most of the field without difficulty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore of East Greene Street, Waynesburg, attended the annual pumpkin festival in Barnesville, Ohio last weekend.

The annual fall festival at the Greene County Historical Society's museum in the former county home just off Route 21 in Franklin Township will be held the weekend of Oct. 17-18. The old W&W engine will once again be fired up for a series of mini-runs.

Driver Injured In 2-Car Crash

WAYNESBURG — A Garards Fort man was injured in a two-car collision at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday about five miles south of Waynesburg on Route 616.

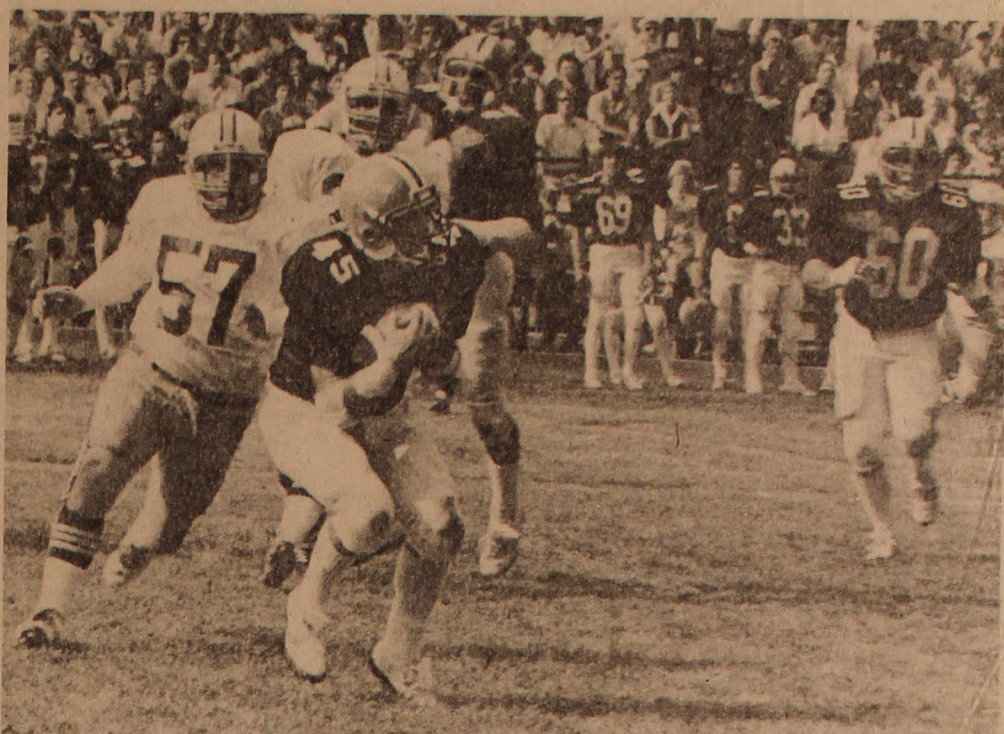
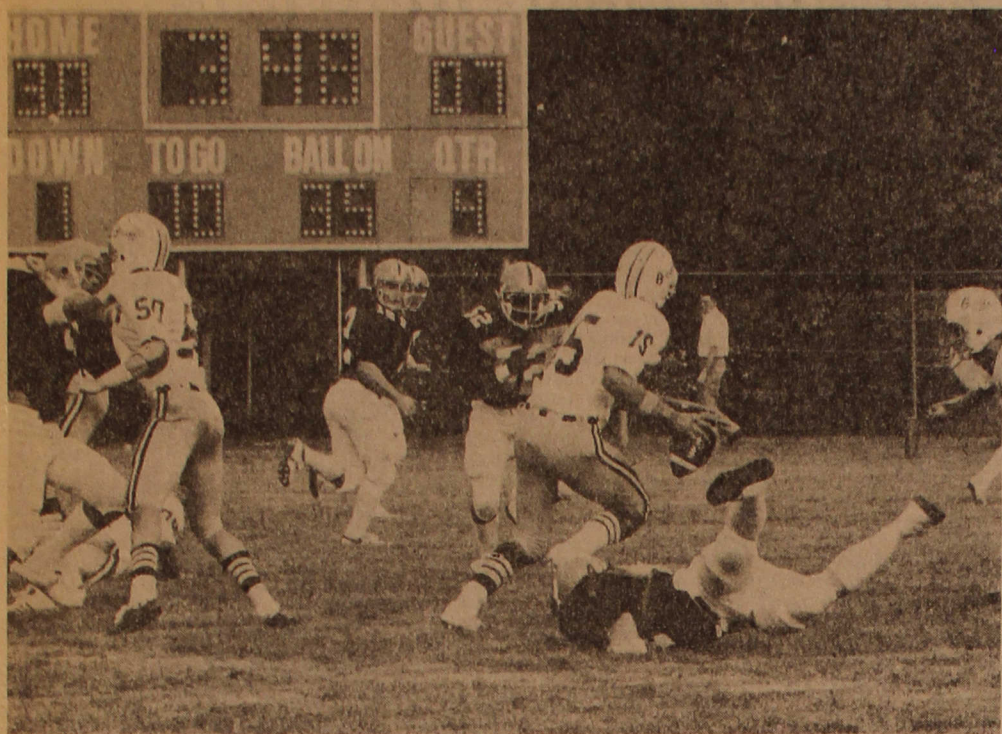
According to police, James Sloneker, 56, of Garards Fort suffered chest and arm injuries and was admitted to Greene County Memorial Hospital.

Police said Sloneker was traveling north when he changed lanes and was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Richard Kimble, 28, of Upper Tract, W.Va.

Curry Home Anniversary

The 50th anniversary of the Curry Memorial Home, a skilled nursing facility operated by Greene County, was observed Friday afternoon with a program at the home located along old Route 21 east of Waynesburg. The program included various speakers and entertainment for the residents. Here, the Thomas Campbell Kitchen Band of Richeyville, performs for the residents.

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Fruitless Search

Canisus College's Bill Pavlock scrambles while looking for a receiver downfield . . . but is foiled as

Green Dazzles Rockets

By DENISE BACHMAN
Sports Writer
JEFFERSON — Jonathan Green just doesn't know when to quit. Mon Valley Catholic High School's bruising, fleet-footed tailback hurt Jeff-Morgan in about every way possible last night, carrying the Spartans to a 31-0 victory in a Class A Tri-County South Conference game.

Green used his power and quickness to scamper 59, 39 and 19-yards for touchdowns. He used his accurate arm to throw a touchdown. And he used his keen sense for the ball on defense to intercept a Brian Virgin pass and return it 32 yards.

He finished the night with an 191 yards rushing in 19 carries, giving him 557 yards and 78 points on the season. "Jonathan Green is for real," Rocket head coach Bob Antion said. "You have to give Green credit for his individual effort."

Individual effort was Green's forte last night. The Rocket defense kept Green bottled up fairly well, but Green didn't want the Rockets to get too confident as he shed enough tacklers to turn in some long gains.

On his first touchdown, a 59-yard jaunt in the first quarter, he slipped a tackle at the line of scrimmage and raced untouched into the end zone. For his next act in the third quarter, he weaved in and out of what seemed like each Rocket defender en route to scoring from 39 yards out.

Green's finale came in the fourth quarter when he evaded a few potential Jeff-Morgan tacklers and went up the middle for a 19-yard score. "It was a matter of the big play, and Mon Valley made the big play," Antion said. "Our defense would stop two plays, and then they'd make the big play. We just didn't take the big play away from Jonathan Green. But they're not a one man show."

Although Spartan coach Tony Barchetti has a host of other capable ball carriers, he still would like to feed the ball to Green a few more times each game.

"We've been trying to get the ball to Green 20-25 times," Barchetti said. "But so far we haven't been able to do it." But Barchetti stressed he won't use Green just for the sake of establishing records.

"He doesn't want it and we don't want it," Barchetti said. "We go out to win and if he gain an inch he'll go in. He doesn't go after records. He just goes for whatever he can get. We want to win." Which is precisely what he and his

teammates did last night. Besides a strong showing by Green, the Spartan defense also turned in a performance nothing short of superb.

The Spartan defense helped decide Jeff-Morgan's fate in the first half, giving the Rockets no breathing room at all. While the Spartans were getting excellent field position, starting in Jeff-Morgan territory four times, the Rockets found themselves starting from deep inside their own territory for most of the first half.

The best field position they had was from the 39, where they advanced the ball to the 48 before a clipping penalty quickly pushed them back. The Rockets never did penetrate into Mon Valley's territory in the first half.

"I think the whole defensive line played outstanding," Barchetti said. "Our defense is getting in the limelight; the first string has four shutouts. Our offense sells the tickets, but our defense wins the game."

Mon Valley's other touchdown scores were in the air. Green connected on a 23-yard halfback pass to tight end John Digion in the second quarter and quarterback Scott Phillips hit split end Brian Sento from 26 yards out. The halfback pass was the first Green has thrown all season, although he did throw it last year, and ironically he threw one against Jeff-Morgan.

"We weren't that impressed with their offense from the films, but we knew their defense was good," Barchetti said. "We just had two objectives going into the game. We wanted a win and we wanted a shutout."

Despite the shutout and the dominance the Spartans showed, the Rockets are not discouraged.

"We'll learn from this. I'm never disappointed in my kids," Antion said. "We made some mistakes, but we have a hustling bunch of kids. We'll be back."

Frazier 25, Mapletown 0

MAPLETOWN — It was another frustrating night for Mapletown High School's football team as Frazier took a 25-0 victory Friday night in a Tri-County South conference game.

Frazier scored on a 51-yard punt return by Joe Lasko late in the first period to take a 6-0 lead as the extra-point attempt failed.

In the second quarter, George Crofcheck snared an errant Mapletown pass and raced 26 yards for Frazier's second touchdown. This time Lasko's attempt was good giving Frazier a 13-0 lead at halftime.

The Commodores opened the second

half with a three-yard run by Crofcheck and finished the evening on a 15-yard pass to Lasko from quarterback Ray Ciferno.

Crofcheck finished the game with 122 yards on 21 carries while Ciferno hit 10 of 16 passes for 115 yards and one touchdown.

Mapletown had trouble moving the ball, rushing for only 38 yards and gaining only 17 through the air for a 55-yard total.

The loss gives Mapletown a 0-3 overall record and 0-2 in the Tri-County South conference while Frazier, last year's conference champ is 2-1 overall and 0-2 in the league.

AG 25, Waynesburg 6

MASONTOWN — Jerry Volansky scored two touchdowns in leading Albert Gallatin to a 25-6 win in Century Conference action Friday night.

Volansky scored on a one-yard run and a 42-yard pass from quarterback Vince Zapotosky. Steve Mehok and Bob Yaniga accounted for the other Albert Gallatin scores. Mehok scored on an eight-yard run while Yaniga had a 20-yard jaunt for a touchdown.

Waynesburg's only score came on a four-yard run by Jim Hughes.

Albert Gallatin racked up 20 first downs and had 377 total yards offense. Waynesburg had four first downs along with 97 total.

The loss drops Waynesburg to 0-2-1 overall while Albert Gallatin is 4-0, good enough for first place in the conference.

German 44, West Greene 0

ROGERSVILLE — Hard times continued for West Greene High School's football team here Friday night, as German Township rolled over the Pioneers 44-0 in a Class A Tri-County South Conference game.

After a scoreless first quarter German took a 14-0 halftime lead when wide receiver Jeff Dupont and quarterback Mike Lewis hooked up for two touchdowns of 38 and 27-yards. Lewis also ran for a two-point conversion after the second TD pass.

The Uhlans, now 3-1 overall and 2-1 in league play, then exploded for three touchdowns in the third quarter as Russ Crawford scored on a seven-yard pass from Lewis, David Angelo ran two yards and Sam Lee added a 12-yard run.

German's final touchdown came on a five-yard run by Chris Littlejohn.

West Greene drops to 0-4 overall and 0-3 in conference play.

California 34, Carmichaels 19

CALIFORNIA — A spectacular performance by California High School running back Brian Schaum sparked the Trojans to a 34-19 victory over Carmichaels in a Tri-County Class A Conference football game Friday night.

Schaum scored on runs of 11 and four yards; a one-yard plunge and passes from quarterback Brendan Folmar for 28 and 11 yards.

The Trojans, now 2-2 for the season and 2-1 in the conference, scored first on a 57-yard drive in the first quarter with Schaum going across from 11 yards out. A 28-yard pass from Folmar to Schaum ended a 66-yard march in the second period with the Trojans adding another touchdown in the first half one Schaum's one-yard run after a 35-yard drive.

California added fourth quarter touchdowns on Folmar's 11-yard pass to Schaum and the latter's four-yard run set up by Dan Zahand's recovery of a Carmichaels fumble.

Mikes' quarterback Dick Krause threw touchdown passes to Bill Mundell in the first quarter and Jamie Wamsley in the fourth. Both covered 48 yards. Bob Danforth also scored for Carmichaels on a 35-yard run after intercepting a pass in the second period.

The Trojans had a 10-6 advantage in first downs and totaled 175 yards rushing and 113 passing. The winning defensive effort was led by linebackers Scott Bodnar and Martin Kubencanek, safety Bill Zaph and ends Zahand and Scott Santo.

The Mikes fell to 1-2 for the season and have the same record in the conference.

Waynesburg College's Sam Procida manages to intercept the pass. The action came during the first quarter of Saturday's game, which Waynesburg turned into a 35-14 victory.

Jackets Win First

By DENISE BACHMAN
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WAYNESBURG — The day belonged to running back Otto Birkhead and cornerback Jan Jesso.

Birkhead spearheaded Waynesburg College's offense galloping 73 and 43 yards for touchdowns while Jesso picked off four passes returning one for a touchdown. And their efforts helped the Yellow Jackets (1-1-1) secure their first win of the season, 35-14 over Canisius Saturday afternoon at College Field.

For their performances, Birkhead, who finished the day with 132 yards rushing on nine carries, and Jesso were named District 18 players of the week Sunday night on offense and defense, respectively.

But it wasn't the prettiest win for the Yellow Jackets. In a game marred by penalties and 13 turnovers, Waynesburg turned the ball over six times, while Golden Griffin quarterbacks Anthony Sharen and William Pavlock combined to throw seven interceptions.

Despite the number of turn-

overs, Waynesburg head coach Hayden Buckley will take the win.

"I hope this is the medicine we needed," he said. "This was good for us. It gave us a chance to chew somebody's ear."

"I've seen Mondays both ways, and winning Mondays are much better than losing Mondays."

Meanwhile, Canisius head coach Bill Brooks was in a state of confusion after the game. He found it hard to understand how a team that was 2-0 and playing solid football could fall apart so easily. "We didn't look like the same team," Brooks said. "It looked like a high school game out there. It was a comedy of errors. It's strange, we haven't been penalized that much all season, and we come here and get all these penalties."

"Every time we got a break, we got a penalty and it took the starch out of the kids. We didn't play well at all and Waynesburg played very well. They took advantage of all the opportunities they had."

Opportunities for Canisius

ran rampant in the first half, but like Brooks said, it couldn't take advantage of them. After turning the ball over five times in the first half, the Yellow Jackets were lucky to escape at halftime tied 7-7. And they knew it.

"I felt like a millionaire at halftime," Buckley said.

The script was the same in this game as it has been in the first two games for the Yellow Jackets. The defense continued to play superbly, while the offense continued to struggle. Both Mike Forbes and Casey Cavanaugh saw action at quarterback for Waynesburg, but neither could generate much spark. The Jackets-quarterbacks completed just three of 13 passes for 78 yards and each threw two interceptions.

And the Golden Griffin defense did a fair job of shutting down the Waynesburg ground game, with the exception of Birkhead's two long gains. Running backs Bob Astleford gained 86 yards on 18 carries and Keith Davis, 27 yards in 11 carries.

"The defense came through for us again," Buckley said.

"The defense won the ball game."

"In the first half they didn't stop us because we didn't have the ball long enough. We didn't have to make adjustments at halftime because it was just a matter of the offense making mistakes in the first half."

The halftime talk must have worked because the offense, with some help from the defense, only gave up the football once in the second half, and scored 28 points in the third quarter.

Birkhead started the scoring surge in the second half, racing 43 yards for a touchdown. Jesso set up Forbes' two-yard plunge minutes later when he intercepted his first of four passes. Jesso had returned the ball for a touchdown, but a penalty nullified it and the Yellow Jackets' scoring drive began at the 25.

Fremont Catlin then grabbed a deflected pass, which had gone in and out of the hands of teammate David Tucci, for a 50-yard touchdown. Eleven seconds later Jesso put on the finishing touch with a 16-yard interception return.

Birkhead Breaks Loose

By DENISE BACHMAN
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WAYNESBURG — One month ago he was just another rookie trying to prove himself to the Waynesburg College football coaching staff.

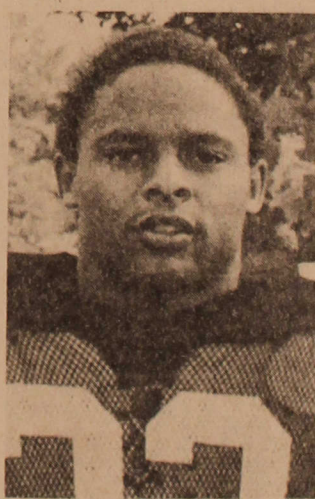
Today Otto Birkhead is the Yellow Jackets' main threat in the backfield. The 5-9, 170-pound freshman running back has amassed 247 yards in 38 carries to lead the Yellow Jackets in rushing.

But he didn't enter the limelight until last week against Canisius when he broke loose twice for touchdown runs of 73 and 43 yards. He also eclipsed the 100-yard mark, gaining 131 yards on nine carries.

His efforts against the Golden Griffins earned him District 18 offensive player of the week and Yellow Jacket of the week honors.

But Birkhead is quite modest when it comes to assessing his success.

"On the first run (73 yards), I thought I was going down at the line but I saw a couple of blocks," Birkhead said. "On the second run the line just opened up the hole for me. The whole offensive line did a great job blocking for me."



OTTO BIRKHEAD

True, the offensive line may have given him an initial head start, but Birkhead's blazing speed put him over the top and out of reach. The Riverton,

N.J., native has run the 100 meters in 10.4, which translates into about a 9.5 100-yard time. He won the New Jersey state 100-yard dash title when he was a sophomore and regained the state championship in the 100 meters when he was a senior.

With his speed and sure hands, Buckley has decided not to limit Birkhead's talents just to running the ball. He intends to use Birkhead as a receiver also.

It makes no difference to Birkhead how he is used, although he takes a better liking to running the ball than he does to catching the ball.

And since the Yellow Jackets plan to throw to him more, he'd also like to run the ball more. Although he carried the ball just nine times against Canisius, he did carry the ball 19 times against IUP.

But Birkhead isn't playing for personal glory, and if it's not in Buckley's crystal ball for Birkhead to run the ball more he's not about to complain.

"I'd like to carry the ball more, but I don't care if I carry the ball one or 200 times," he said, "just as long as we win. That's the main thing."

Scoring Race Tightens Up

By FRED SIGLER
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A new challenger has emerged in the Washington-Greene County scholastic football scoring race.

California High School's Brian Schaum, bolstered by a five-touchdown performance in the Trojans' 34-19 win over Carmichaels, has advanced to third place behind last year's champion Jon Green of Mon Valley Catholic and runnerup Jim Edwards of Charleroi, who continue to run one-two in this year's competition.

Schaum, a 5-9, 165-pound tailback, who is a threat both as a runner and pass receiver, and is also a defensive mainstay for the Trojans, achieved the finest individual scoring feat of any district player this season.

He scored on runs of 11, four and one yards and caught touchdown passes from quarterback Brendan Folmar for 28 and 11 yards.

"He's not only a good football player but a good all around athlete," said California head coach Mel Maruschak. "He's been a two-way starter in football

for three years and is an excellent shortstop in high school and American Legion baseball competition.

"Brian has a lot of quickness and speed plus a great pair of hands. He also has a good knowledge of football. The last game was his best one for scoring but he's always played consistently well."

Schaum, a two-way player for all three seasons, was a wide receiver as a sophomore but switched to tailback last year. He has played safety on defense during his entire high school career and was named to the All-Tri-County Class A Conference team at that position in 1980.

"I think he may be too small to play running back in college and may be switched to wide receiver with his speed and hands," said Maruschak.

Schaum's performance increased his season total to 48 points on eight touchdowns, eight short of his 1980 showing when he finished sixth in the district with 56.

He trails only Green with 78 points and Edwards with 54 on the individual scoring list. Both added three touch-

downs to their season totals last week. George Dudley of Canon-McMillan is in fourth place with 44, followed by Avella's Kevin Bryner with 25.

A three-way tie for sixth place involves Chartiers-Houston's Brian Bell and Steve Williams along with Ed Alford of Ringgold, all with 24.

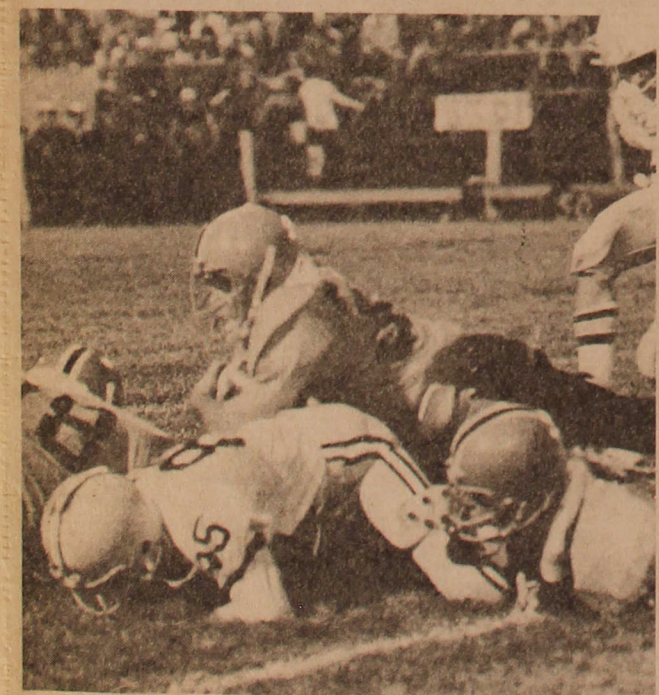
Scott Stillmak of McGuffey with 22 and Kurt Kesneck of Chartiers-Houston with 19 round out the top ten.

Mon Valley Catholic and Chartiers-Houston are the only Washington-Greene district teams with 4-0 records with the Spartans leading in team offense and defense.

MVC has scored 133 points for an average of 33.3 per game.

Canon-McMillan has the second best team scoring mark with 104 points for a 26-per-game average, while Chartiers-Houston has yielded eight for an average of two per game.

Five district teams, Mapletown, Peters Township, Trinity, Waynesburg and West Greene, are still winless, with Peters Township and Waynesburg each having one tie.



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Jeff-Morgan's Mike Knight (32) dives through the Mon Valley Catholic defense.

